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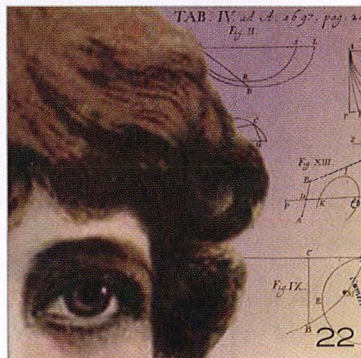
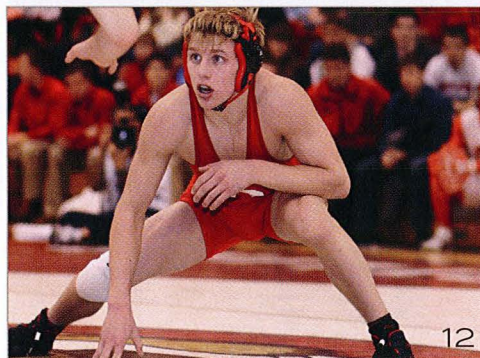
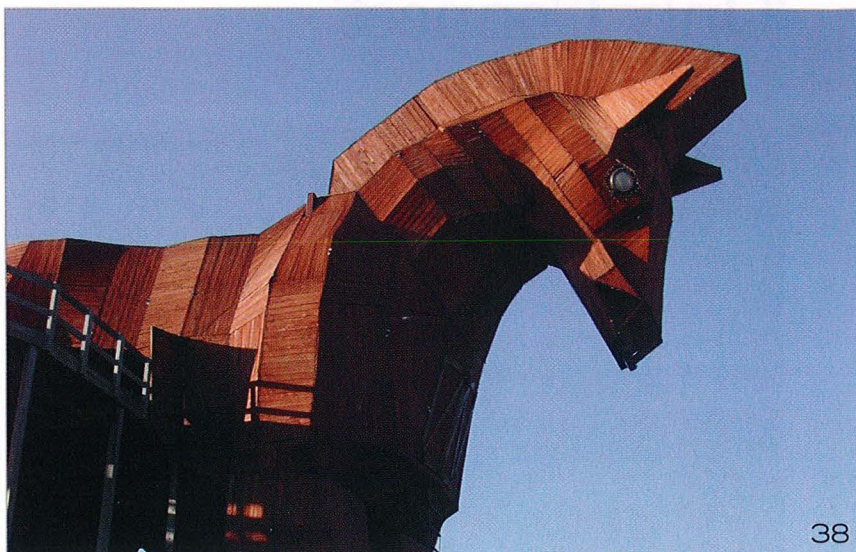


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BRAD HERZOG '90

For the longtime CAM contributor, an invitation to attend his 15th Reunion sparked a bit of an early midlife crisis. Herzog, a writer of travel memoirs, was inspired to take a solo road trip across the country—a voyage of self-discovery that became his own odyssey to Ithaca. The experience was the basis of his new book, *Turn Left at the Trojan Horse*.

44 Shelter Me

BETH SAULNIER

Animal shelters—"dog pounds"—used to be America's dirty secret. In 1970, the nation euthanized 24 million shelter pets, but this year the number is projected to drop to 3.7 million. Philanthropist David Duffield '62, MBA '64, hopes that as early as 2015, no healthy, adoptable animal will die for lack of a home—and he's invested \$300 million to make it happen. A key part of realizing this "no-kill nation": helping vet schools train future DVMs to address the medical and behavioral needs of shelter animals—and Cornell's Vet college is on the cutting edge of this shelter revolution.

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‘Only Connect’

The past ten months have been a time of ecstatic highs and tragic lows at Cornell. Who could have imagined the breadth of our athletic success, including women’s and men’s hockey, women’s and men’s polo, wrestling, gymnastics, fencing, and—of course—men’s basketball, which made its NCAA Sweet Sixteen debut in March. We are now looking forward to my favorite spring event, Commencement, which is the campus’s supreme affirmation of joy and optimism about the future.

Yet as we also look back on a difficult year, with an unusually large number of student suicides, there is a lesson we should learn and teach: we need to promote an ethic of connection and intervention and work in a more focused way to reduce one of the major public health risks to our young people, not just at Cornell but nationally.

Suicide is the third most prevalent cause of death in teenagers and young adults, responsible for more fatalities than birth defects, infectious disease, cancer, and heart disease combined. Although college students experience a lower rate of suicide than others in their age group, the loss of even one life is one too many.

We live in a time of unrivaled and unrelenting connectivity, through Facebook, Twitter, and smart phones. Yet, despite—or because of—the new technology, it is too easy to stop connecting, in real time and in real life, face to face and heart to heart, with the people who are most important and most likely to be supportive: our families, friends, teachers, counselors. We need to make sure that our first instinct is to respond to challenges by seeking help, for ourselves and for them. As a father, faculty member, teacher, and administrator, and as a physician caring for young people with chronic disease, I have long been concerned about this major public health issue. I am convinced that we need a better understanding of the factors that lead to suicide and interventions that might prevent it.

On our college campuses, we need to forge more effective partnerships among students, parents, faculty, counselors, and administrators—partnerships that will allow us to identify and seek out students at risk and to react quickly and appropriately to those who seek help. In forging these partnerships, college leaders need to be less concerned about potential litigation related to privacy statutes, especially when a life might be at stake. Indeed, as Cornell’s legal counsel has underscored, federal privacy laws have always permitted administrators to contact parents and others in a position to help students who pose a danger to themselves or others—and observations of a student’s dis-

ressing behavior are not even “records” covered by privacy laws.

Since 2002, Cornell has put in place a comprehensive counseling and mental health program that educates faculty, staff, and students about how to spot those in distress and guide them toward help; these programs are considered national models. Gannett Health Services offers counseling and psychological services at the clinic and at walk-in locations around campus. A peer-counseling program called Empathy, Assistance, and Referral Services (EARS) uses highly trained students to provide confidential phone and in-person assistance to peers in distress.

Nonetheless, in view of the tragedies we’ve experienced this year, we have taken a comprehensive look at ourselves—our climate, our advising system, our clinical services, and our physical surroundings—and redoubled our efforts to be a caring community, making explicit our individual and collective responsibility to take care of ourselves and to assist others. Until we have a better understanding of the factors that lead to suicide and develop more effective preventive strategies, we need to return to the wisdom of novelist E. M. Forster: “Only connect! . . . Only connect the prose and the passion, and both will be exalted, and human love will be seen at its height. . . . Live in fragments no longer.”

If there is anything students need to learn, it is this: It is a sign of intelligence and strength, maturity and compassion, to ask for help. If there is anything I have learned from the tragedies on our campus this year, it is this: Being a model caring community is very important, and of equal significance is engaging in an overdue national dialogue about suicide. All of us must make sure that young people learn how to overcome the turbulent ebbs and flows of adolescence and early adulthood to reap the full promise of a life fully lived.

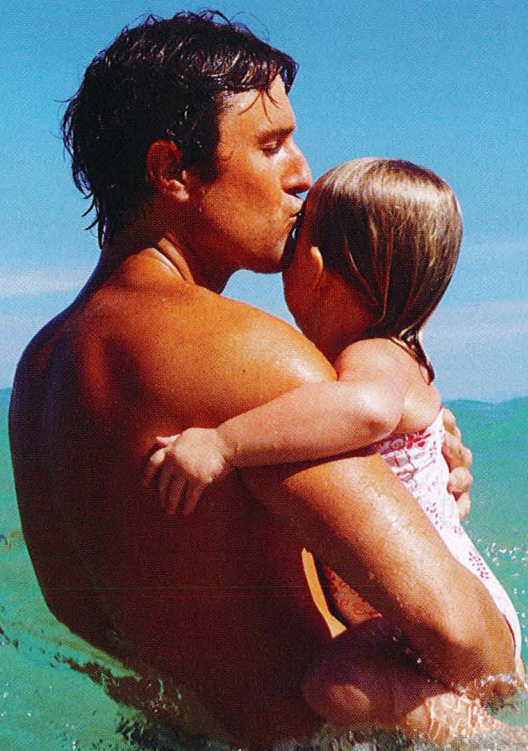
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Spring has sprung:

A reveler at Dragon Day 2010. The seasonal rite—a Cornell tradition since 1901—featured a rocking, golden-scaled beast whose jaws opened and closed, and a phoenix that flew from a zipline atop Duffield Hall.

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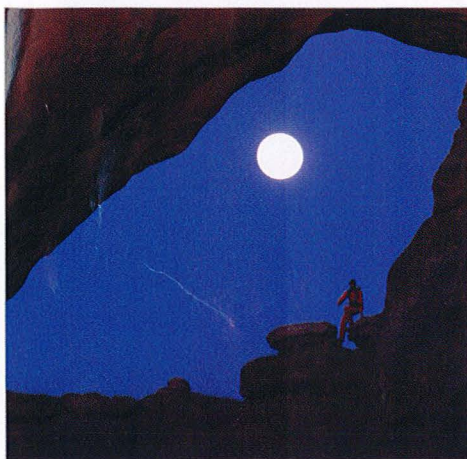
Call and Response

Setting the record straight about the strategic planning process

I read with interest your interview with Provost Kent Fuchs (January/February 2010) and President Skorton's interview with Professor Ed Lawler (March/April 2010). In neither did the subjects say anything about their committees reviewing the binders assembled by former Cornell president Jeffrey Lehman '77. President Lehman spent considerable time soliciting alumni responses to his "Call to Engagement" and filing those responses in several binders. It would appear that there might be information in those volumes that could be of value to the committees involved in the Reimagining Cornell and strategic planning processes. Do you know if they have consulted these references?

Edward J. Taylor Jr. '58
San Antonio, Texas

Ed. Note: In his November/December 2009 column, "Another Call to Engagement," President Skorton acknowledged President Lehman's effort and wrote: "This yielded a cornucopia of helpful thoughts, aspirations, and perspective that set an important tone for a new presidency. We will also use the input from that process to inform our thinking. . . ." Provost Kent Fuchs adds: "The Strategic Planning Advisory Council has benefited from a number of previous and present planning initiatives. The 'Call to Engagement' documents developed by President Lehman provided important and comprehensive input from the Cornell community. The planning document developed by Provost Biddy Martin and the strategic plan developed by President Rhodes were particularly helpful. Recent planning initiatives by the colleges, schools, and units from across campus, and the ongoing



JOSE AZEL

accreditation self-study also provided important input."

Pool Party

In your story about the parcel by Highland Road containing an old pool and cabin (Cornelliana, March/April 2010), you write about a sign declaring "Open Doors, Open Hearts, and Open Minds," suggesting that "it looks to date from long before the University adopted the phrase—a variation on the credo of the United Methodist Church—as its diversity slogan a decade ago." Assuming the photograph shows the sign in question, then it appears to date more recently—to the fall of 2005, in fact, when the University administration installed big red arches around the campus in celebration of "diversity." These arches were decried as aesthetically repugnant by the student body, so the administration later allowed them to be garnished with diversity-related items in order to quell the complaints. (Oddly enough, when, as chairman of the Cornell College Republicans, I garnished the arches with numerical charts demonstrating the utter lack of ideological diversity in relevant academic departments,

they were the only flyers torn down from the arches—within two hours.) The sign in the pool appears to be the top board of one of these arches. I am not quite sure how this relic came to occupy such an ignominious position, but come to think of it, this position flatters it no less than the status most of the student body conferred upon the arches that autumn.

Paul Ibrahim '06
Reston, Virginia

When I was at Cornell, that pool and the surrounding acreage belonged to Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity, occupants of the Greentrees house at the time. Every spring, we fraternity members would clean out the pool and have it ready for swimming. While it was usually cold, we had no shortage of hardy swimmers who would brave the temperatures. Our fraternity went under in the early Nineties, which precipitated the sale of the property with the pool. Thanks for the article—it brought back memories of some fun times.

Pete Robison '72
Katy, Texas

Pelosi Poesy

When I got to page 13 of the March/April issue, I was inspired to compose:

The Convocation of two-thousand ten
Is to uplift our women and men.
In the ground is Lugosi,
So they hired Pelosi.

A mortal sin, this transaction, Amen!

Paul Snare '56, MBA '58
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Correction—March/April 2010

Letter from Ithaca, page 10: We referred to "an energetic talk by ILR professor Samuel Bachrach." The correct spelling of his last name is Bacharach.

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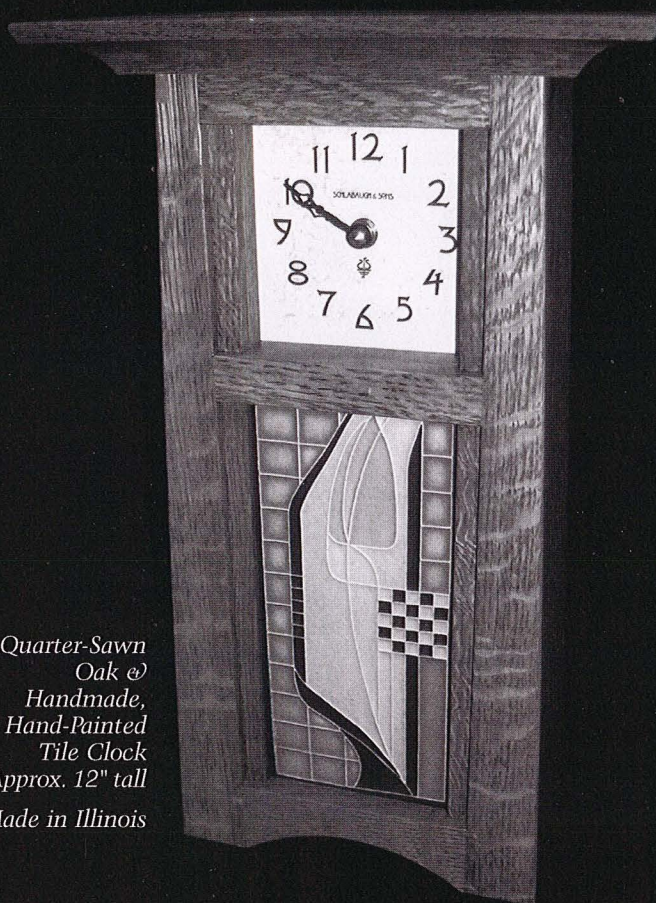
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From the Hill

On the Fence

Student suicides alter views of Cornell's iconic gorges



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Barrier method: The College Avenue bridge is one of six gorge spans on and near campus that have been fenced off after three students committed suicide this spring.

The University has been reeling in the wake of three student suicides over the span of several weeks, two of them on consecutive days. The suicides, in February and March, all took place in the gorges—drawing national media attention and prompting the Cornell community to take some drastic measures.

For several weeks this spring, guards were posted on the gorge bridges twenty-four hours a day. Myriad efforts have been made to reach out to those in need of counseling; volunteers plastered the spans with magnets advertising a crisis hotline, and the *Daily Sun* published full-page public service announcements promoting the campus's mental health resources. And most visibly, Cornell installed ten-foot-high, chain-link fencing on three of the four University-owned bridges as well as the three owned by the City of Ithaca. (The fourth Cornell-owned span, the pedestrian bridge over Beebe Dam, was already scheduled to be closed for the demolition of the long-defunct Hydraulics Lab.)

The fencing, which the administration says is temporary as it evaluates whether permanent barriers should be installed, has been highly controversial: some laud it as tangible proof of Cornell's commitment to deterring suicides while others have called it an eyesore that ruins the campus's iconic views. "As an architect," dean of students Kent Hubbell '67, BArch '69, said in a statement greeting Cornellians after spring break, "I look forward to the day when we have much more pleasing, permanent approaches for enhancing safety while preserving the natural and man-made beauty of our campus."

The University has created a website (caringcommunity.cornell.edu) as a clearinghouse for information about suicide prevention efforts and mental health services. In addition to offering tips on finding help and aiding others in distress, it has links to research on the role of barriers in deterring suicides. Such barriers are endorsed by the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, which

Cornell's Relief Efforts in Haiti Continue

While images of the Haiti disaster may have faded from the TV news, the nation is still in desperate straits as it struggles to recover from the January 12 earthquake. With a long-standing connection to Haiti via Weill Cornell's affiliation with the GHESKIO clinic in Port-au-Prince, the University has been working to support the rebuilding effort. In addition to raising funds—both by student groups and the Medical College's global health department—Cornell has been collaborating with other nonprofits to rebuild the damaged GHESKIO facilities and aid the more than 6,000 refugees camped on and near the grounds of the infectious disease clinic, co-founded more than three decades ago by Jean Pape, MD '75. "We've met with a number of different groups in trying to pull together a broad initiative," says Alice Pell, vice provost for international relations. "But the way the development community works, you can't just snap your fingers and start rebuilding a city." Pell notes that in addition to the problem of housing the thousands of homeless Haitians packed into refugee camps with poor sanitation—now made worse by the rainy season—there is another concern: the lack of economic opportunity. "People don't have jobs," she says. "That is a very serious part of it."



Alice Pell

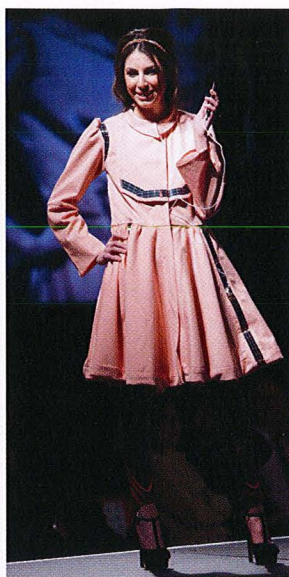
On campus, students have spearheaded a variety of fundraising efforts, from a banquet (jointly held by the Haitian and Caribbean student groups) to a series of bake sales, both real and "virtual." Landscape architecture students are working with an NGO to create Haiti's first urban park as a memorial to earthquake victims, and a group of graduate students in city and regional planning has formed a *pro bono* consulting firm to design affordable housing for the GHESKIO refugees. Pell, who saw the devastation first-hand during a weeklong visit to Port-au-Prince in February, notes that rebuilding the city's densely populated communities will be no easy feat. "The analogy one of the people at Weill has used," she says, "is changing a flat tire while the car is moving."

For more information, or to donate to the relief effort, go to weill.cornell.edu/globalhealth.

calls them "the most effective means of bridge suicide prevention" and cites numerous studies showing that barriers lower overall suicide rates rather than simply channeling potential jumpers to other methods.

Still, the barriers have drawn the ire of many students and local residents; they have prompted the creation of Facebook groups like "Don't Fence Us In" and "Cornellians Who Don't Want Bridge Fences" and even spawned a T-shirt parodying the popular "Ithaca is Gorges" slogan ("Ithaca is Fences"). "It definitely has a negative effect on the general emotional well-being of campus," Justin Richmond-Decker '12, creator of one of the Facebook groups, told the *Sun* in late March. "It feels like a prison, and that's not what this campus needs, especially now."

The three students who committed suicide in the gorges this spring were Bradley Ginsburg '13, William Sinclair '12, and Matthew Zika '11.



TED BOSCIA

Power suit: At the annual Cornell Design League Fashion Show in March, Hotel student Heather Donsky '10 modeled a "solar coat" created by fiber science and apparel design major Abbey Liebman '10. The garment, which has trim made of ultra-thin solar panels and a USB connection hidden in the waist, can charge handheld devices like cell phones and MP3 players.

Undergrads Win Goldwater, Truman Scholarships

Jessica Ye '12 and Sophia Porrino '11 have been awarded Barry M. Goldwater Scholarships, which cover tuition and other expenses up to \$7,500 per year. They're among 278 Goldwater scholars in math, science, and engineering, chosen for academic merit.

Ye is a biology and chemistry major in Arts and Sciences; she plans to pursue an MD and a PhD in immunology. Porrino, a College Scholar, has focused on neuroscience and psychobiology and plans to earn a PhD in neuroscience with a specialty in depression and anxiety. Biological science major Max Liu '11 earned honorable mention from the Goldwater program.

Government major and College Scholar Ali Hussain '11 also won a prestigious academic award this spring; he was one of sixty juniors nationwide awarded a Harry S. Truman Scholarship. Given in recognition of academic achievement, leadership, and commitment to public service, the award offers \$30,000 toward graduate study.

Harris Departs for Post in Obama Administration

Deputy provost David Harris has taken an extended leave of absence to serve in the Obama Administration. Harris left Cornell in March to become deputy assistant secretary for human services policy in the Department of Health and Human Services, working on issues of poverty policy. A professor of sociology, Harris is co-editor of *The Colors of Poverty: Why Racial and Ethnic Disparities Persist*. He has held several high-level posts on campus, including interim provost.

Mobile Apps for CU Library

The University Library has gone mobile with a new website and application for smart phones. The site, library.cornell.edu/m, offers access to information like the catalog, hours, and events, in a streamlined version for tiny screens. The free iPhone app, designed last fall as a computer science class project, lets users check their accounts, renew books, and query librarians, among other features. Says library website co-director Nan Hyland: "One of our overarching goals is to make the library accessible to people wherever they need us."

House organ: The new \$2 million pipe organ in Anabel Taylor Chapel is nearing completion. The result of years of research, planning, and design—and two years of building—the organ is meant to re-create the sound of a German instrument built in 1706 and destroyed in World War II. Its more than 1,800 pipes must still be “voiced,” with the first concert planned for November.



Give My Regards To...

These Cornellians in the News

Gurdip Singh Randhawa, PhD '49, winner of a Padma Bhushan Award for science and engineering, one of India's highest civilian honors.

Dawn Rochow-Balden Seymour '39, one of 300 surviving members of the WASPs (Women Air Service Pilots) awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in March for service during World War II.

Lorrie Moore, MFA '82, named a finalist for the PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction for *A Gate at the Stairs*.

Biological and environmental engineering major **Stephen Linderman** '10, awarded a Churchill Scholarship for a year of graduate study at Cambridge.

Electrical and computer engineering professor **Ehsan Afshari**, winner of a \$400,000, five-year NSF Faculty Early Career Development Award.

Professors **Jiwoong Park** (chemistry) and **David Bindel** (computer science), named Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellows.

Professors **Thomas Parks** '60, PhD '67 (electrical and computer engineering

emeritus), and **Stephen Pope** (mechanical and aerospace engineering), elected to the National Academy of Engineering. Trustee **N. R. Narayana Murthy** was elected a foreign associate.

English professor **Lyrae Van Clief-Stefanon**, named a finalist for an *L.A. Times* Book Prize for her poetry collection *Open Interval*.

ILR professor **Ronald Ehrenberg**, confirmed to SUNY's board of trustees.

Lubna Suliman Olayan '77, CEO of the Olayan Financing Company, named Cornell Entrepreneur of the Year.

Shirag Shemmassian '08 and physics grad student **Philip Tanedo**, winners of Soros Fellowships for New Americans.

Barbara Knuth, professor of natural resources policy and management, named to a five-year term as dean of the Cornell Graduate School.

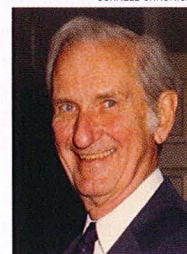
Biomedical engineering professor **David Putnam**, named a fellow of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering.

Arecibo Founder Dies; Telescope's Future Blurry

The astronomy community is mourning the passing of Bill Gordon, PhD '53, the former electrical engineering professor who designed the Arecibo radio telescope while on the Cornell faculty in the Fifties. Gordon, who moved to Rice University in 1966 but retired to Ithaca, passed away in February at the age of ninety-two.

The facility that Gordon conceived—the world's most powerful radio telescope, located in rural Puerto Rico and operated by Cornell through the National Astronomy and Ionosphere Center (NAIC)—faces an uncertain future. The NSF has made significant cuts to the observatory's budget, and Cornell's management of the telescope remains up in the air pending the completion of a much-delayed request for proposals (RFP) process.

But even as the telescope's funding has been cut, the scientific community has stressed its value; in January, for example, the National Research Council issued a report detailing its vital role in detecting near-Earth objects. “The telescope's doing amazingly good science,” says NAIC director Don Campbell, PhD '71. “I don't quite understand the process here.”



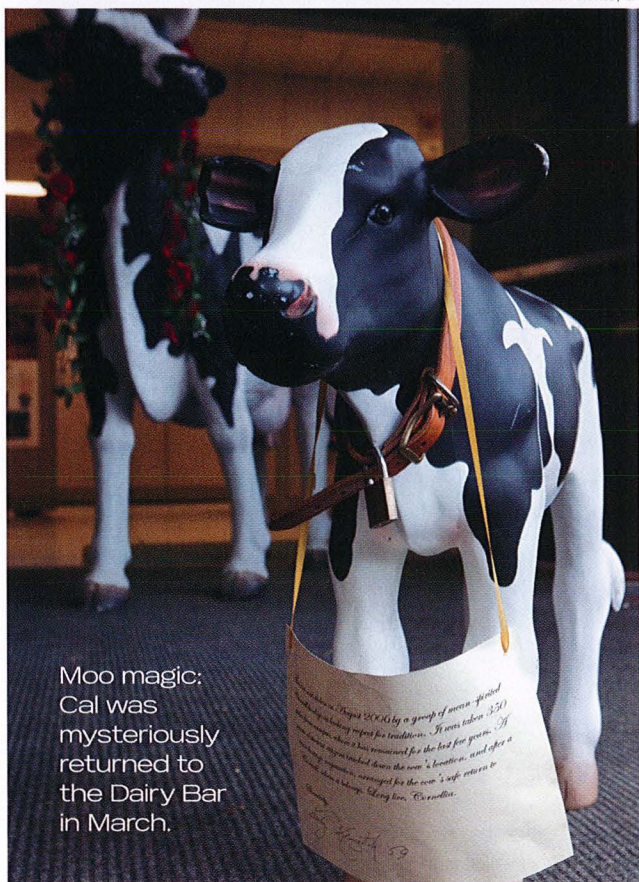
Bill Gordon

CORNELL CHRONICLE

How Now, Found Cow?

Nearly four years after being calf-napped, a mascot has come home to the Cornell Dairy Bar. In August 2006, fiberglass cow Cornelia and her calf, Cal, vanished from their perch outside the Stocking Hall creamery. Cornelia appeared on the Hoy Field pitcher's mound a few months later; Cal has been MIA ever since. But in late March, a group of people wearing hoods was seen returning the calf, dropping it off at the Dairy Bar entrance in the middle of the night. Around its neck was a note claiming it had been found 350 miles away and that it was liberated "after a tense hostage negotiation." The note was signed "Narby Krimsnatch '59"—a fictional student created by campus pranksters in 1956. To discourage future bovine-related antics, the mascots have been moved inside the Dairy Bar, which offered a series of special sundaes (all with a base of Cornelia's Dark Secret, vanilla ice cream with chocolate flakes) to celebrate their reunion. More sundae specials to mark Cal's return are planned during Reunion weekend.

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Moo magic: Cal was mysteriously returned to the Dairy Bar in March.

Law School Explores Rules on Distracted Driving

The Law School is teaming up with the federal Department of Transportation to keep the public informed as the agency formulates policy on distracted driving. Through the Cornell e-Rulemaking Initiative, the public can view and comment on proposed regulations. In late March, the DOT launched a monthlong comment period on the first rule, a ban on texting by interstate commercial truck and bus drivers. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood calls the partnership "an important step toward keeping President Obama's promise of opening government to more effective citizen participation." For more information, go to ceri.law.cornell.edu.

R&D

More information on campus research is available at www.news.cornell.edu

Food portions are getting bigger—even at the Last Supper. Marketing professor Brian Wansink teamed up with his brother, a religious studies professor at Virginia Wesleyan College, to show that over the past 1,000 years, depictions of the Last Supper have included ever-larger meals (when measured in relation to the size of Christ's head).

When it comes to getting bang for your buck, experiences matter more than possessions. A study by psychology professor Thomas Gilovich shows that happiness from an experience such as a vacation lasts longer than from an object like a big-screen TV.

According to a report by ILR professors Maria Figueroa and Lois Spier Gray, New York State's arts and entertainment graduates have serious trouble finding jobs. Only a fraction of the more than 20,000 annual grads find work, often at low wages.

Worker turnover is a main cause of customer service complaints. When employees quit, companies see morale and productivity drop due to the burden of training replacements, says ILR professor John Hausknecht.

Sociology doctoral student Kyle Siler has found that "winners" of online poker games may actually lose more than they gain. His study showed that players on "streaks" are unable to fully understand how a single large loss can offset smaller gains.

Compared to other avian species, large vegetarian birds have the longest life spans—upwards of thirty years. Neurobiology and behavior professor Paul Sherman finds that birds such as flamingos have fewer predators and an easier time finding food.

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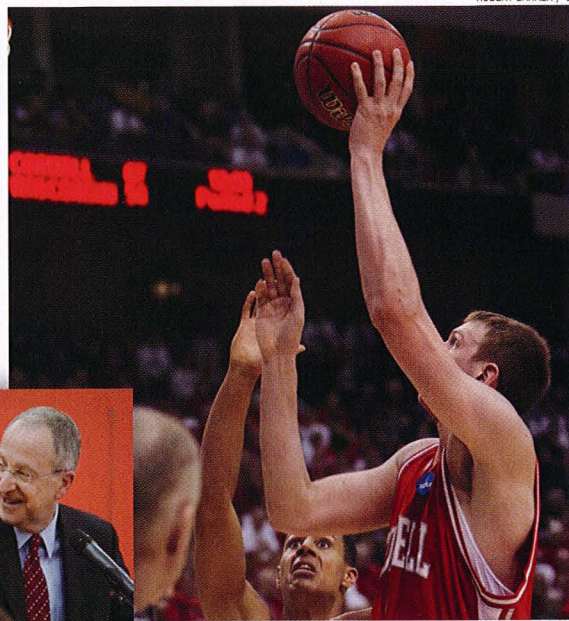
A study by human development professor John Eckenrode shows that home visits by nurses during pregnancy have long-lasting benefits to the babies. He found that the daughters of high-risk mothers were less likely to be arrested, have children, or use Medicaid by age nineteen.

The Medical College has launched a website to aid Alzheimer's caregivers. Created by gerontologist Rosemary Bakker, ThisCaringHome.org offers tips on adapting a home to the physical and behavioral needs of dementia patients.

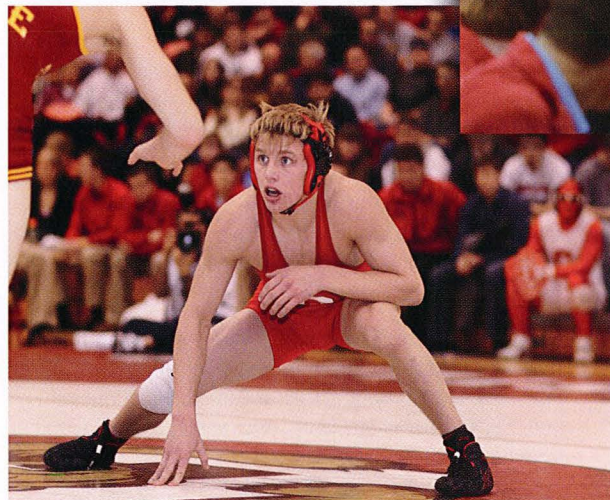
New computer models explain the dynamics of the bacteria that "bleach" coral in warm temperatures. Lead author credit on the study went to Justin Mao-Jones '08, who did the work as an undergrad in operations research.

Winter Wonderland

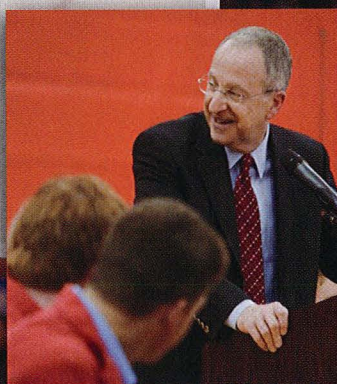
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Hip hip: On April 6, President Skorton led the cheers as students, faculty, staff, and other fans gathered in Newman Arena to celebrate the success of Cornell's winter sports teams.

Big Red teams have unprecedented success

For a Cornell sports fan, trying to pick the high point of the 2009–10 winter season is a lot like being a parent trying to pick his favorite quadruplet. On the surface the choices appear to be similar, but in reality they're all special in their own way.

How do you compare the men's basketball team—which got national press while becoming the first Ivy League squad

to reach the Sweet Sixteen in 31 years—with the rags-to-riches story of a women's hockey team that lost the national championship game in double overtime after going 11 years without a winning season? How do you choose between the wrestling team, which bested every other squad but one, with a men's hockey team that won its 12th ECAC title? Fortunately, it's not necessary to choose one over the

other. At least until next year, Big Red fans can bask in the golden memories of a historic winter season.

The largest headlines were garnered by the men's basketball team. They became one of the darlings of March Madness, picking up fans across the country who love to root for the underdog. After topping Temple in the first round, the Big Red soundly defeated Wisconsin,

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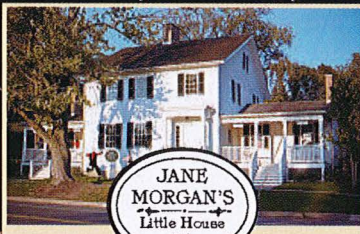
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87-69, becoming the first Ivy team since Penn in 1979 to reach the regional semifinals. It was their 29th victory of the season, an Ivy League record. Basking in the national attention, the Big Red had only a short bus ride to Syracuse, where they faced perennial power Kentucky in front of a friendly Carrier Dome crowd. The strong fan support helped Cornell jump out to an early 10-2 lead, but Kentucky eventually prevailed, 62-45.

The game marked the culmination of an unprecedented run by the Class of 2010, which earned three straight Ivy titles while going 28-4 in league play. Ryan Wittman '10 became only the third Cornell player to earn honorable mention All-American honors after averaging 17.5 points per game and being named Ivy League Player of the Year. He departs as Cornell's all-time leading scorer with 2,028 points, only the fifth Ivy player ever to eclipse the 2,000-point mark.

Louis Dale '10, an honorable mention All-American selection in 2008, was named the 2010 Mid-Major MVP after averaging 21.3 points per game in the NCAA tournament and committing only one turnover in three games. Jeff Foote '10 joined Wittman and Dale as a first-team All-Ivy selection and was named the league's Defensive Player of the Year for the second straight season. And head coach Steve Donahue earned the Clair Bee Award, given annually to a Division I men's basketball coach who makes an outstanding contribution to the sport. Unfortunately, Donahue's achievements drew the attention of many big-time basketball programs, and he was named the new head coach at Boston College in April.

While men's basketball built on previous success, the women's hockey team came out of nowhere to take a place on the national stage. With only two winning seasons in the previous 18 years and its best player taking a year off to play in the Olympics, it's not surprising that the Big Red was picked to finish seventh in the 12-team ECAC Hockey League. But Cornell surprised everyone by capturing the regular season title with a 14-2-6 mark before reeling off four straight victories to win the league tournament. Their reward was a trip to Harvard for the first NCAA tournament game in program history. A 6-2 win over the Crimson sent them on to the Frozen Four against top-ranked Mercyhurst, who had handed the Big Red a pair of defeats in a season-opening series at Lynah Rink. But the Big Red made believers out of the doubters again, recording a

3-2 win when Catherine White '12 scored 13 minutes into overtime.

The national title game against Minnesota-Duluth became an epic, with a short-handed Cornell team (only 15 skaters dressed) battling the Bulldogs for 119 minutes over four-and-a-half hours. But even UMD's winning goal with 33 seconds left in the third overtime couldn't cast a shadow over the Big Red's season. Laura Fortino '13 became the first Cornell player to earn first-team All-American honors and was the nation's leading scorer among freshman defenders. Her defensive partner, Lauriane Rougeau '13, was a second-team All-American pick along with White, who was also named the ECAC Player of the Year. Also honored was head coach Doug Derragh '91, chosen as the Division I Coach of the Year in his fifth season behind the Big Red bench.

"We were able to watch the men's basketball team on television before we left for our first game at the Frozen Four, and I remember how excited the players were about that," said Derragh. "It gave us a big boost of energy. We were considered an underdog in our tournament, and to see the men's basketball team do so well on the big stage sort of set us up for what we were about to encounter."

There was less drama at the wrestling championships, where the Big Red claimed national runner-up status, the best finish in the program's history. Iowa wrapped up its 23rd title before the finals even began, and Cornell secured second place by 25 points over Iowa State. Four Big Red wrestlers earned All-American honors, led by Kyle Dake '13, who won the national title at 141 pounds. Mack Lewnes '11 became a two-time All-American by finishing second at 174 pounds, and Cam Simaz '12 did the same with a third-place spot at 197 pounds. Troy Nickerson '09 rounded out the honors, becoming Cornell's third four-time All-American when he finished fourth at 125 pounds.

With all the hoopla surrounding the other winter sports, it may have been easy to overlook the men's hockey team—but they continued their tradition of excellence by winning a record 12th ECAC Hockey title and making their 18th appearance in the NCAA tournament. The Big Red finished second in the regular-season ECAC standings, one point behind Yale, to earn a post-season match-up with Harvard. They swept the Crimson at Lynah for the first four-win season in the rivalry's history before shutting out Brown and then Union by 3-0 scores to take the ECAC tournament title in Albany.

Those two games were part of a school-record 267-minute shutout streak

by goalie Ben Scrivens '10, the third longest in NCAA history. Scrivens, named the winner of the Ken Dryden '69 Award as the league's top goalie, also set Cornell career records with 19 shutouts and 2,873 saves. Justin Krueger '10 was named the league's Defenseman of the Year, and team captain Colin Greening '10 earned Scholar-

Athlete of the Year honors.

The men's hockey team ended their season with a loss to New Hampshire in the NCAA tournament, but that did not dim the luster of another strong effort in what was truly a dream season for Cornell. Athletic director Andy Noel must be hoping he'll never wake up.

— Dennis Read

Sports Shorts

FLYING HIGH The gymnastics team put together its best performance of the year to the win the Ivy Classic for the third straight season, posting the top team score in all four events. **Emily Santoro '11** and **Kerri Lavallee '11** tied for first in the vault, and **Bethany Neczypor '12** earned a share of the bars title.

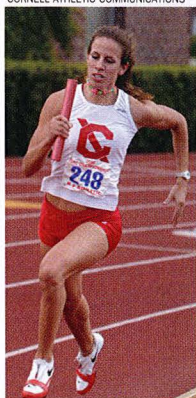
OLYMPIANS Cornell was well represented at the 21st Winter Olympics in Vancouver. **Rebecca Johnston '11** played in all five games as the Canadian women's hockey team went undefeated to win its third straight gold medal. Johnston had a goal and five assists. **Doug Murray '03** was a defenseman for the Swedish hockey team that went 3-0 in the preliminary round before losing to Slovakia in the quarterfinals. And former Cornell football player **Jamie Moriarty '03** was a member of the USA3 four-man bobsled team that finished 13th.

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Morgan Uceny

AT THE WIRE Back at full health after battling injuries for a year, **Morgan Uceny '07** claimed her first national title, winning the 1,500 meters at the USA Indoor Track and Field Championships in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on February 28. Competing for the Reebok Running Club, Uceny finished in 4:19.46, edging out Shannon Rowbury, the bronze medalist at the 2009 World Outdoor Championships, by two-hundredths of a second.

TOP TEN No school has won more ECAC men's hockey titles than Cornell, and no team placed more players on the ECAC All-Decade squad. Leading the way was **Doug Murray '03**, who was selected for the first team. He was a two-time All-American and a Hobey Baker finalist. **Matt Moulson '06** and **David LeNeveu '05** were chosen for the second team. Moulson led the Big Red in scoring for three straight years, while LeNeveu was a first-team All-American in 2003 after backstopping the Big Red to a Frozen Four appearance with a league-record career goals-against average of 1.29.

FOILED The Big Red fencing team sent three competitors to the NCAA championships in March: **Beverly Yang '13**, who finished 17th in sabre, **Adelaide McDonnell '13**, 21st in epee, and **Katherine Thompson '10**, 23rd in epee. The three scorers combined to secure a 14th place overall finish for Cornell.

ON CALL Nearly seven years after his last professional appearance, **Parris Duffus '94, BS '02**, returned to the ice this season in an International Hockey League game. Duffus played the final 31 seconds in goal as the Fort Wayne Komets lost to Port Huron 2-0. Duffus, a Fort Wayne firefighter, served as the Komets emergency goalie throughout the season.

SLAM DUNK Former Cornell basketball center **Andrew Naeve '07** will face a different kind of press this year as he runs for a spot in the Iowa state senate. A sixth-generation farmer in Clinton, Iowa, Naeve is vying for a seat opened up by the retirement of the incumbent. A Republican, he is a member of East Central Community School Board and head coach of the East Central High School boys' basketball team.

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Gymnastics	4-0
Men's Hockey	21-9-4; 14-5-3 ECAC (2nd)
Women's Hockey	21-9-6; 14-2-6 ECAC (1st)
Men's Polo	14-5
Women's Polo	16-2
Men's Squash	10-7; 3-3 Ivy (4th)
Women's Squash	9-7; 2-4 Ivy (5th)
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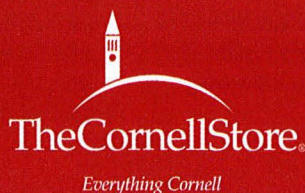
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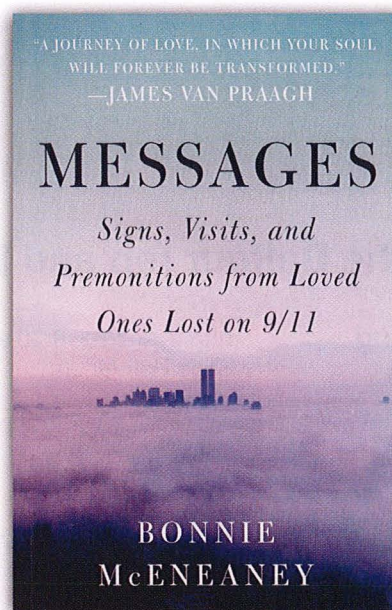


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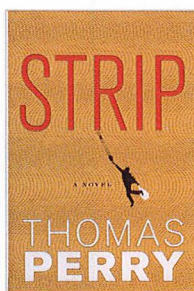
From the Other Side

Messages by Bonnie McEneaney, MPS '78 (William Morrow)

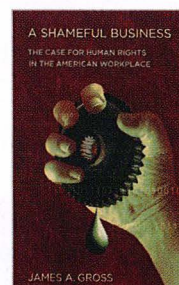
A few days after her husband, Eamon McEneaney '77, was killed in the attacks on the World Trade Center, Bonnie McEneaney felt his presence. "I'd had no spiritual experiences of this nature," she writes, "and was more than a little bit skeptical about the possibility of communication with another dimension. In the months and years after 9/11, I would learn more about the various ways in which people describe contact with those who have passed over." The former financial services executive recounts the stories of other September 11 families who have also experienced connections with their departed loved ones.



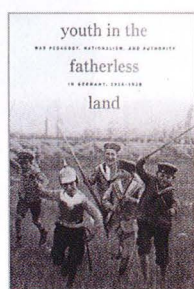
Strip by Thomas Perry '69 (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt). Set in Los Angeles, the plot features a series of sly reversals. Soon after Joe Carver arrives in the city, he must go to great lengths to stay alive and prove he didn't rob a strip club owner. He repeatedly bests the thugs sent to kill him and ends up costing the club owner far more than the nightly take. It's a novel where hired guns pretend to be police and the police lead secret lives outside the law, where a thrill-seeker turns into a psychotic killer and a trusted lieutenant usurps his crime boss's job.



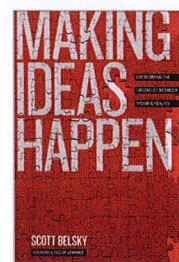
A Shameful Business by James A. Gross (Cornell). Gross, a professor of labor law in the ILR school, questions the choices U.S. corporations make that put productivity and profits above workers' human rights. "Although the Universal Declaration of Human Rights offers no specific definitions of the individual and collective rights of human beings," writes Gross, "it posits a set of values, a new ethic of human rights, in sharp contradiction to the values that powerfully influence the United States' labor-employment system." He urges Americans to change from a "thing-oriented society to a person-oriented society."



Youth in the Fatherless Land by Andrew Donson '90 (Harvard). In Germany during World War I, teachers encouraged schoolchildren to be enthusiastic about war. War pedagogy glorified militarism and nationalism, and sowed the seeds for extreme political movements. "After 1918," writes Donson, assistant professor of history at UMass, Amherst, "most German youths went on to lead uneventful lives, but hundreds of thousands grew up inured to violence and, in their bitterness over the disastrous defeat, turned to fascist groups." By the late Twenties, these young men made up almost half the members of the Nazi Party and other right-wing paramilitary groups.



Making Ideas Happen by Scott Belsky '02 (Portfolio). Having an idea is only the beginning of the creative process; execution is the hard part. Belsky, the founder and CEO of Behance, a company that helps innovators be more productive, provides practical tips on how to organize, collaborate, and lead. He encourages the notion of the "creative's compromise," the ability to adopt best practices that may seem uncomfortable at first. Leaders, he says, should develop a tolerance for ambiguity and appreciate the benefits of failure. "The ideas that move industries forward," writes Belsky, "are not the result of creative insight but rather of masterful stewardship."



Fiction

Changó, the Biggest Badass by Manuel Zapata Olivella, translated by Jonathan Tittler, PhD '74 (Texas Tech). Tittler, a professor of Hispanic studies at Rutgers University, Camden, translates the epic story of the African diaspora in the New World, from the middle passage to the Haitian slave revolt to contemporary civil rights struggles.

Crossing by Andrew Xia Fukuda '94 (Amazon Encore). Debut novelist Fukuda, a semi-finalist for the 2009 Amazon Breakthrough Novel award, tells the tale of Xing Xu, the only Chinese student at a predominantly white high school in upstate New York. When classmates start to disappear, Xing's outsider status allows him to discover clues to the mystery that others ignore.

Non-Fiction

Transatlantic Fascism by Federico Finchelstein, PhD '06 (Duke). An assistant professor of history at the New School traces the history of fascism in Argentina as it took the ideas of Italian fascism and transformed them into the peculiarly Argentine right-wing political ideology of *nacionalismo*.

Pioneering Women in American Mathematics by Judy Green '64 and Jeanne LaDuke (American Mathematical Society). Short biographies of the 228 American women who earned PhDs in mathematics before 1940, including Ida Metcalf, who earned her degree from Cornell in 1893.

Errol Morris: Interviews edited by Livia Bloom '01 (Mississippi). A film curator collects interviews with Morris, the Academy Award-winning documentary filmmaker of *The Fog of War*, *The Thin Blue Line*, and *Standard Operating Procedure*.

Awkward Family Photos by Mike Bender and Doug Chernack '96 (Three Rivers). Bender and Chernack showcase some of the cringe-producing photos of family vacations, bad wardrobe choices, and uncomfortable moments with relatives from their website, AwkwardFamilyPhotos.com.

Reaching the Animal Mind by Karen Pryor '54 (Scribner). A behavioral biologist explains her method for training animals without using punishment.

Alive and Well at the End of the Day by Paul D. Balmert '72 (Wiley). An expert on industrial safety advises front-line supervisors on the best ways to prevent accidents and injuries. Getting people to work safely all the time, he says, also has a bearing on a company's bottom line.

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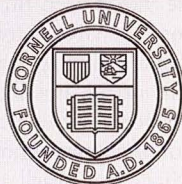
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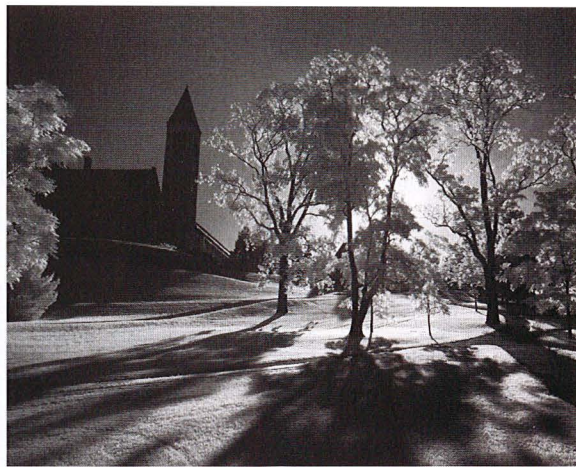
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Entitled *Cornell (infra) Red*, the soft-cover volume comprises some fifty photos, from the Sibley Dome under a wild corona of clouds to a nefarious-looking woodchuck crouched outside Sage Hall. The images—more than two dozen of which Loeffler will exhibit in Mann Library during May and June—were taken with a conventional digital camera retrofitted to capture only the infrared spectrum. “The thing I like most about it is that the images are really bizarre,” he says. “Anything that has

chlorophyll—trees, shrubs, grass—reflects a lot of infrared, so it looks bright, almost like a snowscape. Blue skies have almost no infrared, so they photograph as dark and clouds show up dramatically. So you get this weird inversion of tonalities. You take a picture on a bright summer day, and it looks like the middle of winter with a full moon.”

Loeffler designed the book through an online publisher; it's available at Lulu.com for about \$20, and he hopes to sell it via the Cornell Store as well. In addition to the images, it features a brief explanation of the technology and a preface by Johnson Museum curator Nancy Green. “It seems a contradictory notion to imagine that a photograph, which captures a single moment, can also encompass the feeling of time's passing,” Green writes. “But the momentum in Loeffler's work is convincing, if occasionally disconcerting. Sometimes the landscape rushes toward us, like an unchecked train determined to carry us with it; while at other times the movement is quiet and embracing, gently pulling us into a tranquil world of wonder.”

The book's four-dozen images are among hundreds he has taken of campus, toting his infrared camera during his daily hike from downtown to the Ag Quad and back again—a commute he undertakes in all kinds of weather. “It's amazing how many people troop up and down the Hill every day,” he muses. “You see some incredible scenes—amazing images of campus that, if you weren't walking, you'd probably miss.” Among his favorites is the book's cover shot, a spooky twist on the quintessential Big Red view. “The tower is this weird shadow against the sky,” he says. “It's so classic Cornell, but it's other-worldly too.”

— Beth Saulnier

Moody views: Kent Loeffler's book includes (clockwise from top) other-worldly images of Libe Tower, Sage Hall, and the sky over Sibley Dome.





The Gender Equation

Zeroing in on why women avoid math-intensive fields



LISA BANLAKI FRANK

When Lawrence Summers, then the president of Harvard, made the provocative suggestion in 2005 that the innate aptitude of women might explain their under-representation in the sciences and engineering, Cornell human development professors Stephen Ceci and Wendy Williams were far removed from the controversy. Neither of them had ever studied the emerging field of sex differences, nor did they have strong opinions on the issue.

At the time, the longtime partners and collaborators were both serving on the editorial board of *Psychological Science in the Public Interest*, a journal Ceci founded to help scholars forge consensus on contentious topics. After Summers's words sparked an outcry across the country, Ceci commissioned six prominent gender researchers representing the opposing sides in the debate—nature versus nurture—and asked them to collaborate on an article reconciling their differences. Three years later, when it became clear the group could find little common ground, Ceci and Williams decided to tackle the issue themselves.

The result was *The Mathematics of Sex: How Biology and Society Conspire*

to Limit Talented Women and Girls, a book that some say has fundamentally altered the debate on the dearth of women in math-intensive fields. Published last September by Oxford University Press, it reaches a surprising conclusion: the reason why so few women hold tenure-track positions in engineering, physics, and mathematics departments is simply because they choose not to enter those fields—and if they do, they tend to leave them in large numbers. “The biological and cognitive differences are small,” says Ceci, the Carr Professor of Developmental Psychology. “They’re there; they’re real. But they have shrunk over time, and they may continue to shrink to the point where they won’t exist. Far more important are women’s preferences—what they like to do—and women’s lifestyle and caretaking choices.”

Despite the lack of women in math-based academic departments—ranging from 8.8 percent of mechanical engineering professors to 16.3 percent of economics faculty—they are not in the minority in other professional fields. Women now constitute 50 percent of graduates from medical schools, nearly 75 percent of graduates from veterinary schools, and 68 percent of psychology PhDs. This incon-

sistency stems from a tendency some researchers believe is manifested in the behavior of infants, when girls show more interest in people and boys are more focused on objects. Over time, these tendencies translate into the different careers boys and girls choose, beginning in middle school. “Very few junior high girls say they want to be an engineer,” Ceci says. “Lots of boys do. And this is true even when they have similar math aptitude.”

Though girls earn better grades in math classes in middle school, high school, and college, boys excel on math aptitude tests by the end of high school. Among the top 1 percent of scorers on the SAT-Mathematics, given to college-bound seniors, males outnumber females by two to one, a ratio that has remained steady for decades. Yet Ceci and Williams note that among students with extremely high math scores, females are more likely than males to also have extremely high verbal scores, affording women more career options.

Another reason for the prevalence of men in math-intensive fields is the child penalty that women pay: it is nearly impossible for a woman to leave academia for several years after giving birth and then return to a tenure-track position. “In a high-powered career, even if you took one

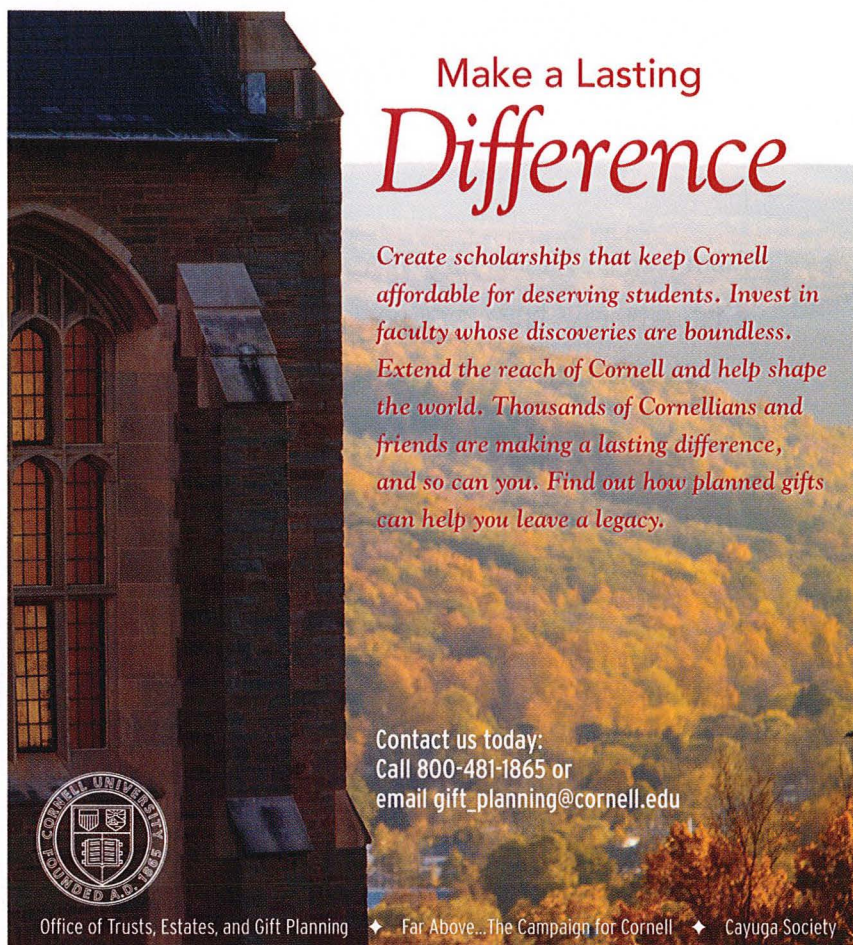
year off, that would be a kiss of death,” says Williams, an educational psychologist whose research focuses on intelligence.

Based on a review of 420 articles and book chapters, *The Mathematics of Sex* has drawn praise from both liberal and conservative scholars, who say that the authors’ thorough research makes it difficult to challenge their conclusions. “This book is a game-changer in my view,” says Frank Farley, a former president of the American Psychological Association and an educational psychology professor at Temple University. “It’s a watershed work, given the furor over Lawrence Summers’s comments.” Christina Hoff Sommers, a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, a conservative think tank based in Washington, D.C., says what makes the book unique is that the authors approached the issue without any preconceived bias. “This book is revolutionary,” she says, “because it’s honest and rigorous on a topic where there’s a lot of sloppy research, specious findings, and missing data.”

Since the book’s publication, Williams and Ceci have moved on to the next stage of their research: identifying strategies to increase the number of women entering and remaining in math-intensive fields. In October, Williams received a \$1.4 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to establish the Cornell Institute for Women in Science, which will study various aspects of female experiences in scientific careers. Over the next four years, the institute will canvass higher education policymakers and administrators to determine whether it would be feasible to create, among other options, part-time tenure-track positions that would allow more time to prepare for tenure while raising children. “There are a lot of women in academics who are bitter because they were not able to have a family,” says Williams, noting that she gave birth to her two daughters after she had already received tenure. “And women who did have a family ought to be able to contribute in some way.”

At a time when the United States needs more engineers and scientists, Ceci argues that universities should consider changing the time-clock of the tenure process, especially since they often pay \$50,000 a year in stipends and tuition for students in doctoral programs. “We spend a tremendous amount of money training these women, and then they work part-time or not at all,” he says. “After training for five or six years, if someone doesn’t take up that career, it’s a loss to that woman—and to society.”

— Sherrie Negrea

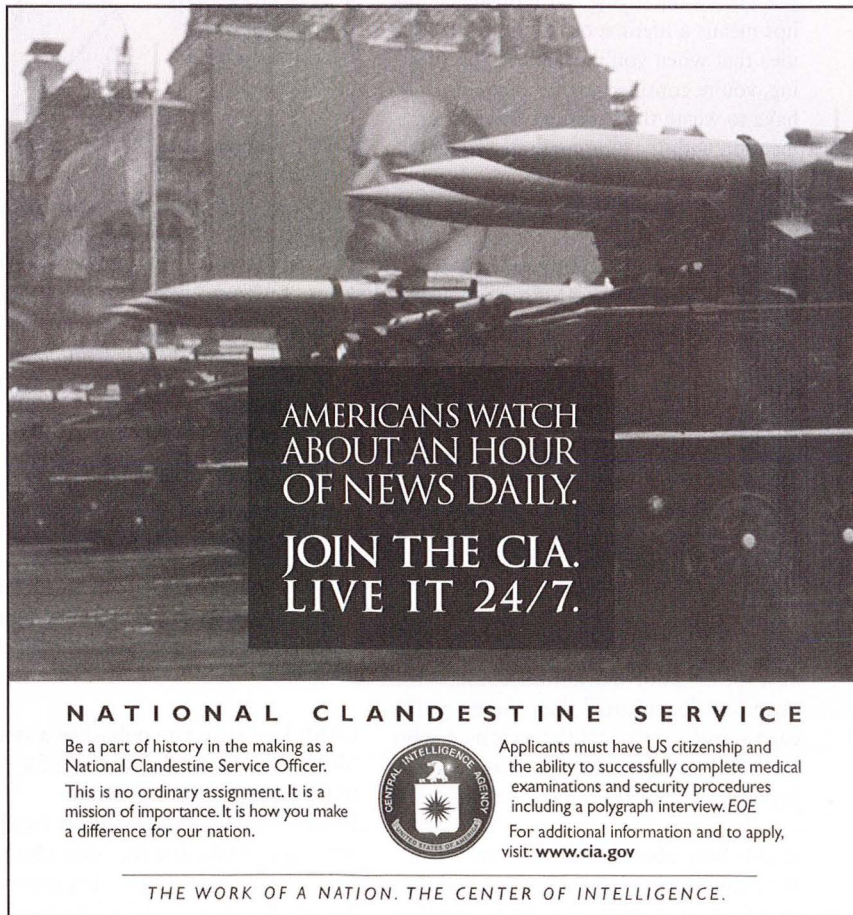


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Big Numbers

Human Ecology professor John Cawley uses economics to study the causes—and consequences—of America's obesity epidemic

Cornell Alumni Magazine: Why would an economist study obesity?

John Cawley: A lot of people think that economics is about interest rates, trade deficits, and these abstract concepts that don't have much to do with everyday life. But economics is a social science—it's a study of why people make the decisions they do. And in particular, economists look at how people's behavior is affected by the trade-offs they face.

CAM: What does that have to do with being overweight?

JC: There's the saying, "A moment on the lips means a lifetime on the hips." It's the idea that when you're thinking about eating, you're considering the trade-offs. You have to weigh the benefits of instant gratification with the long-term consequences.

CAM: What sorts of things have you been looking at?

JC: I've been documenting direct medical costs of obesity; the transition from welfare to work among obese people; how obese children experience delayed skill attainment; the role of food advertising in decision-making about diet. When it comes to treatment, I've done studies of who takes anti-obesity drugs and what happens when the drugs are taken off the market. I've looked at bariatric surgery as well as the impact of physical education for high school students. I've evaluated various antiobesity programs in inner-city high schools and at worksites. I've looked at a lot of labor market outcomes—for example, documented that obese women earn significantly less than women who are healthy weight, but that wage penalty is pretty much limited to white females.

CAM: Why obese *white* women?

JC: Psychologists have demonstrated that there's a lot of bias and discrimination

against obese individuals. We also find that obesity results in greater job absenteeism among women than men, so to some extent, this wage penalty could be the result of missing more work. Why it's white females in particular is harder to say, but sociologists and psychologists have found that optimal body size is larger in African American and Hispanic communities, so obese women in those groups may be less likely to suffer low self-esteem or depression.

CAM: Since the medical costs of obesity are so high, doesn't it make economic sense to invest in prevention?

JC: This is something employers really want to know, and it's tough to answer, because people don't work for the same firm their whole lives anymore. So you not only have to show that a worksite health-promotion program works, but that it pays for itself in a short enough period of time that the employer who pays for it will be the one who recoups the costs. The same is true for health insurers. Obesity is something that people struggle with their entire lives—so employers and insurers may conclude that they can't recoup the costs of weight loss programs.

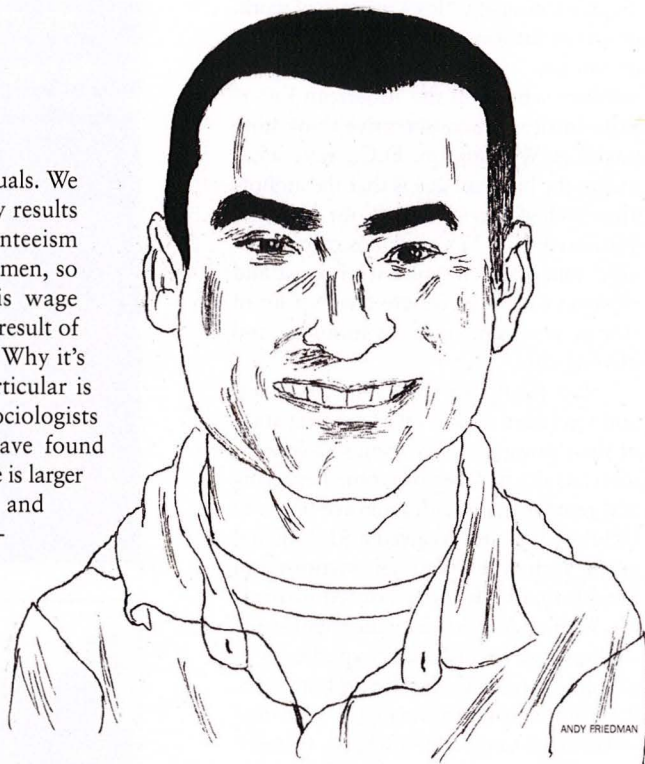
CAM: Last year, you published a study on offering modest cash incentives for people to lose weight. Did it work?

