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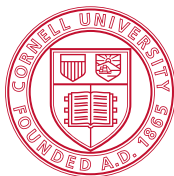
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**Loud & Proud 40**

The Cornell men's hockey team boasts the sport's most rabidly, vocally loyal fan base. As hockey season gears up, CAM presents a tribute to the Lynah Faithful in all its glory—including visits with the team's coach, announcer, Zamboni driver, and cowbell-chant inventor. We offer a chant lexicon, accounts of smuggling fish into the Harvard game, a Lynah love story, and so much more. "It's one of the loudest, most passionate environments you could be in," says Faithful fan Andrew Distler '15. "It's also the most damn fun you could possibly have at a sporting event."

**Dr. TV 48**

Human Ecology alum Joyce Bauer Brothers '47 was a constant presence in the mass media for decades. After catapulting to public attention as a winner of "The \$64,000 Question" in 1955, the psychologist—known to the world as Dr. Joyce Brothers—parlayed that fame into a career as talk show host, advice columnist, self-help author, and TV guest on shows from "Happy Days" to "The Simpsons." Now, the first comprehensive biography of Brothers, who passed away in 2013 at age eighty-five, has been released. The book was partly researched at Cornell, home to the vast trove of personal papers that she donated to the University.

**Full Plate 56**

Chef Katie Button '05 has garnered widespread acclaim by bringing the flavors of Spain to the hip town of Asheville, North Carolina. A former engineering student, Button—who trained under celebrated Spanish chefs José Andrés and Ferran Adrià—now boasts two restaurants and a debut cookbook. "When I was at Cornell," she recalls, "I was so jealous of my friends in the Hotel school." Asheville food writer and longtime CAM contributor C.A. Carlson '93, MFA '96, interviewed Button—who also shares her elaborate but accessible recipe for oven-cooked vegetarian *paella* with CAM readers.

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# What Should a Cornell Undergraduate Learn?



If you were to ask me that apparently simple—but actually quite difficult—question, I would pass the buck faster than a politician with Teflon gloves. Only our faculty can answer this question—and rather than answering it once and for all, they must periodically review, reconsider, and redefine the curriculum. Encouraging them to do so now is among my top priorities.

Cornell's curriculum, like the University itself, is large and complex. The catalog encompasses more than 4,000 courses and 80 undergraduate majors. Seven very different colleges admit undergraduates, and each has its own curricular requirements, as do their many departments.

Our faculty do an admirable job of developing—and teaching—stimulating courses, providing a comprehensive array of choices within each department, and determining the specific skills and areas of knowledge that should be required for each major. Although in recent years the curricular focus has been concentrated at the departmental level, a wider view is equally important: What should every student in the College of Arts and Sciences learn? How about Engineering, Agriculture and Life Sciences, Human Ecology, the ILR School, Hotel Administration, Architecture, Art and Planning? Are there certain things that all Cornell undergraduates should learn?

A curriculum is much more than an exhaustive list of courses and requirements. “The curriculum is the major statement any institution makes about itself, about what it can contribute to the intellectual development of students, about what it thinks is important in its teaching service to society,” says the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Making that “major statement” is the prerogative of the faculty, and I am pleased to support them as they reexamine and refine the curriculum in a faculty-designed and faculty-driven process. The College of Arts and Sciences is currently undertaking a fundamental review of its curriculum. That is essential because A&S has Cornell's core departments, and the

other colleges depend upon it for many of their undergraduates' courses.

Our faculty consider the curriculum in a context much larger than that of a single university. In the United States today, the ideal of liberal education has lost its luster, and universities have not done a particularly good job defending it. In vogue is a more vocational view of higher education. The “payoff” tends to be quantified solely in dollars: salary level after graduation, lifetime earnings potential, guaranteed qualification for a specific and preferably high-paying career.

This tendency is understandable given the high cost of college and the recent recession. And it is true that a college degree is now almost essential for a rewarding career, and that its lifetime dollar value compared to a high school diploma is higher than ever. Yet a college degree is much more than a job ticket, and I do not believe that money is the sole, or even the principal justification for it.