JC: It wasn't very successful. A lot of people dropped out, and the ones who stayed didn't lose much weight. It's interesting, because this works well with other addic-

tions. If you pay heroin or cocaine users \$3 every time they have a negative test result, it dramatically increases the probability of adherence. This underscores how hard it is to lose weight and keep it off. The vast majority of weight loss attempts fail.

CAM: How did you get into studying the economics of obesity?

JC: When I was in grad school, I became interested in health disparities. I also got interested in addiction, and there are economic models of addiction that have been applied ad nauseam to alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and gambling. I wanted to think of a new application. I thought about anorexia—why do you become addicted to denial? But then I thought, If you look at the numbers, the percentage of Americans who are obese is enormously larger than the percentage who are underweight. From there I've been interested in all



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aspects of the economics of obesity—the causes, consequences, treatments. I'm fortunate to have picked this research topic at the right time. Early on, it was seen as a quirky research focus, but since obesity has become a major public health problem it's now widely recognized as an important area.

CAM: How do economists approach

obesity differently from other social scientists?

JC: Anthropologists look at the role of culture in determining what you eat. And we don't get to choose our culture; we're born into it. Sociologists look at the influence of our family and our peers. In those social sciences, individuals are seen as buffeted by external forces; in economics, the role of free will, of choice, is much greater. And

there's a lot of debate about this. You'll get pushback from psychologists, sociologists, and anthropologists who say, "You're born into a neighborhood and a family with this income, and you really don't have choices." But when you look at how people actually behave, they are responding to incentives.

CAM: Like what?

JC: Studies have found that even children respond to variation in food prices. You might think that there's no way—children want what they want and have no concept of a budget—but studies have shown that if you make healthy foods cheaper, children will buy more. And if you make energy-dense foods like candy and soda pop more expensive, kids will buy less. That's very powerful—that even kids, whom we don't think of as very farsighted or rational, respond to prices. This suggests specific policy solutions, like taxes. We're all hard-wired to prefer calorie-dense foods, but that doesn't mean we're all destined to be obese.

CAM: So it all comes back to studying personal choices?

JC: People typically think of economists as being conservative, but actually economics is incredibly liberal in that it allows that each of us has our own individual preferences and faces different constraints such as income. That means that I can make a different decision than you, and it's not necessarily irrational. I might really enjoy eating energy-dense foods and watching TV, and because of that I may be more likely to end up overweight or obese. I might know what the risks are, that it's going to shorten my lifespan, but I might say, "I enjoy this lifestyle." An economist would say, "OK, that's rational for him. Who am I to tell him he's living the wrong way?" That's a huge difference from the public health view, which is that people who are overweight and obese are doing something wrong, and we have to stop them.

CAM: Can you give an example?

JC: I've got two kids, and they're still very young. Before I had kids, I would go to the gym every other day. Now I don't go at all, because I don't want to be away from my kids that much. I accept that there is a trade-off. I know I'm less muscular and more flabby, and I can live with that. I think I'm making a rational decision—I value my kids more than my appearance and my short-term health. As they get older, and want to play with me less, I'll start going to the gym again.

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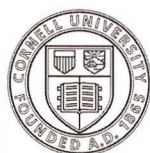
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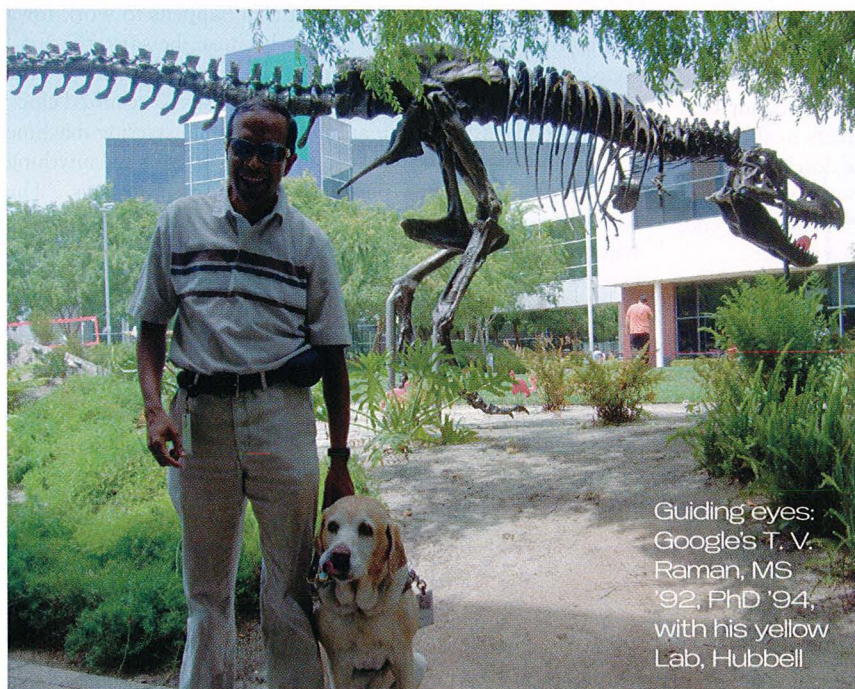


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Second Sight

At Google, a blind engineer aims to make technology more accessible to people who can't look at a screen—or just don't feel like it



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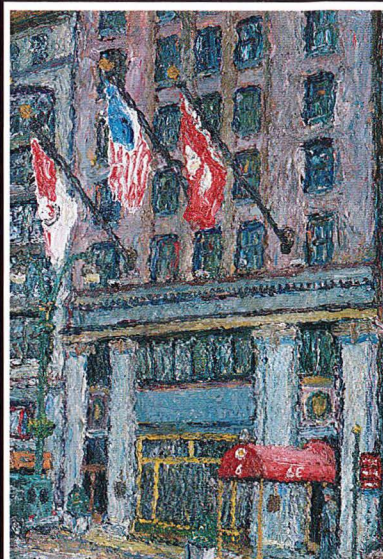
BRAD HERZOG

Selfishness, when done right, can be a huge motivator," says T. V. Raman, MS '92, PhD '94, wearing heavy black sunglasses as he sits in a small conference room at Google headquarters in Mountain View, California. Blind since glaucoma stole his eyesight as a teenager in his native India, Raman has dedicated himself to devising technology accessible to the visually impaired—from talking computers to touch-screen phones using aural and tactile feedback. "It isn't that often," he notes, "that you have the luxury of being both the producer and the consumer."

Because Raman could see for the first fourteen years of his life, visual images are imprinted in his brain—so, he explains, "you take everything you hear and map it to the visual world because it gives you a frame of reference." That understanding of both the sighted and sightless worlds drives Raman's work with Google's

research division. Those efforts began in earnest during his graduate days on the Hill, where he earned a master's in computer science and a PhD in applied mathematics; 1990 was a pivotal year thanks to two important additions to his life, a guide dog and a talking PC. "I ran around like a fool saying I was going to build a robot guide dog," he recalls, until he realized that no guidance system would be able to handle an Ithaca winter.

Instead, Raman focused on expanding the possibilities of the talking PC. In the fall of 1990, he took a computer science course on algorithms whose instructor, Dexter Kozen, PhD '77, was writing a textbook. "Give me the files that you use to produce the printed version," Raman told him, "and I'll figure out a way to make my system read it." It was a tough challenge. "It is one thing to take a paragraph of text and send it to a speech synthesizer," he says. "It still sounds mechan-



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But this is a man who speaks eight languages, constructs intricate origami-like sculptures out of paper as he answers interview questions, and can solve a Braille Rubik’s Cube in twenty-three seconds (a feat immortalized on YouTube). His solution for rendering electronic documents verbally—which he called Audio System for Technical Readings, or AsTeR—became his thesis and won the Association for Computing Machinery’s Doctoral Dissertation Award. (In 2010, sixteen years to the day after his thesis defense, Raman released AsTeR as an open-source platform.) “I decided the thing I should work on going forward was, how do you encode electronic information so that you can do more than just look at it?” he recalls. “And in cases when you have good information encoded, how do you convey it effectively via an auditory medium?”

Before joining Google in 2005, Raman worked at Adobe Systems—where he helped to adapt a PDF format that could be read by screen readers—and then in advanced technology development at IBM, where he filed more than twenty patents in six years. Within a year of arriving in Mountain View, he developed a version of Google’s search engine that ranks websites according to accessibility for the visually impaired and gives a slight preference to the ones that work well with auditory screen readers.

In his cubicle at Google, where his yellow Labrador guide dog (named Hubbell) is usually in residence, the forty-four-year-old Raman uses a highly customized system that he constructed himself; through wireless headphones, he listens to a screen reader that is calibrated to speak at nearly triple the speed of normal speech. Over the past couple of years, his work has been fueled by the revolution in mobile technology, leading to development of Project

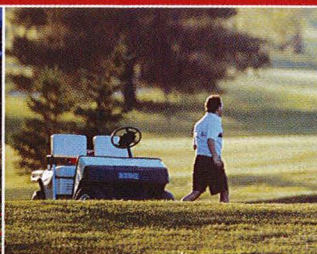
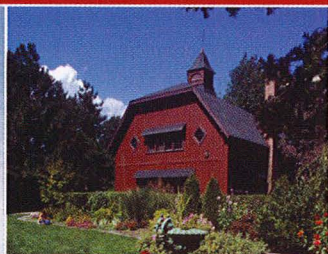
Eyes-Free, an open-source effort to add audio and tactile alternatives to applications that use Android (Google’s cell phone operating system) with just a few lines of code. For instance, there are mini apps for audio feedback about date and time, GPS location, and battery and signal strength. In addition, users can launch and center a dial pad by placing a single finger on the touch screen, which fixes the site of the number five. Much the same process allows a user to navigate the phone’s address book. Best of all, says Raman, “it goes with you; if you get a new phone, you sign in and it starts talking to you automatically. For comparison, similar tools have cost upwards of \$500—and needed to be purchased and installed every time you got a new phone.”

Raman is careful to say that his efforts are geared not only toward people who cannot see a computer or phone screen, but also to those who *choose* not to. Always, his aim is to create something for the mainstream that also happens to work for a niche population—i.e., the blind—because, he says, that will translate into a lower price point. He likes to tell the story of the time a store clerk tried to sell him an expensive specialized clock for the blind; instead, Raman purchased an answering machine that happened to announce the time. “When you sell anything to a captive audience, typically quality suffers,” he says. “The acid test is whether you, as somebody who can see, would be willing to use it at those times when you’re not interested in or capable of looking at the screen. If the answer is no, then there’s a quality problem. I call that the ‘threshold of indignation.’” Thus, when he tries to convince his fellow engineers to design products accessible to the visually impaired, he chooses his words carefully. Says Raman: “You have to say to them, ‘Wow, that’s really neat—I wish I could use it in the dark.’”

— Brad Herzog '90

Cornell’s Adult University

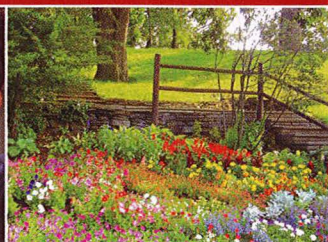
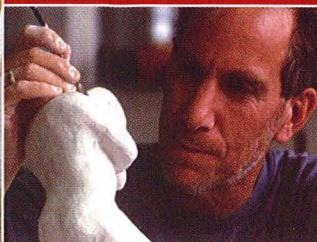
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Shell Game

Empied of bustling summer crowds, the picturesque clapboard villages on the Eastern end of Long Island have a ghost-town quality in the winter. But beneath the calm waters of Peconic Bay, a vibrant population spawns by the thousands, thanks to the efforts of Cornell Cooperative Extension. Long known for its beaches and wineries, the North Fork was once home to a thriving seafood industry—specifically oysters, clams, and the finicky bay scallop. Responsible for re-seeding the once-decimated surrounding waters with shellfish, the marine division

of Suffolk's Cooperative Extension has become a model for other waterfront communities looking to reclaim their underwater industries.

Locating the marine division's headquarters in the town of Southold isn't easy; the local hardware store marks a turn down a narrow lane that ends in beachfront and a collection of low buildings. Inside, the lingering smell of saltwater and seaweed are the only indication of what the collection of empty tanks, tubs, and beakers will hold. Within a few weeks, they will be a breeding ground for millions of microscopic infant shellfish

(known as "seed"). The success of the program is due in large part to the efforts of volunteers, managed by marine educator Kim Tetrault. Hired by Coop Extension fifteen years ago to help revive the North Fork's wild scallop population, Tetrault became obsessed with getting the local community involved in cultivating the once-prevalent shellfish stock, which had fallen prey to overharvesting, severe storms, and a bizarre natural phenomenon known as "brown tide," caused by an invasive algae that destroys the mollusks' ability to feed.

Shortly after settling in, Tetrault invited



Will work for food: SPAT volunteers remove clams in preparation for cleaning and sorting. Inset: Coop Extension marine educator Kim Tetrault on an oyster-tasting trip to France.

the locals to an open house in his hatchery to witness live shellfish spawning—and they were hooked. Known as the Southold Project in Aquaculture Training (SPAT), the resulting program is a nonprofit division of Cornell Cooperative Extension's marine branch. It's run entirely by Tetrault and his small army of helping hands, which last year totaled 284 dues-paying participants who logged a combined total of just over 15,500 hours of labor.

Each year, SPAT re-creates the water conditions of a warm spring, tricking a few hearty specimens into releasing their reproductive matter, which is then combined to create seed. (Researchers have even been known to light candles in the lab to set the mood. Whatever they're doing, it works; seed numbers have been known to reach billions.) Members work year-round, building equipment like rowboats, skiffs, and a device called a "floating upweller" that Cornell has pioneered as a method of incubation for young, microscopic shellfish, which benefit from constant water flow. The seed attach to a mesh screen, through which water containing the algae they consume is pumped from below.

Volunteers are paid in allotments of that same seed, which they can grow at home if they have access to waterfront or in "community garden" waters maintained in the reed-lined inlet behind

SPAT's facilities. "SPAT is 100 percent non-commercial," explains Tetrault. "You can eat it, you can give it away, you can throw it back into the water, but you can't sell it and you can't barter it—ever." But the edible benefits are secondary for many volunteers. For retiree Kathleen Becker, a charter member, the program fulfills a life-long goal. "When I was working in Manhattan I always used to say I wanted to do something for the environment," she says. "I had been out here several years when I saw the ad in the paper, and it grabbed me. Now I like to think of myself as a steward for these waters."

In its ten years of existence, the program has inspired a resurgence of concern for the health of the local waters and appreciation for the briny delicacies they harbor, in addition to launching a handful of commercial operations. Pipes Cove Oyster Company founder Ed Jurczenia '66 was a volunteer during that first SPAT season—training that gave him and his wife, Darline Duffy '79, the experience to realize Jurczenia's lifelong dream of growing oysters in the cove behind Greenport's Silver Sands Motel, the family business his mother built in 1947. "At one time there was a huge oyster industry in this community, and then for about thirty years there was none," says Jurczenia, who remembers not being able to walk in the bay as a child without

stepping on oyster beds.

The couple planted the 2,000 Eastern seed oysters that Tetrault gave them and hoped for the best. Fourteen months later, they discovered that not only had their entire crop survived, but that it yielded a distinctive, saline oyster—a result of the unique mix of ocean and freshwater in the bay, referred to by foodies as the "*merroir*," the aquatic equivalent of wine's *terroir*. (All oysters grown on the Atlantic Coast are the same species, known as Eastern Oyster, while regional names like Bluepoint and Pipes Cove come to stand for different characteristics like shell shape and minerality.) Though Jurczenia and Duffy's commercial status now makes them ineligible to receive seed from SPAT, they support the program in other ways—like hosting the annual volunteers' party, where its success is on display in the form of a raw bar numbering in the thousands.

For Tetrault (who also performs in a band called Jazz on the Half Shell), SPAT is a perfect embodiment of Coop Extension's mission. "The mandate is to give people knowledge they can use," he says. "It used to be all Ag programs out here, but about twenty-five years ago someone looked around and said, 'Wow, there's a lot of water.'"

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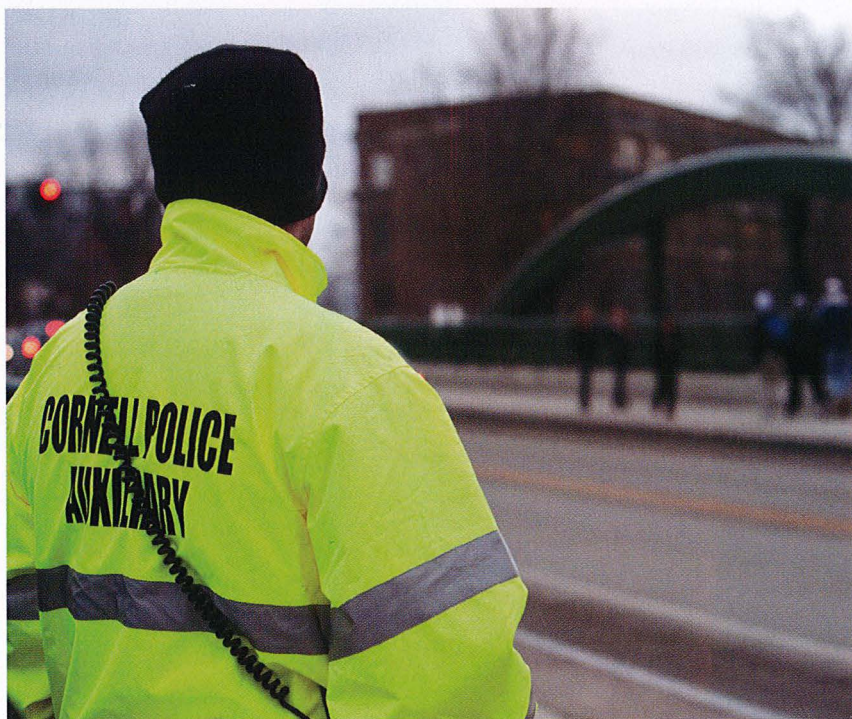
At a Loss

As the daughter of a 1976 graduate, I had my first visit to Cornell on a beautiful June weekend when I was seven years old. Right then and there, I decided that Cornell was the best place on Earth.

As I got older, I was able to better understand the stories my mother told me about her college experience. This included tales of students jumping off bridges because they were so stressed out. I got some of the details wrong (until my sister enrolled in 2002, I thought there was a net in one of the gorges to protect suicidal Architecture students), but I understood the gist: Cornell was a stressful place. This has become even more apparent in the last month, after three student suicides in the gorges made national headlines.

There's no question that college, any college, has its stressors. At my previous school, Keene State, I pulled multiple all-nighters and got plenty of disappointing grades. The difference I've found since transferring to Cornell is not just that the curriculum is harder, but that professors expect more from us. I realized that along with their high expectations comes a somewhat lower sensitivity level. This is not a place where professors often recognize that students also have a lot of work in their other classes. It's not a place where they know all their students' names. This is the kind of place where students can send page-long e-mails to their professors and sometimes get only half a sentence in response. It's the kind of place where there is red tape, even at counseling services.

Running an institution of nearly 20,000 students can't be easy, and constantly monitoring the welfare of those 20,000 must be impossible. I recognize that the University can't be responsible for everyone's mental health. And I do applaud the efforts to reach out to the students in the wake of the recent tragedies. But, let's face it: it was too little, too late.



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Support system: Monitors were posted on campus bridges twenty-four hours a day in the wake of three gorge suicides in February and March.

As a community we've lost twelve students this year—counting the two deaths over winter break that Cornell isn't recognizing as part of the total. Six of those are being considered suicides. I have a hard time believing that none of them had to do with the stress of our academic environment. I will never forget my boss at the Cornell Store telling me that she loves working with transfer students because we are so easy-going—that because they have known college life outside of Cornell, transfer students seem happier.

I would hope that even in the midst of these tragedies, students realize that we are lucky to get a priceless education in such a

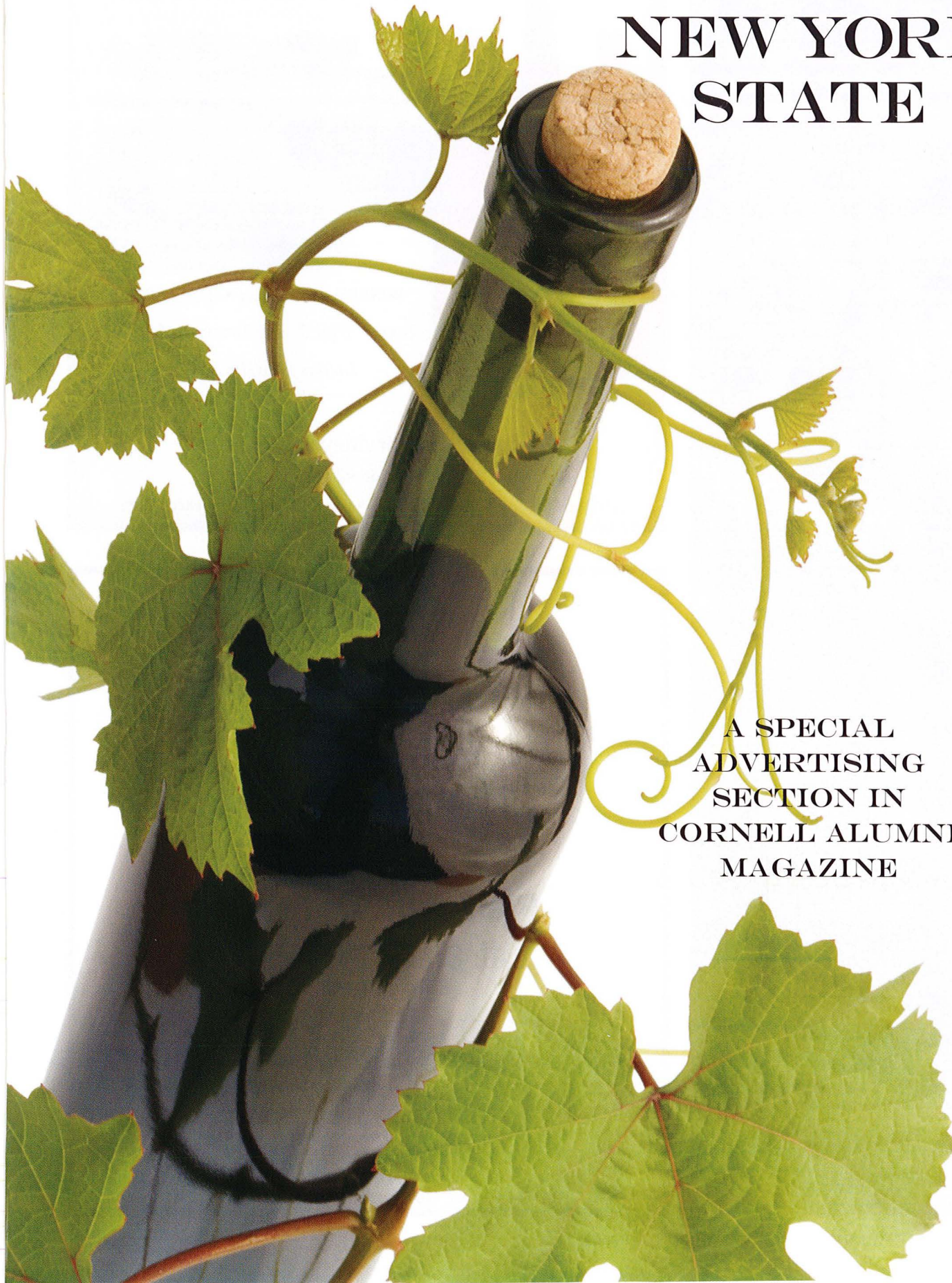
beautiful place (when the sun is out, anyway). I hope we can put life in perspective and realize we're all going to be fine—that nothing, not even a failing grade, is the end of the world. But mostly, I hope that the University recognizes that we are, in the grand scheme of things, kids. I hope that they realize that while kids have to become adults, we need some comfort along the way—and sometimes, we need to focus more on fun than on problem sets.

I have faith that Cornell is moving in the right direction. Just today, a professor who is notorious for those half-sentence e-mails gave me a hug.

— Erica Southerland '10

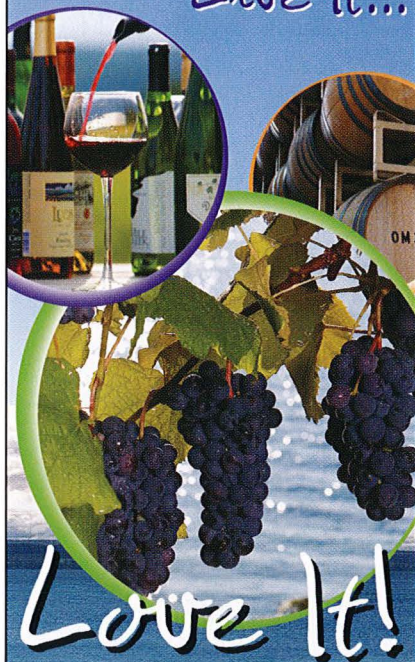
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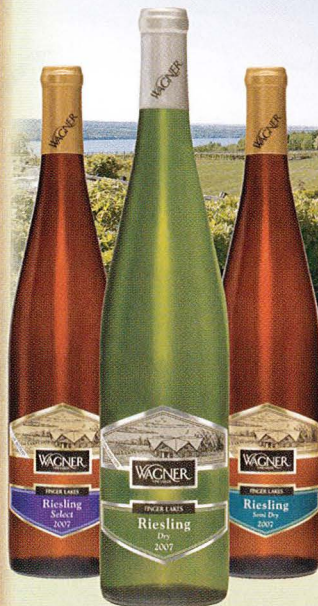
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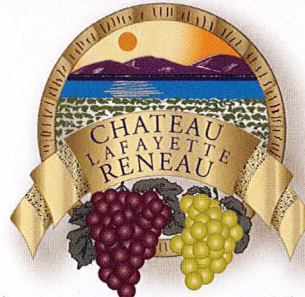
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SUSTAINABILITY

GOOD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, GOOD FOR WINE

BY DAVE POHL

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he word “sustainable” has been tossed around so much over the past few years that one may well wonder what it means. At Cornell, it can be applied to the replacement of a coal-burning power plant—or the elimination of cafeteria trays and plastic water bottles. In agriculture, it covers a wide range of practices related, in one way or another, to increased respect for the environment.

When applied to viticulture and winemaking, many think of sustainable practices as a sort of “organic-lite” effort by farmers who would like to be organic but are forced by conditions to use chemical sprays for pest control. While there’s much more to it than that, many would be hard pressed to say just what “sustainability” is. As Tim Martinson, PhD ’91, senior extension associate with the Department of Horticultural Sciences in CALS, says, “Sustainability has been stated as a goal for many businesses, from agriculture and industry to retail giants. Everybody knows they want it—but defining it has been more elusive.”

At the 2008 Wineries Unlimited Conference in Santa Rosa, California, Joe Chauncey—whose Seattle-based architecture firm specializes in building sustainable wineries—stated that a sustainable winery should be: (1) ecologically responsive; (2) economically viable; (3) a good neighbor; (4) bioregional (that is, sensitive to the environment and culture of the wider agricultural region); (5) healthy and sensible; and (6) operationally efficient.

VineBalance—a joint venture of the wine industry, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and the New York Department of Agriculture and Market’s Soil and Water

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Back to the land: The weed management program at Hermann J. Wiemer Vineyard calls for every second row to be cultivated annually, allowing growers to work in more organic matter and regulate water retention. Above right: The vineyard's rich flora and fauna, including snails, signifies a healthy ecosystem.



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Conservation Committee—takes an equally broad view. Its website (www.vinebalance.com) states that sustainable viticulture "attempts to minimize environmental impacts and ensure economic viability and a safe, healthy workplace through the use of environmentally and economically sound production practices."

Paul Dolan, who now heads Paul Dolan Vineyards and is the former president of Fetzer Vineyards in California, summarizes sustainability with his "Three E's": Economic viability, Environmental responsibility, and social Equity. Simply put, if winery operators pay attention to these three broad areas and the ways in which they interact—and make decisions that maximize positive outcomes in these areas—they are operating in a sustainable manner.

In New York, VineBalance has created a workbook to help wineries and grape growers assess their agricultural practices as they relate to sustainability. The workbook has 134 questions about growing practices, organized into seven site-management groups: soil, nutrition, vineyards, irrigation, weeds, pests, and pesticides. An eighth group

evaluates the vineyard manager's continuing education efforts. Responses to the site-management questions are grouped from most positive (or lowest environmental risk) to least positive (or highest environmental risk). A grower can thus easily identify specific changes and the related costs and benefits. Cooperative Extension, whose grape experts coordinate the activities of VineBalance, offers outreach help and expertise to growers who need assistance in developing strategies to meet sustainability goals.

The VineBalance program has been touted as the standard for sustainable grape growing by the National Grape Cooperative, which owns Welch's. Its member growers in New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio are now using the workbook program, and the cooperative has launched similar workbook-based programs in Michigan and Washington.

One of the creators of the workbook and questionnaire was John Santos '90, manager of Hazlitt 1852 Vineyards, located on the east side of Seneca Lake. A recipient of the Schuyler County 2009 Conservation Farmer of the Year award, Hazlitt has been making great

strides in sustainability. Santos is especially proud of Hazlitt's composting program. "We have been composting our winery wastes for more than ten years," he says. "We compost all of our pomace in a 50/50 blend with bedded manure. And for several years, we have been composting the kitchen waste generated at the winery. During our annual growers picnic, we compost all of the food waste as well as the plates and utensils."

Santos says that composting has greatly reduced the use of chemical fertilizers, to the point where some of the vineyards no longer require any during the growing season. He hopes the same will one day be the case for all of Hazlitt's vineyards. Santos is also happy to share his approach with others; with the help of Cooperative Extension, he has sponsored demonstrations of how Hazlitt creates and applies its compost.

Hazlitt is not organic, but it has found ways to minimize spraying. For example, the use of cans with multiple nozzles allows growers to direct sprays only at the parts of the plants that need them. Santos also does trials to determine how much of a given spray is required to be effective, rather than blindly following the label instructions. Hazlitt, he says, has "strived over the years to use more low-risk and organic materials. We also strive to use the chemicals that present the least potential threat to the environment and the workers in the vineyard."

To Santos, being sustainable also means contributing to the community. Hazlitt has raised tens of thousands of dollars for Seneca Santa and is involved in the ongoing Haitian relief effort. "We continue as a business to look for ways to reduce our environmental footprint, improve our economic return, and treat our employees and community in an equitable fashion," he says.

On the other side of Seneca Lake, the venerable Hermann J. Wiemer Winery has also been making great strides in sustainability. Like Hazlitt, owner Fred Merwarth '00 has eliminated synthetic fertilizers and instead uses a blend of pomace and manure. And Wiemer's spray program is based on the classic Bordeaux blend of spray material (a mixture of copper sulphate and hydrated lime), which is certified organic, notes Merwarth's winery partner, Oskar Bynke '00. No spraying is done within six weeks of harvest, her-



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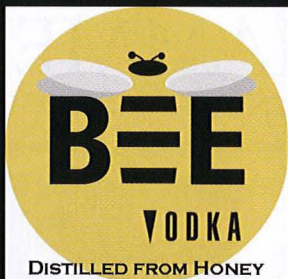
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Additionally, Bynke says that because of their winery practices, "we are able to minimize the use of sulfur to below organic levels." (Sulfur, which is used as a preservative in most wines, must be limited to 100 parts per million or less for that wine to meet organic standards set by the USDA.) Merwarth and Bynke are currently committed to having the Hermann J. Wiemer Vineyard, located behind the winery, certified organic within the next two years. (Other vineyards owned by the winery will not qualify, due to their proximity to other, non-organic vineyards.)

These two well-known Finger Lakes wineries represent the vanguard of a larger movement toward sustainability in the New York State wine industry—and with a boost from Cornell and VineBalance, it is gaining momentum. VineBalance reports that as of summer 2008 seventy-five grape growers had completed the self-assessment workbook and an additional twenty-two had purchased it. These growers come from all over the state: thirty-two from the

Finger Lakes, twenty-seven from the Lake Erie region, ten from Long Island, and six from the Hudson Valley. Twenty-three of the growers have gone on to create action plans, detailing a total of 445 proposed changes, most centered on the use of pesticides and monitoring and improving soil health.

The coming years should see a growing emphasis on sustainability in New York, and some of this growth may be consumer driven. Heron Hill Winery on Keuka Lake states on its website: "People have become very conscious of what goes into their bodies and from where food originates. Wine is a food product and needs to be handled in a caring, safe, and healthful manner." Scott Osborne, the owner of Fox Run Vineyards on Seneca Lake, says that sustainability "gave us a term that we could use, which is very important in talking to the customer. What I used to say was that I live on the property, and I have to be careful because I don't want to kill myself. And if I choose to leave it to my children, I want to leave it in as good a condition as possible. Now I have a term that's not as longwinded for saying that."

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THE VIEW FROM RED TAIL RIDGE

BY DAVE POHL

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hile it is a relative newcomer to the Finger Lakes region, Red Tail Ridge Winery has raised the bar for sustainability. Its owners, Nancy Irelan and Mike Schnelle, say they view sustainability as a "systems approach that seeks to balance the environment, community, and finance." To them, financial stability is essential, as it frees up time, energy, and other resources to focus on issues related to community and the environment.

One of the most exciting aspects of the operation is the building itself. In 2009, Red Tail Ridge became the only winery in New York State to register for LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification for its new building. In the hope of qualifying, the owners consulted with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority and Sustainable Performance Consulting Inc. for guidance on building an energy efficient and environmentally sound winery. Edge Architects of Rochester created the building design.

Temperature inside the winery is controlled by a geothermal heating and cooling system. Liquid glycol passes through coils of pipes underground; then, having absorbed the earth's heat, it is pumped back into the building and circulated through pipes in the floors and walls. This system controls the temperature not only of the air but of the stainless-steel fermenting tanks. While other alternative energy sources were considered, geothermal was selected because it required a smaller initial investment and will pay for itself more quickly—and it can be controlled remotely, via laptop computer.

Environmental considerations were also crucial when choosing building products. The winery walls contain recycled materials, and the fieldstone on the facade came from the vineyard grounds. The front of the building is dominated by a large double-paned window that allows daylight to flood in, so it's usually possible to work inside without turning on any lights.

Sustainability at Red Tail Ridge extends to the viticultural practices as well. The vineyard has drainage ditches to manage

Green land: Red Tail Ridge Winery features (clockwise from bottom) a vineyard that emphasizes sustainable growing practices, a geothermal heating and cooling system, and windows that offer ample natural light.



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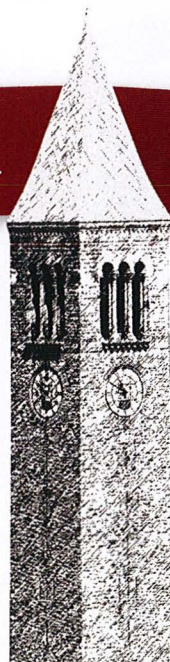
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rainwater runoff, and tile installed at forty-foot intervals supports soil preservation and maintains vineyard uniformity. Watering is done with drip irrigation, which is more efficient and uses less water than conventional sprinkler systems.

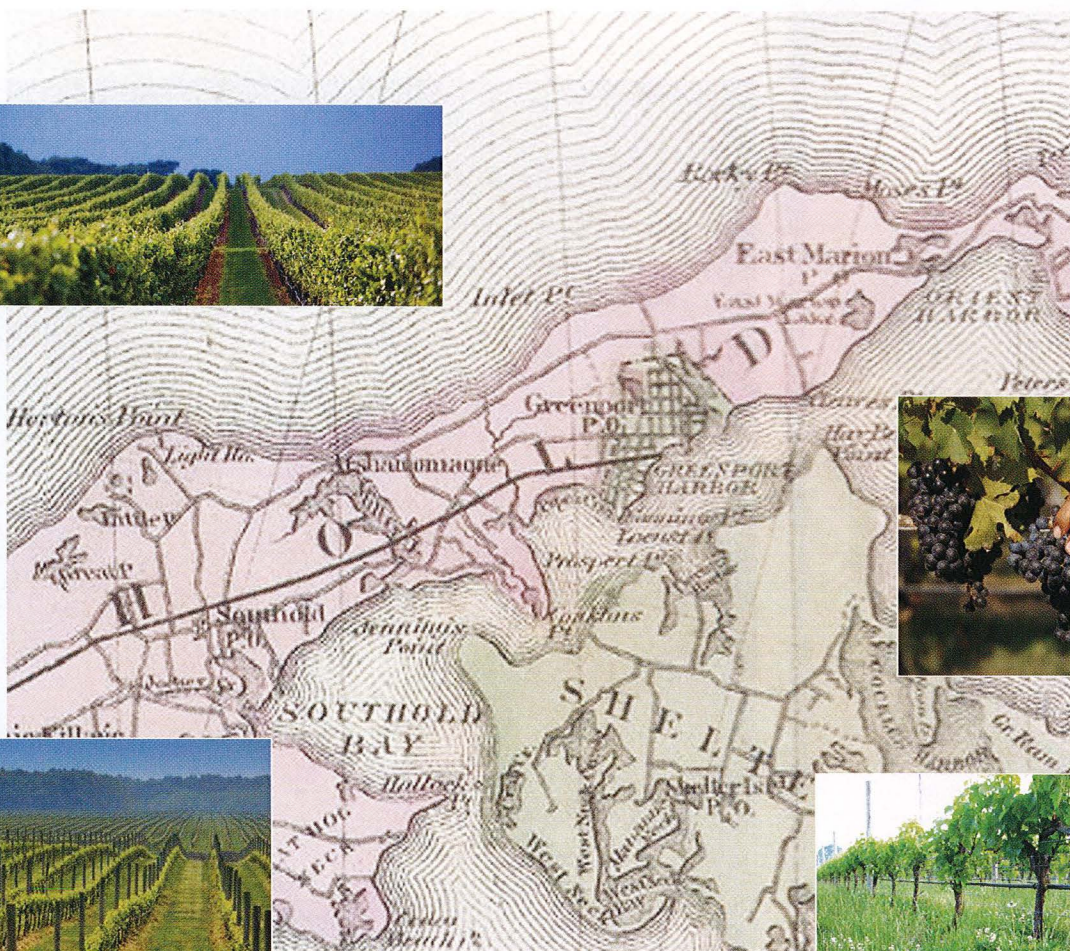
While Red Tail Ridge does not qualify as organic, the winery uses an integrated pest management approach to control insects, disease, and weeds. Leaf pulling optimizes fruit exposure, which reduces disease pressure, and regular scouting for insects and their damage determines if treatment is necessary. When pesticides are used, the winery chooses ones that meet EPA reduced-risk standards; chemicals are rotated to prevent resistance. Non-interventionist approaches are used for dealing with animal pests: eight-foot-high fencing keeps out deer, and netting prevents birds from damaging vines and grapes.

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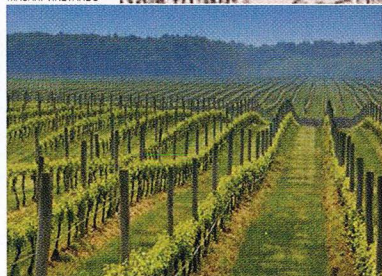
Irelan and Schnelle also consider sustainability in the tasting room. Waste is kept to a minimum, paper products are made from recycled materials, and no bottled water is served. In the restrooms, low-flow toilets have been installed.

With its high-profile sustainability efforts, Red Tail Ridge offers an impressive example to other wineries—and Irelan says that New York State was the ideal place for their approach. She and her husband had considered Oregon and California before coming to the Finger Lakes, but they concluded that creating a sustainable winery from the ground up would be prohibitively expensive in those western states. "We knew when we started that [green] was the direction we wanted to go in," Irelan says. "The challenge was doing this as a small business and seeing a return on our investment. This is the best place we could find to do that."

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Many Long Island vineyards are located near suburban areas, which causes some unique problems for grape growers and winemakers. With communities so close to some vineyards, they must be careful about how they select and use pesticides and fertilizers, and community concerns may make it more difficult to implement new practices such as wind energy. Being close to population centers isn't the only concern—a growing deer population and swarms of starlings moving south from New England also pose challenges for those who seek a sustainable approach.

One of the Long Island wineries at the forefront of this effort is Shinn Estate Vineyards. Barbara Shinn and David Page moved from California to New York in the early Nineties to open their Home Restaurant, specializing in locally produced foods, in Greenwich Village. After a few years, the couple decided it might be interesting to produce their own wine for the restaurant, and Shinn Estate's first vines were planted in 2000.

From the start, Shinn and Page have worked closely with a number of agencies and organizations, including Cornell, to help create a sustainable model for the winery. Their approach puts a heavy emphasis on creating and maintaining biodiversity; for instance, the cover crop planted between the vine rows includes more than two dozen species, which in turn attract an array of beneficial insects. In addition, they are growing eight grape varieties, with multiple clones of each variety. Soil health is also important; only organic fertilizers such as fish, seaweed, and carbon are used, and compost is applied via a drip system to prevent an undesirable increase in phosphorus.


Another Long Island winery strongly committed to sustainability is Macari Vineyards. The 180-acre estate was founded in 1995 by Joe Macari Jr., who came to winemaking from construction and real estate. He sought early advice from ex-

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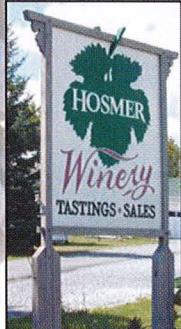
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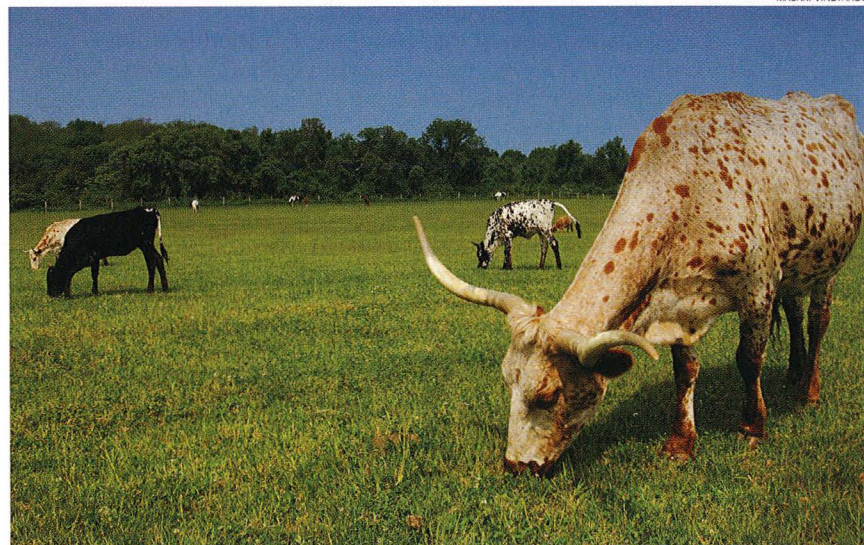


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Summer place: In July, chamomile blooms at Shinn Estate Vineyards (above), providing a beneficial habitat where "good" bugs eat pests. Below: Macari Vineyards is committed to the use of organic fertilizers, raising steers solely for their manure.



MACARI VINEYARDS

perts in biodynamics—an approach that views the farm as a closed system of interdependent life forms and energies. It emphasizes organic methods, favoring manure and homeopathic composts over chemical sprays. Although Macari has tried to adhere to this biodynamic model, he has found that in most years he must spray for fungus. Even so, he limits the amount of sprays and remains strongly committed to the use of organic fertilizers. He even raises steers solely for their manure.

Pindar Vineyards, the largest winery on Long Island, is owned by Dr. Herodotus “Dan” Damianos; in 1994 he added a second operation, Duck Walk Vineyards. Both emphasize a sustainable approach to viticulture and winemaking. Duck Walk uses geothermal energy for heating and cooling, and Pindar is currently converting to the same system. In the vineyards, selected

At Pindar Vineyards, customers are even encouraged to return corks to be recycled as corkboards and flooring material.

grasses—rather than chemical fertilizers—are used to supply nitrogen to the soil. In addition, both wineries create their own organic compost. The attention to environmental impact extends to the tasting room as well: at Pindar, energy-efficient light fixtures and dishwashers have been installed, empty



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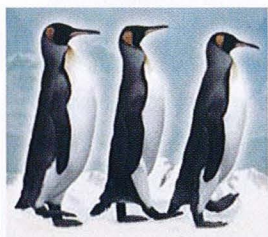
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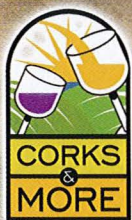
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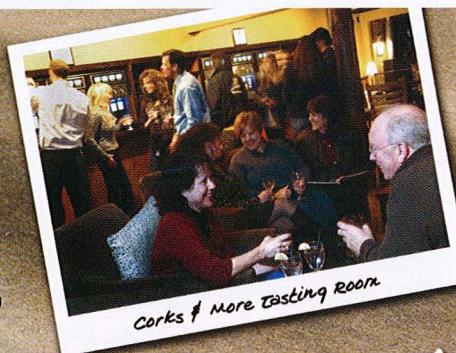
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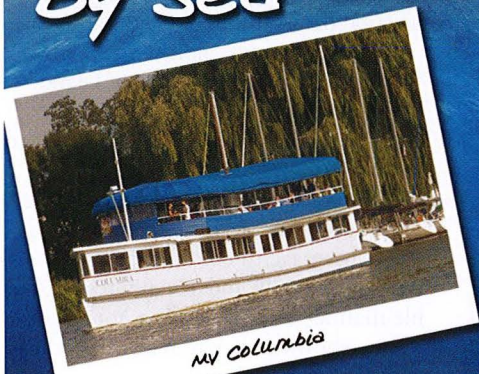


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The New York grape, grape juice, and wine industries contributed more than

\$3.76 billion in economic benefits to the economy of New York State in 2008, according to a study conducted by the Napa Valley-based Stonebridge Research Group LLC and released in January. This represents an increase of more than 10 percent from the \$3.4 billion documented in a similar study conducted in 2004.

The New York Wine & Grape Foundation, which commissioned the research, reports that the study also shows that out-of-state wines sold in New York contributed an additional \$3.26 billion, for a total economic benefit to the state of \$7.02 billion from the grape and wine industries. Data for the study came from various federal and state agencies, private sources, and primary research conducted by Stonebridge.

The figures for 2008 are a conservative indication of the current economic impact, the foundation says, since new wineries have opened in 2009, and anecdotal reports suggest that tourism and sales again increased in 2009. Highlights of the study include:

- The industry supports 39,000 full-time equivalent jobs, including 17,000 from the New York sector and 22,000 from out-of-state wines.
- There were \$1.5 billion in wages paid, with \$802 million from the New York sector and \$770 million from out-of-state wines.
- New York wineries saw \$508 million in sales.
- Sales of other wines in New York totaled \$1.9 billion.
- There were \$36.5 million in sales of New York grapes.
- The state had 37,000 grape-bearing acres.

- Grape juice product revenues totaled \$32.7 million.
- The state tallied \$376.5 million in wine-related tourism expenditures.
- Visits by wine-related tourists totaled 4.98 million.
- New York had 1,438 grape farms.
- There were \$455 million in state and local taxes paid, including \$230 million from the New York sector and \$225 million from out-of-state wines.
- The industry made charitable contributions of \$8.6 million.

"The grape and wine industry is an economic engine, and wine is the ultimate value-added product," says foundation president Jim Trezise. "For years, the wine industry has been the fastest growing part of New York's two largest economic sectors of agriculture and tourism, and now we have solid data on the enormous economic benefits we generate."

The Stonebridge research, measuring the economic impact in one year, is complemented by another study released in October, which shows industry growth over the past twenty-five years. The long-term study, conducted by New York Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), measured growth in areas such as the number of wineries, total production, tourism, and similar indices. Among its highlights:

- The number of new wineries in the 2000 decade exceeded the total created in the previous 170 years, with many in nontraditional regions of the state.
- Tourist visits to wineries increased 21 percent from 2003, despite record high gas prices and a recession.
- Of 169 responding wineries, 124 made investments during 2006-08 averaging nearly \$400,000.
- Commercial wineries paid an average of \$1,788,300 in federal and state taxes (excise and sales).

"The large and growing economic impact of the wine industry is the exact opposite of what is happening in the auto and other industrial sectors," says Stonebridge founder Barbara Insel. "When a company like General Motors closes a plant, all of a sudden its total economic impact becomes painfully apparent with the direct loss of jobs, the loss of business for suppliers, and the loss of spending power and tax bases in

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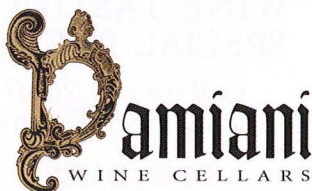
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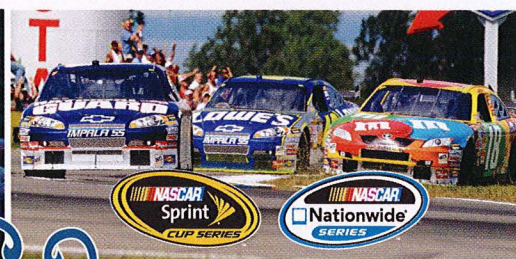
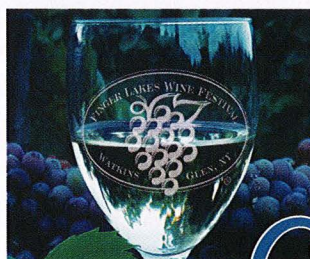
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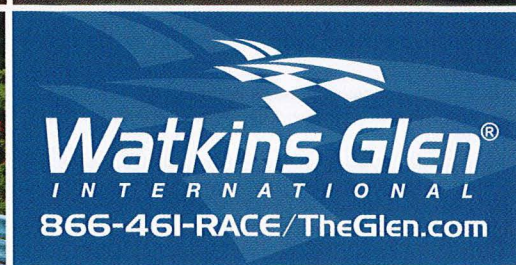
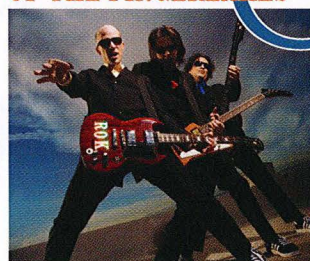
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The New York Wine & Grape Foundation, a statewide not-for-profit trade association representing New York grape growers, grape juice producers and wineries, was created by state legislation in 1985 during an economic crisis in the industry. The organization's strategic goal is “to have the New York grape and wine industry recognized as a world leader in quality, productivity, and social responsibility.”

“Our industry's dramatic growth is due largely to a productive partnership between the public and private sectors,” says Trezise. “New York's public officials on the state and federal levels increasingly recognize that the wine industry is a gold mine for agriculture, tourism, and manufacturing, and that enlightened public policy will let us expand our economic contribution.”

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Students Complete First Vintage at Cornell's New Teaching Winery

BY KATHLEEN ARNINK

This fall, a group of Cornell undergraduates became the first to learn the science and art of winemaking in the new College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Teaching Winery at the Cornell Orchards. Students in two courses in the viticulture and enology major persevered through a challenging growing season to ferment a range of varieties—Pinot Gris, Cayuga White, Traminette, Lemberger, Cabernet Franc, Pinot Noir, Corot Noir, and Dechaunac. Graduate students also used the winery for test fermentations of grapes from their research plots. All of the grapes were harvested from two Cornell vineyards—one at Cornell Orchards that consists of hybrid wine grapes, and another ten miles north of campus close to the winter warmth of Cayuga Lake, consisting mostly of vinifera grapes.

The 2009 growing season challenged students in many ways. It was cool and wet, which delayed varietal ripeness and required students to sample frequently and make timely harvest decisions in the vineyard. The need to harvest and ferment within a fourteen-week semester also confronts students with critical decisions and trade-offs. These are opportunities that help students learn the challenges of growing grapes and making wine in the Finger Lakes and other cool-climate regions, as they learn to make consistently good finished wines from grapes that vary from year to year.

Students harvested and fermented hybrid and Pinot Noir grapes as part of a New York Farm Viability Institute project to evaluate carbonic and skin maceration. Other treatments evaluated included harvest timing, skin contact, yeast strains, and malolactic fermentation. Students worked in small groups on these wines and were responsible for determining treatment conditions for each grape variety and performing all necessary production and analytical steps. In order to explore alternative vinification methods without producing excess quantities of wines, students fermented wines in small lots of five to twenty gallons. All of the wines are used for chemical, microbiological, and sensory analyses. One of the benefits of the teaching winery is the chance for students to use unblended treatments that are difficult to find commercially.

The fall 2009 courses concluded with student presentations on their procedures for making each wine and important analytical data obtained, followed by sensory evaluation and discussion by students in each class. Wines fermented by students during the fall 2009 semester are stabilizing in a cold room at the winery, until students return in January to complete this vintage. In the spring semester, students will continue crafting their wines during a sequel enology course—Wine-making Theory and Practices II. This two-semester approach enables students to experience viticulture and enology from the determination of harvest date through vinification, stabilization, fining, blending, and ultimately bottling.

The CALS Teaching Winery and adjacent vineyards, on Cornell's main campus in Ithaca, provide viticulture and enology students with hands-on experience in all aspects of grape growing and winemaking. The winery has also become a social hub and focal point for students to interact with faculty and learn the techniques to become leading winemakers and grape growers in New York and beyond.

Kathleen Arnink is a senior lecturer in enology at Cornell.



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Teaching case: Arnink (right) with students

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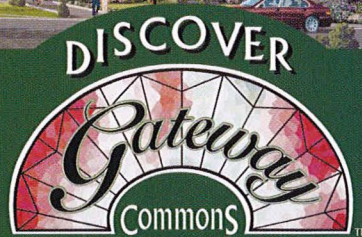
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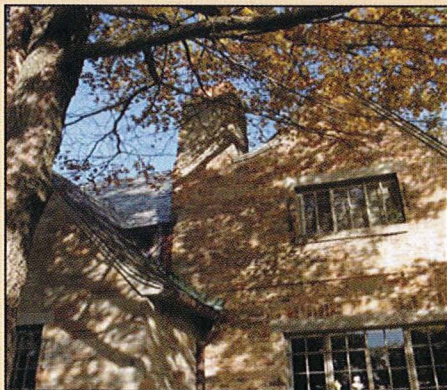
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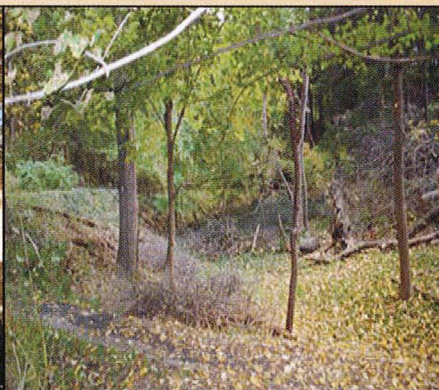
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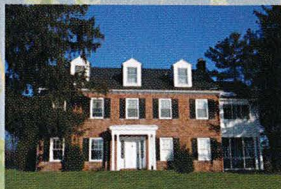


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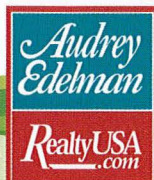
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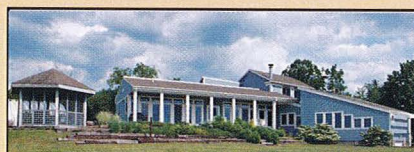
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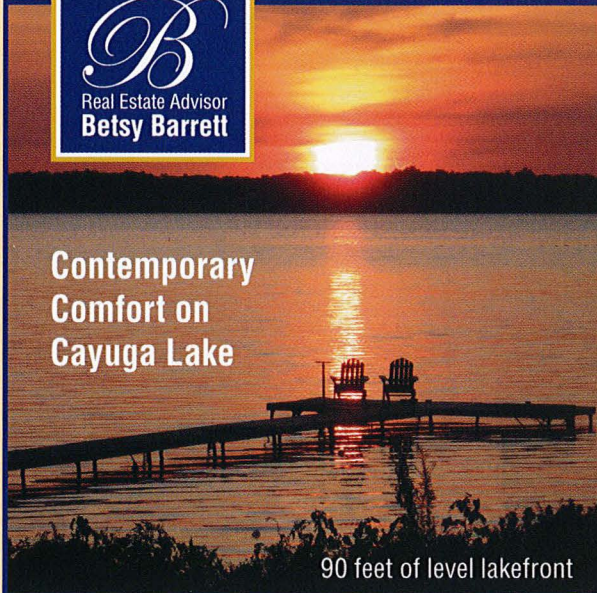



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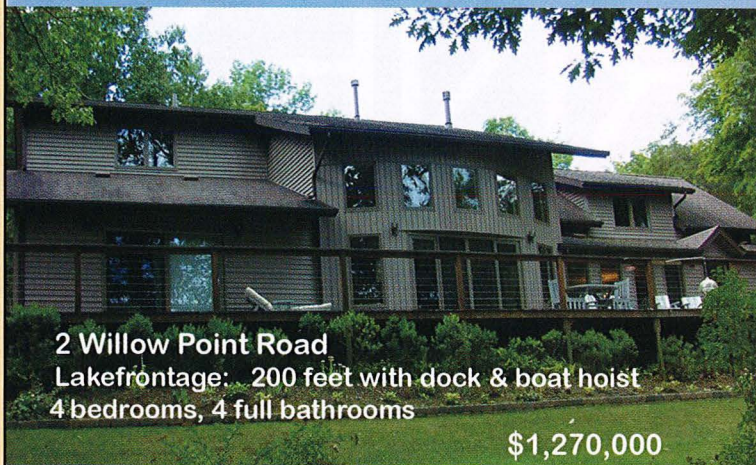
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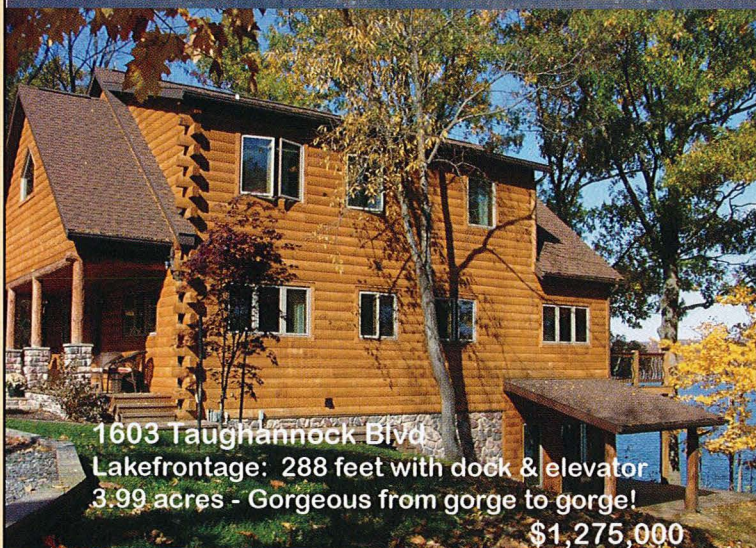
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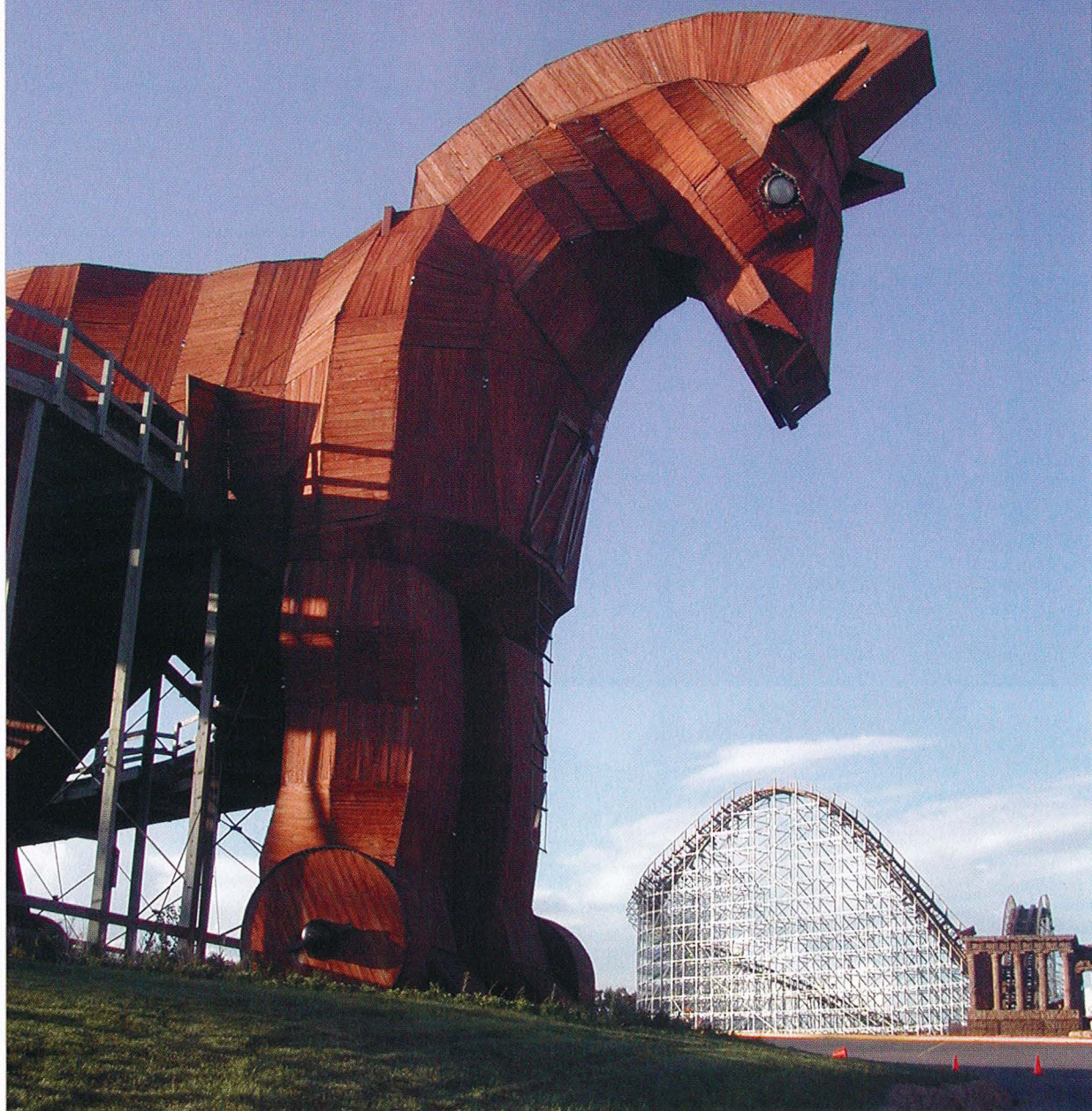


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Horse sense: A giant copy of the Trojan Horse overlooks a theme park in Wisconsin Dells, a stop on the road trip that Brad Herzog '90 (opposite) took from Mount Olympus (Washington) to Ithaca.

In an excerpt from his new book, *Turn Left at the Trojan Horse*, a longtime CAM contributor ponders how an invitation to attend his 15th Reunion in 2005 sparked a voyage of self-discovery—his own odyssey to Ithaca

By Brad Herzog

Mount Olympus has vanished, so I order another beer. Around me, the patrons in this lofty bubble stab at pan-seared mahi mahi and sip Chardonnays as the restaurant rotates, revealing the wonders of Puget Sound in a slow-motion panorama. One floor up, tourists ooh and aah their way around the Space Needle's observation deck. Some five hundred feet below, the Emerald City continues with its daily bustle.