“Liberal” in the phrase “liberal education” is not related to ideology but to freedom. In the original Latin sense, a liberal education is one suited to shaping free citizens. And our democracy today needs educated citizens more than ever.

**Although in recent years the curricular focus has been concentrated at the departmental level, a wider view is equally important.**

We must also clear up a common misperception: many people think the term “liberal education” covers only the humanities, such as history, philosophy, and literature. In fact, it includes the so-called hard sciences too. Physics, chemistry, mathematics, and the life sciences, as well as the arts, humanities, and social sciences, are all part of a liberal education.

Its basic components are critical thinking, close reading, effective speaking and writing, and quantitative and ethical reasoning. Those forms of knowledge carry over into later life and transfer to virtually any career. They also help to produce more thoughtful citizens—informed participants in debates over public issues, people with a sense of civic responsibility and with an understanding of the larger world with its multitude of cultures and perspectives. Empathy, compassion, and creativity also flourish when nurtured by a liberal education.

To ensure that Cornell students graduate with these capacities, our faculty are working to make the curriculum more effective. As one who loves learning, liberal education, and Cornell, I am delighted to watch as our faculty gets this vital process vigorously under way. ■

— Hunter R. Rawlings III, *Interim President*  
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### Remembering Valerie

*"Justice Denied" (September/October) told the story of the long-ago murder of Valerie Percy '66, a crime that remains unsolved. Shortly after we went to press, we received this letter from Sharon Percy Rockefeller, Valerie's twin sister.*

As my family and I prepare to gather in mid-September to mark the 50th anniversary of my sister Valerie's tragic passing, I am both humbled and truly honored that your magazine has chosen to mark this anniversary as well.

Val was my identical twin sister, admittedly older by two minutes. Even as a young child she was always responsible and motherly to me and to our younger siblings. She was loving, sensitive, wise, and mature beyond her years. Val was self-effacing with a gentle nature, always generous and caring for others.

We separated for college—she went east to Cornell and I went west to Stanford. Val loved each and every minute of her time at Cornell. She majored in French literature, lived in Paris for one year, and spoke flawless French. Each year, through a scholarship program that I established in Val's honor, women receiving grant aid and planning to study in Paris are eligible to apply for these funds. Numerous recipients have written to me over the years to share their experience, with many noting that this study abroad opportunity would not have been possible without those scholarship funds. We know that Val would be so pleased that we have chosen to honor her memory in this way, as it serves as a powerful yet poignant reminder of how much Cornell meant to her and the role it played in her young life.

Val continues to live vividly in the hearts and minds of so many people, especially her sorority sisters who continue to keep in touch with me. I take great comfort in knowing how Val impacted their lives and how they, too, continue to mourn her passing.

On September 18, 1966, Val's life was tragically cut short. Suddenly taken from her devastated family and friends, she lives on in our hearts and our memories. When our family gathers to mark her passing, foremost in our thinking is the opportunity to honor and celebrate an outstanding young woman and my beloved sister.

I would like to extend my utmost thanks to *Cornell Alumni Magazine* for remembering and honoring Valerie Jeanne Percy.

**SHARON PERCY ROCKEFELLER**  
WASHINGTON, DC

### Show Stopper

A fascinating article on a remarkable person ("Murder, She Wrote," September/October 2016). Erika Green Swafford '94 joins former Hoteliers and student athletes Ed Marinaro '72, BS '73, and Ricky Jay '71 as individuals who've made their mark in show biz.

**C. DAVID BURAK '67, MFA '80**  
VENICE, CA

I love reading about Cornellians in the news. Swafford's story interests me for many reasons, but in particular for how she successfully managed a career transition. I believe there is a lot of pressure to stay the course on the career you initially picked and appreciate Swafford's shift from hospitality to Hollywood. I enjoy watching "HTGAWM" and appreciate that there's a Cornell woman on the screenwriting and production team.