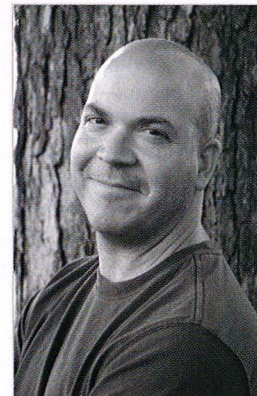
A silent procession hums along Interstate 5. Hulking vessels inch across the sound. A seaplane lands and glides to a stop on Lake Union. A cruise ship—the *Sapphire Princess*—sits patiently, dockside in Elliott Bay. To

the east is the Seattle skyline backed by distant vistas of the Cascades. To the west is the Olympic Peninsula, where Mount Olympus rises regally from its center. But the sky is brimming with low stratus clouds, like ceiling tiles, and the mountain is hidden.

So this is where it begins—with my view obscured, but with the world revolving around me, one degree of perspective at a time.

I reach into my backpack, thumbing past tattered translations of *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey* and a few back issues of *Sports Illustrated* until I find an envelope containing a breathless invitation: “Calling all classmates around the world to join us in Ithaca!”

This is what brought me here. I have been invited—along with three thousand or so Cornell University classmates—to a 15th Reunion at the gleaming school on the hill in Ithaca, New York. *Come enjoy the guest lecturers and the glee club concert! Hear the president's State of the University address! Take in an alumni baseball game! It might have added: Consider the stratospheric success of your classmates, and wallow in a sense of underachievement!*



AMY HILLSBERG HERZOG

When midlife approaches like a mugger in an alleyway, you don't merely take stock of your life; you recall your original goals—and perhaps you notice the gulf between the former and the latter.

When asked to revisit where you have been, you tend to assess where you are. You realize that the gradual march of days has accumulated into years and that the years are forming decades. When midlife approaches like a mugger in an alleyway, you don't merely take stock of your life; you recall your original goals—and perhaps you notice the gulf between the former and the latter.

I seem to arrive at such an existential crisis every decade or so. I assume we all do, in one way or another. My first one happened when I was thirteen and about to celebrate my bar mitzvah, the Jewish rite of passage that was supposed to mean I was entering into some form of adulthood. I felt the weight of the world on my still-narrow shoulders, mostly because the world seemed suddenly complex and chaotic. I was overwhelmed by the onslaught of junior high school—the Darwinian game of social standing, the increasing imbalance of work and play, the shock of adolescence.

So I confronted this crisis of confidence by traveling inward, by delving further into my imagination. I escaped the chaos by creating worlds in which I was in command. I became a writer.

A few years later, in high school, I met Amy—as a result of my writing, in fact. An English teacher had decided to read one of my papers to her class. I stopped in to chat for a moment.



Amy says she liked my smile. I think she was smitten by my metaphors. We attended a couple of proms together, weathered college in Ithaca, and saved our pennies to pay for a walk-up apartment on a leafy street in Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood. Following the thrill of our wedding day, we found ourselves falling into a routine and a future laid out before us like a straight track to the horizon. True adulthood had arrived, and responsibilities along with it. But we yearned for options. We wanted to sample life's possibilities before settling down. So this

time I responded by traveling outward. We collected our meager savings, bought a thirty-four-foot RV, and hit the highway.

Through forty-eight states and nearly eleven months, we allowed our thoughts to expand and fill the open spaces, crystallizing our criteria of what we wanted out of a place to live.

In the end, we opted for small-town serenity on California's central coast, a place where John Steinbeck, Doc Ricketts, and Joseph Campbell used to clink beers, stare into tide pools, and ponder the human condition. I was self-satisfied at my ability to control my destiny and certain that the sky was the limit as long as I didn't settle for anything less than the ideal. But that was when I was a young phenom, newly married, already published at age twenty-six, still clinging to the idea that I could somehow change the world, one word at a time. That was before I had kids and a minivan and an unfathomable mortgage and the notion that my achievements were not meeting my expectations.

Before I found myself humbled by the vagaries of my profession, I would joke to friends that my sole objective was to someday gain entry into the encyclopedia. I figured the folks who make it into those glossy pages had been rewarded for being universally impressive or constructive or, at the very least, memorable. They discovered chemical elements or trekked into lands unknown or churned out literary classics. They earned their immortality. So I aspired to join them. Was that too much to ask?

Be careful what you wish for.

Several years ago, at the peak of the "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" phenomenon, I tried out for the show. By that I mean I phoned the 1-800 number they flashed on the screen and attempted to answer three trivia questions. I did it once a day for a couple of weeks. Why not? I am self-employed. There are worse ways to take a work break. It was a diversion, a lark—until I passed the initial round and received a fortunate random phone call telling me I had moved on to the next tryout hurdle.

So in rapid succession I answered five more questions, tougher ones, on subjects ranging from Mary Lou Retton to the Teapot Dome Scandal. Finally, there was this synapse-snapper: "Put the following ancient civilizations in the order in which they were established—Assyrian, Mayan, Sumerian, Classical Greek." Wise Athena must have been smiling down

on me. More likely, it was Tyche, goddess of luck. Soon enough, I found myself in Manhattan, along with nine other contestants, hoping for an opportunity to sit across from diminutive Regis Philbin and his shiny teeth, each of us craving a chance to conquer trivia questions for gobs of money in front of an audience of millions.

Then I won the "fastest-finger" round—by thirteen-hundredths of a second. This meant I was headed for something called the "hot seat," which at the time was the epicenter of pop



Road warrior: Herzog drove a Winnebago Aspect, seen here in Troy, Oregon (population fifty).

culture in America, a piece of furniture as iconic as Archie Bunker's chair. Surreal doesn't even begin to describe it, and, because I tend to be rather cynical and inhibited, it was as out of character as if I had joined the cast of *A Chorus Line*.

For the next forty minutes, I did my best not to humiliate myself in front of twenty-five million people. I am sure I didn't impress the ten-million-or-so folks who were screaming at the boob on the tube who wasn't quite sure about the name of Dilbert's pet dog or the logo of Hallmark cards. But, using my lifelines early and often, I clawed my way through the murk of ignorance until suddenly this little television host was showing me a fake check for \$64,000.

Then came a question for \$125,000: Which of these American westerns was not a remake of a Japanese film? Possible answers: *The Magnificent Seven*, *The Outrage*, *High Noon*, *A Fistful of Dollars*.

I knew that the first one was a remake of *Seven Samurai*. I had no clue about the rest. If I wanted to hazard a guess, I had a one-in-three chance. However, if I guessed incorrectly, I would lose half my money. I kept focusing on *High Noon*, mumbling it over and over, whispering my suspicion that it was the answer.

Before jetting off to New York I had considered possible scenarios with my friends, and I actually had declared that if I were in that exact situation—with an inkling of an idea at that particular level of the game—I would go for it. You only live once, I announced. The name of the show isn't "Who Wants to Be Slightly Better Off."

But when the real moment arrived, I hemmed and hawed and squirmed. Then, rather suddenly, I decided to stop. I took the money and walked away.

The next question would have been for a quarter of a million dollars. I would give anything to know what the subject would have been. In my daydreams, it is a bit of trivia about baseball or U.S. geography, something very much in my cerebral wheelhouse. All I had to do was answer three more questions correctly, and I would have been an instant millionaire.

The answer, of course, was *High Noon*. The irony—that I didn't have the guts to choose a film about one man's gallantry in the face of long odds—is not lost on me. While I was overjoyed at my windfall, I reflect on that moment of decision and feel pangs of weakness. I know that it took a certain daring to get there in the first place. And I very much believe that we make our own breaks in life. But that decision nags at me. How many people are handed such a black-and-white litmus test of their nerve? Isn't boldness the one trait shared by most every encyclopedia-worthy historical figure? Did my fears win the day?

It was my Scylla-and-Charybdis moment. In Homer's mythological epics, this is brave Odysseus's most heart-wrenching dilemma, as he pilots his ships through what may have been the Straits of Messina, off the coast of Sicily. On one side is Charybdis, an unpredictable whirlpool that may—or may not—swallow entire ships. On the other side, in a gloomy, cliffside cave, dwells Scylla, a monster with "twelve flapping feet, and six necks enormously long, and at the end of each neck a horrible head with three rows of teeth set thick and close, full of black death." She is guaranteed to snatch a half-dozen crew members in her deadly jaws. So this is Odysseus's choice—if he steers clear of one, he falls prey to the other. It is the genesis of the rock-and-hard-place metaphor. Do you risk everything for success, or do you sacrifice for safety?

Like Odysseus, I chose conservatively—security over audacity. And I regret it, both fiscally and spiritually. But that isn't the end of the story.

After every commercial break, Regis would ask contestants a personal question or two, his note cards stocked with information gleaned from a producer's pre-interview. We chatted about how I met Amy and what magazines I write for. We discussed the one-in-a-billion coincidence that the person in the hot seat right before me was a good friend of mine whose husband I have known since the age of nine. We even touched on the fact that I suffer from cremnophobia, the fear of precipices (which—let's face it—is really the fear of death). Finally, after I had won the \$64,000, Regis said,

"So you've written a few books. What's the latest one?"

So for about thirty seconds I described a book I had written, an account of my life-altering year on the road with my wife. *States of Mind* was published to little fanfare by a small press in North Carolina. It had been sporadically, if kindly, reviewed, and only a few thousand copies had been sold. Before my moment of "Millionaire" glory aired, I had logged on to Amazon.com and discovered that it was the online bookseller's 122,040th best-selling book. That's humbling. But there were twenty-five million people watching—and paying attention. Within twenty-four hours, *States of Mind* was ranked Number 7.

USA Today ran a blurb revealing the book's meteoric rise. *Entertainment Weekly* called, followed by a parade of newspapers and national magazines. After I flew back to New York and chatted with Matt Lauer on NBC's "Today Show" for five minutes, *States of Mind* rose to Number 2, behind only an unpublished Harry Potter novel.

Damn wizard.

By the time *People* magazine and the "Oprah" show con-

tacted me, my excitement had evolved into bemused fascination. It was thrilling, of course, but I also struggled with ambivalence. My book chronicled a search for virtue in America—a literal and figurative trip through places like Inspiration (Arizona), Honor (Michigan), and Wisdom (Montana)—yet I had promoted it on a mind-numbing television show predicated on greed. It was a bit like Harper Lee using "Let's Make a Deal" as a platform, if you will pardon the comparison. And while the ensuing publicity was a hoot, it focused almost entirely on the book's sales, but not necessarily the merits of the book itself. I feared that I had sold out and peaked at the same time. Other than quarterbacks and porn stars, who wants to max out at age thirty-one?

"Brad Herzog. Remember the name," began a *USA Today* story in the midst of my fleeting media maelstrom. "He just might be the next Stephen King or John Grisham." Surely, I am the only reader who recalls the words, but they now strike me as having a "Dewey Defeats Truman" quality to them. Acquaintances will refer to my "Millionaire" moment and joke that I somehow managed to double my fifteen minutes of fame.

But I didn't seek fleeting tabloid renown, and I have no desire that my obituary someday begin with a reference to a TV quiz show. In the long run, I became neither rich nor famous—just a bit more professionally established and briefly celebrated for being momentarily well-known.

Now I am pushing forty. I seem to have aches where I didn't know I had muscles, rogue hairs where I didn't realize I had follicles, and frustration where I wasn't aware I had ambition. I have reached that psychochronological tipping point at which my life is no longer entirely a forward-looking phenomenon, and sporadic regrets have begun to creep in like cockroaches. And I am being beckoned to the place where my grandiose dreams took root.

It has been nearly two decades since I first arrived in Ithaca, unpacking my bags and my potential. What kind of existence have I crafted for myself? Are my contributions in any way heroic? And what constitutes a heroic life anyhow, and must that be the goal? Is it enough to aim for a life well-lived?

Funny thing is, I am wholly satisfied with my surroundings. How many people can say that? I lucked into an adorable and compassionate wife, two precious sons, loyal friends, and a fine house in a charming town. What I can't figure out is why, amid so much external contentment, I can harbor so much disillusionment. Lately, my angst has coalesced into a bit of a black cloud over my head, and it has begun to permeate the small world that means everything to me.

I used to write from the heart—experimentally, enthusiastically. But in recent years my grand literary dreams have softened into moderate ambitions revolving around paying the

Journey's end: Herzog at his 15th Reunion with his wife, Amy Hillsberg Herzog '91, and sons Luke (left) and Jesse



mortgage. Whereas once I was inspired by a shifting view of the big picture, now I constantly find myself sweating the small stuff, micromanaging my family like a retired guy who hangs around the house and annoys everybody—only I may never be able to afford retirement. I have bouts of irritability, periods in which I have difficulty living in the moment, times where I notice my innate cynicism evolving into a sort of nihilistic grunt.

I don't want to be that guy. My wife doesn't want it either.

Amy is always the optimist, impossibly sunny—a Pooh to my Eeyore—and she has taken on the tiring responsibility of bolstering my sense of self-worth. But when I begin to cross the line—when my unreasonable expectations are thrust on my life partner and two little boys, who, after all, will be boys—her exhaustion turns to exasperation. The last thing I want is to unravel my near-perfect universe because I can't come to grips with my own imperfections.

"Go take a drive," Amy insisted. "I'll meet you in Ithaca."

I might have taken this to mean simply that I should light out after the kind of self-knowledge that only a journey can provide, that I should clear the existential cobwebs by crafting a unique itinerary through a nation's nooks and crannies, figuring it would take me to places I had not yet explored. But when she said it, she held my gaze for just a half-second longer than usual, a moment dripping with subtext.

Go away. Figure it out, she was saying. Don't come back until you do.

She looked at the calendar. "You have thirty-one days."

It was a Greek philosopher, Socrates, who believed "the unexamined life is not worth living." And it was the son of French Canadian immigrants, Jack Kerouac, who opined, "The road is life." Some combustible combination of the two notions is the spark of my mission.

I have decided to let Homer ride shotgun. It was he, a supposedly blind minstrel nearly three millennia ago, who crafted the original hero's journey. Odysseus's was a practical quest—return home to his beloved isle of Ithaka after twenty years of war and wayward travel. But at its heart, the voyage of Odysseus represents an intellectual adventure. For all the gods and monsters he encounters, his is a pilgrimage toward an understanding of humanity.

In the course of his adventures, Odysseus lies, steals, and schemes. He can be clear-minded and determined and remarkably courageous, but at times he is also distrustful and devious and hypocritical and merciless. He is not a particularly successful leader: his men often ignore his warnings and pay dearly for doing so, and he loses every single one of his ships and crew. Even physically, Homer describes Odysseus as unimposing. By the time of *The Odyssey*, he is probably well into his forties, maybe with bags under his eyes from his constant travails, possibly out of shape. Even one-eyed Polyphemus calls him a "short worthless-looking runt." You know you are no physical marvel when you are dissed by a Cyclops.

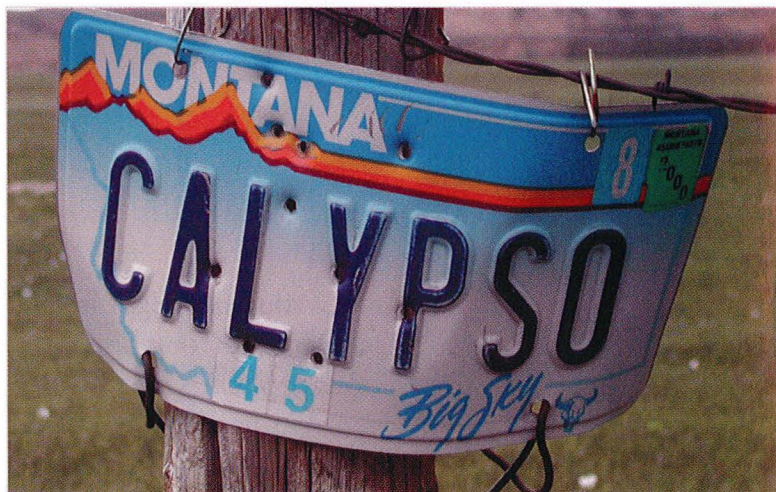
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falls prey to kryptonite and Sherlock Holmes prefers his 7 percent solution and Indiana Jones hates snakes. And for a guy like me—somewhat vertically challenged, battling a paunch, not always taking the high road—his is a template to which I can relate.

Come to think of it, my imperfection has been immortalized. You see, there is one final addendum to my "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" tale. A few weeks after the silliness subsided, the phone rang. It was a fellow from Grolier, the folks who publish the *Encyclopedia Americana*. They were putting together the *Americana Annual*, a six-hundred-page recap of the events of the year 2000. Could I write 800 words about the history of quiz shows and the current craze? Sure, I said, only a tad reluctantly. At least it's one way to get into the encyclopedia. The lesson: when revealing aspirations, be specific.

Several months later, the volume arrived, a handsomely



bound yearbook with Al Gore and George Bush awkwardly shaking hands on the cover. Squeezed in between an account of "Monkeys in Peril" and a spread about tall ships was my summary of quiz show history. To my surprise, the article began with a half-page color photo of my final moments on the "Millionaire" set. So in perpetuity, anyone can turn to page 90 of the 2000 *Americana Annual* and catch the forever frozen image of me sitting in the hot seat, smiling wanly at my old pal Regis, having just failed a test of courage. ■

Brad Herzog '90 will sign copies of *Turn Left* at the Trojan Horse during Reunion Weekend—at the Cornell Store's alumni author event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 12, and at Buffalo Street Books, 215 N. Cayuga St., Ithaca, at 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 13. For more information on Brad Herzog's books, go to www.bradherzog.com.

As more humane organizations aim to eliminate euthanasia, the Vet college is training future DVMs in the art and science of caring for homeless pets

Shelter Me

By Beth Saulnier

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On a Wednesday night in late January, the Tompkins County SPCA seized 100 pets that had been crammed into a one-bedroom trailer in rural Brooktondale—fifty dogs, thirty-six cats, and assorted rats, chinchillas, and guinea pigs. Into the wee hours of the following day, animal control officers continued to transport vanload after vanload to the Ithaca shelter in various states of ill health and neglect. The SPCA, a nonprofit already responsible for the care and feeding of some 300 animals at any given moment, needed to make room for them—and fast. “We had to house these animals in a sustainable manner,” recalls SPCA director Abigail Smith. “We knew we’d have them for weeks.”

It was just luck that it all culminated on a Thursday morning—the time when students in the Cornell Vet college’s community practice course come in for training in the specialized art of shelter animal care. It was all hands on deck, and the SPCA put them to work. “We had to turn the field services office into an animal space where we wound up housing maybe twenty cats,” Smith says. “The students moved banks of cages, set them up, fed and watered the animals, got their litter boxes set. We had to temporarily house dogs in giant airliner crates—they all had to be disinfected, washed down, treated, set up, and the animals moved into them. The students rotated the dogs out, took them for walks, cleaned their cages, fed them. It was triage, really—setting up a temporary base camp. It was like a disaster hit. Everybody had to get attention, food, and a place to live within a few hours.”

Smith calls the students “a tremendous help”—and when things returned to some semblance of normalcy, she phoned Vet college epidemiology professor Jan Scarlett to tell her as much. As Scarlett said a few weeks after the mass seizure: “Talk about a teachable moment.”

It used to be that animal shelters—“dog pounds”—were America’s dirty secret. According to figures from Maddie’s Fund, the pet-rescue foundation created by David Duffield ’62, MBA ’64, and his family (see sidebar), in 1970 the nation euthanized



Ruff work: Vet students Julia Gray (left) and Nicole Kelter with a canine patient at the Tompkins County SPCA. Visits to the shelter are a mandatory part of the veterinary curriculum.

24 million shelter pets—81 percent of the shelter population, or 115 animals for every 1,000 Americans. By 1996, thanks in large part to increased spaying and neutering and more stringent animal control laws, that number had fallen to 6 million—58 percent of shelter animals, or twenty-three per 1,000 people. In 2010, Maddie's Fund projects that the news will get even better: 3.7 million euthanized, representing 45 percent of shelter animals, or twelve per 1,000 Americans. The fund's goal is to reduce that number to 700,000 by 2015—meaning that no healthy, adoptable animal will die for lack of a home.

A key part of realizing what supporters call a “no-kill nation” is training future veterinarians to address the particular medical and behavioral needs of shelter animals—a field in which Cornell has been in the vanguard. A decade ago, the Vet college offered the nation's first course in shelter medicine, initiated by Scarlett and the ASPCA's Lila Miller '74, DVM '77. “What makes shelter medicine unique is that while we've always done a great job at training individual animal veterinarians, we haven't really had to do much in terms of the population perspective for dogs and cats,” says Scarlett. “Most private owners have one or two or three dogs, not a hundred. When you have that many animals, you're suddenly like the large animal practitioners where you treat herds of cows, flocks of sheep. You have to worry not only about the individual animal's health, but the population-

level health.”

A former SPCA board member, Scarlett is director of the Maddie's Shelter Medicine Program at Cornell, founded in 2004 and funded by two grants from Maddie's Fund totaling \$1.75 million. Thanks to the fund's support, Scarlett says, Cornell is now one of a handful of schools with comprehensive offerings in shelter medicine. (The Duffields' foundation also funded the first, at the University of California, Davis.) Here, all students are exposed to the field as part of their core curriculum, including mandatory visits to the SPCA; those with a stronger interest can opt for three electives in the subject and join the school's Shelter Medicine Club, which hosts regular SPCA visits and lectures on subjects like rabbit health or animal cruelty. “It's a critical component of what is a national movement gaining momentum in terms of shelters turning the corner toward a no-kill philosophy,” Smith says. “To achieve that, there have to be veterinarians, either in the community or in the shelters themselves, who understand how to work with animals in that environment.”

The college also conducts research and trains DVM residents in shelter medicine, offering a certificate in the field. (Shelter medicine is not yet a board-certified specialty or subspecialty; Scarlett is on a national task force exploring such certification, and in the meantime Cornell's residents are examined by the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners.) Through the program,

the Vet college provides medical services to the shelter such as physicals on newly arrived animals, as well as behavioral consultations; it also offers expertise in everything from institutional hygiene to disease management, not only to the Tompkins County SPCA but other facilities in the region.

"In a shelter, every day we're thinking, How can we prevent infectious diseases, and how do we manage them if they arise?" Scarlett says. "What disinfectants do you use? In shelters, that's very important. Ventilation—how much air are you moving? What's the humidity level? The longer infectious disease agents linger, the more animals come in contact with them. Another component is behavior, because those issues—and they may be normal behaviors, like scratching—are a leading reason why people surrender animals to shelters; they don't want them ruining their furniture or urinating outside the box. And another component is enrichment. Both dogs and cats can deteriorate in shelters because they're in small cages, or even in colony housing. If they don't have forms of enrichment, of keeping them mentally active, they get stressed—and we know that stress feeds into physical health as well."

Laurie Duffield Peek, DVM '96, director of veterinary programs for Maddie's Fund, notes that when she was a student, there was no such thing as a shelter medicine course. "Shelter medicine is becoming a more important field as shelters are holding animals for longer periods of time," she notes. "In the Seventies and Eighties, shelters had so many animals coming in that they were processed through the system in a matter of days to hours, and euthanized. Intake has dropped dramatically, and that has afforded animals a longer length of stay. But that has brought other issues—because the longer an animal is in the shelter, the more likely it's going to get sick."

Both Peek and Scarlett say that another driving force in establishing shelter programs at vet schools is student interest. Scarlett notes that all applicants must have some form of vet experience before coming to Cornell; these days, more and more of them have gained it at humane organizations. "The college is also seeing the benefits of working with shelters," Peek points out, "because students are seeing cases that they may not see in private practice."

On a Thursday morning in mid-February, three students on their community practice rotation go to the shelter for lessons from Kelley Bollen, the program's animal behaviorist. First, they

Cat's meow: Veterinary epidemiology professor Jan Scarlett with some feline friends



CORNELL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Open Wide and Say . . . 'Arf'

A morning at the SPCA gives vet students a chance to do exams, give shots—and even name a puppy

Our goal here is to do the intake on these animals, and nobody gets hurt—there's no extra credit for giving blood," says Vet college professor Elizabeth Berliner, DVM '03, with a smile. "If an animal seems to be stressing out, the SPCA would rather not have us look at it than to push it."

In an exam room whose cheery yellow walls are festooned with painted pawprints, Berliner is leading three students—Lisa Bazzle, Kate Gollon, and Justin Milizio—in doing health checks of newly arrived animals at the Tompkins County SPCA. They divide the labor, with Berliner taking notes and the students rotating the jobs of doing the exams, acting as a vet tech, and wrangling supplies.

First up is a cat named Cora, a petite two-year-old female who's white and tan with light pinkish-grey tiger stripes. She was adopted from the shelter in January but returned; the new owner claimed to be afraid that she'd knock a toy into a heater and cause a fire, an excuse the students find less than compelling. "Beautiful cat," Milizio says. "Her eyes look fine—she has a normal PLR [pupillary light reflex]. Her ears have a little bit of stuff in them."

"What kind of stuff?" Berliner asks. "Describe your stuff."

"Light brown, but there's not that much accumulation. It's not like it's coffee grounds," he says, citing no evidence of ear mites. "Her lymph nodes aren't enlarged. I don't see any evidence of tapeworms." He takes the cat's temperature, checks its heart rate and respiration, and the animal is weighed.

"Did you feel a spay scar on her?" Berliner asks. "With cats it can be tricky, because their scars are small and their belly buttons can feel like scars, so sometimes you have to shave; I've even had to sedate to shave. She came from here, so I'd be shocked if she weren't spayed, but you should always check. They could have returned a different animal—who knows?"

At the Tompkins County SPCA, all pets are given a microchip before adoption; it allows shelters and vet offices to identify a tagless animal by running a scanner over its back to reveal a code number. Berliner realizes that they haven't yet checked Cora. "When you're working in a shelter, you want to have a set order of things," she points out. "If you're doing twenty cats, you can forget what you did on each." She gives Milizio the scanner, a plastic handset with a circle at one end. "Tell us the two key words for scanning."

"Slow and serpentine," he says.

They determine that the code number matches Cora's file. Since the cat's temperature was normal—101.0—she's deemed healthy enough for her distemper vaccination; she had a



rabies shot during her previous shelter stay. They give her deworming pills, which they coat in a glob of bright orange "squeeze cheese." As the supply person, it's up to Bazzle to make Cora a new collar; since Gollon has done these exams through Cornell's Shelter Medicine Club, she offers tips for writing the cat's name in flowery script and garnishing the collar with stickers. "Decorate it," says Gollon, herself clad in a hot pink scrub top festooned with cartoon cats. "Bling it out!"

Newly adorned, Cora is returned to her cage, and Berliner coaches them in preparing the room for the next patient. "We've got the cleaner, we ditch her towel—every cat gets its own towel," she says. "The table gets a wipedown, all the instruments get a wipedown, and we get a scrub-a-dub with our hands. OK, next victim!"

Over the rest of the morning, the students see several more animals, starting with a scruffy, longhaired stray tomcat. He doesn't have a name, so the students get to pick one—one of the job's most prized perks. Since he has seven toes on each paw, they dub him "Thumbs." Bazzle, who's conducting the exam, notes that he has scabs above each eye, which Berliner says could be due to self-injury against the bars of his cage.

"His right kidney's very easy to palpate, his left one not so much," Bazzle says. "I still can't feel his left one."

Berliner explores his abdomen. "That's because you've got a matt over the top of it," she says. "That was throwing you off."

The purring animal takes it all in stride—until it's time for Bazzle to draw a blood sample to test for feline leukemia (FLV) and feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV), and he starts to howl. "Hi, baby," Berliner says soothingly. "Think about bunnies! OK, kitten!" With the help of a towel, the students get him under

control and Bazzle draws the sample, which comes back negative for both diseases. "Nice restraint, Justin," Berliner says. "Nice save, Lisa."

Next they examine a black and white male cat, found as a stray; deciding he needs an "old-man name," they call him Henry. Milizio's exam hits a snag when he can't identify one of the cat's internal organs.

"He's got a ball-like thing, soft, maybe a little oval-shaped," he says.

Berliner checks for herself. "You've got a large, mid-abdominal, soft, round body that is smooth and somewhat moveable," she says. "I'm going to tell you it's a normal structure. So you need to tell me what it is. This is a great lesson for you."

"Is it the prostate?" Milizio asks.

"No, but you're close," Berliner says. "You're in the right system."

"It's not the bladder, is it?" he asks. Berliner nods. "Then why is it so firm?"

"Because it's huge," she says. "That is what a very large bladder feels like in a cat that is holding his urine—probably because he's in a shelter and he doesn't like having a litter box."

As they're wrapping up the exam, Milizio apologizes for his confusion. "I feel stupid about that bladder," he says.

"Don't," she says. "It's much better to have a case like this now than a year from now."

Henry is carried out, and in comes someone even cuter: a two-month-old mixed-breed puppy. Much cooing ensues, as Berliner leafs through the dog's medical file. "Oh my goodness, it's your lucky day," she tells the students. "She doesn't have a name yet. You're in a very powerful position."

Her name was Maddie, and David Duffield '62, MBA '64, will tell you she was just about the ideal dog.

"She embodied the spirit that you'd want in your own child—highly intelligent, affectionate when she wanted to be, spunky, confident in herself but still loving home, a real personality that you could be proud of," he says. "If this were a human child, you'd say it was perfection."

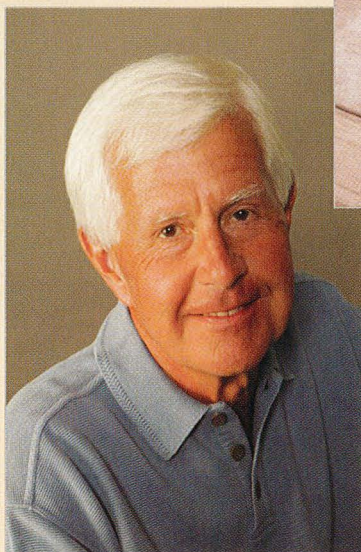
In the lean years when Duffield was working to get his software firm, PeopleSoft, off the ground, the gray, floppy-eared miniature schnauzer was his boon companion. "She was a good friend and listener, somebody who could sense your feelings and aggravations and desires," he recalls. "During a particular walk that she and I were on, I promised her that if we ever made any money, I would give a lot of it back to SPCA-type organizations to help save the lives of her compatriots, both dogs and cats."

Maddie passed away in 1997 at the age of ten. And when PeopleSoft made him a very rich man, Duffield kept his promise. In 1999, with a gift of more than \$300 million, he and his family established Maddie's Fund, dedicated to eliminating euthanasia of healthy, adoptable companion animals. At the time, the family came under fire from some editorial writers, who slammed them for not aiming their philanthropy toward human causes or the arts—and who called their goal a pipe dream. A decade later, Maddie's Fund president and CEO Rich Avanzino says that making America a "no-kill nation" by 2015 is not just possible, but probable. The organization estimates that if each of the 4,000 shelters in the U.S. adopted out two more animals per day—five rather than three—every dog and cat would find a home.

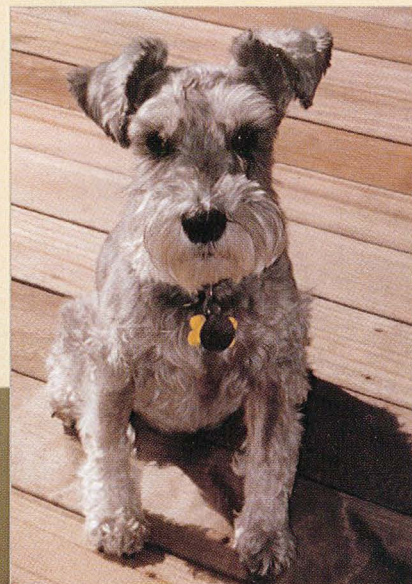
To that end, Maddie's Fund has provided more than \$70 million in grants to collect comprehensive data, support efforts by animal welfare organizations to eliminate euthanasia, and establish shelter medicine programs at veterinary colleges. Last fall, Maddie's Fund teamed up with the Ad Council—the creator of such icons as Smokey Bear—to launch an extensive multimedia campaign promoting adoption of shelter pets, from online banner ads to inserts in Disney's *Santa Buddies* DVD to billboards depicting a mixed-breed dog looking in the mirror and asking, "Are my legs too short?" Avanzino estimates that the nonprofit cam-

In Memory of Maddie

A miniature schnauzer inspires a huge investment in animal welfare



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MADDIE'S FUND

A man and his dog: David Duffield '62, MBA '64. Above: His beloved pet, Maddie, who died in 1997.

paign—the first in America to promote shelter adoption—will provide more than \$120 million in free advertising over three years. "That kind of marketing, that kind of behavior modification, makes saving the 3 million dogs and cats very doable over a short window," he says.

A former director of the San Francisco SPCA and a leading figure in the no-kill movement, Avanzino notes that a decade and a half ago, foundations gave just \$2 million a year to animal welfare causes. Maddie's Fund expects that number to hit \$30 million this year—and grow to \$70 million in 2015. "Maddie's Fund is the largest dog and cat charity in the world," he says. "We have set the national agenda about the saving of companion animals and created the models for charities to use in trying to end the killing of our best friends. If we fail, the pets die. We can't let the animals down."

These days, Duffield and his wife, Cheryl, have three dogs—a miniature schnauzer, a German shepherd, and a Havanese. After selling PeopleSoft to Oracle in 2005, he started a new company

called Workday, a cloud-based provider of business solutions. The foundation remains a family affair; he and his wife and children sit on the board (daughter Amy Duffield Zeifang serves as chair). Daughter Laurie Duffield Peek—a 1996 graduate of the Vet college whose family has "a rescued collie, four cats, three parakeets, and an adopted frog"—also directs the fund's veterinary programs. Last fall, *Barron's* magazine named David and Cheryl Duffield to its list of the world's twenty-five most effective philanthropists—putting them in heady company with Bill and Melinda Gates, George Soros, Richard Branson, Jimmy Carter, Brad Pitt, and Bill and Hillary Clinton.

"Euthanasia used to be a subject that was brushed under the rug—no one talked about it," Duffield says. "It was like cancer. When I grew up, that was something horrible that you kept within your family; now people are open to discussing cancer, treatments, why you get it. So if nothing else, Maddie's Fund has helped generate publicity to openly talk about the euthanasia problem and what we can do about it."



Oh give me a home: A pitbull mix awaits adoption in a canine “condo” at the Tompkins County SPCA. Below: Vet students Nicole Kelter (left) and Adrienne Barnard cuddle puppies at the shelter.

gather on folding chairs in the shelter’s employee kitchen, where Bollen gives them a basic grounding in the field’s realities—from the regional differences in dog and cat overpopulation to the fact that noise levels in dog kennels have been measured to be roughly equivalent to that of a jet engine.

“How many animals enter U.S. shelters every year?” Bollen asks them. They throw out numbers: A million? Two million? Five?

“It’s 8 to 10 million,” she says. “How about if I tell you it’s 22,000 a day? Does that put it in a little more perspective?” About half are euthanized, she tells them—for lack of space, adopters, and money. “Most people don’t realize the severity of the problem—you guys are vet students, and *you* didn’t know,” she says. “And why do so many animals enter shelters? The number one stated reason is, ‘We’re moving.’ ”

She quizzes them on the three different types of shelters: traditional, no-kill (also called “adoption guarantee” to avoid the notion that others are “kill” shelters), and municipal, the latter being primarily devoted to animal control. She points out that the term “no kill” is not strictly accurate; even those shelters euthanize animals that are deemed unadoptable due to health or behavior problems. She also notes that the vast majority of “no-kill” shelters limit the number and type of animals that they admit, only taking in those they can adopt out. The

facility they’re sitting in, however, is a hybrid: not only no-kill but also open admission. “Tompkins County is a unique shelter in our country,” she says. “It’s unheard of in the no-kill arena.”

Next door is the SPCA’s flagship building, a modern shelter featuring natural light, high ceilings, glass-walled “condos” for dogs, and colony housing where groups of cats can scamper about on carpet-covered trees. It’s nothing like the traditional image of a “pound” filled with metal cat cages and dog runs





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made of cinderblocks and chain-link fencing—nothing, in fact, like the building where the vet students are currently located. When the new facility opened in 2004, the previous, Sixties-era SPCA building became the rescue center, the place where pets are brought by animal control officers or surrendered (either by their owners or Good Samaritans who’ve found strays), evaluated, treated, and prepared to be put up for adoption. “Only 18 to 20 percent of people who want a pet go to a shelter to get one,” Bollen tells the students. “If we want to reduce euthanasia, we’ve got to get a bigger piece of the pie.”

Bollen, who has a master’s in animal behavior from UMass, spent four years working for the Massachusetts SPCA; among the anecdotes she shares with the students is the day that the agency had sixty-seven cats surrendered within four hours. After a forty-five-minute discussion, she takes them on a tour. They go down to the basement, where feral cats are kept as part of a program in which they’re trapped, sterilized, and returned to their original location. She describes the measures that have been taken

to keep the animals calmer and more comfortable: the cages are on tables rather than on the floor, each cat has a box to hide in, and towels are draped over the cages so the animals can’t see each other.

From there, they go back upstairs to the room where cats are housed while they’re being treated or evaluated before moving to the new adoption center. “Look around,” Bollen instructs, “and tell me the stressors for cats.” The students chime in: Some of the cages are on the floor, not up high as cats prefer. Cages face each other, with no visual barrier between the animals.

The cats have little to interest or stimulate them. It’s a high-traffic area, with dogs being walked through on their way in and out of the kennel.

After a tour through the dog runs, Bollen takes them over to the adoption center—and points out that even the new shelter has its drawbacks. While the cats’ colony housing has many advantages, she says, it’s important to monitor them to make sure none of the animals is stressed or getting bullied. Those sunny dog condos with their welcoming windows? They allow the dogs to see each other across the hallway, but not interact—causing a condition known as “barrier frustration.” And while chain-link may be ugly, it allows dogs to use their primary means of understanding the world—their noses—while the windows only have a small “sniffer hole.” Even in a model shelter, Bollen tells them, there’s always room for improvement.

"It's nice to see a good example of a shelter—a standard to measure things against, to be more aware of the issues," says student Julia Gray, who plans on a career as a large animal vet but also wants to volunteer at shelters. "I had no idea of the statistics." Classmate Adrienne Barnard echoes her shock at the euthanasia numbers and other realities that Bollen shared—like the fact that in New York City, the mandatory hold period before a stray animal can be put down is just two days. "It's eye-opening," says Barnard, a Lake Placid native who spent eight years as a veterinary technician and plans to pursue small animal medicine. "At Cornell, we're so used to people who spend \$3,000 on their cat. It's easier to forgive someone for not doing the gold-standard of treatment when you see animals that are just trying to make it."

Two weeks later, three more students come to the shelter to spend the morning with Elizabeth Berliner, DVM '03, director of clinical programs for the Shelter Medicine Program. After a briefing in the employee kitchen similar to the one Bollen gave, Berliner takes them on a tour of both the old and new facilities, this time focusing on medical rather than behavioral issues. "How do diseases get passed in a shelter—what's the most common way?" Berliner asks them as they view the rescue center's cat room.

Third-year student Kate Gollon answers: "Us."

Berliner nods. "We are the fomite. We are the problem," she says. "It's important to remember that, not only in shelters but in private practice as well." She goes on to talk about the management of diseases like upper respiratory infections, a constant

worry in shelter cats. "The goal is to move the animals through the system as quickly as possible, monitoring for disease, and pulling them if necessary," she says. "It's all about preventing what you can prevent, and treating what you can't."

Over at the adoption center, Berliner takes them inside a dog condo and asks, "What do we like about it?"

"It's not very loud," Gollon says.

"It's a nice size," offers fourth-year student Lisa Bazzle.

"You can clean it pretty quickly," says Justin Milizio, a third-year from Long Island.

"Okay," Berliner says. "Now what are the problems?"

"You can get a fishbowl effect—you're on display," says Gollon.

"You have limited opportunity for social interaction," Bazzle adds.

Berliner agrees. "It can be a little claustrophobic," she says. "I always have people come in here, close the door, and stay here for a while in perfect silence."

Everyone stops talking, and an eerie hush falls over the room—not completely quiet, but with a disorienting sense that you're inside a corked bottle. "This is beautiful," Berliner says. "But every type of adoption space has different challenges for individual dogs. As a vet, you have to weigh the costs and benefits of every decision you make." ■

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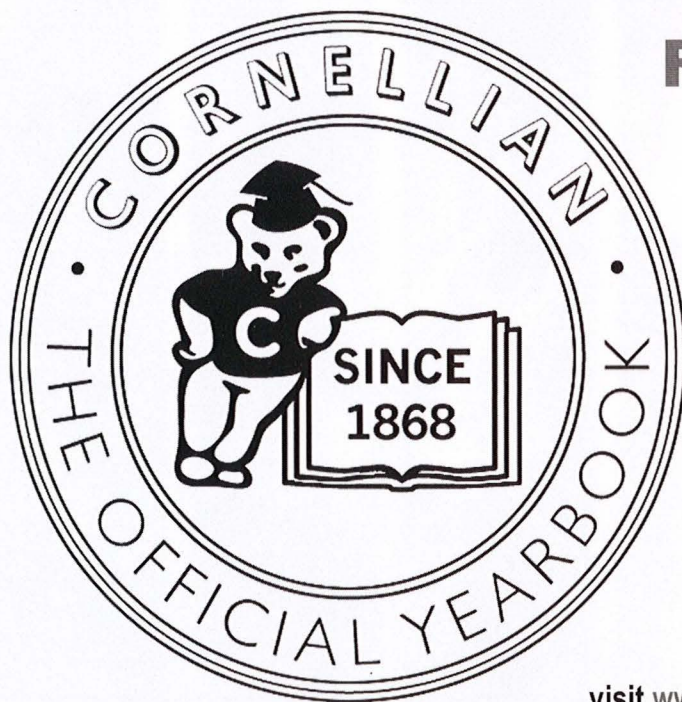
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Lessons in Leadership Hundreds Attend New Alumni Meeting

By Tom Cummings '75, Betty Eng '92 & Scott Pesner '87

To gauge the success of the first-ever Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference, held this past January in Washington, D.C., all you had to do was hang around the lobby and bar on Saturday night at the Marriott Wardman Park, where the event was held. There, you would have seen a cross-section of generations of alumni—from the most recent graduates to more senior alums—mingling, talking about what they learned, and sharing their Cornell experiences with new friends.

The conference was an outgrowth of the annual Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) Mid-Winter Meeting, which had taken place for the previous 104 years. This new conference acknowledged that alumni leaders comprise more than just class officers; to cast a wider net, regional club leaders, chairs from the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN), and board members of several undergraduate colleges and graduate schools were invited. In addition, almost fifty student leaders came down from campus. All in all, more than 800 people registered.

"Having attended a number of CACO Mid-Winter Meetings over the years, I found this format elevated the weekend to a much higher level," said Diane VerSchure '74. "The expanded format, inviting alumni who are

involved in different alumni volunteer areas, created more opportunities to share practices and learn from peers in other parts of the country. I especially appreciated the chance to interact with alumni I would not have met under the old format."

The three-day event kicked off on Friday with a luncheon presentation by Samuel Bacharach, the McKelvey Grant Professor in the ILR school. His talk focused on a key topic for the weekend: leadership. Bacharach told alumni that leading involves the "pragmatic micro-skills of mobilizing campaigns and sustaining momentum."

Attendees also had the opportunity to tour several Capital-area attractions, including House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's office. The day was capped by two "town hall" meetings featuring Professor Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76, dean of the School of Continuing Education and Summer Sessions and vice president for university relations. The first session focused on the direction of the University and



Going strong: Bill Vanneman '31, the most senior alumni leader at the conference, is recognized at Saturday's luncheon.

also featured Charlie Phlegar, vice president for alumni affairs and development, and Chris Marshall, associate vice president for alumni affairs. The nightcap saw Altschuler with his former student, CBS News correspondent Jim Axelrod '85, discussing the current state of the Obama Administration; a lively Q&A provided insight from speakers and alumni.

Saturday offered chances to hear from the Cornell administration on

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the current state of the university: a campus update at breakfast from vice president for student and academic services Susan Murphy '73, PhD '94, and a discussion of the strategic planning evaluation "Reimagining Cornell" through a luncheon presentation by Provost Kent Fuchs.

But Saturday was about more than just learning about the University—it was also about how alumni can be better leaders and more active volunteers. Session topics included "Beg, Borrow, and Share," in which leaders discussed best practices; working across generations to promote alumni participation; effective tools to increase event attendance; diversity initiatives; marketing through social media; and a presentation on Cornell history by Corey Earle '07, associate director for student programs in Alumni Affairs.

For alumni who are not busy enough, "Volunteer Opportunities at Cornell" presented a panel of some of the University's top volunteers. Moderated by trustee emeritus Karen Rupert Keating '76, the panelists (Katrina James '96, Jason McGill '88, BArch '89, Kristen Rupert '74, and trustee Paul Salvatore '81, JD '84) discussed their paths to becoming

alumni volunteer leaders. And proving that Cornellians are always looking for new ways to contribute, one attendee was Bill Vanneman '31—who has since celebrated his 101st birthday.

Not all sessions focused on Cornell and leadership but on topics of personal concern for attendees. "Career Success" featured Jodi Smith, MILR '95, on proper etiquette for networking events. Topics included the correct handshake, where to wear your nametag, and how to make a graceful exit from a conversation (never cite any of the three Bs: bathroom, bar, and boredom).

Saturday morning's plenary sessions gave way to tracks geared toward specific alumni groups—class officers, Law School and Johnson School alumni, regional club leaders, and CAAAN volunteers. Club officers focused on how they can run their organizations more efficiently, from how to use social media to effective networking. Saturday also included a discussion on whether clubs should go dues-free, an initiative that twenty-five clubs have already undertaken and many more are considering for the upcoming year.

More than 150 CAAAN chairs and volunteers were on hand for the conference, and its sessions—such as a discussion of best practices and a



Catching up: Associate director of student programs Corey Earle '07 (left) with Matt Nagowski '05 and Julia Levy '05

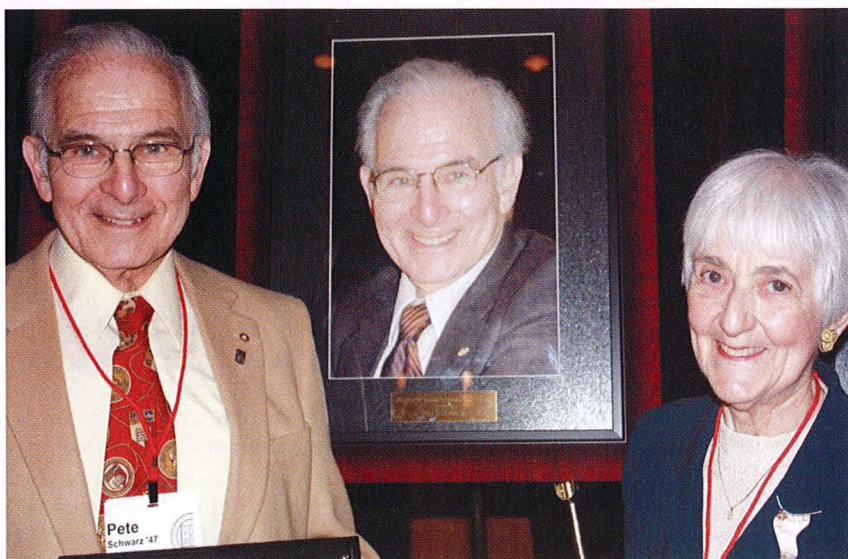
town-hall meeting on how the CAAAN process can be improved—were well attended and informative. On Saturday afternoon, associate director of admissions Kyle Downey put attendees in the role of admissions officer for a session on "Understanding the Admissions Process." Using actual applications, Downey walked participants through the process and asked them to make admissions decisions. "This session was an eye-opener for many CAAAN leaders, as it showed how difficult it is to decide whom to admit among many qualified candidates," said Alex Vollmer '62, MCE '64.

Saturday's activities were capped by a panel presented by MOSAIC,

Peter Schwarz Wins Vanneman Award

At the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference in January, Peter Schwarz '47, BEE '46, was honored with the William "Bill" Vanneman '31 Outstanding Class Leader Award. Schwarz was his class correspondent from 1965 to 2002, and has served as class webmaster since 2007 and class president since 2000. He also co-chaired the class's 40th, 55th, and 60th reunions.

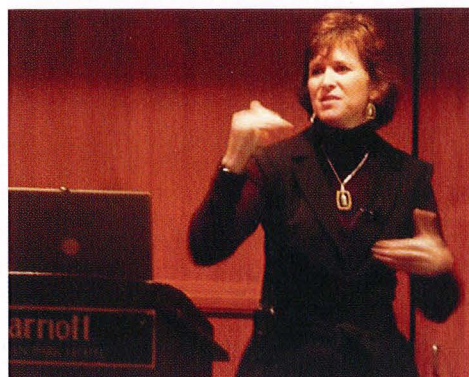
The award, which was presented during the conference's Saturday luncheon, is given annually to an alum who has provided long-term exemplary service to the University through his or her role as a class officer. Bill Vanneman '31, who turned 101 in April, was on hand to watch Schwarz receive the award.



Picture perfect: Peter Schwarz '47, BEE '46, and his wife, Elaine, with his award



Gang's all here: Young alumni and students at a Friday night party. Right: Rana Glasgal '87, MEng '92, answers questions on how the major college ranking systems are calculated.



the University's alumni-driven diversity initiative, on issues around health-care reform. And keeping with the Big Red spirit, that night's cocktail reception featured a big-screen viewing of the Cornell-Harvard basketball game (we won, 86-50).

On Sunday morning, Rana Glasgal '87, MEng '92, an associate vice provost at Stanford, discussed university rankings and explained why it's difficult for Cornell to move up in the *U.S. News & World Report* list

because of how the survey is done. Glasgal said alumni should think beyond rankings and encourage applicants to visit campus, talk to current students, and speak to the admissions office. Sunday also offered a look at young alumni—how to get more of them involved in activities and as volunteers, and what their needs are.

"As a young alumna, it's inspirational and moving to be in a room full of more than 800 Cornellians who share the same love for their

alma mater," said Marie-Jouelle Aubourg '06. "I left the conference with a renewed appreciation for Cornell and for Cornellians."

Didn't attend the conference? Recaps are available at alumni.cornell.edu/calc. And put it on your schedule now: the 2011 conference will take place on January 28-30, again in Washington, D.C.

Tom Cummings, Betty Eng, and Scott Pesner serve on the board of the Cornell Alumni Association.

Alumni Association Elects New Board Members

At its winter meeting in January, the Cornell Alumni Association (formerly the Cornell Alumni Federation) approved the nominations of several alumni as directors-from-the-region and directors-at-large, each serving a two-year term from May 2010 to May 2012.

Elected to continue for a second term as directors-from-the-region are Jill Fields '88 (Mid-Atlantic) and Tom Cummings '75 (New York/Ontario). New to the board are Bobby Tsai '83 (International), Randy Rosenberg '74 (Metro NY), Subha Lembach '97 (Midwest), Lynn Butterly '71 (Northeast), Tanis MacKay-Bell '81 (Southeast), Judy Osgood '89 (Southwest/ Mountain), and Diane Shakin '83 (Western).

Betty Eng '92 and Larry Taylor '73 were elected to serve a second term as directors-at-large, while Joy Higa '89 was appointed to a first term. Shana Mueller '95 and Scott Pesner '87, whose terms as directors-from-the-region had ended, were elected to serve as directors-at-large.

Stepping off the Cornell Alumni Association board are directors-at-large Angela Clark '88, Jerrold Day '71,



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MBA '78, Linda Vecchiotti Saal '71, and directors-from-the-region Bernard MacCabe '75, MBA '79 (International), Aaron Gadouas '86 (Midwest), Rachelle Montano '94 (Southeast), Catherine Cocco '85 (Southwest/ Mountain), and Brad Wellstead '83, MS '96 (Western).



Joy Higa '89

37 Although the Class of 1937 will no longer be soliciting for annual class dues, many classmates have chosen to subscribe directly to *Cornell Alumni Magazine* and continue to share news about their lives through the class column.

Two classmates mentioned that they finally had to give up tennis. **Ted Acton** (Freedom, NH) writes, "I have had to give up downhill skiing and tennis, but otherwise I keep active. I enjoy downloading music and video into MP3s and the iPod Touch, and keep in touch with family and friends via e-mail." In Stamford, NY, **Harvey Slatin's** doctors advised him to give up tennis, "for fear that another fall reaching for a ball might do me in." Harvey's travels are now restricted to visits within the continental US, and last summer he wrote a novel, which, in the opinion of his writers club, is superior to contemporary ones today. His favorite memories of Cornell are of ice skating on Beebe Lake and Winter Carnival up at Dartmouth.

From **John Henderson**: "Since October 2003 I have lived in a retirement community in Vero Beach, FL, my first *apartment* home. I no longer travel, but God willing I hope to make the 75th Reunion in 2012. My son Stephen is a professor at Oxford College (part of Emory U.), and my daughter Joan has gone back to teaching at Penn State, a job that she left years ago after marriage." When **Alden Jones**, MS '39, wrote, he had just spent a week in the hospital with heart problems. "Now home, recovering, doing well."

Barbara Pratt Smiley enjoys her seven great-grandchildren, ranging in age from 8 months to 9 years old and scattered throughout the country. "I reside at Odin Care Center in Odin, IL. I don't get out, but enjoy visits and contacts from the family." **John Machemer** (Chapel Hill, NC) has three great-grands: two in California and one in New Mexico. He visited relatives in Pennsylvania for Christmas and also spent some time in North Carolina at the Outer Banks beaches. **Shirley DeVoe Corney** (Hilton, NY) still lives on the shores of Lake Ontario. "My activities include the Retired Physician's Society, the Retired Professional Society, the Hilton Book Guild, and 'Mornings with the Professors' at SUNY Brockport. I have three great-grandchildren of mixed races—Asian, black, and white. I wish they lived nearer to me. I enjoy cruises and have been on five in the last four years." Barbara's fondest memories are of the friends she made at Cornell.

Barbara Keeney Mandigo (Pulaski, NY, and Altoona, FL) reports on two of her five Cornellian sons. **Theodore Mandigo** '66 (Hotel) is a professor at Kendall College in Evanston, IL, and head of T.R. Mandigo hotel consultants; and **Charles Mandigo** '69 (Engineering) is director of fleet security for Holland America. Barbara is planning a trip in September via Holland America: Seattle through the Panama Canal and into Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Our last update comes from **Margaret Kincaid** Look of Nye, MT. "My whole family, consisting of two children and spouses, three grandchildren and spouses, and ten great-grandchildren, get together every Christmas for a family vacation. This year we all went to Cozumel, Mexico. I continue to

write a bi-weekly column, 'Stop, Look, and Listen' for the *Post Journal* newspaper in Jamestown, NY, where we lived for many years. I now live in south central Montana. My late husband, Travis, and I moved to Wyoming in 1977 and also bought the property in Montana. My favorite memory of Cornell is of the women's crew. We rowed in wooden 'gigs' and had male coxswains." Send your news to: **Class of 1937**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

38 Four '38ers sent updates early this year. If you would like to see your name and news in print, send mail or e-mail to the address at the end of this column. Your classmates want to hear from you!

Eileen Mandl Goodwin (Laguna Woods, CA) writes, "I've been attending an ensemble class at Saddleback College here, and playing piano with chamber music groups. I had a soirée with a cellist at my home—well received! I also go to the gym two to three times a week, plus movies and concerts. I am still in Southern California, but not participating in as many activities since I'm no longer driving. Still traveling by air, though. Without wheels, I can't do the volunteer work I'd enjoy, but I pitch in on phoning." Eileen enjoys seeing **Peter Lee** '63 when he comes down from the Bay Area, as well as **Brad** '62 and **Lila Fox Olson** '63.

Marion Howe has been living very happily at Kendal at Ithaca ever since it opened in January 1996. "Getting to know many of the 340 residents has been a great pleasure. My two specialties are proofreading and acting as a piano accompanist. Limited mobility keeps me from going out much, but I keep up with the changes occurring regularly at Cornell. I feel decidedly 'out of date' these days!" **Robert Shaw** (Delmar, NY) and wife Bette are keeping their priorities straight: "Meet medical appointments!"

Caroline Thro Richardson continues her annual world travels: Paris in October (to visit daughter Joan); Texas in December (to volunteer on the phones for a friend's Internet business selling tobacco and gift items); and Laguna Woods, CA, in January (to see sister **Eloise Thro** Stimson '43). "I also volunteer at a local hospital, phoning former cancer patients to check on their present condition." Send your news to: **Class of 1938**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

39 The Class of 1939 will not be soliciting for annual class dues any longer, but it's still possible to subscribe to *Cornell Alumni Magazine* directly and to send your latest news to the class column. Many '39ers have responded to the letter from Alumni Affairs, and your news will fill a couple of columns in the months ahead. Thank you all for writing.

From **Arnold Allison** (Delray Beach, FL): "Living the good life in Florida. Swimming daily. My

daughter **Shelley Allison Green** '73 is a dean at Nova Southeastern U. Her husband, **Arthur** '73, is a legal adviser there as well. Their son **Nathan Green** '98 has just created a new entrepreneurial company in Austin, TX, which should have national implications." Arnold says he can't run cross-country anymore, nor can he swim 72 laps a day, but he's still driving day and night. Of Cornell he writes, "Very few of us had cars, so we walked all over the campus. Crossing the suspension bridge was always a thrill." **Eleanor Culver** Young has "many, many, many" memories of Cornell—of course including the Library chimes and the "Evening Song." She confesses to lonesome times at the age of 90, with the loss of friends and some family members, and she wishes she could garden and travel as she used to. But, she says, "Thank God, I like to read!"

Priscilla Buchholz Frisbee sent a long letter, happy to still be living in the family home that her husband **Edward** '38, JD '40's ancestors bought at a sheriff's sale in 1847. She still drives to the post office in her small village, but stays off the main highways. "I can still read, write, and think. I am thankful for what I have and what I can do. A chair lift enables me to go up and down the stairs, and I'm blessed with wonderful neighbors, friends, and relatives. I dream of my college years, which were some of the best times in my life and gave me a wonderful background on which to build my life—a good life. I met Edward the first week I was at Cornell. After a couple of years working as a 4-H agent in Chenango County, we were married and raised a family of four children, two of whom attended Cornell. What more could I wish for?"

Ella Thompson Wright, MA '41, still loves to receive *Cornell Alumni Magazine* and the *Daily Sun*. Her son Fred sends word that while Ella is still in her own home, she has 24-hour care due to dementia. He says she is happy and still enjoys reading and watching TV. **Ed Holcomb**, MD '43, writes: "I visited friends in Ireland last May after my beloved wife, **Nancy** (Eggleston), MS '41, passed away after 61 years of marriage. Each Thanksgiving I visit son Cary and family in Darien, CT, and enjoy the two grandchildren. I have resided in Franke at Seaside the past four years and enjoy the comforts of a retirement community. I keep busy coaching fencing five or six hours a week (I am the oldest member of the USFA and oldest tournament fencer in the US), play golf every Tuesday, and enjoy singles tennis frequently. Duplicate bridge every Wednesday night provides a challenge. Learning fencing under Coach Georges Cointe at Cornell taught me fencing as well as 'quality of life.'"

And lastly, from **Glenn Robinson** (Brockport, NY): "I have chosen to start a new chapter in my life by moving into an assisted living facility, The Landing. I have independence, yet the safety of 24-hour supervision. There are many activities and trips to participate in, and I am enjoying meeting new friends. My family and friends see that I get out to events, appointments, meals, and shopping. I had a full day of celebrations for my 95th birthday. This is the right choice for me at this time in my life." **Class of 1939**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite

301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

40 **Donald Spittler** (Lake View, NY) writes, "Still live within a mile of where I was born. No desire to move." Donald attended the last reunion of the 924th FAB World War II Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge in 2009. "Too few left, due to attrition," he notes. The former wildlife biologist credits Zoology, Botany, and Ornithology courses on the Hill with an ongoing influence on his life in the Adirondack Region. He is active in the Hamburg Historical Society and local history activities and is former chairman of his town's conservation advisory board.

Carl and Ruth Buffum Schoenacker (Waterloo, NY) have pursued similar volunteer activities. "I call us 'museum pieces.' We can be found in the National Memorial Day Museum and Terwilliger Museum (both in Waterloo) and Howe House in Phelps, NY. We traveled until 1990, then Ruth saw a need for both of us at the Waterloo Library and Historical Society. Carl is a trustee and volunteer, and Ruth is a valued volunteer whose education makes her valuable in handling and showing clothing of the past. We also do time at Phelps Historical Society. There we work with several Cornell folks. We enjoy this."

Ward Goodenough (Haverford, PA) reports the birth of great-granddaughter Josephine Zier. His neighbor at the Quadrangle, a Sunrise Senior Living Community, is **Gabrielle Sichel Rosenbaum**. She reports that it's become a challenge to walk. "Still do water exercise and am moderately active in our retirement community—a great choice!" "Surviving so far," writes **Henry Rose II**, who resides with wife Joan in Bay Head, NJ. "Still making radio-controlled steel warship models in 1/96 scale, plus some painting for mostly kids, grandkids, and greats. Plus having fun." He remains active in his yacht club. "Served ten years as secretary, and now just participate." He'd be happy to hear from **David Chambers** (Overland Park, KS).

Edward Griffin (Peoria, IL) writes, "Nothing new. Tennis keeps me moving." **Robert Knowlton** (Little Compton, RI) reports that his studies of painting and figure drawing remain a vital part of his life. Robert, please tell us more! **Laurence Gardner** (Bath, NY; 1and1gardner36@yahoo.com) plays golf and spends January through March in Florida. He has been treasurer of the Bath Country Club for 17 years. Retired orthodontist **Robert Litowitz** lives with wife Donna in Miami Beach, FL.

One classmate signed her News Form simply "J.B.C." and your columnists are pretty sure it's **Janet B. Greenwood** Cooper. She writes that going to the doctor keeps her busy. "Along with arthritis, they've discovered I have atrial fibrillation, which was a real surprise to me, but I'm feeling better and dealing with it. I feel great—just finished physical therapy course in fall prevention." She is also active in a church group. "We make quilts for groups like battered women. We also knit hats, scarves, and mittens for child-care organizations, and we visit while sewing." She remains in touch with **Estelle Wells** Evans, who has moved back to Long Island, and once in a while hears from **Peg Soper** Christiana. "I really have a hard time believing I'm 91, for I'm very lucky to be as active as I am and still enjoy life," she writes. "Burlington is a great, beautiful place

to live and although I can't participate in a lot of activities, I enjoy reading and hearing about them. Life is good!"

Jack Thatcher (Manchester, NH) attaches his business card. A tenor, he partners with pianist Tony D'Amato in "The Good Old Days," which, for reasonable rates, brings back "the songs of yesteryear (Gay '90s, '20s, '30s, '40s, and sing-alongs)." A member of the Glee Club during our time on the Hill, Jack now plays such venues as nursing and retirement homes with his 89-year-old pianist. "I'm now 92," he writes. "Heading for 93!" The duo performed 60 shows in 2009. "Pretty fortunate to retain a decent tenor at my age!" Jack was slated for a move to a local retirement village when he wrote, and has decided this will be his final year as an entertainer. "It has truly been a great ride! Of course I'll continue singing in the church choir, which I've been doing since age 15." **Class of 1940**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

41 Many thanks go to **Marjorie Lee Treadwell** (Grosse Ile, MI) and **Betty Bourne Cullen** (Ft. Collins, CO) (my roommate and maid of honor as I have mentioned before, I'm sure) for including me on their Christmas card lists. Without them there would be no column for May/June—or at least no news.