**KIMM MAUGERI '01**  
BAYSIDE, NY



### Cider Explosion

"Liquid Gold" in the September/October 2016 issue reminded me of an experience during my freshman year in 1950 when I was living at 201 Oak Avenue in Collegetown. When apple cider became available, my roommate returned with several gallons and proceeded to add yeast, raisins, and what else I don't remember to one of them. He lightly capped the jug and hid it under clothes in our make-shift closet formed by a curtain in a corner of the room. One morning, there was a sudden, loud boom, followed by a very strong odor of alcohol. We immediately opened both corner windows and frantically fanned the room in a panic that the landlady, whose living room was adjacent to our room, would soon be knocking on our door to terminate our leases. But that didn't happen, and my roommate was in full glory for the rest of the year.

**ALLEN HALE '54**  
SEATTLE, WA

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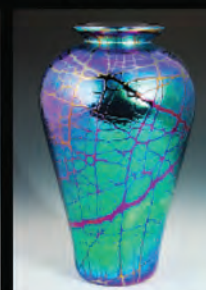
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# From the Hill



**HAVE A SEAT:** The 2016 Cornell Council for the Arts Biennial includes *Urchin*, a sculpture built from 500 borrowed plastic chairs. On display on the Arts Quad until December, it was created by the design firm of architecture professor Caroline O'Donnell and her student assistants. "No chairs were harmed in the production of *Urchin*, and they will be returned to circulation afterwards," the firm's website notes. "*Urchin* plays with the question of usefulness and uselessness by the manipulation of the simple chair, and consequently our perception of the chair and the connection between our bodies, the chair's components, and their orientations."

**'At Cornell, we don't simply want new faculty to fit in with what we are already doing. We want them to expand our horizons, blaze new trails, create new knowledge, and share all of what they have to offer with all of us.'**

— Provost Michael Kotlikoff,  
on the University's efforts to recruit diverse faculty

## PhD Alumnus Wins Physics Nobel



A doctoral alumnus of Cornell is among the three winners of the 2016 Nobel Prize in Physics. David Thouless, PhD '58 (left), received half of the award of about \$930,000; the other half was shared by two other researchers. A professor at the University of Washington, the British-born Thouless was honored for what the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences termed "theoretical discoveries of topological phase transitions and topological phases of matter." One of the other winners—J. Michael Kosterlitz, a professor at Brown—was a Cornell postdoc in 1973–74.



## New Dean of Students Hails from Cal State

An associate vice president for student affairs at California State University, Fullerton, has been named Cornell's new dean of students. Vijay Pendakur (above) will assume the job on January 3, 2017. He succeeds Kent Hubbell '69, who stepped down in June after fifteen years. According to Ryan Lombardi, vice president for student and campus life, Pendakur "brings an incredible depth of knowledge around diversity, inclusion, and social justice work," among other assets.

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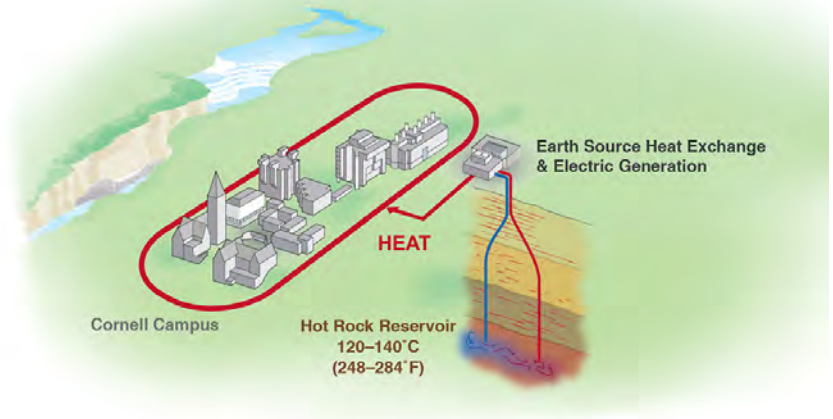




## Did You Know . . .

That the items on display at the Smithsonian's new National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, DC, include a Cornell banner?

Owned by Frank Thompson '24, the banner was donated to the museum by his daughters.