The Treadwell card is another lovely one created by their London artist son Jamie, and, too, comes with a unique message explaining the "funny sort of tree design on it. An important theme of the Christmas season—the tension between hopes and aspirations and the messy circumstances of life—are reflected in the design. This message seemed especially healing to me at the end of 2009, a year full of false starts and dashed hopes for many." Congratulations to Marjorie on a successful knee replacement, which I am sure will result in more holes-in-one and birdies on the golf course. By the time this issue arrives, Marjorie and Don will be back in Grosse Ile, having enjoyed another winter in Florida. Travels to New Hampshire, Texas, and Cleveland were enjoyed.

Betty Cullen's card mentions a few ailments that are common to all of us. Her chief complaint, spinal stenosis, has been treated with cortisone shots and now acupuncture, which she says is helping her walking. I think we should all compare notes on "cures." I'm in the market for anything that helps heal the brain nerve-endings that cause head itching after shingles. Lyrica has helped some, but after two-plus years I still itch.

Some of our happiest memories concern the accomplishments of grandchildren. MBAs, lawyers, and doctors are mentioned by both Marjorie and Betty. An e-mail from our great class president, **Jean Way** Schoonover, said that she plans to be in Ithaca this June for the graduation of her grandson, a fifth-generation Cornellian. He is from Minnesota, but is now a real Cornell booster, to quote Jean. You can check the landscape for our 2011 reunion in just one year!

The Jan/Feb 1942 class notes by **Carolyn Evans** Finneran '42, MA '44, are great reading for our class. I'm sure my cohort, **Warner Lansing**, PhD '49, enjoyed them. Please do send me notes/comments on lifestyle changes, activities, or hobbies you enjoy, and about keeping up with new technologies (or not keeping up with them). I

end the column this time with thanks to this computer! Good health and happy days! **Shirley Richards** Sargent Darmer, 20 Haddington Lane, Delmar, NY 12054; e-mail, KID12054@aol.com.

42 Pres. **Liz Schlamm** Eddy (New York City) enjoyed her Rhodes Awards dinner and the honors bestowed upon the recipients. Her dedication to Cornell is well appreciated. She also enjoys her step-granddaughter, Sharin Edwards, who is a singer with a band now touring in Spain. Liz relayed the info that **Gus Vollmer**, BCE '44 (Butler, NJ) has a third-generation enrolled at Cornell. His daughter and her husband were graduate students, and their son is now a freshman. **Ruth Simes** Morgan (Ashburn, VA) spent Christmas in her old home (Bonita Springs, FL) and recalled our December 7, 1941, bridge game at Cornell. It's not so hard to remember those days, is it?

Cornell is really getting up in the sports world. I read in my Tacoma, WA, paper that Cornell basketball was leading in the Ivy League again. And their last-minute loss to Kansas, the number one team, made all the papers. High scorer **Ryan Wittman** '10 was pictured in *Sports Illustrated*, and the team clearly shocked the basketball world. I just learned that the Time Warner Cable Sports News Network is carrying Cornell games in most sports.

We received a nice e-mail from **Louise Nordenholt** Schatz (Chesterfield, MO), who sent me sad news of the passing of **Anne Chambers** Pennington (Palm Beach, FL). She and Anne were close friends for all these years. They both were into Braille interpreting and knitting. Anne not only volunteered for hospital service work, but was an avid tap dancer until well into her 70s. Anne left three sons and two grands.

Jane Smiley Hart (Washington, DC) enjoyed a wonderful Cornell Glee Club concert at the Kennedy Center. "An award was given to **Austin Kiplinger** '39 for his support of this and other Big Red events locally through the years. I sat in the first row and sang loudly." Jane has eight relatives who attended Cornell, starting with her great-great-grandfather. Family members had moved from lower New York State to Groton, just north of Ithaca, where they bought land for \$5.00 an acre. So when she entered Cornell she was a "local" who told all of us newcomers where the buildings were located on the campus. Jane, not surprisingly, was elected president of our freshman class.

Dorothy Dewey Goodding (Webster, TX) reports that her biggest challenge is her husband Robert's Alzheimer's. He's in a nursing home and she has moved to a smaller apartment. **Irma Moses Reiner**, PhD '46 (Urbana, IL) retired from the math department at the U. of Illinois in 1992. Sadly, her husband, **Irving**, PhD '47, passed away. Since then, although suffering from arthritis, she still enjoys life, with reading and doing puzzles, etc., keeping her occupied. She has great memories of her eight years at Cornell and all those great math courses and would love to share them with friends. Write her at i-reiner@illinois.edu.

Virginia Stockamore Henry (Albany, NY) still volunteers with the Red Cross, Albany Medical Center Hospital, and the Albany Inst. of History and Art. She's also a member of the Albany County Historical Assn., the local Chapter of AARP, Vanguard, and the Albany Symphony Orchestra. Along with a group of seven or eight classmates,

she attends out-of-town Cornell group activities. She can be reached at gingerhenry@mailstation.com. It's hard to "tone down" **Bill Webster's** (Little Rock, AR) travels when he sends a list of 79 overseas trips, visiting 132 countries and using 27 airlines. He calls his travelogue "The Fabulous Future Behind Us" and tells of travels during the 60 years from 1946 to 2006 that he and wife Betty enjoyed. He wore his 1961 flying suit on a recent trip to Alaska and flew in a \$140 million F-22 Raptor Interceptor.

Ed Markham (Bainbridge, WA; gk42@cornell.edu) continues his busy life in the gardening world. He was one of 700 attending the Garden Writers Assoc. symposium in North Carolina. He also volunteers in maintaining gardens at the senior center and enjoys attending gatherings of local retirees to discuss current happenings. **Gordon Kiddoo** (Hilton Head Island, SC) took a wonderful 6,500-mile motor trip with his 20-year-old grandson. They traveled from South Carolina to Kansas to Yellowstone and five other national parks. They also went to Omaha, and from northern Wisconsin to Chicago and Cleveland, revisiting the scenes of his childhood, adolescence, and early married life and places important to his family's heritage. He reports he is the only survivor of our class in Sigma Phi.

Hope you are all doing well. E-mail those above and continue writing me your past and present news. ☐ **Carolyn Finneran**, 8815 46th St. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335; e-mail, Carolynfinn@comcast.net.

43 Dr. **Bob Gordon**, father of six, four of whom—two boys, two girls—are MDs, reports: "Lost my right leg from an infection in Sept. '06." He encloses an '06 photo showing him and **Hank Bartels '48** hauling a sail-less wind surfer uphill from the beach. That shot bears out his statement: "Was able to rehabilitate with biking and swimming." Tough old pussycat. From Schenectady, NY, **Tom Baskous** writes, "Playing doubles tennis and triples fiddle with the Adirondack Fiddlers." **Mary Alice Dietrich** Evans, PhD '53 (Crawford, CO) relates her recent doings: "Attending local book club. Gazing across the still lush valley to the West Elk Mountains and occasional snow."

This from Class VP **Caroline Norfleet** Church (Lenox, MA): "Trying to get organized after a move to smaller quarters at greater age." In this economy she's "cutting back on quasi-essentials—new clothes, travel, entertainment—but living in a retirement community offers friendships and good meals." She'd most like to hear from **Peg Pierce** Elfvig. "No word from/about her in years." (We put them in touch. Stay tuned for further news in that arena.)

All Spinnerstown, flags at half-mast, mourns the death of one-time *Widow* editor and lifelong close friend **Knox Burger**. Although we visited Knox in New York regularly, and weekly by Ma Bell, we could not have written his death notice better than did Bruce Weber of the *New York Times*. But first, another entry in our war story saga: a few snips from a three-page cover story Knox wrote for *Yank* in August 1945:

"Tokyo—One night last March some 300 B-29s, loaded with incendiaries, flew up to Japan from the Marianas to burn out the heart of Tokyo's industrial slums. They set fires, which leveled 15.8 square miles of the most densely populated area on earth. By next morning more than 100,000

people were dead, more than one million homeless. It was probably the worst fire in history.

"En route that night the B-29 crews sweated. This was to be the first of the 20th Air Force's series of low-level fire raids. Until then, 25,000 feet had been considered dangerously low. Tonight they were going in at altitudes as low as 4,000 feet. The first ships were 12 Pathfinders whose job was to light up the outer reaches of the target area for the main force. Arriving at 2230, they were met by searchlights, intense flak, and strong headwinds. The bombers began arriving, droning over the bay in a sky-train that lasted three hours. Months later a wiry little fireman named Tadatochi Miyama, who says he worked 50 hours without rest during and after the fire, admitted that 'as a Japanese I had to feel that we would still win the war—but as a fireman I didn't see how it would be possible.'"

Here is my digest of Mr. Weber's magnificent *NYT* obit:

As fiction editor of *Collier's* in the 1950s, Knox published **Kurt Vonnegut '44's** first short story. As a book editor in the 1960s, he asked John D. MacDonald to create a mystery series around a character who eventually turned out to be the detective Travis McGee. And as a literary agent, he took on a novel about a Russian detective by a largely unknown writer—*Gorky Park*, by Martin Cruz Smith—which in 1980 he sold to Random House for \$1 million. "What made him such a great agent is that he was a great editor to begin with," said Mr. Smith.

A 1999 guide to literary agents described him as "a lean, bald, craggy-faced man with a game leg and a cane, a facial expression usually either amused or sardonic, a gruff manner that can sometimes seem downright brusque, and a reputation as one of the truly upright men in the business." For two decades after *Collier's*, he purchased and edited books, first for Dell and later for Fawcett Publications. In 1970 he established a literary agency whose clients included the mystery writers Donald E. Westlake, John D. MacDonald, and Lawrence Sanders, and the fishing writer John Gierach. Knox himself was such a dedicated fly fisherman that his ashes are to be buried in a creel. ☐ **S. Miller Harris**, P.O. Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA 18968; e-mail, olchap@comcast.net.

44 It's early February, and the D.C./Northern Virginia area is blanketed by a blizzard—even squirrels are tucking their heads under their wide, fuzzy tails to keep warm and dry. No cars moving, no newspaper, no TV.

So what have classmates been doing? **Mort Siegler**, BCE '47, says, "Now that **Carol (Shapiro) '47** and I are full-time residents of Longboat Key, FL, I have become more active in the community, having been appointed to the Planning and Zoning Board and receiving certification as a mediator by the Supreme Court of Florida." **Anne Bishop** McKusick reported taking the Bar Harbor genetics course started by her late husband Victor in 1960. She then went on to a ceremony in Portland, ME, initiating an annual lectureship in Victor's name. From there she traveled to their old farmhouse in Auburn, Nova Scotia, where she stayed two months, "recharging my batteries on fresh vegetables grown on our land."

Renee Wolf Steinberg was learning to play Twister, a board game (put your foot or hand where the spinner tells you), as taught by her 6- and

10-year-old great-grands. "Back is bad, but joy is great." She misses having contemporaries to play with, so enjoys news of '44s. **Marge Evers** DiPietro was enjoying life on Long Lake in Maine (near the New Hampshire border). She can see Mt. Washington from the house. "I can't believe how old we all are. My best to everyone."

Connie and **Bill Swain**, BEE '43, are set up nicely in Bay Village Retirement Home. He likes it fine, but Connie misses the lake, the trees, and the breeze off Sarasota Big Pass, so they take trips back from time to time. Her brother and wife visit for five months in the winter. He says Bay Village was built and is managed by Pine Shores Church—very high value for the money and stable due to the church ownership. He invites us to "come see this great place—new building makes plenty of rooms; gorgeous pool and all." **Marian Stout** Lynes-Bouck says she's sorry to have missed reunion. She traveled instead to Berkeley to a grandson's college graduation. All four grands are now out of college. One is on the way to med school; another is on the way to the altar. Busy, happy times!

Sad news. **Jerry Levitan** passed away in December in New York City. A *New York Times* obituary mentioned his service in WWII as an Army Captain with several medals for combat bravery. He had a 33-year career with Revlon Inc. as VP of marketing. Memorial donations may be sent to Cornell University, Johnson School of Management, 130 E. Seneca St., Ste. 400, Ithaca, NY 14850. **Harman Leonard**, DVM '44, wrote of the passing of his wife, Joey, "a great traveling companion." They had traveled around the world and visited India, China, Japan, Australia, Europe, and Africa. **Barbara Palmer** Stewart, MS '48's husband Jimmy died April 9 at 94 years of age. 58 years of marriage—loved by all. ☐ **Nancy Torlinski** Rundell, 20540 Falcons Landing Cir., #4404, Sterling, VA 20165.

45 Remember that first freshman get-together in September 1941 with the large banner that proclaimed, "GET ALIVE IN '45"? There is still time to sign up for our 65th Reunion and relive those memories and see those classmates.

John Updegrove (Easton, PA) writes of the close relationship he had with **Dave Cofrin**, BA '44, MD '47, who died in August 2009. The pals go back to their days as Phi Delta fraternity brothers. John was best man at the marriage of Dave and Mary Ann. During the summer of '42, a group of classmates with John had rented an apartment in Ithaca that had a moose head on the wall. They called each other "Moose" and gave Dave the name after he had visited frequently. The name stuck to Dave for many years and he enjoyed screaming his version of an aroused moose on request. John went to Penn for medical school, and his subsequent surgical residency was interrupted by serving in the Army during the Korean War. Following training he returned to Easton and set up a surgical practice with his father, who had joined his father in the practice in 1913. By the time John retired in 1988, there had been Dr. Updegroves in continuous practice in Easton for 100 years. John's older son is a doctor in New Haven, a younger son is an attorney in Boston, and a daughter is a psychologist in Chicago. There are five grandkids. John hopes to attend reunion!

Richard Weishaar, BA '48, MD '52 (Machipongo, VA) considers his return to Cornell in the fall

of 1946 to resume his studies—which were interrupted in December 1942—his reunion. He continues his class membership out of curiosity to see where Cornell is headed, but asks, “Where is this need to get bigger and bigger?” To which we suggest: That’s what happens when we get better and better. **Jean Adelphi Snyder**, MS ’55 (Spencer, NY) has retired and enjoys her life with family and friends. She has had travels to Kansas City for a relative’s wedding, Virginia Beach for a ten-week visit with her brother, and the Catskills to visit a Cornell classmate.

N. Bruce Weir (Glenside, PA) joins a significant group of us who spend most of our time caring for a spouse. His wife, Mary, has had Parkinson’s disease for six years. However, he manages to pilot a plane every 90 days to stay current with his private pilot license. Way to go, Bruce! Fond memories are watching sunsets over the hills opposite Cayuga Lake (the best view is from the top of the bell tower!). He would like to hear from **Charlie White** ’46, and we are sending Bruce his address. **Brigitte Watty Miller**, BA ’44 (Naples, FL) tells us of the present limitations in her life due to caring for her husband, who has severe Alzheimer’s disease.

Issac Levine, with wife Dian, checks in from Cincinnati. **Elliott Feiden**, BCE ’44 (Mamaroneck, NY) does occasional consultation for small structural jobs, but mostly is “keeping alive” and visiting doctors with wife **Elaine (Smith)** ’44. He fondly remembers surveying the many sides of the library and would like to hear from **Bob Olmsted** (address sent). Jo Brooks, the niece of **Leah Brooks** Gasparotti, BA ’44 (La Jolla, CA), writes that Leah suffered a major stroke in 1996. With good rehabilitation, she was able to travel and enjoy cruises with a nurse-companion until five years ago. Two years ago, she moved from Virginia to La Jolla and now has her care and affairs overseen by Jo. Leah is proud to have another niece, Nancy Brooks, on the faculty at Cornell.

Send news of your endeavors, or those of loved ones, to: **Bob Frankenfeld**, 6291 E. Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, CA 90815; e-mail, betbofb@aol.com; or **Julie Kameron** Snell, 3154 Gracefield Rd., Apt 111, Silver Spring, MD 20904; e-mail, julie.snell@verizon.net.

46 We dedicate this class news issue to classmates, listed below, from whom we haven’t heard for at least ten years. Welcome back to our column. **Samuel Pierson**, BME ’45 (Manchester, CT; spieron@abapgt.com) still works as CEO of ABAPGT Inc. The company was founded in 1944 to supply the aircraft industry. It innovates in plastic gearing and automated injection molding. The company also offers molds and moldings for any small, precision component. **Paul Girolamo**, BS ’50 (Wyomissing, PA) is retired and winters in Hobe Sound, FL. His health is OK and he hopes to continue golfing at Heritage Golf. Paul reunites with the classes of ’48 and ’49. His ’46 friends should tell him how great our reunions are and recruit him for our 65th in 2011.

James Prier, DVM ’46 (Blue Bell, PA; pri1030@aol.com) became a retired veterinarian and lawyer on July 21, 2009. He teaches part-time and serves on many boards dedicated to the improvement of veterinary practice. Some of his projects concern animal research and its legal impact, accreditation standards for a western vet school in Pomona, and veterinary hospital laboratory

standards. Jim is presently sketching out a book on veterinary practices in the last 63 years. He flies and is still part-owner of a private airplane, but no longer serves as a flight instructor. He’d be delighted to hear from **Carl Schenholm**, DVM ’46. He’s considering returning for our 65th in 2011.

William Graves, BChemE ’50 (Boulder, CO) has served as volunteer naturalist for the City and County of Boulder. His naturalist work nicely supplements his efforts in geriatric tennis. Bill and Joan’s “small flock of kids are scattered from coast to coast and palm to pine.” He and Joan talk about “moving to a smaller house, but we ain’t done nothing about it.” Bill would most like to hear from old friends **Bruce Hoitt** ’50, **Waddy Stone** ’49, and **Leon** ’49 and **Eileen Bennett Maglathlin** ’49.

Retiree **Sheldon Yasner** (The Villages, FL; shelyasner@aol.com) enjoys traveling to Vermont and Arizona to visit his children. His geology major boosted his career: designing and manufacturing unusual jewelry. Shelly’s musical interest gravitated from expertise in jazz in the ’40s to rock and roll in the ’60s. He still finds it difficult to cope with his wife’s death in October 2008 and the challenges of dealing with all of the added duties and responsibilities. Shelly writes, “Cornell provided me with a wonderful education, but almost as importantly, introduced me to golf, my principal interest at present.” He hopes to attend reunion in 2011.

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Greetings from the snowbound area of Reading, PA. If we’re lucky we might be clear of snow by the time you read this. We’re shoveling out of two major storms of about 17 inches each—one on Feb. 6, the other on Feb. 10. However, the temperature is in the 20s, so I don’t anticipate any melting anytime soon.

Thank you for filling my mailbox with your holiday cards. Here are some of the notes. **Ruth “Critch” Critchlow** Blackman (Newtown, PA) hoped that Cornell’s basketball team could beat Princeton and keep the Ivy League championship. Jack and **Charlotte Cooper** Gill (Hurley, NY) wrote about the 60th wedding anniversary that family and friends helped them celebrate last October. **Sam Miller**’s wife, Pat, wrote that she would be with the family for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. She was returning to Marco Island, FL, after the holidays.

Sorority sister **Ann McGloin Stevens** (Wyndmoor, PA) wrote, “I always turn to your ‘goodies’ when I get the *Alumni Magazine*.” Her grandson **Andrew Kagen** ’13 is on the debate team and joined a choral group. He sounds like his grandfather, **Orrie**, LLB ’48, who was always the first one around the piano at reunion. Sal and **Pat Kinne** Paoletta (Lakewood, NJ) said that they’d be home for the holidays with one of the twins, but planned an Easter trip to Mexico City to see the other twin and her family. I also heard from Jane and **Bill Donaldson** ’44 (W. Columbia, SC), Phil’s fraternity

brother from Newark College of Engineering. They arrived at Cornell in July ’43 with the V-12. The Donaldsons were spending the holidays in Naples, FL, and hoped to see their three children. Their daughter works for the US government and just returned from an assignment in Egypt.

I also received a lot of news from my ’47 classmates who were in my pledge class at AOPi. **Bill** ’48 and **Lucille Holden Smith** ’47 moved from Long Island to Ilion to be near their daughter. Lou reminded me that they met at the Westminster Thursday afternoon “tea” and also lived in the AOPi cottage like Phil and I did. In fact, they were the

next occupants. Frank and **Peg Christensen** Drab ’47 (Venice, FL) moved just a few miles away to a retirement community, so sent their letter early. They sent a photo of the complex, which has a beautiful outdoor pool. (Sounds great to me right now.) They celebrated their 60th anniversary this past year. They also attended Frank’s 43rd Bomb Group reunion in San Antonio, TX, where they stayed at a motel right on the River Walk. Plus, they took a trip to Dollywood in Gatlinburg, TN.

Walt “Merk” ’47 and **Elaine Tompkins Merkel** ’47 (Columbus, IN) are finally adjusting to the wintry climate after 54 years in the sunny south. She wrote, “Between **Jane Mange Morrison** ’47 and the *Alumni Magazine*, we keep good tabs on you.” **Shan Silvani** ’47 (NYC) said it seemed strange to send the card only to me and not both of us. Both Jane Morrison (Broomall, PA) and **Bonnie Kauffman** DeLaMater ’47 (Macungie, PA) call and write often. They are still living in their big homes. Jane and her daughter visited me in the fall. Bonnie is in the process of moving to a retirement community.

I have an apology to make. I made a mistake in my last article about the round-robin group. **Pat Murtaugh** Woodworth was a member of that group and I got the wrong person. Pat died many years ago. Keep on writing and calling. **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, 9 Reading Dr., Apt. 302, Wernersville, PA 19565; tel., (610) 927-8777; e-mail, mopsyk@comcast.net.

47 As I write this column, “the snow is snowing, the wind is blowing, and I can weather the storm.” Now if only I could sing! We have had an extremely cold winter here in northern New Jersey and had an unfortunate happening with our small greenhouse. The heater malfunctioned, and when the outside temperature went below freezing, all of our plants froze. Oh well, it gives me something to look forward to doing in the spring—buying new and beautiful plants.

The news is meager, as your news from our recent class mailing hasn’t reached me yet. And in case you don’t feel your classmates are interested, believe me, they are! So if you haven’t done so yet, write, phone, fax, snail mail, send the News Form, etc. Whatever makes you happy.

I received an interesting letter from **B.H. Friedman** ’48, who said that he was originally in our class, then enlisted in the Navy and returned in the Class of ’48. He tells of his close friend **George Andrews** and of remaining friends

with him till his recent death. B.H. and his wife **Abby (Noselson) '48** eloped in their senior year, saw George in Paris on their belated honeymoon in '49, and continued to see him on and off in Europe till his passing. George was a prolific writer and had many books and papers published, as did B.H. For more information on the writings of these two interesting writers you can e-mail B.H. at bhfriedman@verizon.net.

Donald Sauer and wife June (Skaneateles, NY) celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary in June 2009. **Elsie Hendrickson** Becker lives in Urbana, IL. **Sawyer Thompson**, BME '46, and wife Virginia live in Juno Beach, FL. Sawyer was re-elected to serve as a board member of the Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District. They have a unique partnership with Busch Wildlife Sanctuary. Sawyer and his wife play golf often at Hobe Sound Golf Club.

Enid Levine Alpern writes about her three charming granddaughters, her two charming daughters, and her charming husband, **Jerry '49**, MBA '50. Emily Alpern Fisch, 20, is a junior at Barnard College and is a talented musical performer. Her sister, Abigail, 11, is also a talented artist. They are daughters of **Ricky '79**, MBA '80, and **Sue Alpern Fisch '81**. Sarah Pollick, 17, is a talented musical performer and is college-bound in fall 2010. She spent three weeks in the sum-

mer of '09 taking a challenging course in Animal Science in the Ag college at Cornell. Sarah is the daughter of Dana Alpern and husband John Pollick. Enid also writes that she recently spoke with **Barbara Bayer Silver**, who lives in Boston. Both Enid and Barbara are still astonished that they passed Prof. James B. Sumner's Biochem course in their sophomore year. Enid traveled to Vermont in July to visit **Lauraine Serra Warfield**, BS HE '46, and her husband, **George**, PhD '50, who were celebrating their 64th wedding anniversary. Enid writes that she had the pleasure of being in the wedding party in 1945. The Warfields live on a sheep farm in Vergennes, VT. In closing her letter, Enid said that she and Jerry are celebrating their 59th anniversary in June 2010.

Joyce Van Denburgh Doty, MFA '50, Winter Park, FL: "Life is good! But not enough is being done to provide people with jobs. There are approximately 3,000 children without homes in central Florida. My favorite course was Architecture and Planning with Prof. **John Hartell '24**, BArch '25. Toughest course was Physics. I've been watching 'NCIS' and paying bills. I have a very attentive yard man, and every weekend he comes with something new to plant. Looking forward to attending a wedding in NYC and a trip to San Francisco. I drive a 'gangster' car—a black Chrysler PT Cruiser (have never purchased a foreign car). Everything one wants to use is in exactly the right place to be used. I had a GPS installed—a wonderful invention. I use it on my Meals on Wheels delivery route every Monday. Spent most of August on top of a Colorado mountain. It was beautiful, but I was glad to get back to flat, warm Florida. The greatest moments in my life were the birth of my children, grandchildren, teaches in northern Vermont. I drive a Toyota Corolla—nice size and drivability. Wish I were in Colonial Williamsburg with my Virginia daughter. Had a wonderful trip to Nova Scotia—great weather, friendly people, beautiful countryside. Saw granddaughter graduate high school. Not worried about what the future holds. In spite of it slowing down, life continues to be a joy."

mathematics for US Dept. of Education in Alexandria, VA; attended graduations of grandchildren at Wesleyan and Olin universities; and had my undergraduate notebook for the course Numerical Methods in Computation (1948) (concerning mathematics related to early computers) accepted for the Mathematics department archive of the Kroch Library at Cornell. Last year I won the NPR 'Weekend Edition-Sunday' Will Shortz word puzzle contest and participated in the radio quiz, getting prizes and a coveted gold lapel pin for my effort! Seize joy where and when you can!"

Madeleine Miller Bennett, New York, NY: "Involved in the New York Film Festival, opera, etc. US situation seems to be improving. I drive a Jaguar. It's an oldie-but-goodie. Will go to Southampton next in my Jag. Just returned from Venice to see the biannual art show. Trying to make ends meet." **Ruth Werman** Weiss, Rochester, NY: "Medical social worker in a dialysis unit. Things are improving. I loved Latin with Prof. Kaplan, and a course in Astronomy. Work tomorrow; travel in the near future. I drive a Subaru. It's reliable and good on ice. Son Joe is a cardiologist (BA from Yale; MD and PhD from NYU); daughter Susan is Wesleyan BA and MA, and Bank Street School of Education MA. She is the head teacher at Rudolph Shalom. Five grandchildren."

Mary Holland Freeman, Albany, NY: "Travel (just returned from Venice), book clubs, Lifelong Learning classes, discussion groups, theatre, music, movies. Situation is improving. I'm constantly learning—and forgetting! Life is whatever you believe it is." **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone and fax, (516) 767-1776; e-mail, bobpersons@verizon.net.

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Corrections Dept.: **Barbara Bateholts** Smith has moved to a continuing care retirement community, but the location was listed incorrectly in the Mar/Apr issue. Barbara lives in Moorestown, NJ.

Just a reminder, this is YOUR column, and if I don't hear from you, you just may hear from me. **Sylvia Kianoff** Shain, 653 Primrose Lane, River Vale, NJ 07675; tel., (201) 391-1263; e-mail, irashain1@verizon.net; **Artie Williamson** Anderson, 238 Dorchester Rd., Rochester, NY 14610; tel., (585) 288-3752; e-mail, artie47@aol.com.

48 Carol Luther Mackay, Malta, NY: "US is leaning dangerously toward socialism. Get the government out of running things. Tomorrow church, then watch football games. Will be visiting one daughter at Clarkson U. and visiting another who

and great-grandchildren. The least of my worries is health. I learn something new and interesting every day from the *New York Times*. I just saw a play, *The Big Bang*, a good synopsis of life and its various meanings (to date)."

Ray Tuttle, Hilton Head Island, SC: "Typical old retiree who has 'been there done that' in church, golf club, and politics, and now just grumbles at how poorly the new guys do it. So I golf, swim, walk, dine, read and watch TV, and watch Big Government take over, continually diminishing our freedoms. Obama does not understand free markets and capitalism, the source of prosperity we'll never again see. Let's clean out Congress and start all over. Same with the Executive branch. Favorite course was Unit Operations 710 with Prof. **Fred H. 'Dusty' Rhodes**, PhD '14. Toughest was Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics with Prof. Berg. I drive a Buick Lucerne and Volvo wagon. The Lucerne is a fine American car by GM. I got the Volvo because Buick/Olds stopped making station wagons. Driving soon to Florida. Wish I was at Poipu Beach in Kauai, HI. Most pressing problem is coping with loss of Alpha Phi Cornell wife of 59 years, **Peg (Wilhelm)**. Most important lifetime event was surviving WWII—the atom bombs that cancelled the invasion of Japan, which I was staging for. The least of my worries is going into service again. Hah! Learning new things is an endless and enjoyable process, from the 'non-local universe' of Physics to the quest for faith. I'm still trying to figure out the meaning of it all."

Phyllis Flyer Kavett, Union, NJ: "I am professor emerita, math education, at Kean U. Reviewed grant proposals for PhD programs in

49 For those of us for whom five years is much too long to wait until reunion, the solution is the Cornell Continuous Reunion Club! CRC, which has been celebrating annual reunions for 102 years, is open to all alumni who have been out for at least ten years. Members meet every June on campus on Reunion Weekend to enjoy a full program of activities from Thursday to Sunday. Highlights are a Friday lunch and a lively Saturday night dinner. Husbands and wives and "fellow travelers" are all welcome at the events. The club is especially supportive of Cornell athletics. If you'd like to join the fun, **Jim Hanchett '53** (New York, NY; jch46@cornell.edu) is the man to contact.

Donald Webster, DVM '49 (Pine Plains, NY) writes that he's married to Dora and has been retired for a few years. He recalls that he started at Cornell in the Ag college, then left to serve as a co-pilot during WWII, flying over Germany 28 times. He returned to enter the Veterinary college with our class. He enjoys lawn work and his garden, reading, and golf. Don's done quite a bit of traveling in Europe and says that he will try to make it to the next reunion. His fondest memories of his time at Cornell are attending the Veterinary college and playing lacrosse. "I am satisfied," he tells us. **Clem Buckley** (Melbourne, FL; babu@cfl.rr.com) is married to Barbara. He has been doing a lot of swimming lately, and when asked what he'd rather be doing now, his reply is "being retired." His happiest memories of Cornell are serving as student assistant trainer from 1947-49 working for Frank Kavanagh, head trainer for university athletics.

Jacques Zakin is Helen C. Kurtz professor emeritus in the chemical engineering department

at Ohio State U. He's teaching and conducting research. Married to Laura, he enjoys travel, tennis, jogging, and participating in book discussion groups. **James Davenport** (McLean, VA; ptsjed@cox.net) is president of Patent and Trademark Searches Inc. He reports that he is "still enjoying work." The great education is what James remembers most fondly about his Cornell days. He would really enjoy hearing from his old friend **Christian Poitrimol** (Commack, NY).

Louise Newberg Sugarman (Plymouth Meeting, PA) describes her present day job: "Maintaining my health, what with hip replacement and arthritis. Enough of a job!" Her after-hours activities are attending interesting lectures, discussion groups, reading, and socializing with friends. She tells us that she is "taking it easy after two years of nursing care for Bob, who passed away in '08. It was a tough siege. Sold our house and both comfortable and happy in apartment until Bob got sick." She says that she's fortunate to have six grandchildren, and right now she'd like to be with the little ones, both girls, one 3 years old and the other 4 months old. Her oldest grandchild recently graduated from George Washington U. Louise's fondest memories of Cornell are the library, the hills, Cayuga Lake, and the beautiful campus. She says that they were the most memorable four years and notes that she learned enough Spanish to make her comfortable in Spanish-speaking countries. She would like to hear from her freshman-year roommate, **Sondra Schilling** Greenberg (Englewood, NJ).

Louis Bramkamp (Hudson, NY; vjane1@aol.com), married to Viola, writes that he is retired and living on the same fruit farm where he has resided for the past 58 years. He adds that he formerly farmed corn as well. He's reading, gardening, cutting wood for the wood stove, and volunteering at a nursing home and church. Recently he traveled to Southern California to visit family and, while there, visited the Reagan Library. Louis fondly remembers friends, the Algonquin Lodge, the Ag college, and learning about Pomology. He would enjoy hearing from **Charles Strack '47** (Lakewood, NJ). **Art Lowenthal** (Saratoga Springs, NY), married to Therese, tells us that he is staying healthy, staying solvent, keeping his house in good shape, and attending classes at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs. A former member of the board of directors of the Lake George Opera Co., his extracurricular activities include serving on the board of directors of Saratoga Community Federal Credit Union and attending lectures, music, and drama at Skidmore. Art has traveled to France, Germany, England, and Ireland, and has made the grand tour of 40 states in his 28-foot motor home. Right now, he says that he'd rather be attending more lectures at Skidmore and Empire State colleges in Saratoga and going to the track in July and August. Art's fondest memories of his time at Cornell feature the great sense of camaraderie at the fraternity, as well as among others in his class. He and his wife enjoy getting together with **Dot Dashefsky** Fast (Livingston, NJ; fastdotmom@aol.com).

As class correspondent, I was privileged to attend the first Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference, held at the end of January in Washington, DC. More than 800 volunteers from clubs and associations joined class officers to participate. Cornell Provost Ken Fuchs laid out the university's plans for the future and called for the active involvement of all alumni to help bring these plans to fruition. Please send your news, everyone! ☐

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It's not too late to register for our 60th Reunion, June 10-13. Registration materials were mailed in March to all class members. If you need replacements, or have questions, contact either of our reunion co-chairs: **Stan Rodwin** (tel., (585) 889-3180; e-mail, rodpkg@frontiernet.net) or **Jane Wigsten** McGonigal, PhD '84 (tel., (607) 272-4065; e-mail, jwm7@cornell.edu). Accommodations? Statler Hotel, tel., (800) 541-2501 (first come, first served, for a limited number of rooms). Or Mews Hall (class headquarters) at \$52 per night or \$123.50 for three nights. Also: Best Western, tel., (607) 272-6100. The reunion website is <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/reunion>. Our reunion planning committee, chaired by Stan and Jane, promises a memorable event.

We have two goals for this reunion. Our primary goal is to break the previous attendance record of 126 held by the Class of '44. Our secondary goal is to break the previous record for philanthropy for a 60th Reunion (\$9,185,691.00, held by the Class of '39). While this is a lofty goal, we have a good chance to reach it, primarily because of a wonderful donation of \$4 million by our late classmate **Stan Taylor**. Let's do it!

The newly named Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference met in Washington, DC, on January 29-31. Our class was represented by president **Dick Pogue**; VP and reunion co-chair **Stan Rodwin**; Cornell Annual Fund rep. **Jim Brandt**; secretary **Ruth Downey** Crone; major gifts committee member **Pat Carry** Stewart; co-class correspondent **Marion Steinmann**; executive class council members **Dave Dingle** and **Alex Richardson**, BEE '51; and **Walt Crone**, **Nancy Hubbard Brandt**, and **Bill Brownlee**. Susan Doney, our alumni contact of many years, also attended the class meetings. Charles Joiner and **Joyce Wisbaum** Underberg '53 joined us for the Friday evening class dinner in the Stone's Throw Restaurant of the Marriott Washington Wardman Park Hotel.

Jim Hume (Batavia, NY) is retired from dairy farming and volunteers at his church and in local nursing homes. Architect **Bill Morris** (Shaker Heights, OH) reports that because of the slow-down in new construction he is now semi-retired and using his new time to start a graduate degree in the classics at John Carroll U. and to tutor reading at a charter school in Cleveland. During the latter part of WWII, Bill was a Navy midshipman at Auburn U. During his career he received 12 design awards from the American Inst. of Architects. **Gene Jacobs** (Southern Pines, NC) is a retired GE engineer. Now he does repair work at the local Habitat store. He also golfs, travels, and enjoys a good game of bridge. Gene served in WWII in the 10th Armored Division in Europe and survived the Battle of the Bulge.

Since 2002 **John Griswold** (Woodsville, NH; knjgriswold@charter.net) is a happily retired professional troublemaker and current busybody. He toots his ancient tenor sax in a jazz combo, plays flute in the community concert band, and sings second bass in the 90-member North Country Community Chorus. Retirement: "All work and no play makes jack!" Sociability: "Come back and see me after you have ridden your bicycle to the top of the Mt. Washington toll road." Longevity: "Live, freeze, and die quickly!" Activity: "If it isn't fun,

don't do it . . . Or if you have to do it, make it fun." For a bit of intellectual involvement at reunion, John, with the help of enraged victims, is assembling entertaining accounts of the outrageous campus capers of **Willy Joy**, our unfortunately deceased and unforgettable class clown. Got a Willy story? Please e-mail it to John.

S. LeRoy "Lee" Maiorana (Wyomissing, PA; smaiorana@comcast.net) is a retired gynecologist. While employed he served his community in the presidency of organizations including the Berks County Medical Society, the Berks County Cancer Society, the Sierra Club (of which he was also district governor), and the Mary Shelter. During the Korean War, Lee was a captain in the US Air Force. **Dan Roberts** (Stamford, CT; dancanus@optonline.net) is the retired owner of personnel and accounting firms in the US and Canada. In WWII he fought with the infantry across Holland, Belgium, and Germany. He was hospitalized for a year after stepping on a mine. He credits Cornell with developing his self-confidence, structured thinking, and leadership skills. Dan has found time to travel in more than 100 countries, including many Third World countries that were "sad to see." He is now engaged in "teaching my grandkids to acquire integrated knowledge through serious education."

William Nelson (Cape May, NJ) served for 21 years on the Cape May Regional District School Board and now stays busy building small boats. In WWII he served in the 99th Ordnance Maintenance Co. in the Philippines and Japan. **William Atkinson** (Weston, MA; watkinson@compuserve.com), who retired as a machine and power plant designer, works as a computer programmer for the New York Power Authority. He has scaled back his mountaineering and mountain climbing to "geez dimensions," but volunteers for the American Alpine Club. In WWII he was a B-29 aircraft navigator on missions in the South Pacific. Philosophic take: "Confirmed atheist; time for all others of us to come out of the closet." **Ed Kinne**, MS '55 (Cranberry Township, PA), age 86, works part-time on special projects for the Society of Automotive Engineers, from which he retired in 1997. On a Cornell education: "It teaches one to understand that results are important to employers and gives one the flexibility to handle a variety of circumstances." ☐ **Paul Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50131-1560; tel., (515) 278-0960; email, phjoslin@aol.com; **Marion Steinmann**, 237 W. Highland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118-3819; e-mail, cjoiner@ix.netcom.com.

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We're about a year from our 60th Reunion. That's something to celebrate! Wonder what **Steve Rounds** and **Shelley Epstein** Akabas will come up with this time.

Lenny Steiner, who I reported had no news in the Nov/Dec column, called to let me know he lives in Scottsdale, AZ, in the winter and Harrison, NY, in the summer. A tennis champion at Cornell, he has transitioned to golf as it is easier on the knees. ROTC at Cornell got him into the Air Force in time for the Korean War and then to law school at St. Johns U. He retired from real estate in 1989 and remarried in 2002.

Larry Bayern '49 of Bozeman, MT, saw the Jan/Feb 2010 report from **Helene Cohn** Friedman (Rochester, NY) and called to ask for an address. He wanted to thank her for introducing him to his wife, **Dorothy (Crawford)**, at Cornell some

60 years ago. He wasn't able to get a phone number for her from Rochester information. Message: Thanks, Helene. **Mary Elizabeth King Black** (Spokane, WA) reports that about the only new thing in her life is a very large white standard poodle that her granddaughter named Coconut. **Frank and Carol Petrulis** (Binghamton, NY) toured India in February. "Started in Delhi; boated on the Ganges; saw the Taj Mahal in Agra; and finally stayed at the terrorist-attacked Taj Hotel in Mumbai, now being rated as the 'most secure hotel' in India today."

Luther Kroninger Jr. (Woodland Hills, CA) writes that he and Mary will celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary: "Loving every minute of it! Health Care Systems still holding our allure, and sailing never loses its mystique." Luther and Mary Lou have three children, three grandchildren, and *Awesome*, a 34.5-ft. sailboat. **Robert Nelson** (Kennett Square, PA) remembers the beauty of the Ithaca area and the Cornell campus and its broad-minded environment. Bob attended the War and Rights class through Cornell's Adult University with Prof. Sidney Tarrow. **Mary Wagner** Diegert studied Ornithology with **Charles Smith, PhD '77**, and **Jeffrey Keller, PhD '86**, last summer. In 2008, with her sister **Carlyn Wagner Johnson '56**, it was Santa Fe Opera with **Art Groos, PhD '70**. **James and Brenda Norris**, Dataw Island, SC, studied the Florida Everglades in 2008 with Charles Smith and Robert Budliger. And **Roberta Vlock** Gottlieb (Rye, NY) was at Mohonk in October 2008 along with **Elliott and Marlene Siff** (Westport, CT).

Robert J. Williams, PhD '62 (Goose Creek, SC) still attends elderhostels and stays active. "This is the big 80," he says. That's been on my mind too. **Harold Gould** (Pavilion, NY) reports that he and Rose have switched the dairy farm to producing organic milk. "Still farming." **Elizabeth Jones Johnson** and husband Donald (Macon, GA) "have traveled all over the world taking each of our four children with us. Had a cottage in the UK and another in France, each for a month. Many wonderful sea trips on Seabourn with dear friends—some have become life-long friends. **Dot Glover** Grimball was in our wedding and helped celebrate our 50th, plus **Betty Williams Tukey '53** and friends (in wedding) from Kappa Alpha Theta." Her fond memories of Cornell include singing, supportive professors, and dear friends.

Sabra "Piper" Baker Staley has three jobs: working with special-needs high school students in a government on-site studies program; working with a travel agency that flies these kids cross-country; and working for a condominium manager as general gopher and bookkeeper. "After 12 years of camp directing in the summer, I've done 14 volunteer summer staff seasons with a camp in Shenandoah Valley." What she remembers from Cornell: the fly-in Saturday breakfasts of the Cornell Pilots Club at Geneva, Syracuse, Elmira, etc., and preparing a cow for the Farm and Home Week livestock show. Sabra announces great-grandchild number nine, Laura Olivia, born June 2, '09 in Richmond, VA.

Aaron and Shelley Epstein Akabas (New York, NY) were in Ithaca for the graduation of a second grandson from Cornell. **Shai Akabas '09** joined **Sam Akabas '07** and the rest of the family—16 strong—on a trip to Israel and Turkey last summer. Shelley was honored by the 25th anniversary class at Columbia U. School of Social Work, where she has taught for 40 years, and continues to do so, as the professor "who has mentored generations of students as world of work leaders." "Very

touching event," says Shelley. Please send your news to: **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net.

52 I'd like to begin this with happier news, but **Jean Thompson Cooper**, an avid Cornellian and dear friend, died January 18, 2010. At the time, she was doing what she liked, entertaining friends, rug-hookers this time, at her home in the Virgin Islands. Jeannie was one of the most alive people I've ever known. I will miss her, as will her husband **Peter '53, JD '57**, her family, and her many friends.

And still news comes: 33 new replies since the last column, including 14 new correspondents. Here goes. **Norman Mack** (Staten Island, NY; nbmack@myfairpoint.net) has been writing, chopping wood, hiking, eating, and surfing the Web. He has a website, but warns that there's nothing PC there. At Cornell, he would have played more billiards. His friend **Paul Avrich** was his greatest influence. **Betty May LaGrange** (S. Burlington, VT) is now in an assisted living facility, as she has difficulty walking. She hopes to move home when better. She reads, avidly watches Red Sox games and figure skating, and would like to hear from any of her classmates who remember her. **Betty Ann Jacques Browne** (Cleveland, OH; mbrowne@roadrunner.com) visits her children, nine of whom live outside Cleveland. She volunteers, organizing and providing after-funeral dinner receptions at her church, purchasing children's books for individuals in an inner city school, and in other ways. She keeps fit with daily exercise and power walking. At Cornell, she would have "studied harder and taken more Arts classes—history, literature, etc." Greatest impact? "My fellow classmates and students. Exposure to a myriad of experiences: visiting lecturers, personalities, musical performances, orchestras, drama, concerts; all new to this small-town girl."

Richard Crews (rjcrews@charter.net) and wife **Joan (Dinkel) '54** live in South Kent, CT. Richard counts for the local church on Sundays, plays cashier for the Kent Library all summer, and substitutes for vacationing or sick clergy during the year. At Cornell he says he would have been "more relaxed." He finds it hard to choose who had the greatest impact. "Two come to mind: B. K. Northrup, Engineering, and the Rev. Richard Stott." **Abby Weitman Karp** (Bronx, NY; awkarp@gmail.com) spends her time painting, playing music, and keeping in touch with grown children. Recently, she has loved hearing from **Dick and Margaret Bailey Redmond**. "I'm still farming, still espousing deep and profound values." Right now, she'd rather be "sitting in Prof. Waage's seminar about Greek sculpture." Looking back, she'd have "stayed in Ithaca forever."

Nancy Cooney Kolb (Ponte Vedra Beach, FL) spends her time with tennis, ballet, yoga, bridge, books/TV, friends, and home upkeep. She spends summer weeks in Vermont and New Hampshire visiting her four kids and their families. At Cornell, Nancy would have "sampled more majors and spent more time at a sorority." Prof. David Daiches had the greatest impact. **Pat Lovejoy Stoddard** (New Canaan, CT) writes, "Along with our class VP **Judy Calhoun Schurman**, I am involved in an effort to build an organization that helps older residents get the services and companionship they need to stay in their own homes as they grow older. Called Staying Put in New Canaan, it is about

to begin its third year of operation." At Cornell, Pat's "fellow students" had the greatest impact.

Patricia Simon Scheines (Hilton Head, SC; pscheines@gmail.com) reads, exercises, and helps in the library, all in an effort to stay healthy. At Cornell, she would have "been more serious about learning." Greatest impact? Professors Knight Biggerstaff and **Frederick Marcham, PhD '26**. **Tony L. Monte** (Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil) writes, "I'm retired, but I still act as a consultant whenever invited to. I also give English lessons to a small group, translate English to Portuguese to English, walk and exercise four to five days a week, read, watch TV, and listen to music." He and wife Vera, married for 55 years, share "much joy and happiness together" with their children and five grandchildren. At Cornell, Tony writes, "I'd have tried harder to stay for a longer period than my three years (including summer courses) and studied harder yet. Cornell is an excellent school and a lovely place." Impact: Prof. **Howard Meek, GR '29**, and intelligible and pleasant secretary Edna Osborne.

Mary Higgins Gibbons (Charlotte, NC) is retired. She moved to North Carolina recently. **Edward Madison** (Boulder, CO; enmadison@comcast.net) travels, volunteers at Boulder Community Hospital, U. of Colorado, and Fraser Meadow Retirement Community, plays golf and bridge, audits classes at the university, and "obeys instructions and orders from spouse Nancy." He also produces travel movies on his Apple. He had been to Japan and South Korea. Edward is one of the many who says he would have studied harder at Cornell. Impact? "Many professors and fraternity brothers, unfortunately all deceased."

David Greenwood (Jersey City, NJ; dlg32@cornell.edu) spends time with friends and family, reads, goes to museums and concerts, and does woodworking, making furniture for home and family. At Cornell, he says he "would have studied." Mario Einaudi had the greatest impact. **Gerald Thorington '49, DVM '52** (Rushford, NY) does photography, reads, goes to senior citizen meetings, and, now that his wife **Shirley (Green) '47** has died, cooks. He enjoys cruises, recently to Italy, Greece, and Turkey. On September 8, 2009, he welcomed another great-grandson. Apart from that, now that the 183 head of dairy cattle have been sold, he has been trying to sell their nine farms. Vida and **Raymond Davies** (Murrells Inlet, SC; sableK9@yahoo.com) divide their time between the beach and Jackson Hole, WY. They read, visit family, keep track of their investments, and enjoy life and their retirement. He would have done "more Bus, less Ag" at Cornell. Impact? "My Economics/Geography professor, whose name... has escaped me after these 60 years. I must be getting old?" **Joan Boffa** Gaul, joangaul@mac.com. Class website, <http://classof52.alumni.cornell.edu>.

53 Onetime Oxford, England, prof **Valerie Reid Shubik** (Washington, DC) rode the Metro under snowmitten streets to the capital's Waldman Park Marriott to join folks like retired State Dept. careerist **Bill Marsh** (Washington, DC), **Ann Woolley Banks** (Gloucester, MA), **Jane Little Hardy**, **Dick and Peg Jones Halberstadt '56**, **Bette Wendt Jore '56**, **Sandy and Jim Blackwood**, and moi at a '53 dinner during Cornell's mid-winter Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in January. **Caroline Mulford Owens** and **Joyce Wisbaum** Underberg attended our annual '53 business meeting with a huge Cornell lunch bunch in a struggling southern

city. Someone picked this weekend wisely. An epic 28-inch blizzard fell the next weekend.

The CALC conclave replaces the century-old Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) Mid-Winter Meeting, lately gathered in Philadelphia, but mostly through its long history in New York City. The idea is to expand the role of more class leaders, and a record crowd showed up at the gigantic former home of many public servants, i.e., lawmakers, lobbyists, and filibusterers.

There was a bulging agenda. Provost Kent Fuchs spoke of what provosts do and on reimagining Alma Mater for 2015 and beyond. He asked for input from alumni to help with the currently shaping strategic process. Vice President **Susan Murphy '73**, PhD '94, spoke on the way we are at Cornell in 2010. Prof. **Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76**, and TV newsman **Jim Axelrod '85** viewed President Obama's first year. A favorite topic was the wise and witty review of Cornell history by **Corey Ryan Earle '07**, from how Ezra and Andy built the university through how that pumpkin came to be stuck on the Libe Tower. The management even provided television from Ithaca of our then 25th nationally ranked basketball team's significant 86-50 conquest of Harvard.

Retired 20-year Oxford donna of American lit Val Shubik (Washington, DC) is looking for a new job. At the D.C. dinner, she submitted that she had decided to become a lawyer and was working hard at entrance exam preparations. Val says she's already sufficiently proficient "to get into a crummy law school," but is going for something better. Many congratulations to Isabelle Fratt and her dad, **C. K. Poe Fratt Jr., MBA '89**, who reports that she will be a member of the Class of '14. She was recruited by the field hockey coach, says Poe, and plans to represent a fourth generation of Fratts to play on Big Red teams and a fifth generation of Cornell Fratts. **Poe Sr., BME '55**, you'll recall, was a '53 prez of inexhaustible imagination, enthusiasm, and energy, most valuable player on an Ivy League champion Cornell football team, and, oh yes, trustee of the university. Isabelle's great-granddad, **Norbert Fratt '27**, scored touchdowns for Gil Dobie's mighty Big Redders of 1925.

Remember the debate whether John F. Kennedy was too young to run at 42 and whether Stan Musial was too old at 40? **Chuck Juran** (Prescott, AZ) knows where he stands on that one. He was the third oldest player in his local softball league last year. Meanwhile, **Dave Rossin** (University Park, FL) tells of a December visit "to watch a geezer softball game . . . thought I might be able to take a couple of swings. Forget it! Those guys take it seriously. Baseball-type workout uniforms, rubber-spike shoes, gloves, equipment bags that roll on little wheels. And they are all BIG! I watched them smash the ball, wished them a happy new year, and got the hell out."

John and Nancy Egan Webster enjoyed a family reunion for 20 by the blue Pacific in Oahu, HI, saw Carthaginian and Roman ruins in Tunisia, refreshed memories of Harry Truman at his library in Kansas City, and visited Hmong ethnic villagers amid rice paddies far above misty mountainsides in Sapa (northern Vietnam) last year. John gave a weeklong series of lectures on medical instrumentation in Hanoi. Back home, he was, at last look, teaching biomedical instrumentation at the U. of Wisconsin, Madison, besides doing research on menopausal hot flashes and pressure on the brain. Nancy volunteers at a retirement center, the Unitarian church, and the college art center, to name but a few.

Our Novgorod, Russia-born Class of 1953 Cornell Tradition Fellow, **Nickyta Fishman '12**, now of Louisville, KY, composes instrumental and vocal music, including a fantasia for viola and piano, has taken courses in swing dance, and is co-founder and chief technology officer of a company that produces and markets administration software for high schools and middle schools. Nick formed the company, called AccuScholar Interactive (www.accuscholar.com), with two high school friends. It has enabled some 13,000 students, teachers, and parents to share and manage information. Nick's a Dean's List Computer Science major with a Hispanic Studies minor.

Fifty-three returns to Tanglewood on Sunday, July 18, for music in the Massachusetts hills. This year, vocalist Arlo Guthrie joins the Boston Pops Orchestra, and '53 will be waiting up front under a towering tree. Once again, Phil and **Roz Zalutsky** Baron are arranging supper at their rustic retreat. **Jim Hanchett**, 300 First Ave, #8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

54 I hope that by the time this column is in your hands, dogwoods and azaleas will have replaced the mounds of very dirty snow outside, and street parking will no longer be a nightmare. Snow in Virginia is definitely not fun. However, one chooses retirement geography and its elements according to personal coping ability. From your mail I would say the class is coping well with Mother Nature's surprises, be they snow, flooding, hurricanes, or earthquakes. The new News Form supports the hypothesis that we, in our fourth quarter, are a very productive, creative, engaging, and contributing class. Communities, schools, and grandchildren, for example, are beneficiaries of our education, experience, and longevity.

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Les Papenfus Reed '54

Robert Evans traveled the world for business, but returned to Branchport, where he chairs the planning board along with filling the role of town historian. History courses at Cornell fostered a lifelong interest in the field, culminating with his being awarded the Distinguished DAR Medal of Honor. **William Pattison** traveled a great deal for his career with the hospitality industry, but he retired to his roots in western Canada. Being president of his fraternity gave him skills that helped in his role with organizations both professional and volunteer. He is active in the British Columbia Paraplegic Foundation and the Victoria Youth Orchestra. Spending time with grandchildren and sharing their activities tells us much about how the world is changing. **Willard Wheeler's** Economics courses impacted his profession as a money manager; sports was a good training ground for business competition; and proximity to Wells College gifted him a lifelong soulmate. A degree in CALS, then 55 years in planning and development, has led **Peter Abeles** to research the process of converting plant material to fuel. He would love to get back to flying ultra-lights, but his wife

thinks that is too dangerous for those below. Compromising, they sail around Shelter Island so as not to be complete landlubbers. Call from the ferry if you'd like a ride.

Ah, I do love **Robert Morrison's** spirit—he is always on the move and learning new skills. He has “moved house,” as the Brits say, from Connecticut to New Hampshire, where he has become completely absorbed into the nature community, teaching fly-fishing and nature classes for both adults and children's groups, and certified as an erosion, sedimentation, and storm water inspector. Wonder whether he still has to monitor the dam-building beavers. Dream trips include Alaska, Africa (again), Grand Canyon, and fishing on the Green River in Utah. **Robert Hellmann, MS '57's** undergraduate studies in conservation have been a lifelong continuum, which is now applied to habitat restoration and ecological landscaping on his own six acres. Rotary and church involve him in community activities with people he enjoys.

Looking back on what Cornell contributed to successful retirement, **Robert Hill** cites Alfred Kahn, America Studies professor, 150-lb. crew, and his love of skiing. During the winter months he contributes Christmas trees and greens to the church and garden club from his tree farm. He also volunteers the land for timber and wildlife management programs, plus “game of logging” workshops. **Roland Carlson, MD '58**, has been retired for a couple of years and spends his time golfing, boating, traveling, and visiting the grands. Sounds rather relaxing. **Robert Jarvis** is another Florida denizen who migrated south to leave the cold weather behind. He finds it a good place to stay fit—and not by shoveling the white stuff.

I'm glad **George Hein** has surfaced after being quiet for these 55 years. After graduation George received graduate degrees from Michigan

(PhD in chemistry) and Caltech before accepting academic positions at Boston U. and Harvard Medical School. For the past 25 years his primary interest has been how people learn in museums of all kinds. Aside from chemistry, George took a number of courses in philosophy and the humanities while at Cornell that have served him well as he moved into new fields. He has lived in Cambridge, MA, for the past 30 years, with no plans to move. However, aging in place on three levels might have to be reconsidered.

As **William Romell** (Rocky River, OH) is retired, he has ample time to enjoy watching movies with grandson Owen. When not tracking down Sherlock Holmes and his sidekick Watson, **Sondra Dreier Kozinn** is a doting grandmother and now a great-grandmother a couple of times over. **John Manley**, also a Floridian, enjoys walking and exercising to insure a healthy fourth quarter. There seems to be a pattern among those who live in the Sunshine State. It would appear they know how to relax. Lessons to be learned, perhaps? **Delight Dixon** Omohundro left Virginia a couple of years ago for Atlantic Beach, FL, and has not

looked back. She finds it an ideal retirement community, originally established for the military.

We will be adding a list of missing classmates to our website. We would love your help in locating them and correcting any inaccuracies. ■ **Les Papenfus** Reed, ljreed@speakeasy.net. Class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu>.

55 To those of us who've shoveled through the incredible snowstorms in the Northeast and mid-Atlantic states this winter, **Beverly McNamara** Wait's schedule looks just fine: five months each year at Barefoot Beach in Naples, FL. That even sounds warm! **Barbara Brott** Myers has a well-planned calendar, too: summers in Orchard Park, NY, and winters in Englewood, FL, where she enjoys shelling, birding, and concerts. Barbara and Jerry are looking forward to reunion. **Joe and Vera Steiner Simon** proudly announce that their granddaughter Caroline, daughter of **Joe Simon '80**, will enter Cornell with the Class of 2014. Congratulations to the whole family!

News from campus includes the announcement that CAPE (Cornell Association of Professors Emeriti) has elected **Don Farley**, PhD '60, president and **Fred Antil** secretary-treasurer of its executive council. The organization fosters social and professional community among retired faculty and senior administrators. This is perhaps a first: two Cornell undergraduate classmates simultaneously serving on CAPE's executive council. Fred continues to pursue his interest in Abraham Lincoln in diverse

Good to hear from **Samuel "Skip" Salus**, who wrote that he and Kate journeyed to Quito and the Galápagos aboard the *Celebrity Xpedition*. "The experience was most interesting, especially the flora and fauna and their adaptations," he writes, reporting that the naturalists were "well informed and proud of what they had to present." In Savannah, Skip serves on the board of the Coastal Children's Advocacy Center; the organization counsels and rehabilitates abused children, videotaping their testimony on the abuse so as to avoid the trauma of court confrontation with the perpetrator. Referring to the coverage in this magazine on the Willard Straight takeover, Skip felt "the article did nothing to alleviate that disgraceful chapter in Cornell history, nor did it elicit apologies from the participants. The indelible trauma still remains." Skip says he'd rather be "18 again, to experience college and career directions and explore the many possibilities I ignored during my life." I know many classmates share that sense of regret for not having taken full advantage of all the opportunities available to us during our undergrad years. Too busy studying (or partying, as the case may be)!

We received an interesting letter from **Thibaut Delage '07**, the recipient of the Class of 1955 Student Library Worker Endowment. Thibaut writes, "Although I was paid the same as my friends who were working at coffee shops and other Cornell libraries, I believe the skills I gained from working in the Collaborative Learning Computer Laboratory for three years were far above those gained by my colleagues." With his knowledge of graphics, video, and computer skills, Thibaut landed a job

ready for spring baseball season (T-ball, that is) with a grandson, 4.

Thanks for class news and dues forms received from **Ron Nordheimer**, **Ted Hymowitz**, and **Donald Crane**. Don's still arbitrating labor/management grievances: "I've done it for 40 years and I still enjoy the intellectual stimulation it brings." Don also finds time for "lots of community volunteer work," and serves as a member of his church choir. "At Cornell I couldn't sing a note. I still can't sing, but 75 other voices carry me." From Minneapolis, **Suzanne Liebrecht** Joyce writes, "After nine years of retirement from Morgan Stanley, I'm glad not to be in that business any more!" Now Sue has time for theater, golf, and vacation, and has "become addicted to the high-definition live performances from the Metropolitan Opera." The Joyces have a home in Crested Butte, CO, and when we got Sue's note, she and Bill were getting ready to welcome 18 family members. If they can make reunion, Sue says she'll be glad to help with preparations.

NOW: ABOUT REUNION! I'm writing this column on Valentine's Day, dead of winter, and hoping that it reaches you well before you start packing for Ithaca! Our reunion committee has finalized plans for a wonderful 55th Reunion, June 10-13, and by now you've received your invitation, with all the details you want to know. Several months ago, as planning was getting under way, the reunion committee sent out a survey to gather opinions from all of us about our upcoming reunion. One of the questions was, "Why do you think you and/or our classmates come to reunion?" Most respondents (96 percent) said the reason that topped their list was the desire to see old friends. **Revisiting, reconnecting, renewing . . . that's what returning to campus is really about.** Hope you're planning to be here—your old friends are looking forward to seeing you! ■ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancypetrie@optonline.net. Class website, <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>.

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Donald Crane '55

ways. During Cornell's celebration of Lincoln's 200th birthday, a short video was prepared (see Cornell CyberTower and click on the Gettysburg Address), which showcased one of Cornell's greatest treasures, a copy of the Gettysburg Address in Lincoln's own handwriting. Fred narrates the speech at the opening and closing of the video.

George Cohen, LLB '57, writes that after three years in a solo practice as a mediator, he's joined the Obama Administration as the director for Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services. At the time we heard from him, last November, he was "six weeks into this new adventure." We hope it's going well. Between 1966 and 2005 George was a senior partner at Bredhoff & Kaiser in Washington, DC, and for most of that time he was also an adjunct professor at Georgetown Law School. **Tad Slocum** announces that he's not retired either. He's spent 48 years in the Wall Street world, the last 32 with Smith Barney (now Morgan Stanley Smith Barney). After hours, Tad likes "cruising with our family," and particularly enjoyed a family vacation in Maui. For **Marlene Medjuck** Green, having a "far-flung family" means she gets to visit Australia and New Zealand, among other destinations. "The highlight of 2008 was snorkeling in the Great Barrier Reef while visiting my doctor-daughter and her family." Back home in Boca Raton, Marcy keeps up with her bridge, tennis, yoga, operas, concerts, plays, and films.

with Capital Q, a division of Standard & Poors, in New York City. "On any given day I can work with investment bankers, management firms, private equity firms, consultants, and corporations," he wrote. He also wants us to know that "every skill I learned or developed further while working at Cornell has enhanced my ability to be successful." **Victoria Yang '12** is grateful for the help she receives from the Class of '55 45th Reunion Scholarship. Victoria, who hails from Maryland, is a student in the College of Engineering and served as an intern/engineering trainee at the National Inst. of Standards and Technology, working on indoor air quality and ventilation projects. Our class is proud to play a role in enabling these fine students to pursue work in their chosen fields.

Margot Oppenheim Robinson reports that her husband, **Jack '54**, devotes three mornings a week to his work as a volunteer "attorney emeritus," helping needy people avoid foreclosure in Sarasota, FL. Margot's real estate career "has seen better days," but she remains optimistic that it will again flourish when the economy improves. In the summer of '08, the Robinsons enjoyed "a wonderful yachting cruise of Sicily." Sounds marvelous. **Don Demske** appreciates the fact that "all our kids and their spouses are gainfully employed, helping to keep our Social Security system solvent." In his spare time, Don's doing grandfather duty: eating pretend meals with a granddaughter, 3, and getting

56 **Marilyn Berger-Hewitt** is the author of a new biography, *This is a Soul*, published by HarperCollins. The book is the story of Rick Hodes, an American doctor living in Ethiopia who has devoted his life to caring for the sickest children in one of the world's poorest countries. While there, Marilyn became involved with the story. She came upon a small, deformed, and malnourished boy begging on the street and recognized that he had the exact disease that Rick Hodes could cure. She took him to Dr. Hodes, who arranged for the boy to have a complicated and risky surgery, which turned out to be most successful. Marilyn is a contributing writer to the *New York Times* and the widow of the late executive producer and creator of "60 Minutes," Don Hewitt.

Gail Gifford Rudin and husband Steve donated Lincoln memorabilia from their collection to the Kroch Library and underwrote a lecture by Pulitzer Prize-winner James McPherson, a Civil War expert. **Bonnie Smith** Whyte presented a mohair carriage blanket, believed to have been owned by Ezra Cornell, to the Cornell Textile Collection. Writes Bonnie, "My uncle Jack Callahan, a New Jersey building contractor, did work for the Cornell family in Montclair, NJ. Upon his retirement they presented Uncle Jack with a mohair carriage blanket that was passed down to them from their forbearer, Ezra Cornell. He eventually passed it on to his nephew David Connolly of Basking Ridge, NJ, who retained it for half a century. Despite its

age, likely dating to the 1800s, the blanket is in remarkable condition and is being carefully preserved in the collection."

Orlando Turco, a wrestling alum, is in real estate in Ithaca. **James Yates** (Lemoyne, PA) is a plastic surgeon. **Grace Goldsmith Wahba** (Madison, WI) is the I. J. Schoenberg-Hillsdale Professor of Statistics at the U. of Wisconsin, Madison. **John Harney** is still making that wonderful Harney tea, based in Salisbury, CT. **Joan Hillsley MacKenzie** (Redondo Beach, CA) is in private outpatient psychiatry and is past president and treasurer of the South Bay Psychiatric Society. **Roy Curtiss III** is director of the Center for Infectious Diseases and Vaccinology at Arizona State U. and professor of life science. A world-renowned geneticist, Roy developed recombinant attenuated bacterial vaccines against agricultural and human pathogens. He is the leader in the use of genetic and gene-cloning approaches to study bacterial and viral pathogens, and he pioneered the development of plant-based vaccines. **Murray Meltzer** (Tenafly, NJ) is a professor of ophthalmic plastic and reconstructive surgery.

Active classmates we have heard from include: **Vera Johnson** Lee, BS '58 (San Francisco, CA), **David Pyle** (Nokomis, FL), **Ellen Deck** Nesheim (Washington, DC), **Norma Redstone** Shakun (Williamsville, VT), **Kitty Welch** Wieschhoff (Midway, KY), and **Ed Berkowitz**, who just returned from a Cornell Outdoor Education adventure in Thailand. My roomies **Margot Lurie** Zimmerman and **Barbara Barron** Starr continue to travel to interesting places. I also saw **Barbara Rapoport** and **Arlene Shatsky** Chasek at an educational venue here in NYC called One Day University.

We received the following news from Jeanne Twitchell: "I am truly sad to tell you that my husband, **Warren Furber Twitchell**, passed away on March 15, 2007. He had been in education for more than 30 years and retired as principal of North Elementary School here in Tracy, CA. He lived, he laughed, he loved." **Bob Browning**, of Stuart, FL, and Milford, CT, and a native son of Maysville, KY, passed away January 10, 2010. Bob, a very active alum and SAE brother, retired in 1989 as group VP of Emerson Electric and president of US Electric Motors, after spending his entire working career with Browning's Manufacturing and Emerson. Bob, you will be missed.

SAVE THE DATE: June 9-12, 2011, for our 55th Reunion on campus. ☐ **Phyllis Bosworth**, 8 East 83rd St., Apt. 10C, New York, NY 10028; e-mail, phylboz@aol.com.

57 **Bill Schmidt** returned to Bailey Island, ME, last summer after several years and, as is his wont, selected a number of motifs to paint: lobster houses, crashing waves on a rocky shore, and the general majesty of the Maine coastline. He has updated his website (BillSchmidt.net) with these and other renderings, including scenes from California and last fall's Annapolis Boat Show. **Dick, BEE '59**, and **Dale Reis Johnson '58** enjoyed a 16-day trip to Turkey with **Bill** and **Jan Charles Lutz**. If you attend Cornell functions around San Diego, you will probably see the Johnsons, who get to most such events.

David Wingate (Hamilton, Bermuda) sends word that, in his retirement, he keeps busy writing papers covering what he did during his career. He has been featured in two local documentaries concerning islands off the Bermuda coast. He does

volunteer work for the Bermuda National Trust and the Audubon Society.

For those who knew **Ahmad "Dean" Gaafar**, he had an interesting history. Older than most of us, he was 32 when he arrived in Ithaca in 1954. He was from Cairo, served in the 1948 Palestinian conflict, and was dismissed from the Army two years later by Nassar for being loyal to the king and apparently not to Nassar. With a wife and two children and no job, he enrolled in the Hotel school, graduated, and worked for Hilton in Egypt for 25 years—AND was reinstated into the army by Sadat with his former rank and all privileges, eventually retiring with the rank of general. Word has come from his son that Dean died peacefully after a short illness, survived by the son and a daughter, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

By way of **Phil McIndoo** and **Dori Albert**, below is an update on **Irwin Schlossberg**. Last October, while on the phone with his daughter, he discovered that he had no hearing in his left ear, a rare condition with an unpronounceable name. The treatment (steroids and an antiviral) proved to be as bad or worse than the illness, resulting in a consistently high temperature, a case of advanced pneumonia, and difficulty breathing. Over time the lungs have cleared somewhat, but it prompted his retirement, which he is "enjoying." Irwin also passed on the sad news that **Harvey Young**, with whom the Schlossbergs were very friendly, died in December. He was living in Arizona at the time of his death. ☐ **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

Some classmates have downsized and moved to warmer climes, but **Sally Ann Blake** Lavery downsized and moved north—from Amesbury, MA, to a continuing care retirement community in Exeter, NH. She reports that the facility has many Cornell connections there with an annual get-together of alumni. **Florence Bloch** Farkas divides her time between Boynton Beach, FL, and Flushing, NY. She volunteers in synagogue activities to enhance and increase her involvement in Judaism life and keeps fit with tennis and swimming. Among Cornell friends, she sees **Marty** and **Laurie Bloch Schwartz '59**, **Steve '55**, **BArch '57**, and **Grace Wohlner Weinstein**, and **Beth Ames Swartz**. Also in Florida, **Joann Bowman** Duncan, BS Nurs '57, volunteers at the Patty and Jay Baker Museum of Art in Naples, Naples Day Surgery, and Trinity by the Cove Episcopal Church.

Rochelle Krugman Kainer, an analytic psychologist and author, has stayed put and describes herself living "40 years of exile here in Washington, DC." After the snow that hit last February, she may change her mind. The annual class officers' meeting missed the really big snow event, but experienced a mini-snowstorm during the Leadership Conference at the end of January. **Dori Goudsmit** Albert presided and **Marcia Wishengrad Metzger**, JD '60, took notes. While **Gail Lautzenheiser** Cashen had camera in hand to record the proceedings, **Bert Grunert** DeVries and **Phil McIndoo** reported on gift-giving. I'm passing along their reminder that if you have mentioned Cornell in your will, please let the university know. **Judy Richter** Levy, LLB '59, reported on a successful NYC event—Cornell hockey last fall at Madison Square Garden, with a class dinner prior to the game. **Betty Starr** King and **Charlie Parker** gave an update on their progress regarding Reunion 2012. We're looking for ideas for a class project before then. Your input is welcome. Representatives from our

adopted Class of 2007 sat in for part of the meeting and brought some chuckles when we asked one of them about his work. He's a staffer on Capitol Hill—with the Senate Committee on Aging! Needless to say we had a few questions for him about changes in Social Security.

Phyllis Lorberblatt Kahn has been doing lots of political work lately, serving as a state representative in Minnesota. **Ellie Steinmann** Schrader still works as president of OR Manager Inc., a company that provides information on management of surgical services, primarily in hospitals. She took time off last fall to join her daughter on a trip to Churchill, Manitoba, Canada. En route they traveled over the Arctic tundra to see polar bears and other Arctic animals. ☐ **Judith Reusswig**, 19 Seburn Dr., Bluffton, SC 29909; e-mail, JCreuss@aol.com.

58 I am writing this column after an historic event in Dallas! The great snowstorm of 2010 set all kinds of records as we received more than a foot of snow. Doesn't seem like much after our Cornell winters, but it is a big deal here in the sunny South! Now the temps are in the 30s and the snow is melting fast, but with no school, all the kids are having a ball. Now to some news.

Sandra Schon Mackay traveled to Italy, Greece, Bosnia, and Germany, and still works part-time teaching public health/community health nursing students from all over the world at San Francisco State U. Her husband, Don, died in 2007. **Beverly Blau** Miller traveled with friends to Prague, which is such a beautiful city with wonderful history. She tries to stay physically fit by going to the local YMCA. She says "aging is a challenge." Guess we can all relate to that! She volunteers as an intergenerational reading tutor for second graders through a program of "Oasis," a national adult educational organization. **Judith Schlein** Marlane became chair/professor emeritus of cinema at the TV Arts department at Cal State U., Northridge. She moved to California to become the first chair and the first full professor in the 40-year history of the department. She stayed to make a difference! Her most recent book is *Women in Television News Revisited* (U. of Texas Press). She has two daughters, both Cornell grads, and a grandson, 7. In her Cornell days, **Gordon Davidson '56** directed her in *Finian's Rainbow* in her part as Susan. They met in California again, where Gordon has become quite a legend on the theater scene.

Donald Summer had open-heart surgery at the Cleveland Clinic, closed down his office and home, and retired to Boca Raton, FL. **John Morrison** is still a real estate agent and plans to relocate soon from Lake Forest, IL, to Sun Lakes, AZ. **Gerald Moress** still works part-time in neurology at Sun Valley Sports Medicine. He loves piloting aircraft, Nordic skiing, and hiking. **Kenneth Ryan** PE, MS '59, writes, "In NYS you have to take 35 continuing education units per year to maintain active status for professional engineering, so I let my license go inactive. I can still call myself a PE, but of course cannot practice." He is on several county committees and the town planning board and plays at farming and restoring tractors. He doesn't plan to relocate anywhere and will stay in Oxford, NY.

I received the sad news that **Bernice Goodman** Pennington died in August 2009. **Ted Engman**, MS '61, is a NASA consultant to Arab Water

Academy in Abu Dhabi, where he presented information at the workshop on applications of remote sensing in water management. He still loves basketball. **Cynthia Ide** Rockwell lives in Rome, Italy. Her husband had a retrospective exhibition at the Norman Rockwell Museum last July, and their four children, four grandchildren, and two spouses gathered for the event in Stockbridge, MA. She says, "We live too far away to participate in anything at Cornell, but the Cornell-in-Rome program occasionally has an event." Keep the news coming and have a wonderful spring and summer! **Jan Arps** Jarvie, jjarvie@sbcglobal.net; **Dick Haggard**, dhaggard@voicenet.com. Class website, <http://classof58.alumni.cornell.edu>.

59 Illustrator and designer **George Ladas** (Roselle, NJ) is bringing back some of the superb architectural timepieces that he created in the late 1960s. The sculptures, void of numbers or graphic symbols, provide time information using the movement of light along a linear framework. The Orbita clock was acquired by the Museum of Modern Art for its design collection and Bloomingdale's featured the Orbita and the Linear Time Column in its advertising. To see these and other timepieces visit www.time.base24.com. And the next time you're in Las Vegas visit Caesar's Palace and delight in George's gigantic animated Trojan horse, which marks the entrance to the FAO Schwarz store.

I recommend the blog maintained by **Richard Horwich**: <http://rdhblog-richard.blogspot.com>, which has an ongoing series of interesting and provocative posts. Richard and wife Nancy live in East Hampton, NY, with a pied-à-terre on NYC's Upper West Side. Richard teaches Shakespeare at NYU. In 2009 he revealed to the world his secret life as a playwright. He has written what he says is "perhaps the most uncommercial play in history: *The Merchant of Venice, Act Six*. Its audience needs to be on speaking terms with the Shakespeare play to which it is a sequel, which rules out about 95 percent of potential playgoers." Nonetheless, the play received a professional reading last spring at the Naked Stage, a group that supports dramatic activities in the East End of Long Island. The next step would be a workshop; if anyone knows of a small theater group looking for material, have them get in touch with Richard.

Recent travels for **Art**, MS '61, and **Helen Geoffrion** have included a cruise to the Galápagos Islands, a family reunion at Disney World's Animal Kingdom, and a trip to the Gold Coast of Australia for the Int'l Triathlon Union's world championships, where Helen medaled. In between travels, Art keeps some professional service activities going, works on several family history projects, maintains four websites, and indulges his love for music and nonfiction. A love for music drew several classmates to a concert in NYC in January. **Lenny Rubin**, **Ellie Applewhaite**, and **Bill** and **Jackie Grimm Kingston** '61 unexpectedly met at a University Glee Club concert that featured the Cornell Glee Club. "Quite a lot of the audience stood to sing our Alma Mater," reports Lenny. Ellie notes that "the combined group sang Franz Biebl's 'Ave Maria,' which I understand has become a signature piece for the Cornell Glee Club."

Please remember to pay class dues for the 2010-11 year, and send me news for this column. Remember, you can get a heads-up on classmates' activities by following our occasional Twitter posts

on the class website, <http://classof59.alumni.cornell.edu>.

At reunion last June, Prof. Isaac Kramnick acknowledged the role of **Peter Kellogg** as one of the student leaders who ushered in the end of *in loco parentis*. Peter, who was president of the student council our senior year, joined the Navy after Cornell, earned an MBA from Harvard Business School, and eventually went into corporate finance, rising by age 37 to the position of vice president of finance with a major pharmaceutical company in Europe. But then his marriage disintegrated, leading to an international custody battle in which Peter's two young sons were removed from his care. "The impact on me financially, emotionally, and physically was catastrophic," notes Peter. "Increasingly, I relied on a prescription drug to dull the pain and get me through the day. My increased addiction caused my life to unravel in an inexorable downward spiral. In 2001 I found myself in a charity detox ward in Dallas surrounded by screaming heroin addicts. I was at the point of death. At age 63, I was broke, unemployed, and all alone. I owned neither house nor car, nor much else, and owed over \$200,000 in credit card debt.

"It all changed in 2002 when Jesus Christ saved me. I was saved physically, mentally, morally, and spiritually. I never touched that drug again. Everything in my life turned around almost immediately. I landed a six-figure job and soon all the debts were paid off. My health was restored. I was a free man. In 2005 I joined the Catholic Church and in 2006 I bought a house in Round Rock, TX—the first house I had owned in my own name in 30 years. But in 2007 I was diagnosed with multiple myeloma. After two years of treatment I am cancer-free. This is why my friends call me the 'miracle man,' and why I always respond to 'hopeless cases' with the rejoinder, 'There is no such thing as hopeless. All things are possible with God.'" If you'd like to see a one-hour DVD, "The Conversion of Peter Kellogg," contact Peter at peter.kellogg@att.net. **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, jet24@cornell.edu.

60 The latest good news about Reunion 50/60/10 is that we're expecting about 500 classmates and spouses to attend and that, as of mid-February, \$11 million of our \$14 million fundraising goal has already been pledged, according to finance chief **Carl Johnson**. Ten Class Council members met in Washington in late January to go over final plans for the June festivities. They report that highlights of our four days in Ithaca will include a visit with President David Skorton, class forums featuring Frank Rhodes and **Susan Murphy** '73, PhD '94, music by Cayuga's Waiters and a band in our class tent, and excellent food and drink arranged by our catering guru **Bill Fisher**, MBA '65, PhD '68. **Dick Penny** created the 50th Reunion Directory that duespayers received in March. **Gail Hodges** prepared the mailings, **Linda Jarschauer Johnson**, MS '63, is overseeing the registration process, **Alan** and **Ellie Ross Garfinkel** worked on contacting affinity group members, and webmaster **Carrie Warnow** Makover managed all our high-tech communications, while **Sue Phelps Day**, MEd '62, heroically coordinated the whole complex process while undergoing cancer treatment.

With only a month to go, be sure you have registered on the class website, www.Cornell60.org, or by mail. For any last-minute questions,

you can use e-mail to contact either Carrie (cwm23@cornell.edu) or Sue (spd6@cornell.edu). Scores of classmates have already registered to attend—find all their names on our website. See you in Ithaca!

Reporting in from Morristown, NJ, **Dave Ahl** says, "Ridiculous as it seems, I've just started another company, Scavenger USA, to provide and run scavenger hunts in the NY-NJ Metro area for team building, problem-solving, and just plain fun. More at www.scavengerUSA.com. I've also been helping on mission trips to Guatemala, Jordan, Israel, and Mississippi (Katrina rebuilding), as well as developing and leading a series of men's Bible studies. And my military-vehicles club just collected 7,883 toys for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots drive. Never a dull moment!" It's good to know you'll also fit in a reunion trip to Ithaca, Dave. Also planning to come in June are **Jim** and **Betty Abraham Dowd**, who will make the trek from their summer place in Dowagiac, MI, where they are near two of their grandchildren. Two others live not far from the Dowds' winter home in St. Louis, and three are in Doha, Qatar, which the Dowds visited to usher in the New Year. Jim has been serving as an advisor to the pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church of St. Louis and also does some teaching and preaching and committee work at the Second Presbyterian Church, where Betty continues in the choir and bell choir.

Ron Pereira (Woodbridge, VA) and Karin have a new granddaughter, Savannah, born in Washington, DC. "I now have four granddaughters—am looking for a grandson! Still working and teaching accounting in the evenings and collecting antique Wisconsin duck decoys. I go surf fishing at the Outer Banks whenever I get a semester break. Otherwise play tennis on Wii and cook Gallego soups. Looking forward to our 50th Reunion!" **Tom Hunter** (Fernandina Beach, FL) has retired and now serves as full-time caregiver for wife **Connie (Purick)** '63 as she battles Parkinson's. "I get out for three or four runs a week and occasional golf, plus visits to our four daughters and nine grandchildren, seven farther north and two in Luxembourg, probably permanently. And, oh yes, I stroll the beach with Connie nearly every morning and collect fossilized shark teeth." **James "J.T." Tsighis** (Tucson, AZ) is "still working and enjoying every minute. I'm a real estate business coach for Realty Executives of Southern Arizona, vice-chairman of the National Association of Realtors' risk management committee, and the federal political coordinator for Congresswoman **Gabrielle Giffords**, MRP '97. I'm also enjoying the company of my wife Linda and beautiful daughters Zoe and Liberty. Looking forward to our 50th!"

In Rochester, NY, **C. Sue Epstein** Hai is "still very active in my interior design practice and traveling whenever I can—San Miguel de Allende and Barcelona were two wonderful destinations of the past eight months." **Sam Gilbert** (Hartsdale, NY), a lawyer specializing in trusts and estates and real estate transactions, is still practicing, but also finds time to play golf, travel, and, he says, "see my three children and seven grandchildren." Send your news to: **Judy Bryant Wittenberg**, 146 Allerton Rd., Newton, MA 02461; e-mail, jw275@cornell.edu.

61 We start this column with a quiz. Test your memory from 49 years ago and come up with the name of our senior class president. OK, time's up. And the

answer is: **Thomas Gittins**. But then you knew it all the time, right? After being off the radar for a few years, Tom sent along an update. He writes as follows, "Every time I read our class column in the *Cornell Alumni News*, I promise to check in and say hello. Finally in 2010 I am doing that. Sue and I went to a performance of the Cornell Glee Club at the Kennedy Center with **Don Spero** and wife Nancy—a great performance followed by a good review in the *Washington Post*. By the way, Sue and I celebrated our 50th anniversary December 19 of last year. I spent several years as CEO of Sister Cities Int'l, coordinating and expanding US Sister City programs around the world until 1992. At this point, I left and set up Gittins & Associates Inc., focusing on international program and organizational development consulting. Currently a major focus is with the US Center for Citizen Diplomacy and planning for a national summit on global citizen diplomacy, in collaboration with the US Dept. of State. We have lived in Falls Church, VA, since 1971, after we returned from the Dominican Republic, where I served as director of the Peace Corps. Son Tom owns Art & Frame of Falls Church and is a leading businessman. Daughter Dianne is a captain in the Alexandria, VA, police force. So, that's a condensed 50-year summary. Hope we'll see many friends in June 2011."

Regularly we receive class notes from the CAM office. **Thos Rohr** sent along an e-mail and several pictures of golf legend Arnold Palmer. "The pictures are in Arnold Palmer's home offices in Latrobe, PA, during the celebration of his 80th birthday. Arnie and I have been close friends for 40 years. Although I live in Hawaii, we get together several times a year for golf and fellowship. I played polo at Cornell before moving to Hawaii, where I was fortunate enough to build, open, and operate some of Hawaii's most successful resorts. Much aloha."

Susan Williams Stevens (sabeelick@hotmail.com) writes that, although retired, she is involved in reading with children, church work, and library volunteer activities. "What I've been doing recently is getting used to being a pastor's wife and learning the Oregon coast. On the horizon I'm planning for a trip to WWI and WWII battle sites in Europe." Susan further comments on spending four years in Edinburgh, Scotland, for Bill's PhD in theology, and two years job hunting in Colorado near Rocky Mountain National Park. Susan would like to hear from **Ron Barnes**, an old Cornell friend. A note from **Brenda Young Crawford**: "I decided to e-mail rather than fill out the News Form. My husband, **Tony, DVM '62**, and I arrived home from the 45th National Championship Air Races at Stead Airport in Reno, NV. Tony placed 1st in the Sport Class Silver, flying his Questair Venture *Chick's Delight* (the airplane is egg-shaped). His time was 282.130 mph!"

Charles Hecht, LLB '63, writes, "I am still actively practicing law in New York City, and Leslie and I are traveling extensively. Leslie is joining me at my second home-studio in Beijing and then we are going to Tibet for a week. I have also been invited by Tsinghua U. to again work with a glass factory in Boshan, Shandong Province. Recently, I completed a series of glass sculpture installations at that factory, some of which were accepted for a special exhibition at the Sunshine Museum of Contemporary Art in Beijing. Although I will not be able to attend the opening ceremony, I plan to go to the museum and take pictures, which I will then post on my art website, www.charleshechtart.com. This series is currently

on the website under 'glass installation'. One of my large flag sculptures was in an exhibition in Two Lines Gallery-798 Art District, Beijing, China. After all of this, Leslie and I are going on a scuba diving trip to the Komodo Islands. I always wanted to see the Komodo dragons. We will then spend some time sightseeing in Bali."

A few final notes following the globetrotting adventures in this column, submitted from sedentary Savannah, GA. **John Sobke** was elected president of the Landings Association, the governing organization of our community. John is accepting responsibility to manage an \$8 million budget and preside over the governance of our 8,500 residents. A small mention: as the outgoing chairman of our SCORE chapter I was proud to accept the 2009 Small Business Advocate Award for our contribution to Savannah economic development.

In closing, a plea for input for this column. We need your thoughts, travels, awards, whatever... so please, interrupt your activities long enough to send us an e-mail or drop us a note. Your classmates want to hear from you. **Doug Fuss**, 5 Pineside Lane, Savannah, GA 31411; dougout@attglobal.net; **Joanna McCully**, 1607 Hilton Head Blvd., Lady Lake, FL 32159; joannacelticlady@aol.com.

62 Class leader **Harris Palmer**, MBA '64, lost his battle with cancer on January 2. Harris had served on our class council since 1982 and as treasurer from 1987-92. He was president of the Alumni Interfraternity Council in 1994 and its treasurer following that term and remained active on its behalf. His long service to the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) included positions on the board of directors, as president in 1962 and from 1981-83, and as an ex-officio member from 1983-85. You might check out the SAE fraternity website (www.sae-cornell.org) for a very nice tribute to Harris by **Hal Sieling**. Harris worked as an executive with Mobil Oil Co. in Italy during the early part of his career. While in Italy, he managed real estate properties and investments for the company in Rome, Naples, and Florence. He later returned to the company's headquarters in New York City. Harris spent most weekends and summers in Westhampton Beach and became a year-round resident of the village after his retirement. Even after retirement, he continued to manage a real estate advisory business that he had established years prior. In addition, he retained an active link to Cornell, recruiting students and helping with the university's fundraising efforts, as well as managing alumni affairs.

Ruth Zimmerman Bleyler (rzb3@cornell.edu) was honored last fall as an outstanding alumna of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Ruth retired in 2008 after six years in the New Hampshire House of Representatives, where she focused on environmental and disability issues. Before taking office, she worked for seven years as an environmental scientist with the US Environmental Protection Agency and as a quality assurance chemist with Viar and Co. from 1985 to 1990. Prior to working at Viar, she was a science and math teacher at several schools including the Potomac School in McLean, VA, and Punahou School in Honolulu. Ruth received a master's from George Washington U. in 1984. She and Pete live in Lyme, NH. They have children **Allison Bleyler McDonald**, MBA '92, **Melanie Starr Bleyler** '92, and **Tracy Lynn Bleyler**.

Recent kudos to **George Hettrick**, a partner attorney with Hunton and Williams in Richmond, VA, include recognition by *American Lawyer* magazine as a 2009 Lifetime Achievement Lawyer. George created neighborhood-based pro bono firm offices in Richmond and Charlottesville and has created two fellowships for lawyers engaged in full time pro bono work. Also honored is attorney **Stephen Ploscowe**, LLB '65, of Fox Rothschild in Philadelphia. He was named as a leader in the field of labor and employment by the 2009 *Chambers Guide*. **Dick Fine**, MD '66 (rfine@medsfgh.ucsf.edu) reports that he has cut back to 25 percent time as an attending physician at San Francisco General Hospital and given up most of his major administrative roles. Dick is developing a citywide program with nurse practitioners to treat opiate addictions in outpatient primary care with buprenorphine. "I've been doing this on a limited basis for three years and want to expand this modality." Dick and his wife, a federal lawyer, have twin daughters, 26, "who are still in Buenos Aires working for Argentine social justice nonprofits but threatening to come back for grad school. I recently learned of the unexpected death in London of my former roommate, **Michael Abrams**." Dick expected to see **George Gorman** '63, who lives in Berkeley, and **Stu**, MD '66, and **Joan Weill Levin** in Los Angeles.

Ira Nelken (ira@inelken.com) is "alive and well. Still working for myself with my educational consulting company and having too much fun to stop working. Still in the San Francisco Bay Area: best place in the world to live!" Ira has been heavily into the fine arts as well: "Fun, exciting, and get lost in doing it (watercolor and pastel). Involved in a nonprofit art foundation in Pinole, CA, working to beautify the city and display the arts in the East Bay area. Anyone want to donate to a 501(c)(3)? Tax deductible. More grandchildren on the way (seven so far). I would welcome anyone caring to get in touch with me." Kenneth and **Yvonne Schot** Hannan live in New York, from which they enjoy traveling. Yvonne works with young children at Bellevue Hospital and teaches volunteers. "Nursing has surely changed," she added. Also in New York is actress **Judy Rosenblatt**, BFA '62 (mitzvahoe@aol.com), who owns an entertainment company, Mystery and Mayhem, that does parties for children and adults. Judy enjoys taking acting classes, studying monologues, and meditating. Look for her in the theater and on TV.

Robert Miller, LLB '65 (rcmiller@davidsondawson.com) is a partner at Davidson, Dawson, and Clark in New York. He is also a board member of the National Endowment for Democracy and the Foreign Policy Association and president of the Hurford Foundation. Robert relaxes with travel and breeding of dressage horses. Florida is home to **George Telesh**, MD '67 (ggtelesh@aol.com); he is chief of orthopedic surgery with Florida Health Care Plans and in surgery two days a week. He would like to hear from **Jack Mead** and **Dave Revak**.

Check our class website, <http://classof62.alumni.cornell.edu>, for up-to-date planning information for our 50th Reunion, June 7-10, 2012. And send along your news! **Jan McClayton** Crites, 9420 NE 17th St., Clyde Hill, WA 98004; e-mail, jmc50@cornell.edu.

63 Spring has arrived in most places as you read this column. **Valerie French** (Washington, DC) writes that retirement remains wonderful. She and

husband Bob Beisner travel a lot. In the fall of 2009, they spent three weeks in Turkey. This spring they are planning a 31-day cruise from Hong Kong to Athens, with many stops along the way (hoping to escape the Somali pirates along the way). With only time to catch their breaths, they plan another cruise from Istanbul across the Mediterranean and down the west coast of Africa in November. Val is director of their 720-unit condominium board, which "requires some new blood and a bit of shaking up." She says, "My blood may be a bit old, but I can still do some shaking!"

Some members of the Class of 1963 attended the CAU on-campus programs in Ithaca last summer: **Joshua**, MEE '65, and **Betty Schultz Goldberg** '61 studied Wine and Food Preparation; **Stephen Ras** took the Golf Clinic, and his wife, Marsha, studied Italian Cookery; and **Marilyn Makover** Shapiro studied Islam, Indonesia, and the World.

John and **Sandra Kebbe** Hansen are enjoying retirement in Dexter, MI. They love the "expanded discretionary time" so they can "wander with more spontaneity." Sandra is a retired landscape architect and still enjoys working with her residential clients, which takes her back to a focus on her Cornell degree in horticulture. Sandra and John are trying hard to put an end to their professional lives. That involves trying to sell Sandra's office building, which is a challenge in these economic times. The Hansens have one daughter, Claire, and son-in-law, Eric, but no grandchildren at the moment. Sandra and John are "faithful" reunion goers. Sandra keeps in close touch with Cornell roommates **Chris Householder** Schneider, **Deb Beilin** Sussna, and **Geri Ciko** Sheeto.

One of my regular contributors is **Warren Walker**, PhD '68, who still lives in Den Haag (the Hague), the Netherlands. He does a lot of traveling, mainly to conferences to present his research, which focuses on transport policy analysis. His latest trip was to Taiwan, and he has also taught courses in Harbin (China) and in Israel. He retired from the RAND Corp. in 2007 and is now full professor of policy analysis at the Delft U. of Technology. **Brad '62** and **Lila Fox Olson** divide their time between Ithaca and Lake Arrowhead, CA. Brad retired from his teaching position at Cornell in June 2009. They hope to spend more time in California to be near their children and grandchildren. Their traveling plans included Korea and China last fall. Brad has many former students working there who want to show "the professor" all their exciting real estate projects. Homecoming 2009 was in their plans especially because there was a Sigma Phi Epsilon mini-reunion planned.

In a few weeks, **Warren Icke '62** and I are entertaining some Cornellians. **Connie** and **Vic Ericson '62** will be our houseguests. Coming for dinner will be **Neil Kochenour**, MD '69, and **Jim**, MD '69, and **Christine Newton Dauber**. Neil makes his home in Tucson, as I mentioned in previous columns. Jim and Chris spend about half the year here and enjoy cycling. Nothing else to report at this time. Please send me e-mails to update me on what you are doing. This is the time of year when news gets a little thin, as the returns from our annual class mailing haven't reached me yet. ☐ **Nancy Bierds Icke**, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, ickle63@gmail.com.

64 There's nothing like planning ahead. Here it is the spring of 2010, our 45th Reunion having concluded just 11 months ago—and already, pieces

are being assembled for the big one, our 50th Reunion in 2014. First off, at a meeting last January, our class officers decided to make our class website more interactive by encouraging classmates to send stories and photos from over the last half-century (<http://classof64.alumni.cornell.edu>) for our webmaster **Bruce Wagner**, ME '66, to post. Other ideas for our 50th Reunion included creating a book or booklet of classmate-submitted short essays, perhaps tying our histories into the Cornell experience, with focus upon how Cornell contributed to what we have become, lifestyle- and career-wise. This approach is, of course, yet to be finalized, but it was noted that individual contributions would have to be subject to editing and rules. Any ideas/suggestions about our 50th can be passed on to our reunion chairs via our website.

A major goal of our 50th, of course, will be to have record attendance, which will involve contacting every living classmate to encourage participation. **Steve Whitman** suggested starting a newsletter to drum up interest. Currently, and perhaps surprisingly, the alumni office has e-mail addresses for only about half our class, so we will try to uncover addresses for all who have them. It was also decided to create a class survey, such as was done for our 40th Reunion, with questions about demographics, attitudes, etc. Finally, it was noted that, because our class is unique due to the JFK legacy, we might try to get the Kennedy family involved in our reunion in some manner, or at least have a forum with a speaker and topic related to JFK.

I'll continue to report on reunion committee progress. Meantime, here's some regular news. **Lynn Friedhoff Feigenbaum** reports she's finally gotten her BA from Cornell. She writes: "It's official. At the ripe old age of 66—retired, widowed (husband **Dave '62** died in 2002), a grandmother of five, on Social Security and Medicare—I am officially a graduate of Cornell." Lynn promises to keep paying her dues, which won't be any problem since she is still registered as a member of the Class of 1964. Although her degree year is now 2009, she is welcome as always at our reunions (she was at the 45th) and other class functions. Lynn is a retired journalist and lives in Virginia Beach, VA.

Ed Chait reports that he's fast becoming a failed retiree. He left full-time employment in the corporate world at the end of 2008, then moved his family from Indiana to a new home in Chapel Hill, NC. Almost immediately, however, he started a consulting business in life sciences, and is looking to raise capital for a Buffalo, NY, start-up, Empire Genomics. Ed writes, "Technology will allow communications from warm North Carolina, but visits to Buffalo mean a stop at Ithaca occasionally, especially since my graduate school PhD advisor, **Fred McLafferty**, PhD '50, is the Peter Deybe Professor of Chemistry at Cornell."

Bill, ME '66, and **Gudrun Rule MacMillan** of Jackson, MI, are both failed retirees. Bill writes of their experiences since he left the corporate world (as an electrical engineer at Consumers Energy Co.) eight years ago: "In the years since our two children have flown the nest, we have not become couch potatoes. In fact, our lives have gone in similar paths in that we are both now office managers for volunteer groups in Jackson." Gudrun is the office manager of Birthline of Jackson Inc., a pregnancy and parenting center, while Bill manages the offices of the Jackson Chorale, a community choir. Bill adds this about his new job: "When I started singing with the group in 1998, we had about 35 singers. We have been

working to grow in both number and quality. I think the quality came first, which has helped us attract more singers, so that we now number 75. This is great because we are capable of tackling larger choral works now."

That's it for this issue. Watch for updates on our 50th Reunion in addition to news from classmates. And be sure to visit our class website to see pictures from our 45th (<http://classof64.alumni.cornell.edu>), and to send news to me at home or online at: ☐ **Bev Johns** Lamont 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont64@comcast.net.

65 By now you should have received your packet for our 45th Reunion, June 10-13 in Ithaca.

As you can see, reunion chairs **George Arangio**, MD '69, **Myron Jacobson**, and **Grace Hershberg** Morgenstein have put together a great program and at the same time kept tight control of costs. The class events they have planned (including the Mars Rover Project with Prof. Jim Bell and a tour of the new Johnson Museum of Art) are great complements to Cornell's reunion-wide events—one of which is the prestigious Olin Lecture. This year the lecturer is **Tom Peters '64**, BCE '65, ME '66, the co-author of *In Search of Excellence*. So make sure you send back your reservation material and join up with your classmates in June for a great weekend in Ithaca. Check the class website (<http://classof65.alumni.cornell.edu>) to get the latest reunion information.

Now, news from our classmates. Class Council member **Jim Venetos** is still with Bear Stearns, a division of JP Morgan Chase, as managing director for private client services. Jim's wife, Natalie, continues to work in investment research. He also shared the following regarding their children: son **Milton** (WPI '91, Stanford '93) lives in Silicon Valley, where he works for a start-up solar energy firm. Daughter **Anastasia** (NYU '92) works for a hedge fund and lives in Manhattan. Son **Peter '10** will graduate from Arts and Sciences this May with a major in Economics and a minor in Italian.

Merilyn "Meri" Klorman Schreiber lives in North Easton, MA, with husband **Paul '62**. She works on a special teaching project helping classroom teachers in her hometown provide services to gifted children in the classroom. Meri and Paul have traveled to New Jersey and Atlanta to see their six grandchildren. **Mark Coan** reports that he retired after 35 years as a vascular surgeon in Atlanta, GA, where he and wife **Ruth (Chitlik) '67** live. Their son **Seth '00** has picked up two graduate degrees. He is doing "green" real estate development—among other things. Mark and Ruth have traveled to Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Guatemala, Honduras, Spain, and Portugal. Mark is considering coming to our 45th. If he does, he would like to see **Jose Perez**, ME '66, **Richard Epstein**, **Alan Kohn**, MS '67, and **Les Golden**, ME '66.

Ira Kalet (Kirkland, WA) is a professor of radiation oncology and professor of biomedical information at the U. of Washington in Seattle. If that isn't enough, he also serves as IT security director for U. of Washington-affiliated hospitals and the School of Medicine. In 2008 his book *Principles of Biomedical Information* was published. In June 2009, Ira and wife Terry welcomed grandson **Brandan Kalet**. Their travels include a 2008 alumni tour to the Swiss Alps. Ira got in touch with **Joel Sussman** after 43 years. He hopes to meet with Joel in Israel soon. **Marco**

Di Capua, ME '66, is chief scientist for the non-proliferation and treaty verification office of the National Nuclear Security Administration in Washington, DC. I'm sure that Marco has seen enough snow in the D.C. area this winter to last a lifetime. He plans to attend reunion, where he hopes to see **Stephen Itoga**, ME '66.

Bruce Bennett reports that while he approaches retirement without trepidation, he feels he is contemplating the existential question "What is the meaning of life?" While at our age, most of our travel is by plane or cruise ship, Bruce's recent travels have included a trip by bike from his home in Oakland, CA, to Yosemite Park in the Sierras—about 300 miles. In addition to the distance traveled, there also was a significant amount of climbing after leaving Oakland. To keep busy, **Rob Crafts**, BS '67 (Cortez, FL) consults and maintains his water shaping business. He is the father of four daughters and the grandfather of seven. He traveled to Portland, OR, for the wedding of a granddaughter. Rob plans to return to Ithaca for our 45th Reunion and hopes to see **W. Richards Adrion**, ME '67.

Natasha Soroka Green keeps busy building a naturalized park in western Pennsylvania named after Mary Roberts Rinehart, one of the leading mystery writers of the early 20th century. If you are interested in learning more about the park, check out its website: www.mrrnaturepark.org. Natasha's son Joshua, an ER doctor, was elected to the State Senate in Hawaii. As you would expect, her recent travels have included a trip to Hawaii.

I'd like to close this column with a brief report on the first-ever Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference held in late January in Washington, DC. This year Cornell expanded the CACO Mid-Winter Meeting to include alumni involved in activities such as CAAAN and the Cornell clubs. More than 800 Cornellians participated, including a large number of members of the Class of 1965. The yearly meeting of the class was led by co-presidents **Sharon Hegarty Williams** and **Barry Cutler**. **Ronald Harris**, rsh28@cornell.edu; **Terry Kohler** Schwartz, TerryKS7@aol.com; **Joan Elstein** Rogow, psurutsc@aol.com.

66 It is time to start planning for our 45th Reunion, June 9-12, 2011! We look forward to seeing all of you there.

Grandchildren and retirement again dominate our column. **Hugh** and **Erin Fleming Starr** (starrerin@gmail.com) welcomed their third grandchild into the world this year. Asher Starr joins his sister, Lily, and his cousin Josiah Cook. Hugh and Erin, who live in Hawaii, say they are "nowhere near retirement and enjoy having children and grandchildren living nearby." Erin spoke with **Joyce Miller Mahon** (jemfl@hotmail.com), also a high school friend, who lives in Sarasota, FL, and who has seven grandchildren. They plan to get together this summer. **Larry Berger** (Merrick, NY; wa2suh@aol.com) keeps in touch with classmates via Facebook. Larry and his wife, Carol, also became first time grandparents last year. Granddaughter Genevieve was born to son **Matthew Berger** '00 and his wife, **Kelly (Chesbro)** '00.

Since retirement **Bob Dona** (Overland Park, KS; rbdona@yahoo.com) has enjoyed finding ways to volunteer. He is primarily active in the Metro Lutheran Ministry programs for food distribution and residence repair, the Kansas City Workers Justice Project to reduce wage theft, and the Kansas

City Int'l Visitors Council to host foreign visitors in Kansas City for State Dept. programs sponsored by USAID and community connections. In addition, Bob is still active refereeing and playing volleyball in regional matches and national tournaments. He played in Minneapolis, MN, and Palo Alto, CA, last year. **Paul Anderson** (Vancouver, WA) attended a Cornell Club of Portland meeting celebrating Zinck's Night. A tour of the Widmer Brewery was delightful. At the end of the meeting, the group realized no one had led the group in "Give My Regards to Davy." "It appeared I was the only one who knew it," writes Paul. "I led a group-sing and we were rescued. Great fun!"

Dale Heinzman and wife Barbara are both semi-retired, but still very actively pursuing offshoots from their careers. "Much of the time it seems like we are busier than when we were working full-time," reports Dale. For the last 12 years they have been developing Halcyon Hill, a specialty peony cut flower business on their farm in Geneva, NY. They market peony cut flowers from New England through New York City and as far south as Atlanta, GA. Barbara is an educational consultant in New York State. They have two sons. Travels have included a Panama Canal cruise and a tour of Tuscany. **Stuart Peterfreund** (Cambridge, MA; s.peterfreund@neu.edu) writes that he will be the convener, along with Peter Accardo of Harvard U., of the 36th Int'l Byron Society Conference to be held in July 2010 in Boston/Cambridge.

'Bill and Gudrun Rule MacMillan are both failed retirees.'

Bev Johns Lamont '64

John Deasy, BS '71, MPS '72 (Doylestown, PA; deasyjjr@aol.com) still enjoys retirement. He loves having unstructured time to fly his old airplane and enjoys summers at his camp in the Adirondacks and winter holidays in Florida. **Otis Curtis IV**, MS '74, lives near Brookings, SD. He says it is "like Ithaca in many ways: land grant university, manufacturing, and agricultural interests all blended together." Wife **Kathryn Penrod-Curtis**, PhD '84, loves it so much that they plan to move back to Ithaca when she retires. In the meantime they keep busy with volunteer work and cats, dogs, horses, wildlife, and repairs around their old farmstead. **Marjorie Hoffman** (Margiegail1@cox.net) lives in Scottsdale, AZ. **Lawrence Goichman** (lgoichman@scglease.com) lives in Greenwich, CT. **Howard Lester** (helpph@rit.edu) lives in Hemlock, NY.

Nancy Hoffman (Albany, NY) has been elected to the Cornell University Council. She is also on the ILR school's Dean's Advisory Board and the ILR School Alumni Association board. **Ed Sauer** (Loveland, OH; sauer@zoomtown.com) is fully retired and enjoying life: family, friends, golf, and travel are major emphases. He sends a big hello from Cincinnati to all his classmates and fellow hockey teammates from the Harkness era. He's also looking forward to the 45th in 2011.

Your correspondents look forward to hearing from you. Please note the new e-mail address for **Deanne**. **Deanne Gebell** Gitner, deanne.gitner@gmail.com; **Pete Salinger**, pete.sal@verizon.net; and **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com.

67 Brian O'Hara Earle, MPS '71 (boe1@cornell.edu) retired in 2008 after nearly 40 years spent teaching in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Dept. of Communication, where he continues to teach part-time as well as in the Dept. of Applied Economics and Management. He is the only faculty member to have received all four top teaching and advising honors in CALS: the Edgerton teaching award, the Carpenter Memorial advising prize, the Professor of Merit, and the Burgett Distinguished Advisor award. He returned after retiring to teach a new course on Ethics in Business and was instrumental in developing Cornell's American Indian Program, the North Campus program houses, and the Tatkon Center. He lives in Freeville with wife Jody; they have sons **Evan Earle** '02 and **Corey Earle** '07.

Ed Kabelac (Ithaca, NY) retired three years ago. "I've restored my wife's 1949 Jaguar Mark V over the past 2-1/2 years, working with a British mechanic. The car is wintering in our garage between our 1930 LaSalle and 1988 Jaguar—a real tight fit! I've spent the past 11 years as advisor to Cayuga Lodge, the Cornell student cooperative on Stewart Ave. where I lived for three years when a student. It started in the 1930s and is one of only a few true student cooperatives left in the US."

Not yet retired is class VP **Judy Silverman Kaufman** (Stamford, CT; judykauf@optonline.net), who's worked for the past 30 years with senior

citizens in subsidized housing. "I find I still want the challenges of working with older people and dealing with new HUD regulations and requirements," Judy observes. "I work three days a week and babysit the other two." Daughter Abby Kaufman Hermani, a partner at Goodwin Procter law firm in New York, gave birth last October to twins Norah and Jonah; Judy's older daughter, Jane, is an ob/gyn at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital and has daughters Lauren, 6, and Kate, 2. Judy adds that she and husband **Bill** '65, who's fully retired, enjoyed a CAU trip last May to Vienna and Prague with Prof. Neal Zaslaw. **Catherine Blaffer Taylor**, BArch '68 (Dallas, TX) writes: "I'm interested in Dallas politics, and my studies in city planning help me analyze and understand local issues. I love to cook and my Sunday school group cooks for a needy group once a month."

Retiree **Roger McCauley** (Glouster, OH; mc cauleyrd@embarqmail.com) made the break with the world of full-time employment last September "after 32 years as CEO of the Corp. for Ohio Appalachian Development (COAD), a nonprofit community development organization." He's bought a townhome with wife Diana in Lubbock, TX, where son Jared and his wife, Juli, reside. **George Kirsch** (Hackensack, NJ; George.kirsch@manhattan.edu) "recently moved back to the town where I grew up, Hackensack, NJ (despite Billy Joel!). I sold my house in Glen Ridge, NJ, after the death of my wife of 40 years, Susan. I pledged funds to support the new Harold Seymour lectureship in sports history at Cornell, which will begin in April 2010."

Ben Blaney (Cincinnati, OH; blb7852@aol.com) retired "in June after 32 years with the US Environmental Protection Agency Office of Research and Development. Enjoying choral singing and biking. Volunteer with Cincinnati Citizens on Patrol, the volunteer 'eyes and ears' of the Cincinnati Police, patrolling in our North Avondale neighborhood." **Sally Leibowitz** Kitch (Tempe, AZ; skitch@asu.edu) has been "working, mostly, as director of the Inst. for Humanities Research at Arizona State U. and as (newly promoted) foundation professor and dean's distinguished professor of women and gender studies." She has published *The Specter of Sex: Gendered Foundations of Racial Formation in the US* (SUNY, 2009). "My greatest pleasures," she writes, "are grandsons Gavin and Ethan." Sally moved to ASU from Ohio State in 2007. "They made me an offer I couldn't refuse—plus it's sunny in Arizona (not in Ohio) and closer to California, grandkids, and Santa Fe—our summer home. I'm a big supporter of Planned Parenthood because they're on the front lines of the most important and contentious gender issues in the US. I stay in touch with **Anne Dalton** and remember the intellectual challenges of honors English with gratitude."

Your correspondent enjoyed seeing our class officers and several council members during the recent Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference held in D.C. We proved to them that it does indeed snow in the nation's capital. In advance of the predicted next major snowfall (Feb. 6), I am out in Sri Lanka doing a legal assessment. It's a

Victoria Nelson of Newark, NJ, is retired (on medical disability) as head tutor in English at Essex County (NJ) College. She is now deeply involved in two volunteer jobs: 1) as the first female sergeant-at-arms of the Newark Housing Authority's 874 tenant site; and 2) as a volunteer tutor in English and music (piano) at an Episcopal soup kitchen. With her boyfriend, Bruce Jones, Vicky interviewed and photographed people at her second volunteer job for the April 2009 issue of *Oprah* magazine. **Jeffrey Gorwit** is a cardiologist in Escondido, CA. He lives with wife Linda and enjoys tennis, skiing, and travel. I look forward to receiving your news at: **Mary Hartman** Schmidt, mary.schmidt@schmidt-federico.com.

69 I hope you are all enjoying the warm weather after what was such a rough winter for most of us.

My counterpart at *Hotelie* (the Hotel school alumni magazine), **Ray Goodman**, PhD '79 (ray.goodman@aol.com), would like *Hotelies* to e-mail him with any class news. He is in his final year as department chair of the hospitality program at the U. of New Hampshire. He's been there 26 years! He will step down in June, and for one year will work with the UNH Foundation raising money for the hospitality program. He is also CEO and chairman of the board of directors for Mayflower Communities, developing a continuing care retirement community in Carmel, IN,

that races at Churchill Downs and Santa Anita. Any hot tips, Richard?

Roger Titone writes from Iowa, "Research with Dr. Marc Abreu (Yale U.) on the newly discovered brain temperature tunnel continues. This work has become very exciting—keep an eye for news on the BTT and how it will change the way body temperature is monitored (our new company is Brain Tunnelgenix Technologies Corp.). My daughter Nora is just finishing her first book, a history of John Wilkes Booth and his brother Edwin, 'My Thoughts Be Bloody: The Bitter Rivalry of Edwin and John Wilkes Booth That Led to an American Tragedy' (Free Press, October 2010)." **Marian Cohen** retired in 2007 from the U. of Michigan Dept. of Family Medicine as a social worker and behavioral science educator with residents. She performs in musicals in local community theater. Will we be seeing you on "American Idol" anytime soon, Marian?

Robert Jossen and **Joel '68** and **Linda Schwartz Negrin** attended the wedding of **Rick and Barbara Gross Weinberg's** daughter **Laura '00** in October 2009. Rabbi David Saperstein officiated. All in all, more than 20 Cornellians from the classes of 1966 to 2006 attended and toasted our "beloved alma mater."

Ken White, ME '70 (Ithaca, NY) has been working with a couple of fellow inventors and has discovered the missing link in biomass energy conversion (You've lost me here, Ken). He describes it as follows: "Grinding any biomass (woodchips, grass, corn stalks, dried cow manure solids), blown into air, burns like propane—is totally green and affordable." **Michael Masnik** is "still employed by the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission as a senior aquatic biologist in the Office of New Reactors. He returned to Ithaca this past year as part of a new reactor review. He recently spent time with fellow fencing team (épée) teammate **Allen Lewis** and wife **Laurie (Irvine) '68**. **Al DeLauro** and wife **Claire (San Antonio)** trailer their Ferrari to club events throughout the country; Al was elected president of the club last spring. They have a couple of restored Jaguars at home as well.

David, MBA '70 (PollakD@cintas.com) and **Margo Williams Pollak '70** report that Pollak Vineyards won a gold medal for its 2007 Cabernet Franc Reserve at the San Francisco Wine Competition. This tasting is the largest in the US. It also won a bronze medal for the 2007 Merlot, the only winery east of the Mississippi to do so. They invite classmates to visit them in Charlottesville, VA. Retiree **Warren Lem** works as a USPTA certified tennis instructor and teaches at the local YMCA. He is also first vice president of the Eastern Division of the USPTA—that includes all of New York State and part of New Jersey. Southern California is home to **David Halpert**, who forsook the Wall Street bond business for a small investment business there. He participates in CAAAN and enjoys talking to Cornell applicants. **Paul Giannini** practices real estate and consumer law in Beverly Hills.

Ron Gidron has been living in Spain since 1971. His niece **Kira Gidron '13** is now a freshman in Engineering, as was her father **Gil Gidron '78**, ME '79, MBA '80 (Ron's kid brother). "In addition to my career as a multinational executive for Xerox and later for ITT, I started (in 1975) my own companies, representing US household manufacturing firms, and later Scott & Fetzer in Spain. I have a very fulfilling family life (41 years of marriage, four children, and two grandsons so far), which has lately been enriched by a musical career as a composer and author of about 100

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Ed Kabelac '67

balmy 80 degrees Fahrenheit here overlooking the Indian Ocean. **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

68 **Thomas Schongalla**, BS ILR '70, MBA '71 (schongalla@msn.com) writes from Walla Walla, WA, that he is working in the area of hospital care management and distance learning. Both his children, Sam and Curtis, have graduated from college and are employed. **David Gorelick** also sent news of his family. Son Daniel and daughter-in-law Kerry had their second child, Simon Quinter, last December in Baltimore, and son **Jonathan '02** and daughter-in-law **Orley Stahl '04** had their fourth child, Israel Baruch, born at home in Kiryat Arba, Israel, last October with help from the two grandmothers, Debbie Stahl and **Naomi Feldman, MD '77**.

Terry McKeegan Davis (TerryD68@aol.com) is currently a volunteer with Hospice and the SPCA and a grandmother to four grandchildren. She took an eight-week RV trip last year to Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina. Terry lives in Ithaca with husband **Duane '69**, BA '73, and would love to hear from **David Weisbrod** and **Beryl Schapira** Levinger. **Charles Levitan** (CLevitan22@comcast.net) is now in Somerset, NJ. He is retired and enjoys playing golf and bridge, traveling, and spending time with his grandchildren.

a suburb of Indianapolis. "Sons Ray and David each have two kids and all live within a couple of miles of us. We enjoy having the kids around a lot and their usual sports schedules are intensive—baseball, soccer, basketball, ice hockey, skiing, and, of course, golf. The grandchildren are great friends. They especially like being crazy with their favorite playmate, Grandpa Raymond! Wife Helen has been working at the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation (www.nhcf.org) for 11 years and as chief operating officer for the past six."

More classmates in medicine: **Gail Papermaster Bender** still works as a medical oncologist in the Minneapolis area and writes, "The new developments in targeted therapies make cancer care a very exciting area." She and husband Mark took a two-week tour of the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone and, she says, "felt very insignificant in comparison to the majesty of the scenery and the geologic periods represented." **Karen Loudenslager Soisson** has retired from the Maryland Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene, dealing with primary care, geriatrics, and epidemiology, and misses the nurses' residence. She keeps busy volunteering at the local library and an area arts center, exercising, and enjoying retirement. For the past ten years, **Richard Greenberg**, BA '68, has been a professor of medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases at the U. of Kentucky. He takes time out to follow his interest in a Thoroughbred

songs (so far). My first two published CDs can be seen and heard at www.rongidron.com, and will be coming soon on iTunes and other online musical stores. If there are other Cornellians from my time residing in Madrid, Spain, it would be nice to meet them. My only contact recently has been with **Darwin Herrera**, ME '70, from Colombia (his daughters were studying in Madrid, so he visited me), and **Wolfgang von Niessen**, MS '66, from Germany (post-doc, 1966-67), who contacted me through the Internet and visited us in late 2009."

Former Marine **Don Lowe**, BS '72 (Ithaca, NY) paints watercolors and owes his 40 years of painting to Jack Lambert, who taught the course upon his return from Vietnam. **Paul Sutherland** serves on the Ridgefield, CT, board of education and teaches literacy to immigrants in Danbury. **Barbara Fuchs Turell** and husband **Michael** '70, MS '72, are active in the local 4H program in Frederick, MD, sharing their expertise in consumer sciences and entomology with students in the program. **Pamela Thurber Duncan**, MArch '85 (pjtduncan@verizon.net) is first VP of the Ann Arundel County Historical Society Inc. in the Annapolis, MD, area and invites all to visit. Please send your news updates anytime and enjoy the spring and summer! ☐ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl@optonline.net.

70 Reunion is just a short month away, and all the plans are set and in motion! If you are already registered, THANK YOU so much. If you haven't registered yet, there might still be time to get in on the Early Bird rate. That deadline is midnight on Monday, May 10, so hurry and go online or contact our reunion registrar, **Carole Peck Fishman**, at (732) 842-7478 or cpf5@cornell.edu. The 40th Reunion Committee is looking forward to seeing you in Ithaca for a fun-packed weekend full of new and old friendships plus gatherings, lectures, and more, starting at noon on Thursday, June 10, through noon Sunday, June 13. We will be headquartered at the new and attractive William Keeton House on West Campus. It is the fourth of five upperclassmen dorms built to replace the U-Halls at the bottom of Libe Slope. How many of you remember Prof. **Bill Keeton**, PhD '58, from Bio 101 as fondly as I do? He was one of my favorites from our undergraduate years at Cornell.

Check our class website, <http://classof70.alumni.cornell.edu>, to see who is planning to attend our 40th Reunion and to get updated weekend event information! We have strived to adhere to the university's ongoing goal of sustainability as we planned our reunion meals, activities, and gifts to you. Our catering chair, **Gail Post Wallis**, has worked closely with Ithaca Bakery (aka College-town Bagels) as well as Cornell Catering to provide wholesome, nutritious, and yummy meals for us throughout the weekend. Our so-called "100-Mile Dinner" on Friday evening at the Plantations will feature food and drink all grown or produced within 100 miles of Ithaca. Much of supper on Saturday night will meet the same criteria as you move from station to station under the West Campus tent near our class HQ. And please note that all plates, utensils, and related products for all our meals will be composted or recycled by our caterers and the university!

Our reunion affinity chair, **Bill Wallis**, ME '71 (Gail's husband) has been working diligently with many of our classmates to contact vast numbers of members of the Class of 1970 by way of affinity

groups (sports teams, clubs, living units, sororities and fraternities, and so on) to engender interest in and increase attendance at our 40th. Thanks to both Gail and Bill and all who are participating in contacting classmates and friends. By the way, there is still time to contact classmate friends and urge them to join you on the Hill for Reunion 2010. **Ellen Celli** Eichleay and **Bridget Murphy** are working hard to make our stay at Keeton House and our time at reunion both comfortable and beautiful for all of us. **Cynthia Johnson** O'Malley will be surprising us with unique and reuseable souvenirs for our time in Ithaca and after. Many of you will have been in contact with our skilled and helpful reunion registrar mentioned above (Carole Peck Fishman) and will get a chance to meet her in Ithaca in June. Great thanks to all our wonderful classmates on the 40th Reunion Committee!

Very sad news has come from **Rick and Debbie Cheney Lazar**. On July 27, 2009, their youngest daughter, Corrie, 21, was killed by a drunk driver. She was working as a counselor at a camp in Maine when she was walking back to camp with two friends and the driver lost control of his car. Corrie would have been a senior at Northwestern U. in Chicago, where she was majoring in American studies. Upon graduation she had planned to enter law school after two years with Teach for America in New Orleans. Debbie and Rick lived in Seattle at the time of the accident, but just ten days afterwards they completed a move to Nevada that had been in the works for a long time. Rick had been in Nevada since June 2007 serving as the contract administration manager for a Federal project building a bridge over Colorado's Black Canyon just south of the Hoover Dam near Las Vegas. For now they are renting out their home in Seattle and, in turn, renting a home in Nevada. Their oldest daughter, Allyson (Reed College '95), lives in Santa Monica and works for Premier Exhibitions installing museum-quality touring exhibitions (like "Star Trek: The Exhibition") around the country. Middle daughter **Hillary** '00 lives in Washington, DC, where she is working on a project for the National Human Services Assembly.

There were two memorial celebrations for Corrie, in Seattle and at Northwestern, as well as numerous individual remembrances, all of which related to the family how profoundly Corrie touched others with her intense goodness and sharing of joy. They returned to Maine in mid-January to make "victim impact statements," and the driver was sentenced to eight years in prison. It has been an incomprehensible and difficult journey, says Debbie, and they are beginning to put the pieces back together. As Rick describes it, "It's like a Greek or Roman ruin and we are rebuilding, looking for new hope and peace wherever we can find it. We are stricken at our loss, but blessed by the strength of our love for each other and the network of family, friends, and colleagues who keep in touch with us and check to make sure we are doing okay." A wise friend of Debbie and Rick's shared this advice, which they pass on to all of us: "Love your kids and love each other." And the Lazar family adds: Hug often! ☐ **Connie Ferris** Meyer, cfm7@cornell.edu.

71 My e-mail request last February brought lots of news. Thanks to all who replied. We can't fit all the news in this issue, so apologies to those left out this time. Stay tuned for Linda's column in our next issue.

We heard from several classmates in the world of art. **Janet Zweig** (Brooklyn, NY; janetzweig@earthlink.net) has been teaching at the Rhode Island School of Design since 1982. She runs a studio in Brooklyn and has installed public artworks around the US, including a 1200-foot frieze at the Prince Street subway station in New York City, a system-wide interactive media project for the Light Rail train stations in Minneapolis, a memorial in Pittsburgh, and sculpture for a bridge in St. Louis. Her work has been exhibited widely in such places as the Brooklyn Museum of Art, Exit Art, PS1 Museum, the Walker Art Center, and Cooper Union. You can see some of her work at www.janetzweig.com. **Rebecca Singer** (rebsinger@hotmail.com) works with new artists through an enterprise she launched last year called Eco Art Productions Inc. "[We] take the original work of American artists and silkscreen it on organic canvas using water-based dyes. Our line celebrates the arts and the environment; it is great to be able to follow my passion at this point in my life." Her website is www.ecoartproductions.com. Rebecca writes that she is "always looking for artists whose work touches people through their use of color, light, family, nature." She employs art in many forms besides painting, including the written word, crafts, and photography.

"Being an architect in Maine for three decades has been challenging, but Maine has been a good place to live and play," writes **Victor Trodella** (victor@mainearchitecture.com). Though he has no plans for retiring, as yet, Victor says, "I would like to spend more time sailing my beautiful Friendship sloop along the Maine coast, fly fishing for bonefish in the outer islands of the Bahamas, and elk hunting in the Rockies. I have been working on a project with **Nick Lembo** and in frequent contact with **Uson Ewart**, BArch '72, and **Ken Margolies**." Ithacan **Lisa Romm** White (rommwhite@msn.com) is a self-employed artist and calligrapher "mainly doing stuff for Cornell and the local community." After graduation, she remained in town. "I chose Ithaca mostly for the community and the quality of life, and of course the natural beauty of the area is always appreciated." She and husband Bill have a daughter. Lisa has plans to return to painting, "which I've been away from for a long time."

Robert Linden, MD '75 (Niantic, CT; linden0552@yahoo.com) writes, "Retirement from medical practice in 2007 lasted three days before I started writing my book, *The Rise and Fall of the American Medical Empire*. My original partner and friend, **Dave Thompson**, MD '75, continues to persevere in medical practice." Robert reported that he and Caren celebrated their daughter's wedding last October. He volunteers with the local library foundation and is slowly designing a house in St. John, VI. "Actual retirement may eventually start one day." **Laurie Brooke** Seidenberg (Laramie, WY; lseidenb@wyoming.com) still practices law. "Although my focus has been on civil liberties and family law for the past 30-some years, I am now working exclusively for folks who find themselves in deep credit card debt but wish to avoid filing bankruptcy." Laurie and husband Kevin Moran spend a lot of time visiting daughter Rachel's family, including a grandson, in Virginia. Laurie reports that **Dee Pridgen** also lives in Laramie and is a dean and professor at the U. of Wyoming.

"I am learning to laugh at myself," writes **Andrea Sagenkahn** Silver (Denver, CO; lightalive@msn.com). She is a Laughter Yoga leader. She also enjoys hiking and teaching Hatha Yoga and maintains a holistic psychotherapy practice. **Gay Perkins**

(Gay.Perkins@wku.edu) has retired from her academic library work at Western Kentucky U. in Bowling Green, KY, after 22 years. "I still go to Actors Theatre and recently saw *Crime and Punishment*. I am looking into part-time or volunteer positions."

Lawyer and musician **Robert Schwartz**, (rschwartz@constantinecannon.com) is producing music CDs with his friend David Berger and his Jazz Orchestra. The latest CD introduces ten songs by Hollywood composer Harry Warren. Both album covers and all artwork were done by graphic designer **Nina Gordon Schwartz**, BFA '71. Bob, a lawyer with Constantine Cannon in Washington, DC, also leads the Bob Schwartz Quartet (groovem.com), which plays many D.C.-area events and has also played the Venetian and the Las Vegas Hilton. "After 34 years of struggling with union negotiations," says **Linda Goldspinner Wittlin** (lwittli1@ix.netcom.com), "I'm now volunteering for several wonderful organizations, including the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network." She is chair of the San Jose, CA, group and is looking for a few good alums to sign on. Husband **Bud '68** continues his important work with the Veterans Administration. They enjoy time at a vacation site near the Joshua Tree National Park.