## 'Earth Source Heat' Studied for the Hill

The University has announced that it will pursue the possibility of using geothermal heating to warm the Ithaca campus. If all goes well with a test facility to be built within the next five years, Cornell could ultimately reduce its annual carbon footprint by some 82,000 metric tons by tapping into heat naturally occurring more than two miles below the Earth's surface. The so-called "Earth Source Heat" project would complement the existing Lake Source Cooling system, which air conditions campus using water drawn from deep within Cayuga Lake.

## CU Endowment Logs Negative Return

During the fiscal year that ended in June, Cornell's \$6.1 billion endowment generated a negative investment return of -3.3 percent. It was the worst endowment performance in the Ivies, during a down year: only Yale and Princeton marked positive returns.



## IC Student Killed on Campus

A large fight on Ho Plaza following an event in Willard Straight Hall led to the stabbing death of an Ithaca College student. Anthony Nazaire (left), a nineteen-year-old sophomore from Brooklyn, died in the early morning hours of Sunday, August 28. Another IC student was injured in the same incident but survived. No suspects have yet been identified in the crime, the first murder in the City of Ithaca in five years.



## Plantations to Become 'Botanic Gardens'

The Cornell Plantations is in the process of being rebranded as Cornell Botanic Gardens. The change springs from concern that "plantations" not only fails to describe the facility's natural areas, but may carry a negative connotation due to its associations with slavery. "If you have a name and logo that you then need to define in print, it's a lost opportunity to do something better," says director Christopher Dunn. "The name Plantations requires constant explanation, and just doesn't fit a botanic garden and the scale of the work we do."



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



Biologist **Thomas Seeley** (left), who won a Golden Goose Award—given for obscure studies that lead to breakthroughs—for his “honeybee algorithm” describing how colonies organize to forage for nectar. Web companies have used it to streamline Internet services.

Miss New York **Camille Sims '15**, named second runner-up in the 2017 Miss America Pageant.

**Cornell Dining**, named third in the Princeton Review's rankings of the best campus food.

Food scientist **Martin Wiedmann, PhD '97** (right), for having a bacterium named after him. Cornell graduate students and staff discovered *Bacillus wiedmannii* in raw milk.



## Cornell Rates Ninth in WSJ Poll

Several publications have issued their annual higher education rankings. The *Wall Street Journal* ranked Cornell at number nine, and for the third consecutive year *U.S. News and World Report* rated it fifteenth (in a four-way tie) on its list of best universities. The *Times* Higher Education World University Rankings put Cornell as the nineteenth best in the world and fourteenth best in the U.S.



## Simeon's Reopens After Crash

Ithaca's iconic Simeon's restaurant reopened in late August, two years after it was heavily damaged in a deadly truck crash. The popular restaurant, a fixture at the east end of the Commons for decades, had been closed since a tractor-trailer lost its brakes on the East State Street hill and slammed into the building, killing a young woman working at the bar.

## Late-Night Shuttle Launched

Cornell students now have access to a free, late-night bus on the weekends. The Big Red Shuttle will run from midnight to 3 a.m. every Friday and Saturday night during the school year. The shuttle, which will have eight stops along its twenty-minute route, expands on a service previously offered during exam periods to provide rides home for students studying late at night.

## CU and WCM Offer MBA-MS Degree

Applications are being accepted for a new dual degree in business and healthcare leadership, to be offered by the Johnson School and the Medical college starting in fall 2017. The two-year program, whose coursework will mostly be conducted in New York City, is expected to educate leaders of academic medical centers, community hospitals, group practices, health insurers, consultants, and pharmaceutical professionals, among others.

# R + D

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**Oceanography professor Charles Greene** warns that due to warming climates off the U.S. coasts, marine species such as lobsters, cod, salmon, and northern right whales will suffer diseases or face nutritional stresses that force them to migrate or alter their diets, or even make them extinct.



**A minimally invasive deep-freezing technique** called cryoablation is effective against early-stage breast cancer in 92 percent of cases, says Medical college surgeon Rache Simmons.

**A new variety of small butternut squash** indicates peak ripeness by turning from green to orange. Created by plant breeding professor Michael Mazourek, PhD '08, they're being sold at farmer's markets and retailers nationwide.