We are only one year away from our 40th Reunion! It's great hearing from you and makes the job of class correspondent interesting and fun. **Matt Silverman**, mes62@cornell.edu; **Linda Germaine-Miller**, lg95@cornell.edu.

72 One of the advantages of writing this column is being inspired by the activities of people with whom we shared late nights in the dorms, ice cream at the Straight, and classes at Bailey Hall. This month's news (which was received in February) spotlights some of our many classmates who have been giving generously of themselves in a broad spectrum of civic, public service, and volunteer endeavors.

Cindy Mann was appointed to a top position in the Obama Administration, overseeing Medicaid and children's health insurance programs at Health and Human Services. Her career has been devoted to working on health insurance policy, advocacy for children and families, and other health and welfare initiatives. Prior to joining the administration, Cindy served as a research professor at Georgetown U. and executive director of its Center for Children and Families. I must confess that I googled Cindy after hearing about her appointment; clearly she's far too busy fixing things in Washington to write about herself.

Also demonstrating venerable commitment to his community is **Stephen Teele**, a county legislator in St. Lawrence County, NY, who has owned and operated Teele Farms, a 100-acre dairy, corn, and soybean farm in Lisbon, NY, for more than 30 years. A widely respected civic leader, Stephen has held public positions in and around Lisbon, NY, for decades. He has also been an avid supporter of Cornell, a member of the Cornell University Council in the 1990s, and past president of the CALS Alumni Association, where his keen leadership helped raise funds for completion of the auditorium in Kennedy Hall. Stephen and wife Gail have sons Jonathan and David. Continuing up to New Hampshire, **Iris Wexler Estabrook** retired from elected office as a member of the New Hampshire Senate, having previously served three terms in the New Hampshire House of Representatives.

Still a political junkie, Iris enjoys civilian life in Durham, NH, with husband **John '71**.

Sara Rubin is artistic director of the Boston Jewish Film Festival Inc., a nonprofit cultural organization. Sara joined 13 years ago as executive director, expanding the budget and scope of the festival and collaborating with other film festivals around the world. In 2006, Sara was honored in Paris by being named a Chevalier (knight) of the Order of Arts and Letters by the French Ministry of Culture for her work to promote France's cultural heritage—a noble and rare accomplishment. Sara and husband **Harold Montanari**, BArch '73, live in Boston, MA.

I am sorry to report news of the passing in the summer of 2008 of **L. Michael Goldsmith**, BArch '73, a noted architect in New York City. Michael (not to be confused with lawyer **Michael "Mickey" Goldsmith**, JD '75, whose death was noted in a prior class column), worked on the renovation of the landmark Starret Lehigh Building on West 26th Street, and also worked extensively on a pro bono basis with a number of synagogues and religious institutions. Michael served over four years in the Navy during the Vietnam War and was survived by his wife, Linda Engelhardt, and children Marla, Gary, and Wendy. Michael's friends established a fund in his memory to provide a yearly lecture for Cornell architecture students; the first one was held in NYC on March 1. Anyone wishing to contribute to the fund should contact Mike Moyer (mmm328@cornell.edu). Sadly, **David Ross**, BArch '73, another Architecture grad, passed away in early 2009. **Marty Powell**, BArch '73, Harold Montanari, and a number of other friends of David and Michael decided to celebrate the lives of the two men with a Cornell Architecture reunion trip in April to the Cornell-in-Rome program, something their greatly missed former classmates would have enjoyed.

Jeri Sielschott Whitfield was selected secretary of the Women's Professional Forum in Greensboro, NC, where she will focus on the organization's charitable outreach division. Jeri is a litigator at Smith Moore Leatherwood, focusing on complex occupational disease cases, as well as toxic tort, liability, and workers' compensation matters. She has made the list of "the Best Lawyers in America" for more than ten years and was also named a "Super Lawyer" in North Carolina, where she was cited as one of the top 50 women lawyers in the state. **Firoz Shariff**, MS '73 (fk_shariff@yahoo.com) and wife Amina live in Houston, TX, where Firoz manages a Homewood Suites by Hilton Hotels and has been helping his partner build a 123-suite hotel. He hopes to do volunteer work in Africa and take courses. Firoz recalls fond memories of time spent at the Int'l Living Center during his years at Cornell and would like to hear from **Isaac Bekerman**, MS '74, **Judy Ritter '73**, **Steven Giles '74**, **Loring Chien**, ME '75, and **Jack Liang '69**, MPA '73.

Myra Perlman Goldberg reports that son Dan will attend Cornell in the fall. Older son **Lane Goldberg '07**, BA '09, continues to live in Ithaca, where he works as a website designer and also has a videography business. Meanwhile, when Myra isn't visiting her boys in Ithaca or her daughter in NYC, she volunteers as an EMT in her hometown of Westport, CT. **Barbara Besser** Kay lives in Madison, WI, and spends the winters with her husband in Lauderdale by the Sea, FL. Now retired, Barb is engaged in a unique creative hobby—making artwork from beach litter (and bringing new definition to the concept of recycling). **Laurie**

Eisenstein Gottlieb and husband Robert live in Brooklyn, NY. Laurie works as a geriatric social worker and Bob practices criminal defense law in and around New York City, often involved in highly publicized criminal cases. It is not unusual to see Bob pop up on television advocating the interests of clients accused of serious criminal offenses. Bob has also been a contributing commentator on Court TV, Fox News, and CNN (maybe "Law and Order" will discover him).

Bonnie Brier has become the senior VP, general counsel, and secretary to the Board of Trustees of NYU, with responsibility for overseeing all of the university's legal matters. Bonnie spent the prior 20 years as general counsel and an executive at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. **Karen Maisel Blumenthal** and husband **David '71**, MD '75 (Scarsdale, NY) are involved in many philanthropic endeavors. Some years ago they created the Cornell Blumenthal Summer Internship Program, to subsidize students pursuing opportunities to work with nonprofit agencies. They started with four students in 2000; last summer the program supported 11 interns at a variety of nonprofit agencies. Anyone wishing to support the program should contact karen.blumenthal@yahoo.com.

Wishing all our classmates a summer of doing good and staying well. Please keep the news coming! Send to: **Carol Fein** Ross, Hilltop80@aol.com; **Alex Barna**, ab478@cornell.edu; or **Gary Rubin**, glrubin@aol.com.

73 More than 40 years have passed since we first set foot on Cornell's campus as students on the Hill. More life is behind us than in front. To celebrate our 40th Reunion, only three years away, the class officers are charging us with the most important project so far. We're seeking to identify and then celebrate those classmates who have been "doing the right thing." Not those who've made the most money or become famous, but those of us who have changed the world in hundreds of small ways. So with these words, I'll introduce you to the quest for 73 Cornellians in the Class of 1973 who've made a life that made a difference.

Please send me your nominations, along with a brief description of these unsung classmates. Does someone you know have a portfolio that includes a life of service to his or her community? A teacher who has selflessly helped form the lives of our children? An advocate for those without a voice? Someone who has given generously of her or his time to make the world better for the next seven generations? The possibilities are endless—only you know who these classmates are. The class will arrange for an interview and spotlight these friends and angels on our website. Please start the ball rolling by sharing your suggestions of those you know who have established a legacy that we'd all be proud to own—that we made life richer and fuller for those who live in our communities. Don't hesitate; just do the right thing like they have!

In the meantime, enjoy this news from your classmates. **Roger Jacobs**, managing partner of Jacobs Rosenberg LLC, in Newark, NJ, has been selected to "Super Lawyers." Super Lawyers consists of the top 5 percent of lawyers in any state and is indeed a high honor. Roger has authored several texts in labor and employment law and has contributed to many cases of national significance.

Kirk Shepard moved to Chicago this year and took a new position as the senior vice president of global medical affairs at Takeda Pharmaceuticals

Int'l. **Cynthia Kovacs Perry** and husband **Doug '72** decided not to move from Southern California to southern Arizona, although they have purchased land there. (Cornell's Adult University introduced them to the great beauty of southern Arizona.) In August, Cynthia completed her national board certification in music therapy. She now works as a hospice music therapist in Ventura County. Her position brings her great joy, as does her work with the Stephen Ministry in her church. Cynthia participates in many church-related outreach programs because the needs are so great where she lives.

And, of course, we have marriages and anniversaries to report! **Bruce Jentleson**, PhD '83's son Adam married Britt Peterson in a beautiful ceremony on the Maine coast in August '09. **June Albrecht Spencer** and husband **Ed '70** celebrated their 35th anniversary with a cruise tour of Alaska. Daughter **Gail '04** married on their anniversary, April 27, which was also the anniversary of June's parents. June sings in an ecumenical choir that gives benefit concerts for community organizations. The choir sang in Carnegie Hall on Memorial Day in 2008 and has been invited back to sing again in 2011. **Abby Ershow** sang for four years in the Cornell Chorus and continues to enjoy singing with the Columbia Pro Cantare Choral Society in Columbia, MD. When she's not singing, she works as an extramural nutrition program officer at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Inst. of the National Institutes of Health.

Joel Greenman lives the life many of us wish we had—as a professional magician. He entertains the young and young at heart in the Los Angeles area. When nothing else makes sense, just enjoy the magic. **William Miller** has found golfing and generally goofing off rewarding in Fairfield, NJ. He also operates a private trading company and keeps up with his fellow Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity brothers.

Thanks for the news you send. It's always best when we can fill the column with your lives. Reach me at: [Phyllis Haight](mailto:Phyllis.Haight@cornell.edu) Grummon, 1531 Woodside Dr., E. Lansing, MI 48823; e-mail, phg3@cornell.edu.

74 It seems our recently retired class correspondent **Bill**

Howard can't stay out of the class news business. Bill fortunately survived a harrowing experience on Jan. 10, '10, and writes, "While returning from the annual Consumer Electronics Show, I got the thrill of a lifetime when United 624 lost one of its landing gear and made an emergency landing at Newark Airport. I was sitting right above the engine whose nacelle (shroud) served as a skid pad in place of the damaged gear. Amazing meteor shower of sparks, but otherwise less excitement than you'd expect." I guess that's easier said after the fact, and we are grateful that Bill and the other passengers all made it through. For some more interesting but less frightful class news, **Victor Fornari** sends word of the publication of his book *Evidence Based Treatments for Eating Disorders:*

Children, Adolescents, and Adults (Nova 2009). Victor is director of child and adolescent psychiatry at the Zucker Hillside Hospital in Glen Oaks, NY, and is a professor of psychiatry at NYU School of Medicine. Victor is married to **Alice (Johnson)**.

Walter Grote reports the publication of the paper "Repair of the Complete Anterior Cruciate Tear Using Prolotherapy" in the journal *Int'l Musculoskeletal Medicine*. Walter has opened a second practice complementing his internal medicine practice in the areas of prolotherapy and sclerotherapy, neural therapy, and energetic medicine in Blairstown, NJ. In his spare time he serves as president of the American College of Osteopathic Schlerotherapeutic Pain Management and volunteers as a coach for his daughter's wrestling team (she is two-time national and New Jersey state champ). He also coaches the sport at Kittatinny High School and national power Blair Academy.

Mark Goldstein, DVM '78, is president of the San Diego Humane Society and SPCA and volunteers on various committees for public education. **James Irish** and **Andrea Glanz** wrote to tell us about their 2009 travels, which included trips to Egypt, Barcelona, and Mexico. Jim was also in San Diego to run in the San Diego Marathon with **Jamie Shiffrer**, then back near his Hartsdale, NY, home to run the NYC Marathon in November. While healing from knee surgery, **Florence Higgins**, DVM '81, has been training her noise-phobic Border collie. She visits campus about once a year with her family, husband **John Lebens**, PhD '88, and sons Zack and Greg in tow. She says raising two boys has been challenging, but they are doing well. Greg attends a community college and

expects to transfer to a four-year institution; Zack is in high school, where he plays trumpet and runs cross-country.

Nancy Geiselmann Hamill (Reinholds, PA) won her sixth election as magisterial district judge. In advance of the election, she took time off in the summer to visit **Barb Aponte** Marino—vacationing on Cayuga Lake—and spent nine days hiking in the Canadian Rockies and Glacier National Park with **Susan Schindewolf** Hirschmann '73. While not traveling or working Nancy spends time volunteering with the Cocalico Community Partnership, bringing educational programs about at-risk behavior and prevention to parents and students and sponsoring intergenerational activities. **Lisa Barnes MacBain**, MPS '76, and husband **William '69**, MPS '75, have moved to Washington, DC, where she is a vice president for the R.H. Perry Foundation, which provides trustee search for independent colleges and universities. Lisa declares their move to our nation's capital "the most exciting relocation we have had in our 30 years of work and marriage." In her off time she sings with the Cathedral Voices, an auditioned choir at the National Cathedral, and volunteers for several ministries and outreaches of the National Cathedral.

Congrats to **Mariana Federica Wolfner**, a Cornell professor of Developmental Biology and Stephen H. Weiss Fellow in the Dept. of Molecular Biology and Genetics, who has been elected secretary of the Genetics Society of America. Congratulations as well to **Steven Wilson** on the recent graduations of his daughters Caroline from Avon (CT) High School and Ashley from Boston U. with a master's in advertising. Caroline is off

Chow Hound

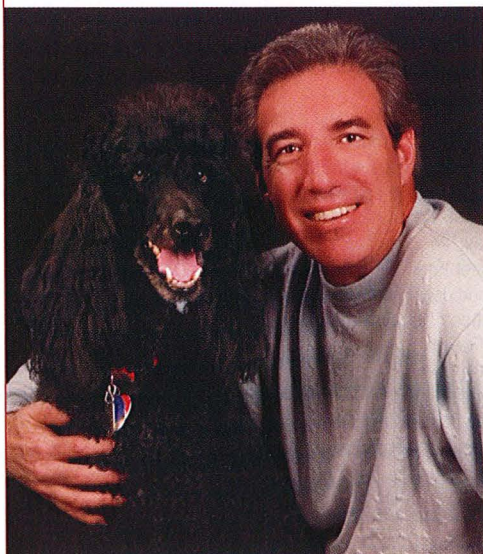
Martin Glinsky '72

Not sold in stores, or it wouldn't be fresh. That's the motto of Martin Glinsky's company, Sedona Pet Products, which offers cat and dog food delivered to the customer's door. The CALS grad, who holds a PhD in animal nutrition from the University of Illinois, says he was inspired to start the company after hearing complaints that regular pet food became less appealing the longer it sat on store shelves. "When the industry moved

from synthetic to natural preservatives, people thought the food still had the same shelf-life. And products, depending on how they were stored, would start to degrade," Glinsky explains. "Consumers would say the food doesn't smell like it did before, and the dogs don't like it the way they used to."

The two-year-old company offers two brands, Dr. G's Fresh Pet Food and Dr. Marty's Organic Brand, both sold solely online. Prices range from about \$22 for a four-pound bag to \$82 for a forty-pound bag. The food is made to order with fresh ingredients, such as chicken, whole grains, and vegetables, and is delivered within a few days. According to Glinsky, pets can tell the difference. "I've actually been in a person's home when the package was delivered," he says, "and I've seen cats and dogs claw at the box."

— Erica Southerland '10



to the U. of Wisconsin, Madison. Steve also writes of his success after acquiring Crescent Manufacturing, which, in April 2009, was awarded the distinguished business award by the Burlington Chamber of Commerce, a part of the Central Connecticut Chambers of Commerce. Steve is also very active in the National Day of Prayer celebrations in Avon.

Eric Roth lives in Scarsdale, NY, with wife **Laurie (Michael) '75** and practices law with Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen, and Katz in NYC. He is involved in some interesting litigation including representing Bank of America in its merger with Merrill Lynch. Eric is also involved with substantial pro bono activities including serving as a board member of MFY Legal Services, a leading provider of free legal services for the poor and mentally ill in Manhattan, and as a member of the Cornell University Council and the NYU Law School Foundation Board of Trustees.

In closing, we are pleased to hear that classmates continue to encourage their children to avail themselves of Cornell's great programs. **Wallis Nash**, daughter of **Bertha** and **Craig Nash '74**, ME '75, participated in the Cornell Summer College. **Jack Jay Wind**, jjw@mwhlawfirm.com; **Helen Bendix**, hbendix@verizon.net; **Betsy Moore**, emoore@cazenovia.edu.

75 Our 35th Reunion is only one month away. Was it REALLY almost 39 years ago that we started at Cornell? This is hard to believe.

Right to the news. **Ed Edelson** and wife Christine celebrated their fifth anniversary as owners/innkeepers of the Cornucopia at Oldfield Bed and Breakfast in Southbury, CT, and the birth of their fifth grandchild. Ed stepped down as executive director of the Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition, a science-oriented environmental group that has been at the forefront of developing minimum streamflow regulations, but still is on the board of finance, a retirement pension oversight committee, and the historic district commission. When not maintaining their 1818 Federalist house and grounds, Ed can usually be found hiking over at the nearby Audubon Center at the Bent of the River. Stop by the B&B when you are traveling through Connecticut: www.cornucopiabnb.com. After three decades in the corporate world, **Cliff Davis** (CDavis@qualityresourcing.net) started his own business, Quality Resourcing Services, which designs, develops, and resources packaging and products for personal care and fragrance items.

He and wife Linda live in "very bucolic Woodstock, CT, now alone because all three children are 'grown and off the payroll' (including the youngest, **Nicki '05**)."

Marjorie Esman (esmanmar@yahoo.com) is a lawyer in New Orleans (as of February, the Super Bowl champs!) and—after having a private practice for 20 years—now serves as executive director of the ACLU of Louisiana. Marjorie has a PhD in anthropology and taught at Louisiana State U. for a few years before going to law school. Husband Jonathan Wallick is a renovation contractor in New Orleans, helping to restore the old buildings, and daughter Hannah Esman Chafetz is a junior at Tulane. Over the years Marjorie has had some contact with **Steve Berman**, **Allen Klein**, and, more recently, **Dick Schreiber**—but would love to hear from all of them again. She's been back to Ithaca quite a few times since 1975 and is amazed at the growth of the campus. If you're down her way, please let her know. **Brian Dawson** lives in Bel Air, MD, with wife Patty and daughter Sydney, 16. Sydney is a great student at Patterson Mill High School and a Level 9 (out of 10) club gymnast. "Must be something in the genes," Brian says (no doubt on that). Brian is claim counsel in Construction Claim Services for Travelers. When not working, he tries to get to Cornell sporting events if they are within 100 miles or so of home and helps to coach Sydney's team during the week, "which keeps me in relatively good shape and allows me to keep my eye on her." Brian looks forward to retirement after Sydney is situated.

Roslyn Goldmacher (rozg@optonline.net) created and runs as president and CEO the Greater New York Development Co., a nonprofit providing low-cost loans and free technical assistance to small businesses in New York State. It has lent more than \$4 billion (that's with a "b") to entrepreneurs and helped them obtain more than \$2 billion in government contracts, leading to the creation or retention of more than 50,000 good jobs for New York State residents. Roz says Cornell had a significant effect on her through her wonderful classmates in ILR who shared ideas, helped her hone her skills, and urged her to be the best she could be and make a difference in the community. On Roz's bucket list is creating and running new lending and technical assistance programs for small businesses, the backbone of our economy, and programs that are relevant today, in the short- and long-term and which fill needed gaps and address community needs. **Stephanie Adler Ben-Yaish** (New York, NY; saish@aol.com) still enjoys her private psychotherapy practice, which she's had since finishing her graduate studies at Penn. Mothering is "still a full-time job" with a son in college and a daughter applying this year. They have found time in each of the last ten summers to visit CAU. Stephanie is in touch with longtime friend and roommate **Elyse Kroll**; they are planning dinner with their housemate **Howie Camay '74**. She thinks about old friends **Laurie Michael Roth** and **Robin Michael Koenig**, and **Debra** and **Janet**, and wonders if **Michael Spear** remembers the \$5.00 haircuts.

Elaine Burke (Lake Oswego, OR; elaine_burke@comcast.net) is married to Jay Clark and is a radiologist and nuclear medicine physician for Kaiser Permanente. Elaine occasionally attends fun and interesting programs in the Portland area hosted by the President's Council of Cornell Women, which brings together Cornell women from various colleges and at various points in their career and life stages. Son Karl is in his second and

final year in the acting program at the William Esper Studio in NYC, while daughter Elizabeth is a freshman at George Washington U. in the women's leadership program. **Janet Rosen Zarowitz** (Ossining, NY; jzarowitz@verizon.net) works in marketing, Web development, and public relations for SMA, an IT consulting and software company. Husband **Bill '74** is an internist with Maple Medical Group in White Plains, NY; they have daughters Michelle, 28, and Jessica, 25. From her time at Cornell, Janet most remembers eating at Moosewood Restaurant, before it was "discovered." **Michael Parkinson** (mdparkinson@yahoo.com) now lives in Pittsburgh with wife Dr. Rika Maeshiro after living in Alexandria, VA, and working there for Wellpoint. Michael continues to try to accelerate innovation in health and healthcare through his work with a wide variety of organizations. Pittsburgh has been a great "fit" both personally and professionally. Their 8-year-old "remains a die-hard Orioles and Redskins fan, however, much to the chagrin of his Pittsburgh-raised mother!"

Gregory Campbell (Colleyville, TX; gcampbell@rainmaker-inc.com) writes that his career (he is CEO of Learning Innovations Int'l LLC) has been built around the concept of creating a dual bottom line—helping people and making a profit. Along the way Gregory developed affordable housing in urban areas thought lost, created a private equity fund to invest in businesses led by minorities and women, and built an education services company to take select historically black colleges and universities online to expand educational opportunities. The most significant Cornell impact for him was Parker Jenkins, who formerly led the North Campus Union. While Gregory is grateful to the Cornell faculty for helping him grow academically, it was Parker who inspired him to be somebody and achieve big goals. He is married to Zenola. Still on his bucket list is focusing on four areas—education, healthcare, affordable housing, and making food available to those in need—and making a difference through both domestic and international business initiatives. **Sally Solomon Cohen** (sscohen@salud.unm.edu) has a PhD in nursing, with a concentration in health policy, and works as an associate professor and senior member of the faculty at the U. of New Mexico; she previously held a tenured position at Yale. Along with husband Arnold and son Aaron, 14, Sally loves it "here in the Land of Enchantment." **Eliot Schuman** (Pleasantville, NY; Eliotms@aol.com) has a daughter who is a freshman in ILR. He names **Mark Brossman** as having the most significant impact on him at Cornell: "He just got it."

And two closing news bites: **Joseph Glover** (jglover@aa.ufl.edu) is provost and senior vice president at the U. of Florida; horticulturist **Cory Harris Ward** (Saratoga Springs, NY) writes that **Robert Mower '56**, PhD '61, had the most significant impact on her at Cornell. "He gave me an appreciation of all the plants that surround us."

With reunion around the corner, I want to take a moment to personally thank **Deb Gellman**, MBA '82, who has supervised the class correspondents and written columns herself for—what?—30 years? More? Deb deserves the thanks of every alum who has ever picked up the magazine to read about our class. If you see her at reunion (and Deb, I hope you are there) or a Cornell event, please take a moment to thank her. **Mitch Frank**, MJFgator@gmail.com; **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com; **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Karen DeMarco Boroff**, boroffka@shu.edu.

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76 Spring will have arrived by the time this issue does, but from the thick of this past winter, **Bruce Abels** (West Chicago, IL) wrote: "Life is exciting as I have to spend 50 hours as a passenger while my daughter practices driving. We've got a week-long Disney Cruise planned over the spring break holiday. I've joined an astronomy club; it reminds me how small our planet is and makes me wish we could all live together peacefully. I've spent a lot of time over the past two or three years researching my family tree. I had to dig out some old boxes that my father had kept, but found lots of names and really got into it. I've spoken with a dozen family members that I never knew existed. It's a fascinating hobby. I still exchange Christmas cards with **John Rodis**, and an occasional instant message with **Tim Kelley**. The most fun was finding my old track buddy **Jorman Granger '77**, who was working at Accenture, just like me. We met several times in St. Charles and had a great time reminiscing about spring break trips to Florida. Jorman has since left Accenture, but I'm still plugging away, coming up on my 20th year."

Alice Mascette writes with happy news. "It's taken me a whole year to write, but I thought I'd send in the news of my wedding. On Valentine's Day 2009, I married James A. "Coby" Leyden IV (Wesleyan '67) and am now enjoying full family life with him and 'Sky' (James A., V), 16, and Maya, 12, who made up our wedding party. **Rachel Simon** Rothblatt and **Dale Brodsky Bernstein** and husband **Gary '75** joined us in D.C. for the wedding, along with my sister **Susan Mascette Brandt '68**, who gave me away and is the whole reason I went to Cornell. I am still at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Inst./NIH where I serve as chief of the heart failure and arrhythmias branch, and keep my hand in clinical life by assisting as adjunct faculty at the cardiology clinic at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. There are a whole cluster of Cornellians and Cornell parents working alongside me at the NIH: **Abby Ershow '73**, **Lorraine Molofsky Silsbee '77**, **Jane Harman, PhD '94**, **Phyllis Sholinsky '82**, **Drew Carlson '70**, and **Gail Weinmann, MD '76**." Alice adds, "This is a first marriage for me, so quite a transition that I didn't really expect at this point in my life! I keep thinking of the analogy of the *Wizard of Oz* movie when it switches to color. I was perfectly content before, but this is a whole lot more interesting than Kansas." Felicitations, Alice!

Charlie Schlumberger dropped a note to thank us for a previous mention in this column and said: "My two kids are grown and my daughter has blessed Ann and me with two wonderful grandchildren. Ann and I built our 'dream house' two years ago, which means I shall work for the rest of my life. Sang the Alma Mater at a cocktail party here in Little Rock after watching the Big Red hoopsters beat St. John's for the Holiday Classic championship. Recently traded notes with **Bob Harrison**, who as always is doing his part for public service as the CEO of the Clinton Global Initiative." Charlie adds, "Go Big Red!" **Nancy Popper** kindly responded to my plea for news with an update. She says, "I'm living in Syosset, NY (my hometown), and working nearby for the Incorporated Village of Laurel Hollow as the deputy village clerk and clerk of the justice court. Both of my children—Matthew, 21, and Abby, 23—live with me. No empty nest here!"

Bill Hanavan and I took a fun trip to New York City last October. I go fairly regularly, but Bill hadn't been back since we moved away in 1979.

We had a great lunch and walkabout in Chinatown with my old roomies **Ellen Cord Dember** and **Karen Krinsky Sussman** and Karen's husband **Donny**, MBA '79. We were also thrilled to catch up at last with **Mark Weinfeld** and **Janet Cogswell '75**. Bill and Mark were old high school pals from Buffalo, then roommates at Cornell for three years. We all saw each other a lot when we lived in New York, but it had been 25 years since Bill and Mark had gotten together in person. Something about meeting at an Irish bar on 45th Street caused us all to revert immediately. Mark and Jan honestly haven't changed a whit—except that Mark may be in better shape than ever, thanks to his taking up the running of marathons. Mark continues to consult and teach, and Jan teaches nursing. Their son Brian recently started grad school in—surprise—mathematics. On that same New York trip, I had a cup of coffee (oh, and some great apple strudel) with fellow *Cornell Daily Sun* alumnus **Ira Rosen** at the Carnegie Deli. Ira is a producer for "60 Minutes," and if you want to catch up on his adventures in Afghanistan and beyond, check out some of his stories on the CBS website. Ira and wife **Iris Schneider** have kids who are exceedingly talented in the arts, which surely must come from Iris. It was a great trip for catch-ups and meet-ups—and I didn't even mention running into Paul McCartney at a coffee shop on Lexington!

Whom have you run into? Please do keep us class correspondents corresponding by sending along your news! ✉ **Pat Relf** Hanavan, Relf@tds.net; **Lisa Diamant**, Ljdiamant@verizon.net; **Karen Krinsky Sussman**, Krinsk54@gmail.com.

77 Greetings from Philadelphia, where we have had more snow than Ithaca this winter. Snow is probably not an issue for **Mark Petracca**, who hails (no pun intended) from Irvine, CA. Mark didn't want his children to miss out on the joys of snow: son Joe started this fall at Colgate and daughter Gina will graduate from Bates College (Maine) with degrees in psychology and dance. Mark has finished serving as chair of the Irvine Planning Commission, helping to develop one of the most vibrant, master-planned cities in the world. His research and teaching continue to be defined by courses he took at Cornell, particularly with Ted Lowi, **Martin Shefter '64**, Norm Uphoff, and Arch Dotson.

Congratulations to another successful author of the Class of '77: in 2009, **Julia Wendell** (Upperco, MD) published the memoir *Finding My Distance: A Year in the Life of a Three-Day Event Rider* and a collection of poetry, *The Sorry Flowers*. **Stephen Kessinger** (Oviedo, FL) has been named senior program manager at DEI Services Corp. He is also active in Habitat for Humanity. Steve's membership in the Cornell ROTC battalion continues to play an important role in his life.

Nancy Warren Beard (Kingston, NY) works for the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation for the Hudson River Estuary Program in New Paltz, NY. She enjoys writing, swimming, beading, and spending time with her family. Her freshwater and marine studies at Cornell have helped her in her work. She also volunteers at the Unitarian Universalist congregation at the activities center and teaches in the religious education program. **Janet Tom Gomes** (Kailua, HI) is active in the Hawaii Children's Discovery Center and the American Red Cross. **Bruce Schafer**, MBA '79, has noted a marked drop in his extracurricular activities as a result of work, yet he has found time

to see many Cornellians at university-sponsored networking events in New York City. He reports that they have been expansive and well run. He would like to hear from **John Talbot**, **Cindy Morris Lennon**, and **Bebe Erstling** Feinberg.

Jody Katz reports that in 2008 her company, Classic Tales 'n Tunes LLC (www.classictnt.com), won the Human Rights Award for Fairfax County, VA. The award recognizes the company's achievement in developing a highly inclusive approach to the education of young children with differing needs and learning styles. In 2008 and 2009, Jody published two new books of classic songs, rhymes, and activities for young children that were written in English with adaptations in Spanish, and with photos demonstrating the corresponding American Sign Language. The company has been selected to provide educator workshops through the Inst. for Early Learning and also supports the work of volunteer organizations including Family PASS (run by a fellow Cornellian), the Arlington Food Assistance Center, and Goodwill of Greater Washington. Jody is an accomplished West Coast Swing dancer who has been competing on the national circuit.

Amy Spies (Pelion, SC) is a veterinarian in a mixed animal practice and an equestrienne. She volunteers, helping to feed the homeless at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. **Stan Schulz** (Fargo, ND) runs a consulting firm focused on business turnaround, operations, and product development. **Fred Bach**, MPS '80, is a professor of agricultural engineering and diesel technology at Morrisville State College in Morrisville, NY. **Karen Juli** retired from the US Army as a major in 1996 and has worked for the Army as a civilian since then. She has been temporarily relocated from Europe to Fort Stewart in Hinesville, GA, and is attempting to adjust. She would welcome hearing from any Cornellians in the area. **Cheryl Keown** moved with her husband from Las Vegas to Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, this past summer to take advantage of the ambitious building opportunities for architects. She teaches Emirati girls business skills through the Arab version of Junior Achievement, which provides her with an opportunity to learn more about her host country.

John Nichols is a partner of the Potomac Advocates in Washington, DC. His daughter, Rachel, has been recruited to play soccer at Cornell beginning this fall as part of the Class of 2014. Congratulations, John. Last fall **Marc Schlusell**, MBA '78, dropped off his middle daughter, **Emily '13**, for her freshman year on the Hill. Previously, she studied in Israel for a year. Marc looks forward to having one more excuse to visit campus. This is his fourth year as board chair of Cornell Hillel; he loves the opportunity to work closely with Cornell students, parents, staff, and alumni for Hillel. **Jeffrey Brown** returned to the Hill to take part in a sustainability panel at the Net Impact Conference. He also attended a football game and saw **Steve '76** and **Rindy Fox Garcia**, **Dan Dwyer '76**, and **Joe Meaney**. **Ken Brown '74** also spoke at the conference. Jeff has found that his degree in Materials Science and Engineering has come in handy, given the importance of metallurgy in much of what he does. He moved his office to Pocatello, ID, to be close to Nordic's operation headquarters, but commutes there from his home in Roswell, GA (probably not many direct flights between the two).

Christine Reilly Gale is a pediatric cardiac sonographer specializing in the diagnosis and follow-up of complex congenital heart disease as part of Arizona Pediatric Cardiology Consultants. She

also attends a clinic in Hermosillo, Mexico. She is on the board of directors of Gift of Life Arizona, a project of Rotary Int'l to bring impoverished children to Arizona for life-saving heart surgeries, and is also involved in a new project trying to obtain used musical instruments for school bands; she would welcome any contributions.

Mike Weber (Penfield, NY) spent time with **John Caputo** (Maui, HI) over the past two summers during John's working visits to Rochester, NY, where Mike works. In turn, Mike has visited John; Mike's son and daughter-in-law also live in Hawaii. He still loves Big Red men's hockey (and there's a lot to love this season). **Cara Lebowitz** Kagan visited Portugal, Spain, and Morocco with her husband, Len. They spent Thanksgiving with their family, including granddaughter Juliet, who was celebrating the holiday for the first time. Congratulations on the new addition.

That's the news for spring 2010. We encourage all of our classmates to forward news and views (and encourage friends to contribute). ☐ **Howie Eisen**, heisen@drexelmed.edu; **Annette Mulee**, annette@mulee.com.

78 I hope spring has finally arrived on the East Coast as well as in the South by the time this issue is published. The El Niño winter caused spring to arrive here in Seattle in early February, which was way too early. If it's any consolation to those of you who still have sore shoulders from shoveling snow, we will undoubtedly get a hard freeze just as the apricot tree in my back yard blooms.

A good bit of this issue's news came out of the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Washington, DC, the weekend of January 29. Webmaster **Paul Bonner** reported that 1978 is the second largest "Class of" group for all the Cornell classes on LinkedIn, at 417 members. (1983 is first with 464, but their group has open membership.) Activity, in the form of discussions, has been building slowly as membership grows. I'll confess that I'm a very recent joiner (try earlier today), but I found many classmates in the group from various facets of my time on the Hill. Also on the class website (<http://classof78.alumni.cornell.edu>), you can read a thank you note from this year's Memorial Scholarship winner, **Hilary Soohoo**. AND two of our very own, **Tom Marino** and **Sheryl Hilliard** Tucker, are running for the alumni seats on the Cornell Board of Trustees, along with **Gene Resnick '70**, MD '74, and **Enrique Jose Vila-Biaggi '94**, ME '95.

Fellow double-degree classmate **Alexandra Swiecicki** Fairfield, PhD '85, "crashed the Leadership Conference (well, I did pay the registration fee) as a loose-cannon attendee." Alexandra enjoys living in Washington, DC, three seasons a year and teaches undergrad biology and microbiology to "pre-health" majors. In the social media department, her teenagers have gotten her to join Facebook: "I am finding many long-lost ILC friends through a 'Cornell ILC 1975-1985' Facebook group." Alexandra reports that **Margaret Ferris-Morris** and husband **Peter**, MPS '99, have just packed up their house for a three-year assignment with the World Health Organization in Geneva. **Linda Piccinino**, MPS '83, **Susanne Solomon**, **Molly Pulver '80**, and **Cynthia Kubas** had front-row seats and lots of Chardonnay at the big-screen showing of the Cornell-Harvard basketball game on Saturday night of the conference, which ultimately put Cornell in the top 25 for the first time

in more than 50 years. **Laura Day** Ayers, MBA '86, reported that her free time has been pretty tied up with Cornell Alumni Admissions meetings over the past few weekends. "Met with my sixth applicant yesterday. Great kids—too bad so few are accepted. Glad I am not applying these days!"

Farther up the "snow belt" in Philadelphia, **Lesley Gudehus** works as a senior writer in institutional advancement at Drexel U. She would most like to hear from **Annabel Heath** Weinstein. **Sharon Palatnik** Simoncini (Ridgewood, NJ) was unable to attend the conference because she was performing in a fundraising performance at her children's school. "I'm tap dancing and singing in an a cappella number! Why do I do this to myself?"

Another entry in our legacy department: **Kathleen Lankford** Morgan (Calabasas, CA) reports that son Bill is in the Engineering Class of '14. "Walking the same paths, eating at the same dining halls, sitting in the same libraries, watching the same hockey games. It is a proud moment for me!" That's all the news I have for this issue. See you on LinkedIn! ☐ **Cindy Fuller**, cjfuller@mindspring.com; **Ilene Shub** Lefland, ilefland@snet.net.

79 The news poured in this winter in response to an e-mail blast I sent to part of the class. Here is just a portion of the updates I received from cyberspace.

Kevin Gleason (Hollywood, FL; Bankruptcy Lawyer@aol.com) reports that after five years of wandering, they have finally settled down again. The Gleasons were fortunate to be able to buy the home next door to the one they sold in 2004. Kevin and his wife, Patricia (Brown '83), practice bankruptcy law from Key West to Orlando. They are raising a son, Connor, who is a legacy sophomore at Kevin's high school, and a daughter, Ciara, who is in 8th grade. **Paul Adamission** (PJAdamis@aol.com) feels at home in Florida, too, since most of his family has relocated to the Orlando area or within a two-hour drive. He enjoys life in the house he bought in Lake Mary, FL, a few years ago. Paul is also pleased to report that the company he founded, Int'l Packaging of Authentic Cuisine (IPAC Inc.), is celebrating 14 years of successful operation. Despite the downturned economy, IPAC has expanded capacity to accommodate increased production with distribution throughout the US, Canada, and the Caribbean. Paul invites you to visit his company website at <http://www.copack.com/>.

Contact **Elizabeth Rakov** Igleheart (EIGleheart@aol.com) if you would like to buy a three-bedroom home in Sky Valley in the North Georgia mountains. They are selling this home and hope to purchase one in Columbia, SC, where husband Bill has taken a job as VP with Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina. The Iglehearts maintain another home in Georgia, where Elizabeth is the executive director for Senior Services North Fulton. This nonprofit organization provides Meals on Wheels, runs three senior centers, and delivers in-home services for homebound seniors for six cities outside Atlanta. The Igleharts' daughter, Alex, is a senior in finance at SMU; their son is a senior in high school. After many years in Houston, **Patti Enggaard** Betz (golfer610@aol.com) moved to the Seattle area three years ago for her husband's job. She has started doing some marketing consulting to network back into more full-time career pursuits now that children Parker, 9, and Brian, 13, are in school full-time. When not working or volunteering in the schools, she enjoys hiking and exploring

the beautiful Pacific Northwest. Patti would like to get back in touch with her old Collegetown roommates Amy, Mary, Myra, Cindy, and Heidi.

Immediately after reunion in 2009, **Beth Horowitz** (bethhorowitz@yahoo.com) took a great vacation on the West Coast that included visiting with friends and family and hiking in the wine country. In September 2009, when Michael J. Fox visited Toronto for the Canadian launch of his foundation, she proudly co-chaired an event that raised money for Parkinson's and stem cell research. Also in September, she joined the board of directors of HSBC, a Canadian bank. In November she helped plan a gala for the opening of the King Tut exhibition at the Art Gallery of Ontario. In the midst of all this activity she celebrated her mom's 90th birthday with events in Florida and Toronto. **Kirsti Jutila** Heineman, MLA '87 (kirsti@aol.com) has been an urban planner for the NYC Dept. of City Planning since 1989. She married fellow planner James Heineman in 1993. Kirsti and James live in "Victorian Flatbush" Brooklyn with their daughter Rachel, 14, and son Ethan, 12.

In nearby Connecticut, **Sarah Lumley** Bean (SBean@michaelallencompany.com) is happy to report that she has recovered completely from major back surgery this past summer. She has returned to work as a VP and managing consultant at the Michael Allen Co., Growth Strategy Consultants, in Darien, CT. This company has an increased focus on healthcare and pharmaceutical marketing and sales effectiveness. In her free time, Sarah is the Bear Den leader for a group of third grade boys in Cub Scout Pack 168 in Trumbull, CT. In October, she enjoyed a visit from her brother, **Charlie Lumley**, DVM '83, who now resides in Oklahoma. **Pierre Crawley** (Basking Ridge, NJ; pierre@peppadewusa.com) writes that it has been an exciting and creative period as he enters his 20th year as VP of marketing for Strohmeier and Arpe Co. Pierre is credited with introducing Peppadew fruit to the US, where it is now in just about every supermarket and several chain restaurants. The fruit is also being used as a new flavor ingredient for multinational companies. If you would like to learn more about Peppadew fruit, Pierre encourages you to visit www.peppadew.com.

Employment longevity is also familiar to **Janet Ashley** (papillonjma@aol.com), who has worked in a private ob/gyn practice as a nurse practitioner and lactation consultant for the past 22 years. She lives with spouse David and loves being near Boston, where they enjoy theater, traveling, skiing, and summers on Cape Cod and in Maine. Their daughter Kate, 25, is engaged and living in Japan with plans to attend graduate school in the fall. Their son Aaron, 22, is a senior at Eckerd College in Florida, where he enjoys scuba diving and glassblowing. Also enjoying the Boston area, **Brad Herrick** (herrick@ll.mit.edu) is a member of the senior staff in ranges and test beds at MIT Lincoln Labs. Brad writes that now that both kids are in college he is thinking of moving to Beacon Hill or Cambridge to truly enjoy life in the city. He enjoys seeing classmates at Cornell activities in town and is always eager to reconnect with more friends, now that life is a bit simpler. Just outside Boston in Needham, MA, **Howard** and **Amy Tayer Goldman '83** have three boys. Howard (hgoldman@goldmanpease.com) works as a lawyer at Goldman and Pease LLC (www.goldmanpease.com), a firm that specializes in real estate and business litigation. In his spare time he enjoys competitive tennis and was looking forward to a California ski trip with **Tom**

Carmody, Steve Wald, Mike Dergosits, Wayne Diamond, Larry Stern, and Greg McParland.

John and Alison Colby Currie (jcurrie@rochester.rr.com) remain busy as consulting engineers working on the production of gas from the Marcellus Shale in New York and Pennsylvania. Their spare time is spent on orchestral and jazz music, triathlons, marathons, woodcarving, home renovations, and miscellaneous art projects. Daughter Andrea is a senior majoring in studio art at Williams College; Maria is a sophomore at Irondequoit High School. After a successful Kilimanjaro climb in 2008, Alison, who survived breast cancer in 2006, plans a trek to Everest Base Camp in 2010. Anyone interested in supporting her "Journey of Inspiration" can use the following link to the American Cancer Society website, http://determination.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=25746&pg=entry. Additional charity information is available at www.journeysofinspiration.com. When not climbing mountains, the Curries keep in touch with **Dave Nadeau** and his family. Dave's son Andrew is graduating from Clarkson in the spring, and **Patrick '11** is in Architecture, Art, and Planning. They also see **Mike Conroy** who resides in the nearby Rochester area.

It is always fun to keep in touch with classmates and report interesting news. You can write us at classof79@cornell.edu, or directly at: **Kathy Zappia Gould**, rdgould@comcast.net; **Cynthia Ahlgren Shea**, cynthiashea@hotmail.com; and **Linda Moses**, mosesgurevitch@aol.com.

80 There are common experiences that link Cornellians through the years; the required swim test is one that has elicited a decades-long debate among students, faculty, alums, even current applicants. Not much has changed about the test itself since our classmates entered the pools at Teagle and Helen Newman nearly 34 years ago, but thanks to technology, the myths and legends surrounding the test have flourished. Using the latest search engines, my unsentimental analysis of Cornell swim-test lore has yielded a few gems. Did you know that swimmers judged to have bad form are docked one-half grade point for the first semester? Hey, I saw it on the Internet, so it is certainly true. All is not lost, however; if you subsequently pass beginning swimming, four-tenths of that penalty is forgiven. Also, until 1980, males were required to swim nude. (I happen to know firsthand that at least the time frame of this claim is false, for I wore my lucky socks throughout my test in the fall of 1976 and went unchallenged.) And then there is my personal favorite bulletin board question from an applicant: "I usually drown when I swim. Will there be any lifeguards around?"

Our 30th Reunion will bring back those common and uncommon experiences of life at Cornell, and your reunion chairs **Nancy MacIntyre Hollinshead** and **Jodi Diehl** Nestle have worked diligently to make this reunion one for the ages (or is that aged?). "From Camp Cornell to Club Red" begins with a Thursday night dinner reception at the Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, featuring an insider tour of this world-class gallery. If you haven't been on campus recently, the new world of West Campus is reason enough to return to Ithaca. Gone are the U-Halls and Noyes Center (midnight vigil at the site of Sperry, anyone?), and in their place are the houses of West Campus, communities that foster scholarship, creativity, and less formal interaction with faculty. We will

dine at Flora Rose House and immerse ourselves in this new Cornell experience through tours and meetings with house deans. Our Saturday night dinner is at Weill Hall, a stunning life sciences research building in the heart of the campus. All this plus nightly tent parties at Class of '80 central with a DJ who will not talk you out of your request for "Ramblin' Man." Campus-wide events and reunion schedules can be found by pointing your browser to <http://alumni.cornell.edu/reunion>. Flash! To

dressage with her 7-year-old Quarter Horse. "We're both loving it, although he has far more talent and athletic ability than I!" Roberta remains active in the leadership of her synagogue and also in Nashville's Jewish community day school, Akiva. **Jarett Wait** joined Fortress Investment Group in July 2008 as a managing director and member of the firm's management committee. As global head of capital formation and investor relationship management, he is re-

'Pierre Crawley is credited with introducing Peppadew fruit to the US.'

Kathy Zappia Gould '79

any Kappa Kappa Gammas returning to Ithaca for the 30th Reunion: contact **Jill Gosden** Pollock (gosdenjill@gmail.com) or **Caren Kretzer** Brinker (brinkercj@aol.com), who are keeping a list of who's coming for the weekend. As of this writing (mid-February), they have heard from Carrie, Kathy, Susie, Pam, Gail, Eva, Mona, Liza, Suzanne, Faith, Mary, Jill, and Caren. All are either committed to or contemplating a return to Ithaca.

Lawrence Eckhardt is co-owner of Capital Area Agricultural Consulting with wife Heather. They work with clients in eastern New York and western New England. He is also president of Kinderhook Creek Farm, a fresh market vegetable, field crop, and beef operation. Larry and Heather live in Stephentown, NY, and have children **Matthew '09** and **Andrew**. **Cary Levitt** has more than 20 years' experience in corporate and intellectual property law, and has joined the Armstrong Teasdale intellectual property practice in St. Louis, MO. Cary was a Chemical Engineering student at Cornell, and went on to earn a law degree at William and Mary. **Nancy Beer** Tobin is vice president of corporate social responsibility at CGI, a global technology services company. She balances the development of this new business arena with helping her three children grow into "amazing young adults," learning French, skiing, reading, and travel. The Harmony Project, **Brad Zak's** startup company, has "shifted from first to third gear." This better hospitality mousetrap will originate, develop, and operate a small collection of high-end destinations in interesting regions of the globe. Other than being "home-for-the-holidays," over the past year Brad has been sizing up potential sites in Costa Rica, China, and Tanzania. "We figure most people don't simply go to a single beach anymore—they travel around the area a bit to really dig in to the experience." Sites in Hawaii, Macau, Indonesia, and Japan are also in the works.

Denny Lorentz has finished a term as chair of the board of directors of the National Marrow Donor Program, the organization charted to run the national Be The Match donor registry used to screen volunteers for unrelated bone marrow transplants. Denny's son had such a transplant 13 years ago. His oldest daughter will be a freshman at Northeastern this fall. "This brings back memories of the excitement and fear around opening letters from colleges—but of course everything is electronic now," writes Denny.

Roberta Walter Goodman teaches in Vanderbilt U.'s Owen Graduate School of Management. Outside the classroom she has started

sponsible for developing and managing relationships with leading institutional investors and intermediaries throughout the world. Jarett and wife Younghee own and operate Alaska Heavenly Lodge, a luxury lodge in the wilderness about 100 miles southeast of Anchorage.

It's not too late to make plans for a reunion trip to Ithaca and discover Cornell all over again. The best way to get the latest reunion info and to reconnect with your classmates is to join the Cornell Class of 1980 group on Facebook. A virtual trip to <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=4944543491> will get you started. Also, bookmark our class website, <http://classof80.alumni.cornell.edu>, and the Cornell Alumni Web page, <http://alumni.cornell.edu>. We'll see you on the Hill! **Dana Jerrard**, dej24@cornell.edu; **Tim O'Connor**, tvo2@cornell.edu; **Cynthia Adonizio-Bianco**, caa28@cornell.edu; **Leona Barsky**, leonabarsky@aol.com; **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25@cornell.edu.

81 Summer 2010 is almost here. Hard to believe how fast time flies. I have been very busy being a mom, which is something that I love every day. My daughter, Ella Paige, almost 4, is busy with ballet, swimming, gymnastics, arts and crafts, and being a big sister to little bro Brayden Reese, almost 2. Brayden loves life and has definitely become a mama's boy. I have enjoyed having a family at this point in my life. I have traveled a bit. In NYC, I got together with **Sue Levitt** (playing with us at the 14th St. playground) and **Will Connell** (out for drinks and dinner downtown). We wanted to see others, but ran out of time! **Rich Calabro** also has little ones. His children range from 2 to 17. Rich is the dean of the School of Math, Science, and Engineering at Central New Mexico Community College in Albuquerque, NM.

Steve Ritchey, **Jennifer Read** Campbell, and I attended the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference in Washington, DC, Jan. 28-31. We came together to communicate, collaborate, brainstorm, and share—all in the name of connecting Cornellians. I saw **Jill Flack** for lunch and we caught up about friends, family, and life in general. Also in the D.C. area, **Serge Asensio** (founder of Topline Group in 1999) has been thrilled with his company's success. He and his family have lived in Lynchburg, VA, for the past five years, and he says it has been quite a change from D.C. life. He describes it as a little bit like a scene out of "Green Acres." **Darryl Glover**,

BA '83, also lives nearby. He is the director of the Office of Water Monitoring and Assessment for the Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality. **Jack Halpern** owns a catering company (Catering By Jill Inc.) in Richmond, VA. He worked on the Inaugural Balls in D.C. They ran the coat checks for 30,000 guests. Can you imagine? He said that was the hardest job he'd ever undertaken. They lost Joe Biden's brother's coat. (Hopefully they found it!)

Leslie Rosenthal Jacobs is a native of New Orleans and is a founder of Educate Now!, a non-profit organization dedicated to continuing the broad, post-Katrina reforms of New Orleans public schools she helped institute and execute as a member of BESE (State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education). Leslie has been married to husband **Scott '79** for 28 years and has two adult daughters. **Greg Deierlein**, Blume Professor of Engineering at Stanford U., recently returned from leading a reconnaissance team to investigate the September 30 earthquake in Padang, Indonesia.

Heidi Grasberger Scharfman loves living in Greenwich, CT, and is finally getting used to the East Coast weather again. Her daughter Olivia, 12, played Scout, opposite Matthew Modine as

small—no bailouts required and they decide when and how much to pay themselves! Scot continues to enjoy the combination of wine and travel. He went to Argentina and Chile in March 2010, and Spain and France two months later, scouting out properties in pursuit of his dream of one day owning his own vineyard.

Rhonda Eisner Batt walked with **Sherri Samilow Rozansky**, **Solange Cohen Bar-Ness**, and **Laurie Rivlin Caspert** to show support in the fight against pancreatic cancer. This is to honor **Linda Schechter** Giove, as she has been battling pancreatic cancer for the past 20 months. Linda's team had more than 100 people walking and raised more than \$47,000. Our hearts and thoughts are with Linda and her family. **Eric Sargent** tells us that he went to a meeting in San Diego and heard **Joshua Fried** (radiowonderland.org) perform at the New West Electronic Arts and Music Festival.

Kathleen Hall, DVM '84, is enjoying her life as a veterinarian in Rochester, NY. **Isabel Ackerman Brandt** is staying busy as a freelance hotel consultant. **Phillip Fine** worked in Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Russia, and Moldova, with frequent travel to Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan for 11 years. He is currently

82 Our class has been on the move. **Mark Dwortzan** started a new job as editor/writer at Boston U.'s College of Engineering. In this position, Mark produces news and feature articles for the college's alumni magazine and website. Mark also reports on advances in science, technology, business, and the environment for other academic, corporate, and journalistic publications. **Bob Ellis** lives in the Boston suburbs and works at EMC. He married **Jennifer Sidell '85** in 2002. Jen is a professor at Babson College. Bob and Jen had a son, Jack, in 2006 to round out their family of two girls, ages 15 and 22. Bob's family skis most weekends in the winter at Sugarbush, but he was at the mid-winter Leadership Conference for D.C.'s first big snowstorm of the year and will be at Cornell reunion this summer. **Henry Herz** joined L-3 Communications as the senior program manager of their InControl product line. While not (yet) Fortune 500 entrepreneurs, his sons Joshua, 10, and Harrison, 8, have started their own Web-based small businesses. J&H LEGO Gifts (www.jhlego.com) offers inexpensive LEGO vehicles as birthday party favors. J&H Bases & Terrain (www.jhbases.com) sells cast plaster terrain and bases for tabletop miniature games like Warhammer. Inspired by the drought in San Diego, their latest business, YardCritters (www.yardcritters.biz), offers whimsical animal, insect, and plant sculptures for your yard. Henry reports that all of these businesses donate 10 percent of their profits to charity.

Cliff Feldman is a practicing psychiatrist in the Los Angeles area. He conducts pharmaceutical research and teaches third year USC medical students. His wife, Tina, is an ob/gyn and they have sons Jacob, 14, and Sam, 11. Cliff writes, "Shout out to the Dickson Hall 4-5 siders from 1978-80. See you on Facebook!"

Jeff Fearn writes that he joined Fisher Scientific (Pittsburgh) as a life sciences product manager after leaving upstate biotech (Lake Placid) in 2002. He returned to Ithaca in 2007 to join the Cornell Center for Technology Enterprise and Commercialization (CCTEC) as a senior TCLO (technology commercialization and liaison officer), aka licensing officer. Part of his responsibility at CCTEC is to license Cornell technologies to industry so that they can be developed into products and services for the public good while leveraging Cornell innovation to promote the formation of new businesses based on Cornell technology.

For the past 12 years, **Anne Oliva Carman** has been director of direct-mail fundraising at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, DC. This past November, Anne realized a long-held dream to return to Ithaca by accepting a job as membership director with the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology. She plans to move to Ithaca this summer along with her husband, **Jim**. Anne and Jim celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a trip to Italy last October, and they'll be empty-nesters in the fall, with daughter Lauren entering her fourth year at the U. of Virginia and son Dan entering his first year of college. Along about October, you'll find the Carmans settling into their season-ticket seats at Lynah Rink.

Jill Gayley Hendrickson lives outside Pontiac, MI, with her husband and three daughters. Jill works as a tax analyst for Thomson Reuters, on the UltraTax 1040 federal program. Her oldest daughter is at Michigan State, her next daughter will start there this fall, and her youngest can't wait to go there. Jill is concerned that she may

“Henry Herz’s sons, ages 10 and 8, have started their own Web-based small businesses.”

Doug Skalka '82

Atticus, in Hartford Stage's sold-out production of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Also in the New England area, **Lana Carlsson-Irwin** (Wayland, MA) backpacked to the bottom of the Grand Canyon and out again with her husband, **Andy Irwin**, ME '82. **Beth Jackendoff** Harpaz is holding on to a long-time job at the Associated Press, despite all the changes in the media biz, and recently had a new paperback version of her latest book, *13 is the New 18*, come out in 2009.

Katherine Scher Brown has had a few changes in her life. Having worked for Union Carbide for several years, she is now an intellectual property attorney for IBM. **Victoria Greenberg Wolfe** tells us that she is developing a multimedia project, "Battlements on Fire," in a residency at the Garage Art Space in San Francisco. After a successful first reading, she's now incorporating real sound from the streets of NYC and her own video work. **Vincent Gentile** is part of the NYC Council. He's wondering where-oh-where is **Cliff Kirsch**?

Sally Furness is teaching and living in the dry desert! She plans to drive across the country this summer on vacation. **Leila Miller** spends a lot of her time driving her daughter around to all of her after-school activities. We all know how that can be! **David Salomon** is a director, expense reduction analyst and living in Georgia. **Sharon Raymond** Haensly continues to enjoy life in Seattle and works as an attorney for an Indian tribe. She's lived in and around Seattle since 1988. Also out on the West Coast is **Kevin Haroff**, JD/MBA '81, who is still practicing environmental law in San Francisco. **Scot Martin**, MBA '83, is still in the investment banking game, but now as a partner in a small M&A boutique rather than at a big bank. A good time to be

involved in offshore investing in the emerging markets of the former Soviet Union. **Debra Chesman** reports that she had a great vacation in Italy last summer. A highlight was dinner on the town in Genoa with guitar wizard Beppe Gambetta, whom she had previously hired to play in her folk concert series in Corning, NY (valleyfolk.org). **Wendy Gellman** returned to work last year as senior counsel and senior policy advisor to US Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand from New York. Wendy specializes in education matters and is very much enjoying being on the senator's staff.

Marcy Gray tells us she took some time off from her regular duties as a freelance editor and writer to take a course to become certified as a trainer of service dogs through an organization called East Coast Assistance Dogs. These dogs are trained to help the psychologically, emotionally, and/or physically disabled. **Nat Comisar**, BA '83 (dad to six children, ages 13 to 23) returned to Ithaca last year to be part of Cayuga's Waiters' Spring Fever event. Two Cornellians, ten years apart, are part of a new journalism venture in North Carolina that is gaining regional and national attention. **David Boraks** is editor and **Cristina Moeder Shaul '91** is publisher of DavidsonNews.net, a local news website in the town of Davidson, NC, hometown of Davidson College. **Jo Buyske** went to the Philippines to do surgery in an underserved area with a group called Aloha Medical Missions. She took a great vacation with **Maryann Faccenda Simmons** to Italy!

Thanks for cluing us all in about your happenings! Please let us hear from you! ☐ **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net; **Kathy Philbin** LaShoto, lashoto@rcn.com; and **Jennifer Read** Campbell, ronjemcam@aol.com.

be becoming more of a Spartan than a Cornellian. **Steven Feldman** is a New York-based attorney specializing in civil, criminal, state, and federal appeals throughout the US. Over the past two years, his law firm [his partner is **Arza (Rayches)**] has won 18 separate appeals. Steve writes, "To this day, I still think about the lessons I learned at Cornell. I also often think about what it means to change the course of another person's life for the better."

Alice Heffner lives in Ramsey, NJ, with husband **Alan Lieber '81**, MBA '82. She is a certified Spinning instructor, and with the prospect of an impending empty nest has started work as a tutor at Bergen Community College's Writing Center. Life for **Emily Garr Gottschalk** and husband **Milt '69**, ME '70, was incredibly snowbound as their home in southern New Jersey was hit with more than four feet of snow this year. Emily can't believe they will be sending their oldest to college next year. She writes, "It seems like only yesterday I was heading to U-Hall 1." **Jacqui Arnot** launched her website, <http://arnotinteractive.com>, an interactive Web design studio offering design and full implementation. She has been living just outside San Francisco in San Rafael since September 2009 with her sons Jasper, 7, and Aksel, 6.

Marc Jacoby writes, "What a coincidence. As I write, I am getting on my ski clothes to hit the slopes of Alta, UT, with **John Abrams** and **Eric Lewis**. We're a bit older now, all java'ed up, ready to shred some fresh Wasatch powder. John saves lives and calls Dallas his home; he resides there with his lovely wife, Cindy, and the amazing Spencer, 14. His son Kevin, 22, is almost done at Occidental. Eric calls Montreal home, but we all know he is a Staten Island boy deep down. He is a musician and professor and shares life with his wife and two children." Marc lives in the northern NYC suburbs and sings to kids "eight days a week." His wife is a social worker specializing in play therapy. His kids attend Villanova (Evan, a junior) and Cornell (**Ben '12**).

James Carolan, BA '81, writes that in 2006 he left Yale U., where he was on the legal staff for 14 years, to become the head of the US real estate group at Withers Bergman, an international law firm with offices in New Haven, among other places. He remains active with various charitable organizations including the Friends of FAI, which he serves as president. Friends of FAI fosters greater understanding in the US of Italian heritage as reflected in the properties of architectural and environmental significance in Italy, and provides financial and other support to FAI, one of Italy's largest charities. He loves this activity, which helps make good use of his Italian major at Cornell. Last year Jim also enjoyed teaching a class on university development to graduate students in the Cornell Program in Real Estate.

Naomi Oppenheim Hildebrand, a creature of habit, has lived in Bergen County, NJ, for the past 25 years and in the same house for 23 years. She has four daughters and two grandchildren. Naomi enjoys her work as a systems analyst for Medco. Her husband, David, is an undergraduate student at Columbia's School for General Studies. He is studying literature, with the goal of teaching English at the community college level. Naomi says she has lost touch with her Cornell friends, but would love to reconnect.

Craig Coel moved from Jerusalem to Afula, Israel, to be closer to his wife's family. If any of our classmates plan to be in Northern Israel please do give him a shout. He and Yael have five kids,

ages 2 to 11. Yael is a writer and Craig represents US/European scientific software suppliers selling into the Middle East, Africa, and Eastern Europe. **Elizabeth Hoare** Cowles proudly reports that daughter Alyssa is headed to the Hill this fall. She will be a fourth-generation Cornellian.

It's hard to believe that our 30th Reunion is only two years away. I am still recovering from our 25th. I hope to see many of you in 2012. Until then, take care and stay in touch. **Doug Skalka**, dsalka@nplmaw.com; **Steven Crump**, spc25@cornell.edu; **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu.

83 Welcome, SPRING . . . almost SUMMER! (Those words seem funny, given that I'm writing this column while it's still winter—looking out over snow, eight inches deep.)

Armando Armas (Boca Raton, FL; aarmas0426@aol.com) writes that he and wife Shelly have been enjoying fishing in the Florida Everglades and maintaining a sub-tropical fruit orchard. Armando runs his Palm Beach Inst. of Hematology and Oncology practice in Boynton Beach, as well as the Collaborative Research Group. Class officer **Phil Rickey** (sullric@aol.com) shared that he and wife **Mary (Sullivan)**, MFA '82, were in Manhattan hosting a show featuring the work of his dad, the late George Rickey, at the Marlborough Gallery Chelsea. The exhibit contained beautiful kinetic sculptures made up of simple forms and propelled by air and outdoor wind. Phil, a respected sculptor in his own right, creates artwork that appears in public parks and venues throughout Minnesota. He is working on a number of interesting projects for private clients and has sent in some amazing pictures. Phil and Mary are the proud parents of **Owen '13**, a freshman in Mechanical Engineering, and **Nora**, 15, immersed in the theatre world.

Reunion chair **Andy Sosa** (andy.sosa@ngc.com) and wife **Dee Longfellow** attended the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Washington, DC, this past January. This meeting replaced the yearly Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) Mid-Winter Meeting in Philadelphia. It brought together over 800 alumni, including regional club officers and Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) volunteers. The program offered opportunities for volunteer alumni to expand their knowledge of Cornell's support tools and held many interesting seminars and workshops including a discussion on *The Grapes of Wrath* (this year's freshman reading assignment) and a fascinating presentation on the history of Cornell. Cornell vice president **Glenn Altschuler**, PhD '76, and CBS TV correspondent **Jim Axelrod** '85 provided a frank and insightful discussion of the Obama Administration's accomplishments, missteps, and challenges going forward. Prof. Samuel Bacharach shared his thoughts on leadership and gave attendees new ideas and insights. **Susan Murphy** '73, PhD '94, vice president for Cornell's student and academic services, gave an outstanding presentation on the latest developments on campus. Additionally there were guided tours of the D.C. area. Anyone interested in expanding their volunteer skills, reconnecting with Cornell, or expanding their network should plan on joining the fun and excitement of next year's Leadership Conference (www.alumni.cornell.edu/calc/).