**Professor Brian Wansink, author of *Mindless Eating***, reports that Americans tend to weigh the least before Thanksgiving, then begin an annual gain that peaks around Easter. He and colleagues tracked the weights of 3,000 people with scales that send data through Wi-Fi.



**Cornell's entomology collection includes rare specimens** of an extinct species of plague locust. Brandon Woo '19 recently identified the specimens of *Melanoplus spretus*, the Rocky Mountain locust that wreaked havoc on American agricultural land 150 years ago.

**A collaborative effort between the Engineering and Medical colleges**, the Center on the Physics of Cancer Metabolism, aims to understand the mechanisms behind how breast cancer develops, spreads, and responds to treatment.

## Pre-frosh Group Aids Hurt Hiker

A pre-orientation hiking trip took a dramatic turn in August, when a group of freshmen, a transfer student, and their undergrad leaders rescued a hiker who had broken his ankle in a Vermont forest. After treating the man for hypothermia and calling for help, the group carried the hiker four miles down the mountain; he credited them with saving his life.

## C-Town Welcomes Grocery Store

For the first time in recent memory, Collegetown has a bona fide grocery store. An outpost of GreenStar Cooperative Market, the College Avenue location features fresh produce, prepared meals, and more. The venerable Ithaca co-op also has a main store on West Buffalo Street and a smaller shop in the Dewitt Mall.



# Homecoming 2016



**BIG RED SPIRIT:** This year's Homecoming festivities included the traditional fireworks and tailgating, as well as concerts, an arts tour, a 5K run, a festival of family-friendly activities, and more. The weekend's highlight: the football team's 27-13 win against Yale in Schoellkopf Stadium.





Early mornings find Cindy, Pat and Tom out on the greens, enjoying each other's company and improving their game. Now that they're retired, this group of friends makes the short drive to one of the many local, challenging golf courses as often as they can.

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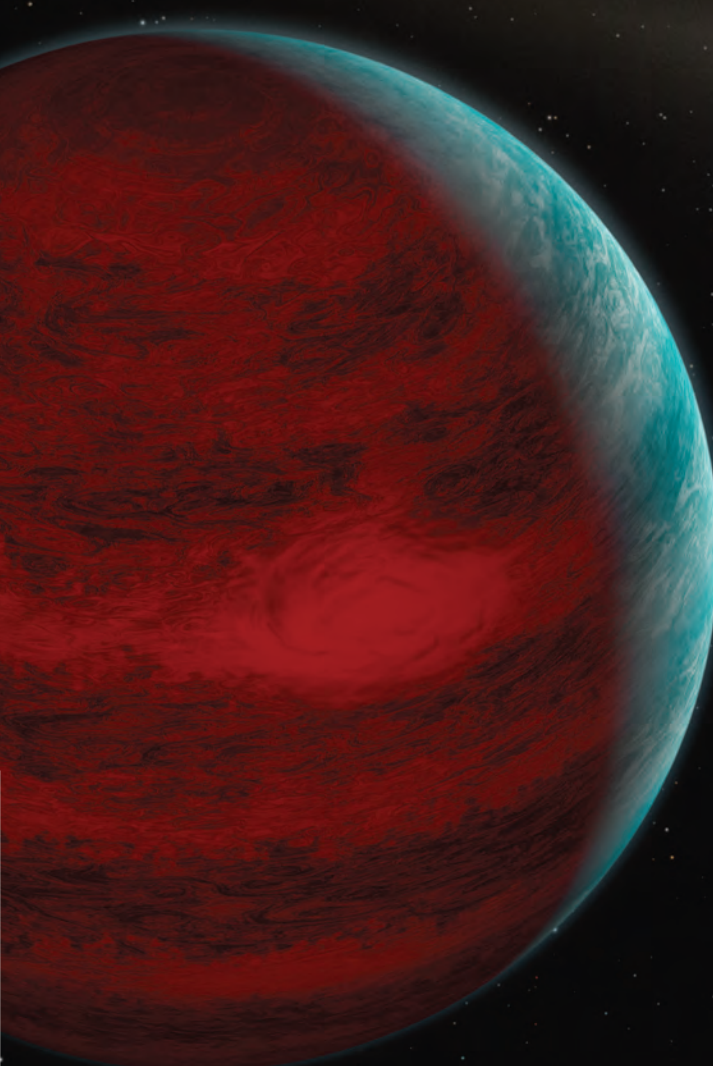