Regarding Class of '83 officers, there have been some changes. Due to a number of exciting changes in his professional and personal life, **John Skawski** (vhill@twcnr.com) resigned as

class president. We sincerely thank him for his efforts and will miss him. We wish him all the best in his new ventures. **Nancy Gilroy** (nancygilroy@yahoo.com) will be moving into the role of president. Welcome, Nancy!

Well, that's all the news for now. Enjoy the spring and summer—and keep in touch. We want to hear from you! Submit news any time by following the link on the Class of '83 homepage (<http://classof83.alumni.cornell.edu/>) or e-mail directly to Alyssa or me. Also, don't forget to check out our class links (Cornell University Class of 1983) on Facebook and LinkedIn. **Lynn Buffamante** Schwarz, LB325@cornell.edu; **Alyssa Bickler**, cousinalyssa@yahoo.com.

84 I figured I'd start this class column with a bang—literally. **Mark Feldman**, a longtime drummer, opened BANG! The Drum School in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, and it has quickly become THE place to learn drums in the NYC area. Check out the website: www.bangthedrumschool.com. **Mike Beller** started a consulting company called Lightship Partners, which provides a full suite of consulting, management, interim management, and advisory services related to business and IT for mid-size organizations. **Karen Ansbros** Leone was kind enough to send along information from her company, Go 'n Groove (www.goandgroove.com), which has been offering fabulous all-women trips for girlfriends, mothers and daughters, and cyclists since 1998. Her March trip, Fashion, Food, and Frolic: Experience Miami, sounds like it was top notch; she has an upcoming bike tour through the Finger Lakes in July. Sounds like an easy, fun way for women to reconnect with old friends!

Jenny Pierce Fusco has been enjoying W.O.W. (Women Only Weekends) with cherished friends from her days on the Hill since 1996! She recently spent a fantastic weekend with **Maria Mainelli** Bloom, **Sarah Hanlon** Cigliano, **Rhonda Alexis Dirvin**, **Elizabeth Sullivan** Martins, **Susan Reusswig** Neenan, and **Kim Shoop** during their 13th annual W.O.W. Jenny writes: "It's always a cherished weekend full of incredible friendships, lots of laughs, and this year even a few naps. We started getting together at a time when the annual weddings and trips back to campus seemed to be dwindling. The weekend has since evolved into a 'must do' annual event that takes high priority on all of our family calendars." **Matthew Siegal** has been watching Cornell hockey and basketball at Madison Square Garden and on TV. He got together with classmates **Lee Bender** and **Scott Krowitz** and their families for the Cornell-BU hockey game at the Garden. He also saw **Darren Miller** and family at Darren's daughter's bat mitzvah.

Andrew Kramer shook things up and gave up a large part of his tedious commute when he moved his law practice to Robinson & Cole. Andy heads up the affordable housing group and is able to split his time between NYC and Stamford, CT. **Beth Isaacs** Wonski joined the Burlington Coat Factory as vice president of planning and allocation after spending nearly 14 years at Loehmann's. She is excited about the new opportunity and helping the company achieve their aggressive growth plans. Beth's husband Tony's business, Town Hall Deli of South Orange, was featured in *Details* magazine and in the book *The 50 Best Sandwiches in America*. Beth recommends the Sloppy Joe (no ground beef involved), which can be sent anywhere in the Continental US. I bet

Beth and Tony's son Matt, a freshman in college, is one lucky, well-fed student!

Bill Cummins (Westford, MA) and wife **Anne Westa '85** have two boys. Anne works for herself (Anne Cummins Interior Design) and Bill owns a software development company (Kazzlo Int'l LLC) primarily focused on commercial website development and software licensing. Oldest son Jamie is a high school senior applying to Cornell for Environmental Engineering, and Brian, a high school sophomore, is considering a career in architecture. He, too, can apply to Cornell sometime soon! Jamie and the entire Cummins family launched a charitable website that is focused on the environment. Check it out: www.ProjectRespond.org. Current initiatives include "awarding annual cash scholarships to the three US high school students who show the most initiative, leadership, and ingenuity in helping their school become sustainably greener." They also sell handmade, semi-precious stone and glass bead bracelets to fund polar bear research and conservation efforts in the Arctic.

In the fall, our esteemed former class president **Terri Port** McClellan attended Trustee Council Weekend with **Christine Miller** Whaley, MBA '89, **Carol Leister**, and **Peter Baccile**. For Terri, it was a visit with "two firsts." She writes: "**Kent Hubbell '67**, BArch '69, assistant dean of students, conducted a Nooks and Crannies of Willard Straight Hall Tour. As many times as I've been in the Memorial Room, I never realized that there were carvings of robed professors in the vaulting. During the tour, Kent took us to the sixth floor, where there is a utility closet. That closet has a narrow ladder inside that extends about 15 feet toward the peak of Willard Straight Hall. If you climb it (of course, I did), you can peer through some ventilation work down into the Memorial Room from the peak of its ceiling. The most fun, though, was rappelling down the side of the Crescent at Schoellkopf Stadium with Cornell Outdoor Education." What a blast!

Well, that's all the news that our valued classmates sent in, so I will share news of a friend who doesn't yet know I'm putting this in the class column (ah, the joys of googling to get all the details). My apologies to her, but this is too good not to include. Donlon's own **Kathy McCullough** (www.kathymcculloughbooks.com) is having her first novel published by Random House in 2011! The book's title is *Delaney Collins, F.G.*, and it's about a teenage girl who goes to live with her estranged father after her mother dies, and discovers that he is a fairy godmother—or in this case a fairy godfather—and that she's going to be one too. Delaney already has her own website. Check it out!

Thanks to those classmates who sent in their news; for those who didn't, please send us MORE! Just a quick e-mail would be super. Please note that there can be quite a delay in publishing your news. As I write this, Shaun White, Lindsey Vonn, and Shani Davis have just won three more gold medals for the US Olympic team! **Janet Insardi**, insardij@hotmail.com; **Karla Sievers** McManus, Klorax@comcast.net. Class website, <http://classof84.alumni.cornell.edu>.

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This will be my last column. After four years, it feels bitter-sweet. I enjoy the opportunity to hear from fellow Cornellians (some I never met at school, some I stay in constant contact with), as well as feed my personal craving to write. It has been occasionally difficult to obtain news

from our classmates—case in point, I have no news for this column—but I'll take this chance to write about some Cornell memories as we go into this, our 25th year since graduation.

In the olden days of 1980-81, we learned of our acceptance to Cornell via snail mail, as our Internet techies call it today. Some heard early decision around mid-December, others later into our senior year of high school. Those were the days when the thick envelope meant acceptance, while a thin one shouted, "Thanks but no thanks!" I had applied early decision to the Hotel school, my only application, as I had to cough up the application fee for every college I applied to. I figured I'd pay and write essays until I got accepted somewhere.

I remember checking the mail every day, running to the mailman like some lame soap-opera character hoping for a letter from her long-distance boyfriend (who was getting busy with her best friend). It seemed like months, but in reality was probably eight or nine weeks. One Saturday, the mailman called out to me, "Hey, it's here!" My heart pounded in my chest: thick or thin? thick or thin? It was thin, no more than a sheet of paper. I was crying before I even opened it. My hopes plummeted, dreams dashed. I think my short life even flashed before me. But as I read through blurred eyes . . . I discovered I'd been accepted. The huge "ACCEPTANCE LETTER" stamped at the top of the page had escaped my initial scan, so I was uncertain until the second paragraph. I handed it to my mom, who clapped her hand to her mouth as tears welled in her eyes too. I think I was screaming by this time because my dad and sister came running. Dad read it and said, "Well, was there ever any doubt?" My hero. The following Monday, I dropped AP Calculus. Who needs calculus in hotels?

Four of us from Livingston High School in New Jersey made the trek up the map to Ithaca in the fall of 1981. My four-hour drive with my family was torture. Packing the car with my trunk of clothes and shoes, the toiletries, albums, bedding, posters, school supplies, and whatnot was a dream for my engineer dad. But mom kept finding "one more thing" I couldn't live without. Truth is, though, without the SUVs of today or a promise of a Walmart or Target (were they anywhere in 1981?), I am eternally grateful for every nut my mom stuffed into that car. I mean, where DID we shop in Ithaca? IGA? Woolworth's? Pyramid Mall? I wouldn't have the luxury of a car freshman year, and besides, I would be working at Noyes Lodge Pancake House 25 hours a week, taking classes, and learning how to party like a true freshman every weekend. Who had time to decorate a dorm room? The nearly 300 miles seemed like 3,000, but we finally snaked our way through the hills of Ithaca, seeing the campus dead ahead. I was out of my mind with excitement!

Mom and I headed up to the Straight after we got everything unpacked. We walked up the sidewalk on Libe Slope that would become a sheet of ice in mid-December (where they put the rope out to pull ourselves up to campus), but that warm day in late August made the climb no easier. I didn't have my freshman calves or the lung capacity yet for that 45-degree "hill," so we panted and rested and panted and pushed, and finally made it to the top. Looking back down, we could see the Slope filling with station wagons bringing fresh-faced high school graduates to Cornell to begin the next phase of their lives. Mom knew it. She kept hugging me and fighting back tears, knowing her oldest girl would be four hours from home.

Within hours, we would all meet our roommates and floormates, have a dorm meeting with our RA, and learn the rules: no boys on the floor, don't lose your keys, don't knock on the RA's door unless the place is burning down. In days to come we'd learn our way around campus, which place to eat was closest to our next class, the best face-time study location. We'd figure out what time the Hot Truck got to our part of campus in that sacred ritual passed on from Cornellian to Cornellian after late-night studying or hitting too many keg parties. That's right, we still had the keg parties then—grandfathered in to the 18-year-old drinking age. Ah, life was good! Remember that one fraternity, built during Prohibition, that had the secret doors and bar room? Can't remember the name now, but I can see it, plain as day.

We'd spend those first few weeks picking out friends, each of us scared and excited by this new adventure called college in our home for the next four years—Cornell University. Whether we'd been assigned to West or North Campus, accepted to Hotel, Engineering, Ag, Hum Ec, or Arts, we were all facing the unknown: a new place to live, people to meet and share your past, present, and future with, managing on your own with no parents, no curfew, few rules. Growing from gangly, unsure adolescents into mature (maybe), independent, young adults would be no easy task, learning life lessons that would make us who we are today, 25 years later.

I look back on those years and am so incredibly grateful for the path I chose in going to Cornell. The friends I made freshman year, I still have today, helping me through difficulties much greater than getting sick at a rooms party at Kappa Sig, celebrating my marriage and the birth of my child with greater abandon than a hockey win at Lynah Rink, and continuing to be there for me when I do something even more stupid than going to a beach party at Johnny's Big Red Bar and Grill instead of studying for the computer final.

Cornell, as we all know, is so much more than an institution of higher education. It is the place where we all came together for a snapshot in time when we shared hopes and dreams, laughter and tears; where we grew into ourselves and made friendships that have lasted and will last our whole lives. I am thankful for the education I received, and the respect (or surprise?) I am shown when people learn I am a Cornell graduate. I know I am forever blessed by the experience of a lifetime. Thank you all.

Have a fantastic time at reunion! I will miss it this year. **Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett, cornett0667@comcast.net; **Leslie Nydick**, Lnydick@aol.com.

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As another Cornell Admissions cycle comes to a close and I begin the college search process with my own daughter (now a high school junior), it feels surreal that so many years have passed—the memories and friendships are still fresh. This was particularly poignant when **Maggie Holcomb** Schubauer, a close friend from my freshman year, called to relate the details of visiting her daughter **Katie '13** on the Hill. Maggie described the strange feeling that, in spite of 24 years, places and events seemed remarkably unchanged; yet in her daughter's eyes, Maggie's memories were ancient history. Later, Maggie sent an e-mail to our Kappa Kappa Gamma sisters conveying her excitement that Katie had followed in her mother's

footsteps and pledged Kappa. The first daughter from our pledge class to carry on our legacy! Next year, **Mike** and **Lisa Hellingner Manaster** may experience similar feelings of a time warp—their son Justin was recently admitted early to the Class of '14.

We know we are truly “middle-aged” when some of us are sending kids to college, others are still changing diapers, and yet others are getting married. **Kenan Nacar** and his wife just had their second baby, while **Traci Rimerman** Schofield and husband Joe adopted Russian twins Jacob and Nicole, 1-1/2. After living in downtown Chicago for almost 20 years, they bought a house in Geneva, IL, about 55 miles west, to accommodate the new family. Traci works for Oracle in field marketing supporting the central US region, while Joe is taking a break from being a golf pro to stay home with the kids. **Irene Hendricks** attended the Dallas wedding of **Jennifer Ellenberg** to Scott Bergen in October. **Mark Sheraden** '85, ME/MBA '92, **Debbie Schondorf** Novick '85, and **Ed Barlow** '84, MEE '85, also attended. Last July, **Leesa Storfer** and **Scott Sidman** '84 were married on the beach in Provincetown, MA. Cornellians came from near and far to attend the weekend festivities, which included a golf outing organized by **John Tagliaferri**, **John “Shamus” Frontero** '84, **Jim Frontero** '87, **John “Giggles” Gable** '85, **Jeff Palazesse** '85, **John Constantino** '84, **Mark Miller** '84, and **Tim Donahoe** '84. This was followed by a Saturday night BBQ and Sunday ceremony and reception that were attended by **Sheryl Haft** Flug, **Laurie Miller** Brotman, **Laurie Greenberg** Goldheim, **Janet Weissman** Pfeffer, **Catherine Ferreira**, **Amy Nadasdi**, **Ellen Nordberg**, and **Donna Thomas** Choromanski.

While the US and European economies struggle to improve, the Europeans are getting helpful advice from **Samuel Kern Alexander**. Samuel is a professor of law and economics at the U. of London and specialist adviser to the European Parliament committee on economic affairs, advising the Parliament on financial regulation and reform. Samuel fondly remembers the quiet walks at night across the Arts Quad and the beautiful views from the Hill. Now, in his free time he enjoys traveling around Europe with wife Natalia. In his travels, he may run into **Jeff “CJ” Biederman**, who will be in London for five weeks this summer, teaching a course in international entertainment law. When not in London, CJ lives in L.A. and works in the entertainment business. **Jeffrey Dunlap**, a trial lawyer for Ulmer & Berne in Cleveland, has been elected to his firm's management committee. He represents clients in a wide range of commercial and employment disputes. After earning his BS with distinction at Cornell, Jeffrey earned a JD at Harvard Law School. He has been named to the “Best Lawyers in America” (Woodward/White) and “Ohio Super Lawyers,” by *Law & Politics* magazine.

Joanne LaRose Vadney, a certified interior designer practicing in the Albany, NY, area enjoyed her 15 minutes of fame when a master bath she designed was featured on “Bang for your Buck” on HGTV. Her work was the episode’s “Winner of Best Bang for Your Buck.” **Jeff Weaver**, MBA '90, has been recognized by Cornell with the Wilbur Parker Distinguished Alumni Award from the Johnson School. The award recognizes alumni who demonstrate outstanding professional achievement and commitment to their community. Jeff is executive vice president of credit portfolio management at KeyCorp and chairs Cornell's Alumni Trustees Nomination Committee.

We have several classmates embarking on new careers. **Gabriel “Buddy” Mitchell** has created an online gourmet pastry shop. After Cornell, Gabriel studied in Paris, where he became an award-winning master pastry chef. His new site, Maison Mitchell (www.maisonmitchell.com) is patterned after the great houses of Paris (Fouchon, Laduree), combining classic technique with innovative flavors. Mouth-watering products—including chocolates, confitures, biscuits, and candies—are shipped throughout the country. If you live in the San Francisco Bay Area, they will hand deliver tarts, small pastries, and cakes to you. **Jim Barringer**, who works at Markit in NYC, reports that he ordered fantastic chocolate truffles from the site. **Moira Dolan** wrote to tell us that her husband, **David Mandelbaum**, and his colleague, **Tony Astarit**, MBA '92, work for Barnes & Noble.com developing the Nook, a new E-reader. Though both David and Tony were in the College of Engineering, and each married an ILR grad,

institutional research and decision support at Stanford U. and calls Palo Alto, CA home.

Claudia Regen made the short journey to CALC from her home in Virginia, and brought with her fantastic news. From Claudia: “It has been a whirlwind year for me. I got married in Washington in October to Scott Johnston (Lynchburg College '84). Also at our wedding were **Carrie Lewis**, JD '90, and **Roger Johnston** '70. We live in Vienna, VA. I am the vice president, litigation and employment law, for US Foodservice. Scott works for the federal government. I have a stepdaughter, Katie, 10, in the 4th grade. We all look forward to spring and welcome any class members heading to D.C.—let us know you're in town.” While in Washington for CALC, **Stacey Pineo** Murdock had time to get together for dinner Friday night with **Wendy Williams** Sbrolini, **Terri Clark** Stallone, **Cara Giarusso** Malone, and **Kai Ofengand** Robertson. Reports Stacey: “We had dinner at Cork Wine Bar and crashed in my hotel room for the night.

‘Packing the car was a dream for my engineer dad.’

Joyce Zelkowitz Cornett '85

they didn't know each other at Cornell, despite nearly mirror lives while there and afterwards. Now David is technical project lead and Tony is the business lead for the Nook. **Andrew Veght** works for the 2010 US Census as an office operations supervisor for recruiting in the Miami-Dade census office.

This column ends with a call for help. **Dina Lewisohn** Shaw, our reunion chair, is starting the process of planning our 25th Reunion. If you are interested in helping her, please contact her at DL246@cornell.edu. And, as always, send us your news! ✉ **Susan Seligsohn** Howell, susancornell86@comcast.net; **Laura Nieboer** Hine, laura.cornell86@sbcglobal.net.

87 Brenna and I are just back from the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Washington, DC, where 11 of your fellow classmates turned out to conduct class business and learn some new tricks for effective class leadership. I had the chance to attend a session on using social media to communicate more effectively with all of you, plus a few sessions focusing on current issues of CAAAN, another Cornell group with which I have been active for more than a few years. Class officers met to discuss our fast-approaching 25th Reunion. It was a great conference and always so invigorating to be surrounded by so many people who truly love Cornell. The university is always looking for new volunteers—maybe this means you?

Our very own **Rana Glasgal**, ME '92, was a key presenter at the conference. Rana gave an informative and entertaining presentation on the methodologies used to rank colleges across the US. Among her great tidbits was Cornell's 4-squirrel rating on the little-known but prestigious Campus Squirrel Ranking. All kidding aside, she presented a wealth of information and gave a lot of great insights into the college ranking process. Kudos, Rana! Rana serves as associate vice provost for

Cork had some great wines to taste and we shared some delicious tapas-style food. The wine tasting brought us right back to remembering our wobbly walks home to Collegetown after our Wines class! Terri and Cara live outside of Philadelphia and Wendy lives north of NYC.”

Via Facebook **Cheryl Giuliano** Rubenstein writes, “You can let the class know that I married my high school sweetheart and now live in Oakland, CA, near Lake Merritt, with my bonus daughter, Audrey, 5. After a two-year stint on Broadway acting in *Tony n' Tina's Wedding* for 770 performances, I went on to a career mosaic encompassing project management in the energy industry, being a ‘dorm apartment mama’ for SUNY Purchase College, and amassing quite a few credits on/off stage/camera. There are quite a few Cornell bumper stickers and Ithaca is Gorges stickers in my area!” **Noreen Morris** has been named commissioner of the Northeast Conference, effective January 2010. For you non-athletic types out there, the Northeast Conference is an NCAA Division I collegiate athletic association consisting of 12 institutions including Central Connecticut State, Fairleigh Dickinson U., and Quinnipiac U. Noreen, who spent the last five years as a member of the Northwestern U. athletic department executive staff, is the fourth full-time commissioner in league history. Congratulations, Noreen!

From **Holly Thomases** Williams: “I’ve written a book on marketing through Twitter, *Twitter Marketing: An Hour a Day*, which has been published by Wiley. A companion website called Why140 (<http://www.why140.com>) has book information, speaking appearances, book give-away contests, and more.” **Cheryl Welch** owns Franklin Lakes Veterinary Hospital in Franklin Lakes, NJ. Cheryl's practice was voted the runner-up for best veterinary hospital in Bergen County in a reader poll of (201) magazine. Congratulations, Cheryl.

Since I, Heidi, was a little light on news this month, I'll fill you in on what's new with me. After spending my entire life in the Northeast, I've

moved with my family to Cedar Rapids, IA, where my husband has taken a job with AEGON USA. I spent the six months leading up to the move enduring jokes about Iowa from my “snobby” Boston friends, but I am pleased to report that Iowa is great. Once in Iowa, I had to laugh when the ladies from my new tennis group admitted they were disappointed that I didn’t have a real “Bahston” accent. I was too afraid to ask them whether

Sandra continue to live in London and enjoy welcoming visitors, most recently seeing **Steve Chartier** when he was in the UK on business.

Delaney Ruston (delaney@mydocproductions.com) has been giving birth to another kind of project: a documentary film. She writes, “I am happy to report that after many struggles, *Unlisted: A Story of Schizophrenia* will air on Public Television nationwide starting this fall. Reconnecting

blog, <http://mysteiffilife.blogspot.com/>. The site gets around 2,400 visits per month, with about half coming from overseas.” Her Facebook page also has 1,200 fans and she uses Twitter, Flickr, and YouTube channels to meet new collectors and “spread the word about this great new/old brand. All of these activities have helped land me really fun, freelance paid writing assignments with Examiner.com, Worthpoint.com, and New England Antique Shows, among others.”

Jonathan Hyde works as an orthopaedic spine surgeon in Miami Beach. He’s to be featured in “The Best Orthopaedic Surgeons in America,” in *American Way*, the in-flight magazine of American Airlines. Recently he bumped into Theta Chi brother **Andrew Levi**. Jonathan adds, “This past fall, after we reconnected on Facebook, **Victoria Seley** Lethbridge and **Kim Spire**—Oh met me for tailgating at the Miami Dolphins vs. Buffalo Bills game. Vicky and husband Ken flew down from Rochester, NY, for the weekend.” **Lesley Topiol** Kowalski has moved from Jefferson City, MO, to Fairfax, VA. She would love to reconnect with classmates in Northern Virginia. **Janet Helms**, MBA ’07, went hiking in Sonoma and Napa counties with **Kim Henry**. Janet planned on visiting **Lisa Strelow** in the Republic of Georgia in April 2010, where Lisa is working as a project supervisor. They will also visit Turkey with her family (partner Jesse and 3-year-old Alicia).

From **Ellen Levin**: “After living in Philadelphia since graduation, I got married to Bill at our home in Pittsburgh in December and have just moved this month. I am consulting back in Philadelphia as an architect, but I am open to any Cornell connections in the Pittsburgh area.” And last, but certainly not least, is a friendly “Hi!” to everyone in the class from **Victoria Seley** Lethbridge. She is “still working at Merrill Lynch as a senior registered associate and living in Penfield, NY, with my husband, Ken. I keep in touch with my Cornell friends on Facebook. No kids, no dogs.” I echo Victoria’s enthusiastic greeting with warm wishes to you all! **Brad Mehl**, bam62@cornell.edu; **Sharon Nunan** Stemme, sen28@cornell.edu; and **Steven Tomaselli**, st89@cornell.edu.

‘A few seconds of watching students trudge to class in the rain or snow might quell your nostalgia.’

Anne Czaplinski Treadwell Bliss ’89

they were expecting one like Ted Kennedy or more like Cliff Clavin! And hats off to **Gligor Tashkovich**, MBA ’91, who was quick to remind me that two of Cornell’s more recent presidents—Hunter Rawlings and David Skorton—both hail from the U. of Iowa, just a hop down the road from me in Iowa City. I can report firsthand that the U of I and Cornell share some surprising similarities.

Well, that’s all the news for now. Continue sending us your news through the link on our Class of ’87 Web page, through our Facebook Group (Cornell Class of 1987), or by filling out and mailing those nifty forms Alumni House sends out when they solicit your dues. **Heidi Heasley Ford**, hhf6@cornell.edu; and **Brenna Frazer McGowan**, bfm26@cornell.edu.

88 Hello, Class of ’88! After reading through your updates, it seems as though our class is prospering and recovering from a difficult year in 2009. Like so many people, our class has done an admirable job of braving some tough times and keeping a great sense of perspective. Here’s the news from your fellow classmates.

Joan Meyers is nostalgic for her days as an unemployed single mother living in a one-bedroom apartment in San Francisco, but is pretty happy about her new position as a postdoctoral associate at the Rutgers U. School of Management and Labor Relations. Before leaving the Bay Area she saw a former *Outrage* writer, **Greg Pullman** ’89, during a play date with their kids, and more recently had dinner with **Tia Lessin** ’86, BA ’88, another *Outrage* collaborator. She’s hoping to see the rest of the *Outrage* crew in the 18 months she’ll be in New Jersey.

Jill Lemire and her family met up with **Di-ane Little** Sassano and her family, including dad **Randy Little** ’62 and sister **Karen Little** ’89, last July for a day of fun on Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire. They also went to Racine, WI, to visit with **Kirstin Crowe** Certalic ’87 and her family (and the mosquitoes) for the 4th of July. Jill looks forward to trekking to the 25th Reunion in 2013 with her growing family. She says that she loves being a mom. **David Tsui**, ME ’89, and wife Sherry had a son last fall: Isaac Jiin Tsui was born Oct. 12, ’09. David reports being busy but happy. **Victor Seidel** also has another potential Cornellian in his family: son Spencer, born last May. Spencer joins brother Corbin, 2. Victor and wife

with my father in telling the story of *Unlisted* was an amazing gift of the project. Another gift is that I saw I wanted to do more around confronting the stigma of severe mental illness. Thus I am in production of my second feature documentary, “Where in the World is Mental Health?” I was able to film in France, China, India, and the US, capturing moving personal stories to examine each society’s attitudes toward people with severe mental illnesses. I will keep you posted on this film. In the meantime, I was able to meet with the founder of Active Minds in D.C. to learn about how students at hundreds of universities, including Cornell, are working tirelessly to provide support and education to the larger student body about mental health issues. The work of Dean of Students **Kent Hubbell** ’67, BArch ’69, and his team on the Hill to create a resource book for faculty on mental health is truly commendable. It is conversations with groups like Active Minds and Kent Hubbell that make all the hard work of making documentaries, while still seeing patients as an internist, and raising two kids, all worth it.” Learn more about Delaney’s projects at mydocproductions.com.

Other classmates have been busy creating websites and blogs. Want to see a fun one? Go to <http://www.cockatoochronicles.blogspot.com/>. This site is a quirky blog from **Alison Minton** about her pet parrot. The parrot is an umbrella cockatoo who has done some professional modeling (he’s registered with an animal agency). Alison reports “at home he does and says lots of really cute and funny things. He speaks pretty well and often shocks everyone with what he communicates. Everyone is always asking me about him (and my other parrot) and asking to see photos and meet them and have their kids meet them, etc., so I decided to create a fun blog with lots of photos and some videos. It’s going to be called ‘The Cockatoo Chronicles’ and hopefully will entertain and educate people about these highly intelligent animals, many species of which are endangered or protected due to loss of rainforest habitat.”

Rebekah Adler Kaufman has also been active on the Web. She’s built an online community around vintage Steiff (Germany’s famous “button in ear” brand toys). What started out as “a test to see if social media is all that it’s cracked up to be” turned into a great outlet for her lifelong passion around collecting Steiff toys. She writes, “I love talking with enthusiasts around the world about their Steiff collections and specific interests. The main vehicle around this outreach is my

89 You may remember May days soaking up the sun on Libe Slope as you read this, but as I write it in February, 49 of 50 states, as well as the District of Columbia, have snow cover. Class VP **Shannon Gallivan**, who lives in D.C., said the record snowfalls there this winter had her thinking she was still in western New York, where she grew up. Shannon reported that the first Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) took place in D.C. on the weekend of January 29. Those attending included members of the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO), as well as those involved in local alumni activities. Representing the Class of ’89 were **Chad Cape**, **Robert Chodock**, **Carolyn Day** Flowers, **Shannon Gallivan**, **Meeta Gawande**, **Scott Kramer**, **Jeffrey Lee**, MEE ’90, **Judy Prutzman** Osgood, **Debra Schaffel**, and **Karen Weinreich** Weiss. Shannon wrote, “As part of this conference we also had a class meeting, where we already started planning for our 25th Reunion. Please be on the lookout for a survey about our next reunion. We hope everyone takes the time to respond.”

Speaking of snow, did you know there is a live webcam that you can access from the “Cornelliana” tab of Cornell’s alumni website (alumni.cornell.edu)? A few seconds of watching students trudge to class in the rain or snow might quell your

nostalgia, or maybe the sunshine will tempt you to check out the possibilities at Cornell's Adult University this summer. (This will be the first summer in a while that my family hasn't attended and we'll miss it, though we're looking forward to a bicycling adventure in Maine.) Explore the possibilities at sce.cornell.edu/cau. Weeklong summer courses that I've enjoyed include Architecture, Golf, Rowing, Swedish Massage, and Wines. It's a great opportunity to enjoy the beautiful campus in summer while dabbling in something you might not have gotten a chance to do as an undergrad. And the kids always have a blast. While you're on the alumni website, go to our class page (<http://classof89.alumni.cornell.edu>) to see photos from last year's 20th Reunion! And you can also find a link to submit your news for this column (hint, hint).

Congratulations to **John "J.C." Sparling**, who sent news of his Sept. 26, '09 wedding to Jenna Leigh Hooten (U. of Georgia '96) of Atlanta, GA. The many Cornell alums (all Psi Upsilon's) who attended the wedding, at the Cloisters at Sea Island, GA, included J.C.'s dad, **Bud Rose '55**, JD '60, and uncles **Al Rose '52** and **Jack Rose '50**, MD '54, as well as **J. Curtis Gwilliam**, **Dave DiRienz**, and **Ernie Simon**. The newlyweds honeymooned in Zihuatanejo, Mexico, and now reside in the Buckhead section of Atlanta. J.C. is an executive vice president at Mercator Risk Services Inc., in New York. **Ilissa Sternlicht** responded to my plea for class news from the deck of the Royal Caribbean *Mariner of the Seas* where she was on a seven-night Mexico cruise with her family. She e-mailed, "This year I celebrated my 15th wedding anniversary with a trip to London and Iceland (yes, we live to travel and also visited Argentina and Israel this year). We moved to a new apartment on 99th and Broadway last year, so hello, fellow Upper West Siders. My daughters are 8 and 11. This spring my husband and I are headed to Jazz Fest in New Orleans with **Steffen Koehler**, **Mark Bertin**, and **Linda Popejoy** and husband **Seth Speyer**."

Please keep passing along your updates to your class correspondents listed below. **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell Bliss, ac98@cornell.edu; **Lauren Flato** Labovitz, cu89_news@comcast.net; **Kimberly Levine** Graham, KAL20@cornell.edu; **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com.

90 Hi, all! Here it is, my 42nd birthday and I am, in fact, writing this column while eating cake. Now that's school spirit! Many devoted classmates have newsworthy items to fill the mailbox.

"Greetings, hope y'all are well!" writes **Elizabeth De La Pena**. "I regularly receive my alumni magazine and finally decided to write in with my own news! It's been a big year. I was married in May to the best man I've ever met, John Veaser, and was lucky to have some of my Lambda Pi Chi sorority hermanas join the celebration, including **Maria Caban** and husband **Edgar Rhina Acevedo-Roure '91**, MD '96, and husband **Juan Roure '88**, and **Tracey Goodson Barrett '91**. Then, in September, I was promoted to VP, human resources, for Shell Exploration and Production Co. Can't wait to see what this last quarter brings!"

Adding to the nuptial news, **Jill Johnson-Spencer** writes, "**Clay Spencer** and I married on September 26 here in Chicago. It was a beautiful ceremony attended by many Cornellians, including **Lindsey Strouce Wright** and husband **Taylor '89**, **Steve Haggerty** and wife **Elleke (Monster) '91**, **Paul Olszowka** and wife **Sarah Waldeck '91**,

Tom and Norge Clemente Long, **Liz Russo Gilges** and husband **Kent '88**, **Christine Kaiser Paletta** and husband **Stephen '86**, **Kristen** and **Dave Pollin**, **Ted** and **Brooke Sterne** Whittemore, **Jeff** and **Tamara Nam Deckey**, **Kelly Hannafin** Taylor, and **Clifton Bonner**. We timed the festivities perfectly; it seemed to be the last nice weekend of early fall. Shortly after, temperatures plummeted to the 30s and 40s. Clay and I took our honeymoon in Bali, where we enjoyed the gracious hospitality of **Liv Gussing '91** and the Aman resorts—a truly magical place and experience. We are still patiently hoping that Clay gets transferred to Chicago soon, so for now we have a very modern commuter marriage. Things are great and we could not be happier."

Eddy Luh visited Italy in fall 2008, did some scuba diving along the Italian Riviera, toured the Ferrari factory in Maranello, caught the Formula 1 race in Monza, trekked to Paris for Thanksgiving, and visited Hong Kong over the New Year. In April 2009, he married Karei Okuni, a project manager with NVIDIA in Laguna Beach, CA. They honeymooned a month later on a cruise in the Mediterranean. **Nathan Huang '89**, a fraternity brother, introduced the two last year. He's now training for the Las Vegas marathon and hopes to enter his first triathlon this year.

In December, New York architect **Julian King**, BArch '97, placed first in *Japan Architect's* Shinkenchiu Residential Design Competition 2009 (<http://www.japan-architect.co.jp/skc9/en/results/1st.html>). The winning design was a renovation of an old barn in Tuscany, Italy, which was turned into a writer's retirement retreat, and investigated "how perception, and the manipulation of it, can be used to convey meaning." Adds Julian, "It's an exciting win because past winners have included Tadao Ando and other prominent architects. My small firm is neck-and-neck with large firms such as KPF in NYC. It's great to win the Shinkenchiu competition!"

Jon Passe puts his Cornell Natural Resources studies to good use at the US Environmental Protection Agency as the communications director for ENERGY STAR Residential Programs. He lives in the 'burbs of D.C. with his wife of 15 years and two boys, 12 and 9. In his free time, Jon can be found coaching his kids' soccer teams and kicking it out with the budding Passe family rock band. Yet more news from the 'burbs: **Matt Scandale** writes, "I am either a Nobel Prize-winning astrophysicist who discovered the origin of the universe, or I'm a glorified computer programmer living in the Houston suburbs. I'll let you guess which one. Other than that, I have absolutely nothing new to report except that I'm not dead yet." Phew! I sense a recent close call with some dark matter. Meanwhile, the eternally effervescent **Scott Beijer** ended his tenure as a pastor at South Mountain Community Church and rejoined the Pepsi Bottling Group in Sacramento, CA, as a director of sales. The equally sparkling Manhattanite **Michael Karangelen** reports that **Jeff Bershada** and wife **Kathleen** had a baby boy named **Josh** in March 2009.

Most importantly, here's a reunion update: Our class headquarters will be in Mary Donlon Hall on North Campus. Activities include a Thursday Hot Truck dinner at the Straight, Friday canoeing and barbecue at Beebe Lake, a Saturday family carnival on the Arts Quad, and a Sunday brunch and class meeting. Stay updated on reunion at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/reunion> and through the following social media: Facebook: www.facebook.com/Cornell90; Twitter: www.twitter.com/CornellClass90;

LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=151240. And lastly, dear classmates, please continue to send your news items to your class correspondents, and we'll send some ink your direction. **Kelly Roberson**, kelly-roberson@sbcglobal.net; **Amy Wang Manning**, aw233@cornell.edu.

91 Let the countdown begin! Our 20th Reunion is only one year away. It's time to start thinking about your travel plans and lining up babysitters now. With **Dorine Colabella Scher** and **Jeff Weintraub**, MD '95, as our reunion co-chairs again, our reunion is certain to be spectacular. Stay tuned for more details and remember to keep checking our class website (<http://classof91.alumni.cornell.edu>) for information about class events, class dues, supporting the Class of 1991 Cornell Tradition Fellowship, and more. We can also use help finding "lost classmates." Many of us are connected with other classmates who have not updated their contact information with the university and are considered "lost." Please help us identify and reconnect with them.

Grads from the Class of '91 continue to amaze us with interesting careers and noteworthy accomplishments. Congratulations to **Doug Derraugh** and the women's ice hockey team on winning their first outright Ivy League title since 1996! The team finished undefeated in Ivy League play this year with a record of 8-0-2. This is Doug's fifth season as head coach after playing professionally overseas for 13 years in some of the top leagues in Norway, Germany, Austria, and Finland. Cornell is fortunate to have Doug back "on the Hill" and we wish him continued success with the women's hockey program.

Kate Rudy writes, "I am living in London and attached to the Courtauld Inst. as a fellow in medieval art history and conservation. Using a densitometer, I have invented a new method of quantifying how much medieval users handled their manuscripts. I call the project 'Dirty Books,' since I am really measuring the grime they ground into the vellum." **Andrea Retzky** (New York, NY) started her own business, ARC | Andrea Retzky Communications Inc., a PR consultancy, two years ago and loves being her own boss. It means she can do things like take the month of January to travel around New Zealand. Andrea also had the pleasure of returning to Cornell last September for the wedding of **Lauren MacIntyre '89**; the event was attended by a bunch of other Cornellians. She loved being back on campus for a gorgeous fall weekend.

Adam Seger writes, "I have launched my own spirit: Hum, a hibiscus spiced rum launched in Chicago in November, and will launch in London in March and California, Las Vegas, and New York in late spring." It is a 70-proof, sweet-yet-peppery rum liqueur made with pot-stilled rum, hibiscus flowers, coriander, ginger, and Kaffir lime. Learn more about it online at: www.humspirits.com. Adam is known for creating drinks like a chef. He's developed such innovative cocktails as roasted pineapple-grilled orange infused rum, strawberry-rhubarb-basil-balsamic mojito, and fresh fennel-watermelon-cucumber gin Gazpacho & Tonic. He has been featured in numerous publications and television programs including *Cigar Aficionado*, *Wine Spectator*, the *New York Times*, *Sante*, and *GQ*. He has been dubbed a "spirits guru" by *Food & Wine* and *Fast Company* and a "beverage guru" by *Wine & Spirits*. Adam is a certified culinary

professional (CCP) and passed the advanced exam of the Court of Master Sommeliers on his first attempt. Next up, master sommelier accreditation. Good luck, Adam.

Do you have a sweet tooth? If so, you must visit SusieCakes! There are four locations in Southern California (the original opened in Brentwood in 2006) and founder **Susan Sarich** has opened her fifth bakery in Greenbrae, CA (Marin County). SusieCakes is known for fresh ingredients, in-house bakers, and a variety of home-style cheesecakes, brownies, layer cakes, puddings, whoopie pies, and frosting-filled cupcakes—their signature treat. A number of Cornellians joined Susan and her husband, Houston Striggow, to celebrate the grand opening of the SusieCakes in Marin including **John Clarke**, **Lisa Munter Clarke**, **Jennifer Berger Schatz**, **Alec Berger '92**, and **Peter Lee '63**. Check it out for yourself at: www.susiecakesla.com. Martha Stewart raves about the strawberry cupcakes. **Maria Cleaveland** and I think the red velvet is fabulous. Thanks to Maria, SusieCakes offers Equator Estate coffees and teas, which are roasted just a few miles away in San Rafael. It is worth noting that Equator was named "2010 Roaster of the Year" by *Roast Magazine*.

Through Facebook, I received news from several classmates about their 40th birthday celebrations. **Liz Olshan** Jenkins, **Marnie Siff-Korpi**, **Sherry Horowitz** Harnick, **Beth Chartoff** Spector, **Rita Landman** Gitlitz, and **Kerri Jew** Iosepovici '90 spent a weekend at Foxwoods Casino last May. According to Liz, "It was a perfect way to bring on the 40s!" I also heard from **Sumaya El-Ashry** Ali (Boca Raton, FL). She is a stay-at-home mom with Zane, 12, Jaden, 9, and Sofia, 3-1/2. For her 40th birthday in December, Sumaya received a surprise party thrown by her husband. **Tammy Blum** Ross (who lives 15 minutes away) was among those in attendance. According to Sumaya, "People here think it's so funny that we were freshman-year roommates and are still best friends. Also that we live so close to each other!" Tammy and Sumaya got together with **Rob Becker '92**, MS '98, when he was visiting Florida in December. They went to brunch with Rob and his wife, Minoo, and met their baby, Roya.

Do you miss Hot Truck? **Joel Stevens** has been making his own version since we graduated. The Facebook pictures looked spectacular. **Wes Atami-an '89** and **Mishtu Mukherjee '90** enjoyed some of Joel's Hot Truck during a recent Florida visit. Joel is SVP/senior managing director with Bernstein Global Wealth Management and is responsible for the Southeast including Miami, West Palm Beach, Tampa, Atlanta, and Charlotte. Joel and Jennifer have been married 15 years and enjoy living in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. They are proud parents of Jacob, 14, Jane, 11, and Bentley and Belle, a pair of Boston terriers. Jacob is a multi-sport athlete and plays baseball on a national travel team. Jane competes nationally in equestrian and also enjoys piano and visual art. This past year, Joel gathered with Sigma Nus for wine tasting in Napa (to celebrate his 40th) and a weekend in Las Vegas. He also met up with **Jack Gonzalez**, MBA '97, **Marc Rosenthal**, **Michael Gaffney**, **Roman Casciano**, ME '92, **Lance Rosen**, **Doug Rorech**, **Pete Crosby**, **Rich Owens**, MBA '92, **Mike Kelly '92**, **Ted von Hoene '92**, **Robert Cohen '93**, **Andy Hite '93**, **Jeff Woodring '93**, and **Ed Estrada '94** in NYC in December. That's an impressive showing!

Facebook is a great way to reconnect with Cornell friends, but I am also fortunate to have an opportunity to connect with classmates during my

work travels. In recent months, I have seen Maria Cleaveland, **Charles Wu**, Jennifer Berger Schatz, **Sara Weaver** Palladino, **Linda Shih**, and **Amy Schmerl** in the Bay Area. Linda and husband Dan Clifford welcomed their first child, Zack, in May '09. Amy Schmerl always has great stories about her travels, including a trip to Argentina in fall '09. While in Argentina, Amy spent time in Buenos Aires, toured the wine country in Mendoza, went hiking and rafting in the Andes Mountains, and visited Iguazu Falls, which she described as "the waterfall that puts Niagara Falls to shame."

Thanks for sharing your news—please keep it coming! You can provide updates about work, travels, family, visits to campus, classmates you've seen or contacted, favorite memories, or anything Cornell related (other than engagements and pregnancies; please wait till the weddings and births). Contact us via e-mail, through the link on our class website, <http://classof91.alumni.cornell.edu>, or on the news form in our class mailings! **Kathryn Kraus** Bolks, klk22@cornell.edu; **Sharlyn Carter** Heslam, sheslam@berkshirepartners.com; **Ariane Schreiber** Horn, ams14@cornell.edu.

92 Happy spring! After the winter we've had in the Mid-Atlantic and Philadelphia areas, warm weather, grass, budding trees, and flowers will be welcome sights! I'm a little light on news this time, so please do us all a favor and send in your updates! Thanks in advance if you've mailed in your News Form from the recent class mailing.

I'll start by saying that my husband (and one of your 20th Reunion co-chairs!), **Todd Kantorczyk**, and I attended the new Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Washington, DC, in January. We enjoyed going to the Cornell Association of Class Officer (CACO) Mid-Winter Meetings in Philadelphia for the past few years, but CALC was bigger and even better. Panel discussions with distinguished alumni on current hot news topics, campus updates from Cornell administrators, and interesting small seminars got our Cornell blood pumping and psyched to serve our class and the university. Your support of Cornell, both financially and through volunteering, is so important. So please help to plan or attend a local Cornell Club event, volunteer with CAAAN to meet with prospective students, or simply pay your class dues! While at CALC, we had a Class of 1992 meeting with fellow officers **Jonathan Simon**, **Betty Eng**, and **Allison Bergstrom**. We also met D.C. local **Sathi Soma**, ME '94, who stopped in to say hello.

Jon Simon is one of our Class Council representatives. Last year, he was named partner at Van Ness Feldman, an energy, environmental, and natural resources law firm in Washington, DC. Recently, Jon waived into the Alaska State Bar! Happily married since 1998 to **Diana Maxant '94**, they live in Chevy Chase, MD, with Gabriel, 3, and Jeremy, 6. Jon told me that Gabriel's middle name is Ezra to honor how he and Diana met on campus (at a Cornell football game)! At CALC, Todd and I learned that we lived three blocks away from Jon and his wife many years ago in the lovely American University Park neighborhood of Washington, DC.

While Betty Eng has been working at Condé Nast since 1993, she managed to get away for vacation over Labor Day weekend 2009 and got engaged! Somehow thinking that wedding planning wasn't enough work, she is also banquet chair for the Cornell Asian Alumni Association's first-ever reunion in June 2010. All Cornell Asians are invited

to return to campus to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the organization. Visit www.caaa.alumni.cornell.edu/reunion.html for more information. This is great training for Betty, as our 20th Reunion is coming up in just two years. Not only is she our Class Council representative, but she holds other Cornell volunteer leadership positions as well. She serves on the Cornell Alumni Trustee Nominations Committee and the Cornell Alumni Association. Betty reports that Cornell is looking for more '90s graduates to serve in volunteer leadership roles so she hopes to see more of her classmates get involved.

Allison Bergstrom, class membership chair, continues to travel the globe and went to Bratislava, Slovakia, soon after we saw her at CALC. Class president **Karen McCalley** could not attend CALC, but did attend the Red Hot Hockey Pre-Game Happy Hour for the classes of 1990, 1991, 1992, and 1993 in November before the BU vs. CU hockey game at Madison Square Garden. Others at the game included **Silvia Serpe** Siebott, JD '95, **Jessica Aronofsky** Schwartzberg, **Liz Robbins**, Allison Bergstrom, and **Alyssa Cohen** Goldman. Karen is participating in the Bread Loaf School of English program. Last summer she spent six weeks in Middlebury, VT, taking two courses and acting in a play. This summer, she will spend six weeks at Oxford with the same program. Via Facebook I heard from **Catherine Kim** Kumaradas with happy news. Carter Young-Jae Kim Kumaradas surprised his parents by arriving 11 days early! He was born Jan. 11, '10 at 8:37 p.m., at Toronto East General Hospital. Catherine reports that their first child, Jacob, loves his baby brother and likes to hold him.

Thank you to **Tanya Kachen** Bentley, who sent in a News Form. Tanya lives in beautiful Pacific Palisades, CA, with her husband and children and does health policy research at UCLA. Tanya likes surfing, reading, yoga, movies, biking, running, and the beach. She surfed in Hawaii and loves to entertain friends. Tanya's favorite memories from her days on the Hill include her great Cornell friends, Libe Slope, fun parties, and Ruloff's. She would really like to hear from **Carolyn Bromstead**.

Please send us your news! You can do it electronically at www.alumni.cornell.edu/classes/class-notes.cfm or write to any of us directly. Take care and thanks so much! **Jean Kintisch**, jmk226@cornell.edu; **Megan Fee** Torrance, mtorrance@torrancelearning.com; **Lois Duffy** Castellano, LKD2@cornell.edu.

93 I always find it ironic writing the class column so far in advance. By the time this reaches your mailbox, we'll be in the midst of mild and sunny spring days, but right now I'm looking out my window at 16 inches of wet, mushy leftover snow and lines between our maple trees all over our south woods collecting gallons of sap. The kids are hoping for one more storm—a cold snap to turn the mushy snow into ice, and then a nice fresh layer of snow for sledding. It reminds me of traying on Libe Slope—waiting for the perfect combination of snow, ice, moonlight . . . and a little touch of craziness.

Our class news comes from a mix of e-mail, Facebook, LinkedIn, and the traditional favorite, News and Dues. There are quite a lot of class members on Facebook; please come join us if you haven't already! **Jay Drezner** wrote that he and his wife, Pamela, welcomed their second child, Alexandra Elke, on September 24, 2009. Jay and Pamela have a 2-1/2-year-old son Nathan, who

was happy to move up to the big boy bed to make room for his new sister. **Bonnie Zucker** and husband Eric Magnuson also welcomed a little one on February 11, 2009 in Los Angeles. **Ryan and Jenn Drais Wagener '94** have new twins at home. Kathryn and Matthew were born in December 2009. Ryan shares that "life has been pretty busy ever since, although we did take a family trip to Ithaca last June for the '94 reunion." Congratulations to all of our new parents!

My former dorm-mate from U-Hall 5 freshman year, **Helen Chen** Johnson, found me on LinkedIn and filled me in on what she's been doing for much of the past 18 years since Cornell (has it really been that long?). Helen has been married 11 years and has three children, Colin, 9, Dylan, 7, and Haley, 4. Helen and her family are living in Darien, CT, where Helen works for Royal Bank of Scotland as their North American head of Counterparty Exposure Management (CEM) Change and Technology. "My sons are now skiing blues and soon to be skiing blacks and it's only their second year of skiing. Mom can only ski the bunny hills. Sad sad sad." We haven't hit that stage yet, but I can see it's just around the corner for us!

Amanda Cramer is living in Paso Robles, CA, and works for a winery that just completed construction on its own winery building, which she helped design. **Catherine Choi**, of Fort Lee, NJ, wrote in to share that she just became president of her family-owned business and is relishing the opportunity to grow and build the company. **Jamie Mitchell** writes, "I edit video for WABC-TV in New York City. I'm also a musician, and this year I release a self-produced CD of original music called 'Art Obscene' by Prisoner of Television (my performance name)." **Alissa Vradenburg** and husband Michael Sheresky live in Los Angeles. **Katie Cox** Seidenwurm and her family recently relocated from Oregon to San Diego. Katie writes, "It feels great to be back home. Our kids are loving the beach and having grandparents nearby."

As for me, I continue to teach Marketing, Accounting & Tax part-time at UConn and am perpetually working on a research paper that at some point I need to find the time to finish. It seems like something always comes up that is more urgent. Our boys are now 4 and 6 and have an amazing talent to simultaneously build incredible creations while demolishing our house. It makes for an exhausting but crazy fun environment with textbooks, papers, Legos, Brio, pirate hats, and bicycles everywhere you look.

Thanks to everyone who wrote in, and please keep those updates coming! We welcome all news, from major life events to the little moments we share. Have a wonderful spring and summer, and save a little barbeque and corn on the cob for me! **Melissa Carver** Sottile, mtcstottle@yahoo.com; **Yael Berkowitz** Rosenberg, ygb1@cornell.edu; **Melissa Hart** Moss, melimoss@yahoo.com.

94 Hi, everyone! It's always fun to write this column in the dead of winter—usually preparing for some sort of blizzard. By the time you read this, hopefully we've all thawed out! Anyway, it's a light news month as your spring News Forms haven't reached us yet. Keep those e-mails and letters coming!

Rachelle Bernacki has moved to Boston for work as a palliative care doctor at Dana Farber Cancer Inst. In fact, Rachelle was on NPR, interviewed about end-of-life care. "My five minutes of fame,

I guess!" **Anne Paoletti** has moved back to her hometown of Binghamton, NY. She teaches math at Susquehanna Valley High School. "It is so good to be living near my family and closer to Ithaca!" What is also pretty neat is that Anne's decision to relocate was based largely, she said, "on needing my family's support in order to host foster children." Pursuing some more higher education is **Chris Laughton**, who wrote in from Amherst, MA, where he is attending UMass in pursuit of his MBA. **Bryan Schwartz** (Oakland, CA) opened his own (civil rights) law practice, married, has a 2-year-old, founded a nonprofit (www.scatteredamongthenations.org), and is an officer of his synagogue and various attorneys' organizations. Bryan enjoys world travel and Democratic politics.

Writing from San Francisco **Nobl Barazangi** was married to Isaac Smith at a ceremony on campus in Ithaca. Congratulations! Nobl is board certified in neurology, vascular neurology, and neurocritical care, and serves as director of the California Pacific Medical Center Stroke/Neurocritical Care Research and Education Program. **Kevinn Matthews**

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Jennifer Rabin Marchant '94

was highlighted in *Oklahoma Magazine's* "Forty under 40" section as someone with a dual career—attorney and athlete. "At his day job, Matthews provides professional legal advice, counsel, guidance, and advocacy on behalf of the Williams Companies, his employer and a Fortune 500 company. He is also in the midst of a five-plus-year cycling career. What started out as a passion and dedication has turned into professional bicycle racing, and Matthews has grown into a PowerBar-sponsored athlete. During his down time, he trains select breeds of canines and is active in volunteering. Matthews supports the Pro Bono Panel for Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma Inc., where he is a member and is currently serving as a court-appointed guardian ad litem for an incapacitated adult."

And now, birth announcements! **Jennifer Drais Wagener** and husband Ryan (Arlington, VA) welcomed twins Kathryn and Matthew in December 2008. They did make it to the 15th Reunion, though! **Carrine Burns** lives in Freeport, ME, with husband Peter Bouman and two young girls. The newest addition, Sidney Jane, "joins big sister Ellie on many family hikes." **David Berger** and wife Rachel announced the arrival of son Ezra Leo on Oct. 27, '09. "His big sister, Sadie, is excited to teach him everything she knows." The family lives in New York City. **Chris and Carrie Kurtz Turner** (Alpharetta, GA) wrote to report that Lila Elizabeth was born in October 2008, joining big brother Jonah and big sister Rachel. **Elizabeth Golluscio** and husband Aurelio Narcisco have children Matteo and Claudio. Elizabeth works for an Australian company, but is based in New York City. She also reports that she is still very close with her seven housemates from 133 Linden Ave. senior year and many other (Engineering) friends. That's all for now! Best wishes for an enjoyable summer! **Jennifer Rabin Marchant**, jennifer.marchant@postfoods.com; **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasyluk, dmp5@cornell.edu; **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com.

95 Here we are, just weeks away from the big event . . . our 15th Reunion! If you haven't signed up yet, there is still time. And if you have, we can't wait to see you on the Hill. Check out our class website (below) as well as the Cornell reunion website at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/reunion/index.cfm> for all the latest. If you're interested in being a volunteer for our class, either at reunion or beyond, please let us know. We are always looking for enthusiastic classmates to get involved.

Speaking of getting involved, our column this month begins with some classmates who are heavily involved in some important philanthropic work. **Scott Klein** and **Ilana Lidsky** McGuinn are part of the national nonprofit Hope for Vision (HFV), which raises funds for scientific research to find cures for blinding diseases (www.hopeforvision.org). HFV has communities of hope across the country, and Scott is a founding member of HFV Los Angeles, which held its first annual fundraiser this May. Scott and his wife, Michelle, live in Los Angeles; they are the proud parents of a daughter, Naomi.

Ilana and husband Patrick live in New Jersey and are the parents of daughters Bailey, 9, Carigan, 6, Haven, 3, and baby Payton. Scott and Ilana have maintained their friendship, which started in 1991 at a blue light stop, over the past 19 years. Ilana and two of her siblings have retinitis pigmentosa, a retinal degenerative disease. HFV's mission to eradicate blindness and make its 20/20 by 2020 campaign a reality is possible because of the help of incredible friends, like Scott, who work tirelessly to raise awareness and funds and make the amazing vision research possible.

The Maribel Garcia Community Spirit Fund (MGCSF) was started by **Sarah Jensen** in honor of our dearly missed classmate **Maribel Garcia**. In 2006, **Sam Shaber '94** and **Amy Melnikoff** Rosenberg established the Maribel Garcia Community Spirit Award through the Cornell Public Service Center. This award is given each year to a Cornell student who has made a "remarkable contribution to the spirit of humanity." Recent MGCSF award recipients have created cooking classes for inner-city Ithaca kids; brought education, environmental awareness, and arts appreciation to families living in area mobile home parks; and worked passionately with residents of the Lakeside Nursing Home. This April they will give out their fourth award. To read more about the recipients and the Fund's mission or to make a donation, visit www.psc.cornell.edu/maribel.

Hillary Frommer has been appointed to the board of directors of the Parent-Child Home Program. Hillary is an associate in Farrell Fritz PC's commercial litigation department in New York City. She represents businesses, financial institutions, and individuals in federal and state trial courts, in arbitrations, and in litigations involving complex business disputes, shareholder and partnership disputes, employment, and other commercial matters. The Parent-Child Home Program is a research-based and research-validated early childhood literacy and

school readiness program, which strengthens families and prepares children for academic success through intensive home visiting.

In baby news, Alyssa Marie was born to **Patrice Winter** and James Rousell on Feb. 1, '10. Cora Kristina was born on February 13 to **Eric** and **Mary Wallace Hedman**. Brother Mack, 7, and sister Else, 4, relish their roles as the elder siblings, writes Eric. On February 28, "Anthony and I joined the parent club when our son, Max Bennet Ferrer, was born," writes **Isabel Pipolo**. Isabel is staying home with him for now, and "enjoying the wild and fun ride of motherhood." She also shared the website maxbennet.com for photos, videos, and news on the new addition. **Lisa Febles** Henson and husband Greg live in New Jersey with son Gregory, 5, and newest addition Andrew, who turned 1 in February. Lisa is chair of the Dept. of Radiation Oncology at Trinitas Comprehensive Cancer Center in Elizabeth, NJ, and says that the family looks forward to their first visit to Ithaca in June. Lisa adds that **Mabel Romero** is an anesthesiologist living in Santa Barbara, CA, with husband A.C., an ER physician, and their two daughters. **Alison Ford Balan**, MPA '97, husband Todd, and kids Davis, 6, and Carter, 4, have relocated from Connecticut to the Twin Cities. Alison does marketing for a software implementation company and also looks forward to attending reunion.

Collin McCarthy works with a regional extension team for Cornell as a dairy management specialist. He's been at it for about a year and a half, and says there is a high probability that he will get back into production agriculture soon. Collin and wife **Rachel Lamorte '96**, MPS '99, are the proud parents of daughters Norah, 4, and Cennedi, 2. (The name is pronounced Kennedy—"It's an Irish thing that I got pushed through committee the day after Cennedi was born," says Collin.) Out in Hollywood, **Danielle Wolff** sends news that her play, *Eating Existentialism*, was voted audience favorite at the Tehachapi Playwriting Festival in November. Dani also spent part of the last few years in Paris writing and researching a project about the French Resistance.

Hope to see you all June 10-13 on the Hill!

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96 We take a sad break from the typical parade of weddings, births, and career changes to honor **Keisha Marie DePass**, MD '00, a brilliant, accomplished, and beloved classmate who died on January 19, 2010.

Keisha's story can be described as the American Dream realized. Born in Jamaica to hard-working parents, Keisha moved to Brooklyn, NY, at an early age. Surrounded by love and support from her adoring family (especially mother Vinette Greenwood), Keisha thrived in school, graduating near the top of her class at Brooklyn Technical High School, serving as a cheerleader and yearbook editor, and leaving a legacy as an occasionally dominating lunchroom Spades player. At Cornell, Keisha continued to indulge her intellectual curiosity, carrying a heavy pre-med load as a Biology and Society major, but finding time to take classes in jazz, religion, and human sexuality. She was an active member of numerous student groups, including the Cornell Caribbean Students Association and the Black Bio-Medical and Technical Association. Keisha's Spades skills came with her to college; she spent countless hours playing with her friends in Low Rise 6.

Post-Ithaca, Keisha's story only got better. She graduated from Cornell Medical College in New York (2000), completed a surgical internship (2001) and orthopedic residency (2005) at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, and finished a pediatric orthopedic fellowship at Alfred I. DuPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, DE (2006). Lustrous academic credentials firmly in hand, Keisha began working with Dr. Andrew Abramowitz

at Maryland Pediatric Orthopedic Center, where she eventually became a partner. Here she was loved by her patients, respected by her colleagues, and dedicated to her craft. In October 2009, Keisha described her practice to a local newspaper: "We're smaller, we don't wear white coats, we relate with them. I like operating in small operating rooms where everyone knows everyone's name. The more comfortable a surgeon is in his own [operating room], the better the outcomes for the patients." Keisha cherished the teamwork and collegiality that came with working in a small office. She was also unwavering in her support of the community in which she lived and worked: her office was one of the few subspecialty practices that did not turn away children because of their inability to pay.

Keisha also found success in love, marrying Amar Thomas in June 2008. Although Keisha may not have imagined herself falling for a military man, she cherished every moment with Amar. In the celebration of Keisha's life, Amar wrote: "It is difficult to imagine life without you. During our time together you have inspired me to move forward to achieve the best out of life. I will continue to do so. Although our life's plans were cut short, we have learned and shared so much together. You are a special person, always full of ideas and willing to try new things. You are unique and one of a kind. Know that I will miss you dearly. Your cheerful smiling face will always be remembered. I love you with all my heart."

Tributes from Keisha's Cornell classmates are numerous.

Tracey Marin Irby: "She was my college roommate, my maid of

A Real Gem

Vivianne Ivanier '96

The creation of a diamond requires high temperatures and intense pressure over millions of years. Then it's Vivianne Ivanier's job to showcase nature's work with her own one-of-a-kind designs. A private jeweler based in New York City, Ivanier oversees each step of the creative process: she consults with clients, designs the piece, gathers the materials, then hires an artisan to create the final product. "The piece of jewelry doesn't exist before the client orders it," Ivanier says. Though she describes her taste as classic, she says she's open to designing whatever the client wants. "The only limit," she says, "is their creativity and mine."

After graduating from CALS with a degree in applied economics and management, Ivanier visited a jewelry factory with a friend who works in the industry. Inspired by what she saw, she studied at the Gemological Institute of America and began designing jewelry for friends while earning her MBA at Fordham University. Ivanier says she was motivated to start her own business when she realized she could sell the same products as high-end jewelry stores, but at a lower price. "My clients get jewelry designed from scratch," she says, "but without the high-ticket mark-up."

Instead of working out of a storefront, Ivanier meets clients in casual settings such as bars, restaurants, or their own offices. She works primarily in diamonds, platinum, and gold, and her business is based entirely on referrals. Though she designs all kinds of jewelry, 90 percent of her work is for the bridal industry—engagement rings, wedding bands, and anniversary gifts. "The best part about my job," she says, "is that I'm working with people in their happiest moments."



— Erica Southerland '10

honor, and one of the most generous people I've ever known. Keisha shared freely with everything—from her time to her medical expertise—and often impressed people with her range of knowledge—from sci-fi trivia to world news. She never stopped learning and experiencing new things. Having been her friend for so many years, I've seen her grow from an uncertain teenager to a confident and talented woman. I will always remember Keisha's strength and humor during our high school trials, college adventures, and life experiences."

Lisa Blackwood: "She was a true friend I could always count on with a vibrant spirit that was infectious. We shared many laughs and sometimes even tears. We also shared our pride in our Jamaican heritage. Keisha's accomplishments were achieved in such a short time. There are so few black female surgeons, let alone black pediatric orthopedic surgeons who are so caring, skilled, and dedicated, yet down to earth. We lost a great woman, physician, role model, and friend, but her impact on our lives will live on forever."

Stephanie Sneed Holmes: "When I first met Keisha, I knew I had a friend for life. Little did I know that she would leave this earth so soon. We watched each other grow in our formative years in college as we carved our niche in the world. We would constantly exchange ideas and opinions. She was easy to like and we found common ground. She cherished and shared her Jamaican roots with me (I, a Texan, eventually became an honorary Jamaican). She loved all her family and friends and made every effort to be present for their important life events. There are no words to articulate the void I feel since her passing, but I find comfort knowing that she lived her life to the fullest."

In her honor, the Keisha Marie DePass, M.D. Cornell University Scholarship Fund has been established. Contributions can be made as follows: by check (send to Chantal Champagne, Director of Donor Relations, Cornell University, 130 East Seneca St., Suite 400, Ithaca, NY 14850; write "Keisha Marie DePass, M.D. Fund" on the memo line of the check); or online at <http://www.giving.cornell.edu/give> (type "Keisha Marie DePass, M.D. Fund" in the "Other designation or special instructions" box). ☐ **Ron Johnstone**, raj6@cornell.edu; **Carin Lustig Silverman**, CDL2@cornell.edu; **Courtney Rubin**, cbr1@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof96.alumni.cornell.edu>.

He still enjoys outdoor activities such as hiking and skiing and always is a big supporter of live music. Last summer, **Jacob Sacks**, MS '98, and business partner **Jamie Wiseman** '96, JD '99, were mentioned in the *New York Times* and *New York Magazine*. Their company, Cayuga Capital Management, was featured in articles about housing development in the Williamsburg and Bushwick areas of Brooklyn. Congrats on your press!

As usual, classmates are tying the knot and eager to pass along the news of their nuptials. We are happy to announce the marriage of **Heidi Mochari** to **David Greenberger** '96 on Nov. 15, '08 at the Prince George Ballroom in NYC. While Heidi and David met in NYC nearly ten years after leaving Cornell, they have some great, shared memories from their time on the Hill, including Wines class! **Deborah Smith** sends news of her March 2009 wedding in Rehoboth Beach, DE. She works as an assistant spa manager and would love to hear from **Geoff Hoffman**. Also hitched in 2009 was **Julia Laukys**, who married J. Patrick McDonnell in Avalon, NJ, on September 20. **Anne Snelgrove Schimmeck** and husband **Karl** '96, **Maria Westberg Adams** and husband **Peter**, MBA '02, **Heather McCormick Bullock**, **Julie Roth**, **Sarah Snelgrove Canavan**, MD '01, and **Sharon Alzner** joined the couple on their special day. **Ryan** '96 and **Stefanie Schwartz Steinberger** '96 and **Jura Vainius** '99 also attended. The newlyweds live in Glen Mills, PA.

Valerie Novellano McLaughlin sends news of **Vik Milne's** wedding to Kevin Floyd in Costa Rica in February 2009. They live in El Paso, TX, where Vik is the veterinarian for the El Paso Zoo. Vik and Val met up over the Fourth of July along with **Mijin Cha** and enjoyed some outdoor time before Val welcomed her second child. Daughter Morgan Gail joined big brother Matthew in July 2009. Val went back to work as an emergency room physician after her maternity leave. **Keith Berger** is happy to announce the birth of son Aiden in May 2009. Keith and wife Ellen live in Brooklyn. Congrats to all the newlyweds and welcome to little Morgan and Aiden! And a final addition to the column (and the Cornell family). I am happy to announce that **William Lathrop Nelson**, son of co-correspondent **Erica Broennle Nelson**, joined the world in the middle of the Philly blizzard on February 6. Mom made it to the hospital before his arrival despite the snow, and the whole family is doing well. ☐ **Sarah Deardorff Carter**, sjd5@cornell.edu; **Erica Broennle Nelson**, ejb4@cornell.edu.

Our class continues to make a difference at home as well. **Martin** and **Ami Walter Stallone** haven't moved far from Cayuga's waters (they live in Lansing, NY). Marty has been in the Air Force since our days on the Hill. He recently started a new job at Cayuga Medical Center in Ithaca. He volunteers at the Ithaca Free Clinic, which provides primary care services to patients with no health insurance. They are raising four sons and "loving all the challenges and experiences associated with that!"

Speaking of kids, there are lots of baby arrivals to report! On April 1, '09 **Diana Drobner** Sturisky and husband Gary got a fantastic present: the birth of daughter Natalia. Baby Eric Friedman followed shortly thereafter, born July 1, '09 to **Samantha Frankel** Friedman and husband Ari. Zoe Fisher made her entrance to the world on Aug. 7, '09, joining big sister Marlee as daughter number two for **Eric** and **Danielle Markowitz Fisher**. **Anne Negrin** Reiss and husband Andy welcomed Jack on Aug. 18, '09. Jack joins sister Lindsay, 3. **Alison Bender** Cohen and husband Jason had their first baby, Lia, on Sept. 14, '09. Baby Isla joined big sister Hayden, mom **Pamela Nelson Unger**, and dad **Dan** '97 on Oct. 15, '09. Three weeks later, **Yasuko "Yaz" Nakaue** (San Diego, CA) gave birth to Eva Sakura on Nov. 10, '09. A double congratulations to **Keren Fischer** Davis and husband George. Keren gave birth to twins Abigail Rachel and Ethan Samuel on October 2, '09. I've seen pics and they are adorable. Welcome babies, and congratulations to everyone!

Marriage news: **Laura Haymann** was married in September to Adam McCluskey, a CIA-trained banquet chef at the Four Seasons in Philadelphia. Laura enjoys her job as a senior VP and customer experience exec at Wachovia Wells Fargo and continues to support the Cornell Ski Team. Congratulations are also due to **A. Neal Seth**, who was elected to the partnership of the law firm Baker Hostetler in January. He is a member of the intellectual property group and concentrates his practice in patent litigation. After graduating from Cornell, he earned his JD from the George Washington U. Law School in 2001 and is now vice president on the executive committee of the North American South Asian Bar Association.

On the West Coast (Los Angeles), we send kudos to **David Battle**, who wrote a Hollywood movie directed by Renny Harlin, starring Andy Garcia and Val Kilmer. It's called *Georgia* and will be released later this year. **Janelle Miao** (Valencia, CA) is making an animated 3-D film. She also created virtual sets and a character for choreographer Koosil-ja's Blocks 3-D performance, which will take place at the Dance Theater Workshop in March. Janelle spent six months living in Paris this past year, "to see if all those French classes at Cornell paid off."

From the East Coast, **Jason Miller** reports that he graduated from his dermatology residency at U. of Texas, Houston/MD Anderson Cancer Center last June and moved to the Northeast. He and wife Jessica and daughters Ava, 4, and Keira, 2, now live in Freehold, NJ. **Allyson Byrne** lives in Saratoga Springs, NY, with husband Francisco. She keeps busy with Hot Yoga, running, and cross country skiing and writes that "Cornell always plays a part in my life—many patients see my diploma on the wall and either went to school there or have friends or relatives who did." I think that's a great place to sign off, Allyson. I, too, constantly run into people who are connected to Cornell in some way. It is great to be a member of the huge network that

97 As I write, much of the Northeast is digging out of yet another snowstorm. At least it should be spring while you read this column. So sit back and enjoy some updates on your fellow classmates!

Johns Hopkins U. announced that **Lisa Feigenson** was the winner of the Boyd-McCandless Award, given annually by the American Psychological Association (APA), for her work on infant memory and learning. Lisa will present an address at the APA's annual meeting and has been recognized as a young scientist who has made a significant contribution to developmental psychology. She is an assistant professor in the Dept. of Psychological and Brain Sciences at Hopkins and received her PhD in 2003 from New York U. **David Ratner** (Denver, CO) works as an attorney specializing in entertainment and intellectual property law for the firm of Replin & Rhodes. David escaped to the Rockies immediately after graduation and enjoyed time as a band manager and working in the dot-com world before heading to law school.

98 I am writing this column shortly after the earthquake in Haiti. As most of us sit watching the horror on television, I can only imagine what it must be like for the troops and doctors who have responded to help in person. Our hearts and gratitude go out to anyone who was personally involved in the recent tragedy. Appropriately, our news starts from Afghanistan, where **Sam Gao** was stationed. Sam and his wife, Fenney Kwan, graduated from SUNY Downstate Med School in '02 and Sam has been in the US Navy since then. He has finished a six-month tour as an internist and intensivist in a Level 3 hospital in Afghanistan and is now back to work in the nephrology department at Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth, VA. Sam writes, "If our East Coast hospital ship (USNS *Comfort*) stays out more than a few months, I may be e-mailing off the coast of Haiti this summer." We thank Sam for his service and would love to hear from any other military classmates. We think about you often!

Cornell creates for us. Please keep your news coming! ☐ **Karen Dorman** Kipnes, kld8@cornell.edu; **Molly Darnieder** Bracken, mbd4@cornell.edu; and **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, udj1@cornell.edu.

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Attention, classmates: Keep those updates coming! **Ji Bae**, ME '00, married Catherine Cho in May 2009. The couple lives in Alexandria, VA. Ji has been with the US Patent and Trademark Office for five years and Catherine is a pediatric resident at Georgetown Hospital. **Shalyn Clute** Campellone married Ken in June 2008. The couple lives in Piedmont, CA, and Shalyn works as a scientist (immunology) at Medarex Inc., now a subsidiary of Bristol-Myers Squibb. In September 2009, **Eric Boden** married **Elisabeth Morikawa** '02 in Wilmington, DE. Among the many Cornell alumni in attendance were classmates **Gavin McKay**, **Kerner Smith**, **Michael Wasilewski**, and **Brian Whittaker**. Eric and Liz live in NYC, where Eric is an associate at the law firm of Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis and Liz is a product manager for Macy's Inc.

Dana and **Seth Singerman** (Chicago, IL) had their first baby, Sloane Alexandra. Dad writes, "Sloane has lots of potential new friends, as many of her mom and dad's Cornell friends have had babies in the past year." **Joseph Beck** and wife **Leesa** '00 announce the birth of twins David Wesley and Elias Rapheal, born in the summer of 2009. Leesa has been promoted to associate registrar at UCSB and Joseph has been teaching theater at the Laguna Blanca School in Santa Barbara. **Bryan** and **Elaine Everitt Mignone** (Syracuse, NY) welcomed daughter Madelyn Rose to their family on May 28, '09. Bay Area couple **Adam** and **Katie Pollak Eisen** '00 have taught their son how to sleep through the night. Adam was promoted to an area sales leader for the San Francisco peninsula for Marriott Int'l and Katie is a psychologist for Stanford U. hospital. **Jill Ausiello** Greier welcomed son Anthony James in December 2009. In Washington, DC, **Lowell**, MD '03, and **Samantha Klein Frank** '96 welcomed first child Max Zachary on Oct. 18, '09. "We hope he'll be a part of the Class of 2031, and perhaps he'll be in the Big Red Marching and Pep Bands like his dad," writes Lowell.

Amy Hetherington (Ithaca, NY) writes, "After ten years of traveling around the world for my IT consulting career, I'm looking forward to a change, which will begin with a graduate program in the Dept. of Natural Resources at Cornell in January 2010. My research will focus on linking climate change, lake ecosystem health, and better watershed management in New York." **Jordi Mack**, BArch '00 (Alexandria, VA) was back on campus last summer for Cornell's Adult U. on-campus summer class in Tennis.

Bree Herne (Boston, MA) works at Neighborhood America. She will receive a master's in public affairs from UMass in the spring. **Helen Hwang** is the senior director for the New York capital markets group at Cushman & Wakefield Inc. in NYC. She wrote, "I was in Korea during the last week of October 2009. It was my first time visiting in 13 years. I was a guest speaker at the US Real Estate Investment Seminar. It was great to be back in the motherland and to meet with some of the top Korean institutional investors and to catch up with my relatives and elementary school friends." **Nick Barnard** now lives in London and helps manage the European operations for Gerson Lehrman Group. "I have been with GLG since obtaining my master's from Columbia in 2004," he says. "I occasionally

see **Alex Kunz** and **Natalie Phillips**, who now live in Paris." **Troy Gorman** completed his residency in orthopaedic surgery at the U. of Utah in June 2009 and is now doing a yearlong fellowship in foot and ankle surgery. He will begin a job in private practice in Salt Lake City in September 2010. He writes, "My wife, Darcie, is doing a fellowship in gastroenterology. We spend our free time in the mountains and with our 12-year-old Jack Russell terrier, Tyler." **Klara Ng** is helping to plan the first Cornell Asian Alumni Association (CAAA) reunion for all class years, scheduled for this June 11-13. For details, go to <http://caaa.alumni.cornell.edu>.

E-mail news to any of your correspondents!

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Reunion time is here, and hopefully you are all packed and ready for the trip back to Ithaca! Some of our classmates started reuniting a little early at the pre-reunion happy hour at the Cornell Club-New York this past March. **Linda Nicoll**, **Waina Cheng**, **Adam Ware**, and **Anwesa Paul** were in attendance, just to name a few. And even though **David Chipurnoi** had to catch a flight to New Orleans for his cousin **Farrell Sklerov** '01's bachelor party, he still made time to fill us in on all the exciting plans he and the reunion committee have been working on these many months. **Anthony Chang** and **Klara Ng** '99 also came by that evening to let us know about the Cornell Asian Alumni Association (CAAA) all-class-years reunion celebration. Anthony teamed up with **Kent Sheng** '78, BA '82, to plan the event and can be contacted at acc14@cornell.edu for more information. Also make sure to check out the CAAA website at <http://caaa.alumni.cornell.edu>.

The happy hour was a great opportunity to meet new friends as well. **Shaniquoa Elrington** joined the group later in the evening, but it was well worth the wait! Shaniquoa, another member of the reunion committee, told us about the exciting year she just experienced. Upon returning from Seoul, Korea, last year, Shaniquoa explained that she is now directing her focus on four goals: education, travel, friendship, and the 9-3 principle. She was a hiring manager/curriculum developer abroad, but is now applying for education-based positions in NYC and New Jersey. Shaniquoa, who describes herself as a professional student ("a Brooklyn nerd of sorts") is also pursuing a master's in instructional design. She "just loves raw knowledge," and dreams of the day Scholastic Inc. starts buying her educational materials. Shaniquoa wants to travel the world a minimum of three months each year—for life. And her first two stops? World Cup 2010 and the French Quarter Festival. It was great meeting you, Shaniquoa. Be sure to keep us posted on those goals!

Although some were not able to make the happy hour, I was still able to catch up with classmates on Facebook and e-mail to share in their good news. **Howie Goldsmith** and his wife, Jennifer, had a beautiful baby boy last April, Lev Hosea, and the couple is now enjoying every minute with their little one! And starting in July, Howie will be the new senior rabbi of Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester in Rye, NY. Mazeltov, Howie and Jen! Another birth I am thrilled to announce is that of Annabel Eve Leary, daughter of my fellow Theta **Carrie Vicens Leary** and

husband **Dan** '99. The Learys have made their home in Andover, MA, and love the new addition to their family. Congrats, Carrie and Dan!

In the job world, we have some wonderful news to report! Fellow Meinig Scholar **Natacha Carbajal** is now a director of the Cornell Alumni Association and is representing the Cornell Latino Alumni Association. **Ryan Buck** just graduated from Harvard Business School and started a new job as a management associate at Synthes. **Becky Avrin Zifchock** is doing biomechanics research at the prestigious Hospital for Special Surgery in NYC. She has been lucky enough to continue her research on running injuries and osteoarthritis part-time while she and her husband, **Jeremy** '98, BS '03, raise their two sons, Ben and Jack. Becky is also just having fun running, cycling, and spending time with her family, including her two dogs!

Amanda Soule Shaw, MBA '05, is up in our home away from home, Ithaca, NY! Amanda is the director of student services at the Johnson School, and is working predominantly with full-time MBA students. Amanda has worked at the Johnson School since getting her own MBA in 2005. Her husband, **Steve**, PhD '08, is a post-doctoral researcher in the Dept. of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at Cornell, researching impacts of climate change on water resources. Last but not least, **Ronald Paryl** finished his MBA at DePaul U. in December 2007 and married wife Laura in May 2009. Ronald writes, "After all the action in the last two years, it has been nice to spend the summer just traveling." The couple spent their honeymoon on the coast of Maine and reported that Monhegan Island was one of the most beautiful places they had ever visited: "The cliffs over the Atlantic were just stunning." Currently, Ronald and Laura reside in Wheaton, IL, where Ronald works as a senior financial analyst in capital management at Exeleon Nuclear. Kudos to all of you on your amazing accomplishments!

Have so much fun up on the Hill, Class of 2000! We love hearing from you and we love writing for you, so make sure you write us all about the great time you had at Reunion 2010!

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Happy spring, Class of 2001! We're so happy to share with you so much great news from our classmates.

Congratulations to class VP **Michael**, MPA '02, and **Susan Mueller Hanson**, ME '02, who welcomed their first child, son Christopher Michael, on Nov. 10, '09. They have already gotten him into the Cornell spirit by dressing him in his baby hockey jersey for the Red Hot Hockey game versus Boston U. and are working on channeling his cries into Lynah Faithful cheers. The Hanson family continues to live in Chantilly, VA, and looks forward to seeing classmates at Washington, DC, events. Congratulations to **Julie Bassett** and Patrick Kelly of Scarborough, ME, on the birth of daughter Sophie Blake Kelly on Dec. 30, '09. And congratulations to **Angela Hunter Sparks**, who welcomed a daughter with husband Brandon. They live in Olympia, WA, where they are happy to be living closer to their parents—and their daughter's grandparents. Angela works as a family doctor for GroupHealth.

Congratulations to **Kris Saha**, who got married twice . . . to the same girl! **Michele Bernius** and Kris were married in India in December 2008 and in New Jersey in July 2009. Cornellians who attended included **Michele Malloy**, **Tiffany Biason**

Hill, **Musarrat Islam**, **Jose Aleman**, **Matt Coble**, MME '02, and wife Kelly, **Lori Davies** '02, **Fazeela Rashid**, **Elisia Klinka**, **Susan Werner**, and **Jeff Trock** '98. The couple resides in Cambridge, MA. Congratulations to **Rebecca Hanovice** Simkovsky, JD '04, who married Ryan in April 2009. The Simkovskys live in San Diego, CA, where Rebecca works for Sheppard Mullin. **Lauren Cerand** (New York, NY) works as an independent public relations representative and consultant. She's the chair of the board of Girls Write Now (www.girls.writenow.org), a phenomenal nonprofit that pairs at-risk public high school students with professional writers for mentoring. They just won the Coming Up Taller Award, presented by Michelle Obama at the White House in recognition of Girls Write Now's status as one of the top after-school programs in the country. They're launching a reading series, CHAPTERS, at the Center For Fiction in midtown NYC in the spring; it's a wonderful opportunity to see their program in action. Lauren and the group encourage you to join them!

Jim Alves is the newly elected president of the CALS Alumni Association, the youngest alumnus to serve in this capacity. Following our graduation, Jim worked in operations for an investment bank before entering the government sector. For the past six years, Jim has lived and worked in and around Sacramento, CA, where he is now the assistant secretary for the California Health and Human Services Agency in Gov. Schwarzenegger's administration. He represents 13 state health and welfare departments with a total budget of more than \$82 billion. Following graduation, Jim joined the local CALS leadership team in Northern California and assumed the director-at-large position for Northern California in 2005. Since then, he has been an active member of the CALS Alumni Association board of directors, serving in key leadership roles. Jim helped lead through many of the organization's milestones, including the development of its new five-year strategic plan and the college's centennial celebration. Moreover, Jim actively participates in college recruitment. Since graduating, he has volunteered countless hours to attend career shows, awards banquets, and conferences to promote CALS to high school students, teachers, and guidance counselors to recruit the best and brightest students on the West Coast.

Sharon Ellis joined the Miami office of Howard Ecker + Co., a national commercial tenant representation company, as a managing director. Sharon specializes in commercial office lease transactions, corporate build-to-suit projects, and purchase/sale negotiations. After graduation, Sharon worked in NYC for a national magazine publisher and for a public relations firm focusing on luxury brands. Thereafter, she earned her law degree at the U. of Florida in Gainesville. Sharon is an active member of the Florida Bar and the US District Court for the Southern District of Florida, where she is admitted to practice law in both state and federal courts in Florida. **Priscilla Navarete** Massimi (Westchester, NY) and husband Robert bought a house almost two years ago. They love it. Priscilla is working on building her law practice. **Brian Bence** (Elmhurst, NY) works as a data analyst for US Imaging Network (Marwood Group) in NYC. He recently traveled to the Galápagos Islands and Japan. We received a shout out from **Marcie Eipper-Mains** Steeves. She and husband Jason live in Lynn, MA. And a shout out from **Patrick Woodworth**, who lives in Medina, NY, with wife Rachel.

So what's new in your lives? Let us know. E-mail us at classof2001@cornell.edu. We hope that

all is well with each of you—and let us know about it! ☐ **Lauren Wallach** Hammer, LEW15@cornell.edu; **Trina Lee**, TKL6@cornell.edu.

02 For those of you in select major US cities, stay tuned for more e-mail information on our third Non-Reunion Reunion (NRR) in June this year, to be organized by your alumni class officers. Our 10th Reunion now still two years away, this gives us a chance to hang out more than once every five years. The 2010 Winter Olympics just finished, and by the time you read this it will be wedding season again for many of us. Here's to another summer of fun trips and exciting destinations!

Amy Gorman is taking a year-long adventure trip around the world. She has explored the Amazon, climbed an active volcano in Chile, and snorkeled in the Cook Islands, and is currently in New Zealand for five weeks of canyoning, hiking, and exploring. One of her favorite pastimes is trails and natural resources habitat restoration. We can't wait to hear more stories upon her return! I wonder if her adventure includes a trip back to Ithaca. **Ryan Silbert** wrote in to share the news of his film *Holy Rollers*, which he co-produced with fellow alumnus **Robert Profusek** '03. The film was accepted into official competition at the 2010 Sundance Film Festival.

Each issue would not be complete without updates direct from New York City. **Shirlee Jaffe** wrote in from Manhattan. "I am finishing my residency in ob/gyn at Cornell and will be continuing on to a fellowship in maternal fetal medicine here. I enjoy living these precious moments, days, and years in the city with my family and friends." **Melissa Freeman Price** is in fellowship training for endocrinology. She and husband **Stephen** live in New York.

“Girls Write Now pairs at-risk public high school students with professional writers for mentoring.”

to **Lisa Boikess** '04. The couple met through a mutual friend at Dino's in 2003 when Lisa was a junior and Paul was doing his ME. They got married in Oceanside, NY, and currently live in Manhattan.

Stephen, ME '02, MBA '07, and **Alissa Bovee Terry** wrote in as proud new parents. "We are so excited to share the news of the arrival of our son Fletcher Jackson on November 24. We are crossing our fingers that he'll want to become a fourth-generation Cornellian in 18 years! We are living in Stamford, CT, where Steve works in private equity and Alissa is taking a break from being a genetic counselor to hang out with Fletcher." ☐ **Carolyn Deckinger**, cmd35@cornell.edu; **Jeffrey Barker**, jrb41@cornell.edu.

03 Thanks to everyone who shared news with me for the column. Since I started working at Williams Kastner in Seattle last November, things have been quite busy. During the past couple of weeks, husband **Pat Noonan** '00 and I have had the good fortune of having **Andrew Hildebrand** '00 stay with us. Drew is a self-proclaimed off-Broadway sensation (read: theater actor) in NYC and is also a Navy reservist. His current duty for the Navy has involved representing Fleet Forces Command during the Vancouver Winter Olympics. As usual, he is endlessly entertaining!

Last week, Drew and I had the chance to catch up with **Tom Struble** and **Alex Jack**. Tom has transitioned out of the Navy and loves the "civilian life." He has started coaching lacrosse on Bainbridge Island. His wife, **Caitlin (Stansell)** '04, BArch '05, continues to enjoy her position at the Seattle architecture firm Studio Meng Strazzara. Alex graduated from USC's medical school and is an internal medicine resident at Virginia Mason

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Hospital in Seattle. Another MD, **Margaret Caplan** (Alexandria, VA; janil430@gmail.com), writes that she is a second-year resident in internal medicine at George Washington U. Hospital in D.C. **Crystal Meera** Dickson (cmschrestha@hotmail.com) is an orthopaedic surgical resident at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem, PA.

Also in Pennsylvania, **Joseph Leopold** (Prospect Park, PA; joeleopold@gmail.com) has finished the pre-theology program at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wynnewood, PA, "where I studied philosophy and ancient Greek for two years." Joe has since been rehired at Boeing, where he has been working on the Osprey program. He keeps in regular contact with his friends from Eddy House and writes, "We still have social events planned several times a month." **Malav Shah** shared his new address in Old Westbury, NY. **Julianne Guth Gilbert** writes that she and husband **Evan** were married at Cornell in March 2009. "Many of our Cornell friends attended!" The couple now lives in Windsor, CT.

Kenneth Greer (Charlottesville, VA; ken.greer@gmail.com) has been busy attending

The news of weddings is still abundant. Here are a few updates for this issue. "I am happy to report that **Beth Schaub** married me, **Paul Huwe**, at Sage Chapel. We are excited about our upcoming honeymoon in Japan, where we will attend the Sapporo Snow Festival and travel all over the island of Hokkaido. Beth is a veterinarian in Maryland (DVM, Tufts '06) while I am working on my PhD in astrophysics at Brown U. **Mike Tranter** and **Sara Meisel**, daughter of **Elliott Meisel** '68 and granddaughter of **Sidney** '37 and **Grace Moak Meisel** '41, were married at Manhattan's Pier 60 on September 13, 2009. The 40-plus Cornellians in attendance enjoyed the comfortable 70-degree breezes coming off the Hudson River as well as an unexpected fireworks show celebrating the 400th anniversary of New York's discovery by the Dutch. Mike and Sara are looking forward to getting back to normal life after an exciting fall—they had been to four Cornell weddings over the last eight weekends! I ran into **Paul Rosenbaum**, ME '03, at 50th and Park in early March. He looks well and happy and shared news of his marriage in August 2009

business school and pursuing a renewable energy company in Southeast Asia. **Gregory Tomasko** (Aurora, OH; getomasko@roadrunner.com) shares the news that he and his wife, Gwen, are very excited to have built a house. Gregory has been promoted to regional sales manager for CCTV and Video Products at Honeywell.

That's all the news for now. Sudha and I hope that you will continue to share your news with us as things come up. Have a great summer and keep in touch! Please send updates to: **Sam Buckingham Noonan**, swnoonan@gmail.com; or **Sudha Nandagopal**, sn58@cornell.edu.

O4 As I write this column, I'm enjoying glimpses of the Winter Olympics in Vancouver, Canada, where three Cornellians are competing: **Rebecca Johnston '11**, **Jamie Moriarty '03**, and **Douglas Murray '03**. I know we are all proud of our athletes who compete at Cornell and beyond.

A rugby player at Cornell, **Alexander Cwirko-Godycki** writes that he remains close with several of his teammates. "Our exploits on and off the field still provide for great conversation." Since 2004, the Ivy League rugby program has significantly developed, an advancement in which Alex has much pride. Alex is now the head of corporate communications of Jump Associates, a position he advanced to after five years at Equilar Inc., an executive compensation firm. He enjoys lunch meetings with his wife, now that they work two blocks from each other! A star in cross country and track and field at Cornell, CALS graduate **Stephanie**

already gotten involved with the Cornell alumni chapter in Washington, DC. Welcome to the area, Liz! Speaking of energy and climate change, **Thomas Bache-Wiig**, with colleague Jan Manon, has developed the iPhone app *This Is Green*, the ultimate green guide to getting healthy, saving money, and living an eco-friendly sustainable lifestyle. A graduate of the College of Architecture, Art and Planning, Thomas is a green architect who has been working on environmental content for the last two years. The application helps consumers make informed choices and learn everyday tips and eco-friendly options for home and loved ones. It helps navigate through products at grocery stores, pharmacies, and department stores and helps you make eco-friendly choices in your own home. It is based on thorough research from the Environmental Protection Agency and the US Green Building Council. Check it out at www.thisisgreen.com. Congrats, Thomas!

Excelling in horticulture as a gardener, **Julie Hughes** now works at the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens in New York. "I started in March and I really enjoy my job. I work in the outdoor shrub and perennial garden and the cacti and Florida greenhouses." She credits the horticulture classes she took at Cornell for having become a major part of her life, especially in weed science, herbaceous bedding plants, and greenhouses. She hopes to start some volunteer work in the spring to help with cleaning the parks, planting trees, or working with animals, all causes that we know would have a huge impact. Congrats and good luck, Julie!

Hotelie **Rosemary Wilde Rowen** has relocated from San Francisco to Beverly Hills, where husband

director of Vinalhaven's Arts and Recreation Center ("The ARC"), a small community development nonprofit organization. **Elisabeth Gennis** (erg23@cornell.edu), whose permanent home is in Wayland, MA, is currently at the U. of Miami Medical School, Class of 2011. She received an MPH degree from NYU in 2007.

Stephanie Horowitz (Boston, MA; sh@zeroenergy.com), a Massachusetts licensed architect and certified passive house consultant, was announced as a winner of *New England Home* magazine's first-ever Five Under 40 Award. This award recognizes the hottest emerging talent in residential design in New England. Stephanie is the managing director of ZeroEnergy Design, a green architecture and energy consulting firm she says was founded entirely by alumni—including Stephanie, **Emile Chin-Dickey**, and **Jordan Goldman '04**, ME '05—right after completing the 2005 solar decathlon entry. At the start of 2010, the firm had already worked on more than 70 projects. Stephanie has received six awards in the last year and been highlighted in several magazines, including *Boston Home*, *GreenSource*, and *Design New England*. Congratulations!

Congratulations also to **Odetta Mucha** (Edison, NJ), a graduate student at Tufts U., who was selected to join 26 other youth leaders from across the country at the UN Climate Change negotiations in Copenhagen, Denmark, last December. The delegation was part of the SustainUS Agents of Change program, designed to facilitate youth involvement in issues of clean energy and sustainability. Odetta says she was "thrilled to be able to participate in international climate policymaking after advocating for climate action and studying the issue for so long." At Cornell, she studied political science and went on to work for several environmental organizations around the country, including the Sierra Club.

We look forward to seeing you on campus, June 10-13! Until then, send us your news! **Michelle Wong**, mrw29@cornell.edu; and **Jennifer Miel**, miel.jennifer@gmail.com.

‘Thomas Bache-Wiig has developed the iPhone app This Is Green.’

Anne Jones '04

Anderson is working on a PhD in nutrition at Case Western Reserve U. She continues to keep in touch with her fellow athletes and is also involved with CAAAN in northeastern Ohio.

Congrats are in order for **Kelly Marth** and **Jeremy Paley**, a Cornell couple who were married on Sept. 5, '09 in Manchester, VT. They met as next-door neighbors on Linden Ave. in Collegetown and reside in Washington State. Best of luck to you both! Kudos to Arts and Sciences grad **Todd Fellerman**, who finished his MBA at the New York U. Stern School of Business. Also in New York City is CALS grad **Bradley Sundick**, a resident in oral and maxillofacial surgery at Lincoln Medical Center in Bronx, NY. Fellow CALS grad **Andrea Shaw** is in the midst of her internal medicine/pediatrics residency at Duke. Veterinarian **Peter Sepp Jr.**, DVM '09, is completing an internship at Florida Veterinary Specialists in Tampa, FL, and has applied for a position in California. Good luck, Peter!

Liz Hartman, MPA '09, an energy and environmental activist at Cornell, now works on energy policy in Washington, DC. She is a presidential management fellow at the US Department of Energy, working on wind and water power. "I feel that increasing the deployment of clean, renewable energy in the US is an important step in mitigating climate change," she says. She was a member of Phi Sigma Pi honor and service fraternity and has

Greg is opening a new Bouchon for Thomas Keller. They are very proud of their new chocolate labradoodle puppy! **Jeffrey Lizotte**, another Hotelie, is back from France, where he worked for six months at a 2-star Michelin restaurant. He is the chef de cuisine at the Polytechnic Onzo Restaurant in Hartford, CT. Keep these updates coming in! **Anne Jones**, iamAnneJones@gmail.com.

O5 Our first reunion is just one month away! Visit <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/reunion> to register, view the schedule, and see who else plans on attending. You won't want to miss our class wine tour, BBQ and trivia, Hot Truck, the special reception with the Class of 1955 . . . and many more great events. Plus, we'll be back where it all began: North Campus! Be sure to ask all of your friends if they plan on going—a few days of relaxing, networking, and reminiscing in Ithaca could do us all wonders. If you're interested in helping make our first reunion a great one, contact **Michelle Wong**, reunion co-chair and volunteer coordinator, at mrw29@cornell.edu.

In the meantime, here are a few more classmate updates. **Tristan Jackson** (tristan@vharc.org) writes from Vinalhaven, ME, where he lives with spouse Kinga Wysienska. Tristan is the executive

O6 It's been a cold winter for us alumni on the East Coast, but we definitely have it good compared to other places. Halfway around the world, **Sean Auclair** works at the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station at the geographic South Pole in Antarctica. He is working on various construction projects in temperatures ranging from 0 degrees F. to -50 F. Sean lives on an ice sheet 9,000 feet thick and the sun shines 24 hours a day—it's the Antarctic SUMMER!

Jetsetter **Dia Beshara** moved out to Denver after a tour in Afghanistan with Special Operations Command. He is now a flight test engineer for the Air Force's rapid acquisition group, Big Safari. When not flying, Dia deejays at nightclubs around Denver and volunteers with the Big Brothers program. **Dan Drzymalski** is in Beijing this year on the "Chinese government scholarship" at Tsinghua U. in a Chinese language study program. **Amanda Freund** has finished one year working at the Connecticut Farm Bureau Association as the Dairy Policy Grassroots Coordinator. She was slated to head for Zambia on Feb. 17, '10 to serve with the Peace Corps through April 2012. Amanda's assignment is "linking income, food, and the environment." She will work with Zambian farmers on conservation and sustainable farming practices with a focus on agroforestry. Check out

Amanda's blog that she created for friends to follow her journey at www.porchn.blogspot.com.

Staying domestic, **Yanni Hufnagel** is an assistant basketball coach for the Harvard men's team. Check out Yanni's bio at: http://www.gocrimson.com/sports/mbkb/coaches/Yanni_Hufnagel. **Stephanie Abrams** has launched a social media marketing company, www.Gabbaroo.com, an aStar Interactive LLC company. She lives and works in NYC and attends as many productions of *Rock of Ages* on Broadway as possible. If anyone is looking for social networking consulting or promotion for their company be sure to contact her: StephanieA@Gabbaroo.com. **Mike Egan**, ME '07, has been working in Ithaca at the Leathers & Associates playground design firm since graduating. He is also applying to industrial design master's programs. **Lisa Blum** is still at Cornell, working on a PhD in Immunology. She hopes to graduate in 2011 or 2012.

Tanya Littles (Brooklyn, NY) is a sales consultant for Empire Merchants Wine. **Nancy Lee**, ME '07, works in West Point, PA, at Merck as a biochemical engineer. **Travis Virgadamo** does food-service facilities planning and design for American Food and Vending in Syracuse, NY. **Alicia Billington** is at the U. of South Florida College of Medicine in Tampa, FL. **Kelly Thompson** works for Nestlé as a food technologist in Ohio. **Erika Jo Brown** studies poetry at the Iowa Writers' Workshop. **Santhi Gollapalli** (Cincinnati, OH) works in beauty care research and development for Procter and Gamble, specifically for Olay Body Care. She was married a few months after graduation to Jai, a marketing director for GE Aviation. They welcomed a daughter in August and are loving life! Santhi is looking forward to reunion. Congratulations on all the great news!

Timothy Wolff is the finance director at Energy Systems and Installations Inc., a solar photovoltaic integrator—that is, a commercial-scale solar panel sales and installation company. He's been working alongside the CEO of the company—his brother, **Corey Wolff '94**. They are located just outside Harrisburg, PA, and take jobs throughout the Northeast. **Bill Culley**, ME '07, is a partner in Finlo Renewable Energy, a commercial solar energy developer. He works with **Rob Garrity '05** and **Jonathan King**, MBA '86. They do commercial and industrial solar electric system development and installation. Bill is head of new business development. Check out their website: www.finloenergy.com.

Jamie Hyewon Chung is a second-year dental student at UC San Francisco slated to receive a DDS in 2012. **Zach Burns** (Chicago, IL) is in his third year of a PhD program in managerial and organizational behavior at Chicago Booth (U. of Chicago's business school). **Whitney Bernstein** has relocated from Manhattan to Philadelphia, PA, to attend Penn law. She's finishing up her first year and headed back to New York for the summer, but calling Philly "home" for now. **Lily Bonga** is in the second year of her PhD program in art history at Temple U. after earning her master's degree in cultural production from Brandeis U. She continues to exhibit her photographs. **Erica Hartwell** is at Ohio State U. in a doctoral program in couple's and family therapy working on HIV disclosure research and teaching an undergrad course in sexuality. **J Seph DeMeo** will graduate from the Penn School of Dental Medicine this May and start a residency in Washington, DC, this summer.

Laura Gilliam has been in her hometown of Houston, TX, for almost three years, working for

the 63rd Flemings Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar as a private dining director—she's responsible for booking private dining rooms. Laura is about to approach the one-year anniversary in their current location and is thrilled to be serving the west side of town. "Best wishes to my fellow Cornellians!" ☐ **Nicole DeGrace**, ngd4@cornell.edu; **Kate DiCicco**, kad46@cornell.edu.

07 It's hard to believe a third Cornell undergraduate class has graduated since we walked across the stage ourselves. Much can change in that time, but our class has continued to stay true to its sense of adventure and drive for accomplishment.

Scottie McQuilkin and fiancé **Cooper Wardell** work in New York City. Cooper is an associate, investing for AlpInvest Partners' private equity secondaries fund, and Scottie is an associate, investing for Kayne Anderson's mezzanine fund. Cooper and Scottie met and began dating during their freshman year at Cornell. **Nina Terrero** will graduate from Columbia this May with a master's in political science, concentrating in American politics and contemporary media. Nina's fiancé, Jason Groth, is an alumnus of Johns Hopkins U. and Columbia Law School and practices corporate law in New York City.

Since graduating with a degree in Operations Research and Industrial Engineering, **Jeff Zaman-ski** has been working as a transportation planner at Stantec Consulting in New York, NY, and Alexandria, VA. **Sharon Feiereisen** works as a freelance fashion and beauty writer in New York, covering fashion weeks in NYC, Paris, and Miami; she is the principal writer for the blog The Fashion Spot. In the winter of 2007 **Bert Cramer** ran into **Allison Blair Conti** in Bayan-Ölgii, Mongolia, and informed us that post-graduation, Allison had spent a year in Mongolia on a Fulbright scholarship studying traditional Kazakh embroidery and needlepoint. While researching in Bayan-Ölgii, she discovered a black market in Chinese-smuggled thread, which was undercutting the typical prices of Soviet-era stockpile thread. Allison followed the literal thread to rural parts of the greater Indo-China region, where she is currently investigating the etiology of the inferior synthetic.

Allyssa Stram is completing her first year of medical school at Drexel U. College of Medicine in Philadelphia. **Rebecca Stievater** (Berkeley, CA) has been working as outreach organizer for the Bicycle-Friendly Berkeley Coalition for the past few years. She also coaches junior rowing at Oakland Strokes and Pacific Rowing Club and trains horses with Brenda Beare of Beare Equestrian Services and Training. **Briana Seagriff** will graduate from the Ohio State U. Moritz College of Law this May.

Since graduation, **Melanie Espeland** has been living in Manhattan and working in designer global sourcing, development, and production for the clothing line Alice + Olivia. **Thomas Stone** is in London working toward his doctorate and researching tools to support early-stage funding at the new UK Doctoral Training Centre in Financial Computing. **Johnny Bruno**, MPA '08, stayed on a fifth year after earning a BA and earned a master's from the Cornell Inst. for Public Affairs. The following summer he left the States and spent a year in his ancestral home of Ecuador on a Fulbright scholarship. While there he researched the country's social rehabilitation system and its effect on deterring recidivism for juvenile delinquents. Johnny now lives in Washington, DC, and works for the US Dept. of State.

After graduation, **Julianne Susman** worked as a paralegal for the law firms of Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP in New York and Freehills in Sydney, Australia. She spent several months backpacking across Europe and North Africa before beginning law school in the fall at Columbia Law School, where she is a member of the entertainment, arts, and sports law society and is a 1L representative for the Columbia Health Law Association.

In the fall of 2009 **Reana Carr** Tischler began a master's in genetic counseling at Stanford U. She was married to Jake Tischler in December. Before grad school she spent a year traveling and the next year working as a social worker at AmeriPsych in Arizona while applying for grad school. **Daniel Carroll** lives in the Seattle area and works as a software developer for Microsoft. He says his biggest news of late is his marriage to **Rebecca (Cole)**, this past September.

After graduating with a degree in Psychology, **Jacquelyn Briesch** spent two years working at Boston's Massachusetts General Hospital in the Pediatric Psychopharmacology Research Unit, researching risk factors for the development of mood disorders in children and families. Last fall, Jacquelyn began a doctoral program in school psychology at Northeastern U. in Boston; she is working to develop assessments and interventions for children at risk for academic, behavioral, and emotional difficulties in schools. **Stephen Bakke** is a research associate at Green Street Advisors in Newport Beach, CA, and a chartered financial analyst (CFA) level-2 candidate. In his free time he has served as a big brother in the Big Brothers, Big Sisters program, is a member of California Young Republicans, and has been involved in the Cornell Club of Orange County, conducting a number of CAAAN interviews for Cornell applicants.

Thank you for sending in your updates for our column—and please keep 'em coming! Just shoot an e-mail to your class correspondents: ☐ **Marianna Gomez**, mariannaagomez@gmail.com; or **Dana Scolnick**, drs45@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://www.classof2007.cornell.edu/>.

08 Happy spring! For those of us in the Northeast, this may be the sweetest spring in recent memory, after a winter of snowpocalypses and snow-maggedons. **Lance Polivy** and I used the first of the three historic blizzards in Washington, DC, to build a snowman on 15th Street and reminisce about snowstorms at Cornell. Despite a tough winter, the Class of 2008 managed to stay busy and share news of fabulous new endeavors.

Many classmates—including almost all of our class officers—gathered in Washington, DC, for the first annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference, from January 29-31. We joined 769 alumni leaders, received updates from the Hill, attended a reception with more than 200 other young alumni, reconnected with old and new friends, and gained valuable skills for serving our class. One attendee of the young alumni reception was **Zachary Lupu**, BS ILR '07. He is finishing his second year in Washington and preparing to enroll in law school in New York City in the fall, though he will miss living in Dupont Circle with fraternity brother **Matthew Piliero**.

Stephen Davis, also in D.C., writes that he is a "second-year law student at Georgetown Law Center and interns at the Executive Office of the Presidency (EOP) near the White House," while managing to find time for basketball occasionally.

Stephen would love to catch up with Prof. Richard Polenberg and looks back fondly on playing intramural sports on Jessup Field. **Mackenzie Snyder** looks fondly upon Sunday brunches with friends at Ithaca restaurants and other outings with her Alpha Chi Omega sisters, though she now keeps busy exploring Denver, CO, and enjoying her job with hospitality consultancy HREC.

Elizabeth Sensenig writes, "I am in my second year of medical school at the Penn State College of Medicine, working toward my MD. I'm not sure what field I want to go into, but right now

master's degrees in health care policy and management at SUNY Stony Brook. I moved to Washington, DC, in June 2009 to complete the last three credits of my master's with an internship at the Dept. of Health and Human Services' Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. In July 2009, I was awarded my MS degree. In August, I passed my RD exam to become a registered dietitian and accepted a position at St. Thomas More Medical Complex as a clinical dietitian. I'm starting a year-long administrator-in-training program through the State of Maryland, and in a year

been gathering data on fish as part of an environmental assessment of the tidal energy turbine that will soon be installed beneath the barge. She loves what she's doing, and she's making good use of the all-nighter skills she picked up at Cornell! **Michael Wine** is in graduate school in Stillwater, OK, studying ecohydrology! His day is split between analyzing lots of data and writing about it. His new favorite book is *How to Write a Lot!* In case you're wondering, it Ithacates in Oklahoma, too.

Miguel Veintimilla works for ExxonMobil in Washington, DC. He has spent the last several months working on the SAMREF (Saudi Aramco Mobil Refinery) clean fuels project. Since he started working he's had many great new experiences, including several business trips to Saudi Arabia. He now wishes he had taken Arabic classes instead of Spanish on the Hill. **Stephanie Yager** has been doing research on malaria at the National Institutes of Health. Each day requires applying new knowledge from the comprehensive chemistry and biology background that she received at Cornell. She enjoys being surrounded by the rich scientific community at the NIH. **Diana Wu** works in Baltimore, MD, and loves it. She is applying many of the concepts she learned in school to her work. She was looking forward to making a trip to Cornell to see Illuminations dance their hearts out during their annual dance showcase in April at Anabel Taylor Hall.

Stephanie Wahba has been slaving away in law school in Philadelphia since August. She fondly remembers the days when she used to frolic on the Slope and stares out her classroom windows longing for those days again—if only her classrooms had windows. When taking a break from contract unconscionability and prescriptive easements, she actively searches for gainful summer employment and enjoys frequenting Philly restaurants and bars to dull the pain. **Travis Whitmer**, BS '08, works just outside Philly at Merck & Co. on ensuring that the vaccines are sterile. He enjoys just hanging out and goes to Cornell sports events when they come to Penn and Columbia.

Dan Walsh taught molecular biology to high school students at the Advanced Studies Program, an intense summer college preparatory program located on the beautiful campus of St. Paul's School in Concord, NH. After a rainy yet wonderful summer, Dan packed his bags in search of gold in California. Realizing he was 162 years late, Dan found the next best thing in the current economy: a research position in orthopaedics at UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento. Although an East Coast person at heart, Dan is certainly enjoying the 70 degree weather. Go BIG RED!

After graduating in May, **Aaron Weinstein** decided he wasn't quite ready to leave Ithaca. He's in the CIPA program earning his MPA, learning how rewarding graduate work—as well as the occasional TGIF—can be. He's only sorry he can't stay at Cornell to get his PhD in a couple years. (If he wants to come back to teach, he needs to "spread out" beyond Ithaca.) **Julie Cantor**, jlc252@cornell.edu; **Caroline Newton**, cmn35@cornell.edu.

‘Rachel Staver earned her registered dietitian status “through rotations at Wegmans (dream come true!).’”

Elana Beale '08

I am between surgery and internal medicine. No exciting travel plans as of late . . . we'll save that for when I have an income and scheduled vacation time!" Elizabeth hopes to make it back to the Hill soon for a visit. **Justin Sun** made it back to Cornell after assisting with the reopening of New York's Plaza Hotel. He is pursuing graduate studies at the ILR school and writes that he has been "working with faculty in the Center for Hospital-ity Research at the Hotel school on cases that will be published in future Hotel school publications."

Rachel Staver has also made her way back to upstate New York and now lives in Rochester, which she likes because she gets "to swing back to Ithaca now and then!" After graduating with a BS in Nutritional Science, she completed Cornell's Dietetic Internship and earned her registered dietitian status "through rotations at Wegmans (dream come true!) and Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, NY." Rachel writes, "Now I work for Foodlink, the regional foodbank in Rochester, as their child nutrition manager. What an exciting time to be involved in child nutrition—Michelle Obama is my hero. Check out her initiative 'Let's Move,' if you haven't already. At the foodbank, I coordinate programs that aim to reduce childhood hunger. The Backpack program provides food for weekends and school breaks throughout our ten-county service area. Kids Cafe delivers freshly prepared hot meals and snacks to more than 45 after-school and summer programs in the city of Rochester (2,400-plus meals and snacks every day!). There is never a dull moment here. Besides the day to day, I've served spring rolls to senators at the New York Farm Day in D.C., gotten my feet wet lobbying in Albany (crazy), and will participate in a national hunger conference and Capitol Hill visit day in March. I also get to collaborate with many different organizations in Rochester as we work together as a community to address issues of food access, hunger, and improving childhood nutrition. I have learned so much about the many people in Rochester who are passionate about serving their neighbors. It is pretty inspiring." Congratulations, Rachel! Your work is an inspiration to our class, proving how a Cornell degree can be used to give back to our communities.

We also heard from another Nutritional Sciences major this month. **Kristin Schmitt** writes, "After graduation, I moved home to Long Island to complete a dietetic internship and combined

I hope to be a licensed nursing home administrator and on track to manage my very own medical complex." Congratulations, Kristin!

Keep sending in your news. We'd love to hear from you! **Elana Beale**, erb26@cornell.edu; and **Libby Boymel**, lkb24@cornell.edu.

09 Nearly a year after graduation, the Class of 2009 has been up to exciting things! **Kerianne Wells** Graham adopted a dog in May, married in August, and began working at an architecture firm in downtown Boston soon after. She enjoys the city lifestyle and looks forward to the eventful year ahead. **Michael Tomechko** has been working with Bette Midler's nonprofit, the New York Restoration Project, as a project coordinator for the MillionTreesNYC Initiative, one of Mayor Bloomberg's PlaNYC 2030 Initiatives. While trying to find places for all those trees during the day on lands that are not part of parks owned by the city, he also attends classes for his master's in construction administration at Columbia U. at night. He is eager to combine his undergraduate degree in Landscape Architecture with his current studies to one day work on a large sustainable neighborhood revitalization project. **Ben Warach** spent the summer after graduation working for the New York City Legal Aid Society in their Bronx Housing Help program. Ben is now in his second semester of law school at Cornell. This summer he will return to New York City for a judicial internship with the Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department.

Upstate, **Amanda Trzcinski** works for Ronnybrook Farm Dairy in Ancramdale, NY. She has been learning the finer points of managing a small agribusiness that milks 80 cows and processes all their own milk. That, and enjoying all the milk, yogurt, and ice cream she can eat!

Matthew Stukus is working on his master's in social sciences at the U. of Chicago. He's teaching himself Esperanto and already thinks it's his favorite language yet. He doesn't have much time for fun reading right now, but next year, he hopes to be in Germany with lots of time to enjoy himself and perfect his language skills. Halfway across the country, fellow master's student **Haley Viehman** is at the U. of Maine. She wrote at 6 a.m. after a 12-hour shift on a barge in the Bay of Fundy. She has

10 Welcome to the "real world." During your time at Cornell you have successfully navigated the maze of course requirements, trudged through the tundra of snow to 8:00 a.m. classes, braved biting blasts of wind, and overcome the ups and downs of the Hill to earn your Cornell degree. Big ups, Class of 2010—we did it! To commemorate your triumph,

please accept this glossy, pristine, and free issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. If you'd like to keep your finger on the campus pulse (and continue to read our awesome witticisms), pay your class dues.

Now, allow us to introduce ourselves: For the next five years we (**Rammy Salem**, **Ahsiya Kurlansky**, and **Michael Beyman**) will serve as your inquisitive correspondents. This position entitles us to ask you whatever we want, whenever we want, and obliges you to answer. Just imagine—your name printed alongside your wondrous and noteworthy accomplishments. Send us your wedding announcements, your outstanding position in your cushy new job, or even the name of your cute new puppy.

We are but one part of the well-oiled machine known as the Senior Class Campaign. Here's an introduction to some of our team; you'll meet the rest in our next column! Our persuasive leaders, co-presidents **Darin Jones** and **Stephanie Rigione**, are rallying the troops to raise funds for the university and to endow the Class of 2010 scholarship. If you've been wondering why you've been receiving random calls during the last few months, it's not just to make you feel popular. Our phonathon initiative has been spearheaded by our vice presidents of recruitment and training, **Aimee Krause** and **Qing Zhao**. In addition to mass phoning efforts, **Sasha Lopez**, director of multicultural participation, took the show on the road, informing campus groups about our goals. Joining her in affinity efforts were **Ben Cole**, **Troy Nickerson**, **Zoë Samuel**, and **James Idleburg**. It is truly a university-wide effort.

If you want to know how you can demonstrate pride for your college, contact the college participation team of: **Matt Valente** and **Mattie Goldman** (CALS); **Samantha Stout** and **Jeff Katz** (Eng); **Alana Mildner** (HumEc); **Sarah Kopper** (A&S); and **Briana Ochoa** and **Ryan Holy** (ILR). If you're a Greek (not the Trojan War kind), we have a team for that too, including: **Adrienne Zak** and **Stefanie Aquilina** (PHC); **Daniel Tracy** (IFC); and **Edgar Sarmiento** (MGLC). Helping us keep all this chaos in order is our secretary **Hannah Fehlner-Peach**, who joined the campaign because she believes in Cornell's "utter superbness."

But no matter what social circles you were in on campus, we need YOU to stay involved as alumni. If after all our attempts at courting your support, you still remain unconvinced that giving and remaining an active member of the larger Cornell community is important, here are a few reasons that rallied us to action: 1) a guarantee that your heart will feel lighter . . . or your money back (not really); 2) to maintain the endless opportunities that our alma mater has given to us (from professors to libraries to "gorges" views); 3) the connections with present and future leaders that we've made; 4) the invaluable insights and perspectives gained from world renowned professors; 5) opening doors for future generations; 6) for the sake of memory and nostalgia.

Although the times of power-napping in the library, romping through Collegetown, dodging quarter carders in Ho Plaza, and singing along to the clock tower are over, our memories will live on. Keep us updated on your lives. We REALLY are interested! (Actually interested. Seriously. We're not kidding.) If you haven't already done so, join our Facebook group, "Cornell Class of 2010 Updates," and/or e-mail us at 2010updates@cornell.edu. Keep it real and start your legacy. **Rammy Salem** (rms84@cornell.edu); **Ahsiya Kurlansky** (amk95@cornell.edu); and **Michael Beyman** (mjb262@cornell.edu).

'32 BA—**Beryl Polhemus** Haas of Rochester, NY, December 30, 2009; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs. Delta Delta Delta.

'36 BCE—**Arthur F. Glasser** of Pasadena, CA, and Seattle, WA, December 8, 2009; missionary; retired dean emeritus, School of World Missions, Fuller Theological Seminary; veteran; active in religious affairs. Chi Epsilon.

'39 BA—**Elizabeth Shaffer** Bosson (Mrs. Albert D. '39, BME '41) of Bloomfield, CT, December 14, 2009; active in alumni affairs. Delta Delta Delta.

'39—**Grandison Gridley** of Charlotte, NC, formerly of Elmira, NY, December 27, 2009; administrator, Arnot-Ogden Memorial Hospital; also operated the North Pole theme park in Colorado Springs; veteran; active in alumni affairs. Kappa Alpha.

'40—**Walter J. Ives** of Towson, MD, formerly of Riderwood, MD, December 3, 2009; insurance adjuster, Maryland Casualty Co. and Fireman's Fund; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Phi Gamma Delta.

'40 DVM—**Edwin Leonard** of Tully, NY, December 20, 2009; veterinarian; active in alumni affairs. Alpha Psi.

'44 BS HE—**Ruth Brown** Foy (Mrs. Peter A. '47) of Dansville, NY, December 5, 2009; farmer; secretary; active in religious affairs.

'45 BME—**Harold F. Faught** of Chesterfield, MO, December 13, 2009; senior VP, Emerson; Sr. Asst. Postmaster General, Nixon Administration; division general mgr., Westinghouse; veteran; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'48 BA—**Phyllis Eisen** Geiss of New York City, December 6, 2009; VP, Market Facts; supervisor of copy research, Kenyon & Eckhardt Advertising; research analyst, London School of Economics; consultant. Husband, Anthony Geiss '48, MA '50.

'49 BA—**Harry J. Flood** of Fort Mill, SC, November 25, 2009; asst. county attorney, Suffolk County Family Court System; veteran; active in alumni affairs. Delta Upsilon.

'49—**William M. Irwin** of New Paltz, NY, November 18, 2009; electrician, Central Hudson; police commissioner, Village of New Paltz; veteran; active in community affairs.

'50 BEE—**Herman Albertine Jr.** of Fernandina Beach, FL, January 22, 2010; electrical engineer; executive; veteran. Phi Kappa Tau.

'50 BA—**Harold A. Goldberger** of Penobscot, ME, November 18, 2009; psychiatrist; advocate of alternative treatment for substance abuse; director, Le Centre Mondial; active in professional affairs. Alpha Epsilon Pi.

'50—**Joseph B. Hill II** of Hopewell, NJ, December 2, 2009. Phi Kappa Psi.

'50 MD—**Claude W. Trapp Jr.** of Lexington, KY, December 13, 2009; ophthalmologist; veteran; aide to General Chiang Kai-shek; jade collector; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'51 LLB—**Beatrice Hort** Holmes of Alexandria, VA, December 6, 2009; historian of federal water resources and policies, US Dept. of Agriculture; attorney, NYS Attorney General's office; poet.

'52 LLB—**Laurence C. Stamelman** of Long Branch, NJ, December 16, 2009; judge, Superior Court of New Jersey; attorney; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

'53 BS Ag, EdD '63—**Gerald R. Fuller** of Shelburne, VT, December 9, 2009; chair, College of Agriculture, U. of Vermont; also taught at U. of Illinois; developed the vocational teacher mentor program; veteran; active in professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

'55 BA—**Laura Chapman** Hruska of New York City, January 9, 2010; co-founder and editor-in-chief, Soho Press; novelist; attorney; active in alumni affairs.

'57 BA—**Harvey M. Young** of Tucson, AZ, December 16, 2009; retired executive; active in alumni affairs. Seal & Serpent.

'60 MA—**Allen N. Fitchen** of Madison, WI, December 25, 2009; retired director, U. of Wisconsin Press; former senior editor, U. of Chicago Press; helped publish *A River Runs Through It*; active in community and professional affairs.

'70 BA—**Jan K. Gleason** of Seattle, WA, January 6, 2010; architect; designed childcare centers, homeless shelters, low-income housing, and community centers; executive director, Environmental Works; also operated Gleason & Associates; cellist; author; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'73 PhD—**Nadine Klecha** Jacobsen of Dixon, CA, November 21, 2009; associate professor, department of wildlife and fisheries biology, UC Davis; specialist in deer and large mammals; raised Airedale terriers; active in community affairs. Husband, Fredrick L. Jacobsen, PhD '74.

'79 JD—**John H. McKeon Jr.** of Moorestown, NJ, December 11, 2009; attorney, Conrad O'Brien Gellman & Rohn; active in community and religious affairs.

'83 PhD—**Eric A. Goulbourne Jr.** of Liberty Township, OH, December 11, 2009; principal scientist in oral care technology, Procter & Gamble; former asst. professor of periodontics, Loma Linda U.; active in community affairs.

'09—**Adam W. Frey** of Pittsburgh, PA, December 26, 2009; founded Adam Frey Foundation to promote cancer research; wrestler; Ivy League Rookie of the Year.

Clip and Save

After seven decades of barbering, a Collegetown stalwart passes away

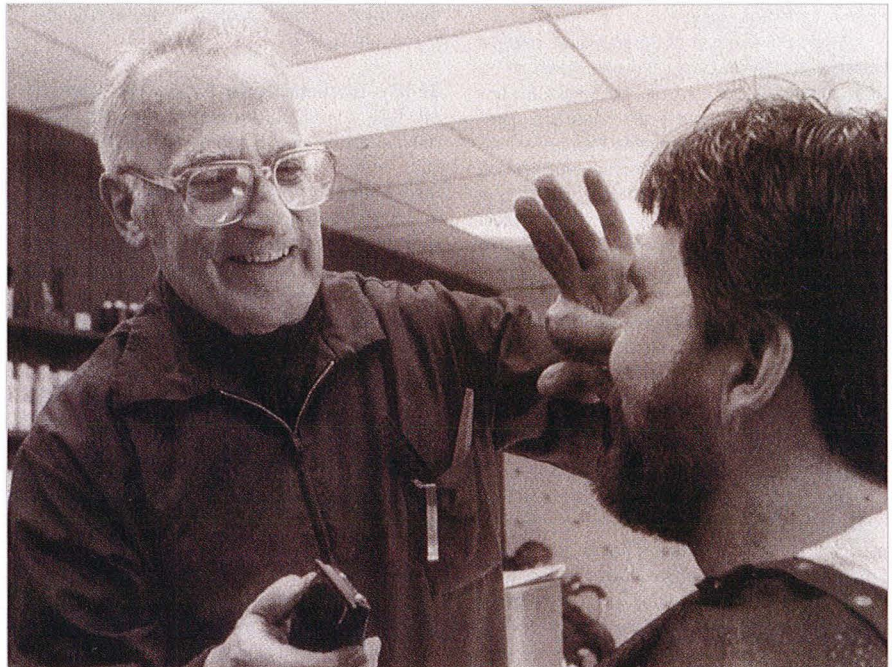
In 1991, when Tony Petrillose was seventy-six, he declared to this magazine that he would not quit the barbering business “’til I start to shake.”

Petrillose, a Collegetown fixture who was a master of the “high and tight” cut, kept going for another eighteen years. Last year, he finally retired at age ninety-four. In February, he passed away in an Ithaca hospice with his family at his side. “His hands were steady to the end,” says seventy-one-year-old Joe Petrillose, who worked alongside his father for three decades. “He stopped because of his heart, but his hands never shook.”

That means Petrillose Sr. cut hair for about seventy-three years. That’s a lot of heads, a lot of hair. Most of his customers were Cornell students, but plenty of townies were treated to his scissors and combs. His most famous client? Jimmy Hoffa, who was in town to speak at the ILR school. But Tony—uncle to the late Bob Petrillose of Hot Truck fame—was as well known for his patter as for his handy barbering. The lucky customer who sat in his swivel chair was treated to lively commentary on everything from local history to university and world affairs.

The business started on College Avenue in 1909 as a combo smoke shop, newsstand, and barbershop. Tony’s older brother James bought the place in 1927 and renamed it Petrillose’s. Tony came aboard in high school as an apprentice barber. He bought out his brother in 1939, employing as many as five barbers. But by 1970, when the business moved to Linden Avenue as Tony’s Barber Shop, it was strictly a father-son operation. It stayed there until 2009, when Joe moved to his daughter’s salon on North Cayuga Street downtown.

Tony’s halcyon haircutting days came during the period of Cornell’s mandatory ROTC training. That time passed into the Age of Aquarius, when the musical *Hair* celebrated unfettered locks, much to Tony’s bemused chagrin. The mop-topped Fab Four hadn’t helped matters much. “Those damn Beatles killed us,” he said in 1991, in the good-natured way that was his hallmark, and with the wisdom that comes with watching trends come and go.



DEDE HATCH



FRANKLIN CRAWFORD

The Beatles broke up. The Vietnam War ended. Reagan became president. Crew cuts were cool. Bill Clinton came and went; tight on the sides with a flip up at the peak was the hip style. Then came the 9/11 terrorist attacks and two wars; again, ROTC students looking for the perfect “high and tight” sought Tony’s steady hand. “He was the only one in the region who knew how to do it just right,” recalls Aaron “Rusty” Lloyd ’92, who served in Cornell’s Air Force ROTC. “It’s not just a crew cut, it’s a completely different style and feel. I went to barbers in Syracuse and Binghamton, and no one could do it. Then I found Tony’s place. He seemed to be the last one anywhere.”

On a day this past March, a young boy steps down from the swivel seat in Joe Petrillose’s tidy new shop, sporting a fresh “short-short” cut. Joe shakes out his apron. A flat-screen TV displays a Yankees spring training game. A bulky old Remington cash register from his dad’s shop is the only reminder of a bygone era. It is jammed shut, with a key stuck at \$3. Joe makes the change from his pocket and says, “Next.”

— Franklin Crawford

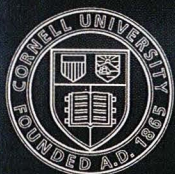
Kindest cut: Tony Petrillose in his Collegetown barbershop in 1991. Inset: Tony’s vintage cash register, now in his son’s shop downtown.

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