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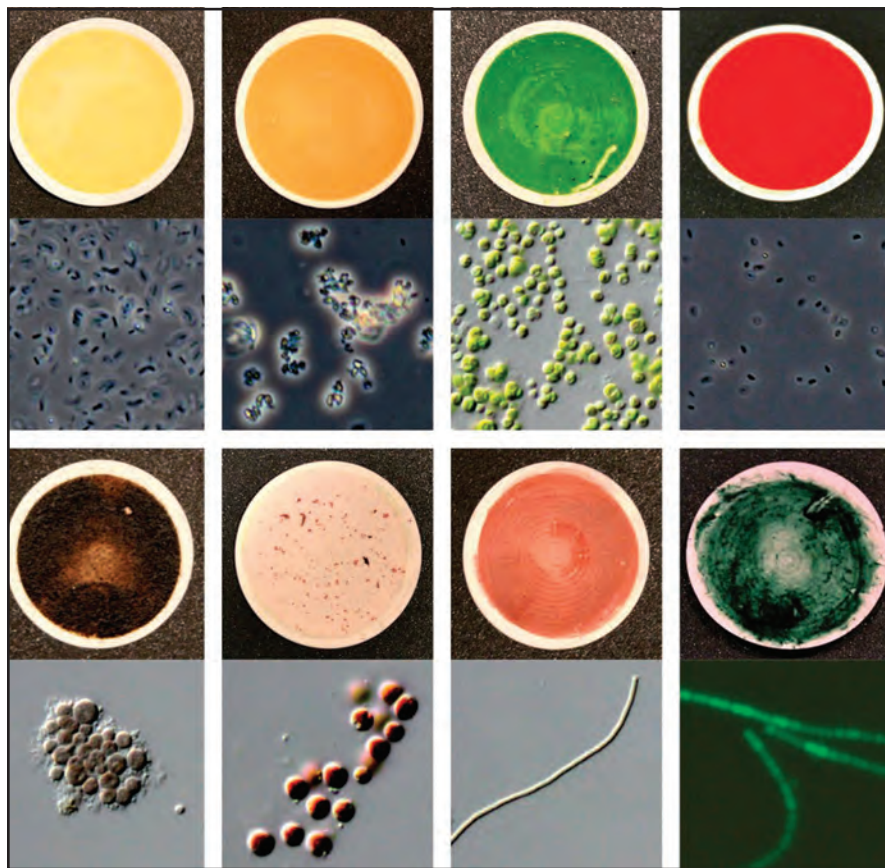
Carl Sagan passed away twenty years ago—on December 20, 1996—but his legacy remains very much alive, on campus and beyond. In 2014 astronomer Neil deGrasse Tyson—arguably the heir to Sagan's mantle as the nation's premier popularizer of science—hosted a reimagined version of the seminal TV show “Cosmos.” Sagan's books, including the bestselling *Contact* and the Pulitzer-winning *Dragons of Eden*, remain in print decades after their release. And last year, a Cornell-based organization dedicated to one of his passionate interests—the search for life on other planets—was named in his honor.

Dubbed the Carl Sagan Institute: Pale Blue Dot & Beyond, the group brings together Cornell researchers from a variety of disciplines to tackle one of humanity's most fundamental questions: are we alone in the universe? As director Lisa Kaltenegger points out, the institute's two dozen faculty members straddle eleven departments and five of the University's schools and colleges, from planetary science to communication to veterinary medicine. “The idea is that the question of how to find life in the universe, >

**FAR OUT:** An artist's rendering of a hypothetical “rejuvenated planet” (above left), which NASA describes as a “gas giant that has reclaimed its youthful infrared glow.” NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope has found tentative evidence for one such Jupiter-like planet around a dead star, or white dwarf. Right: Carl Sagan on campus in 1995.







**LIFE LESSONS:** A postdoc working under institute director Lisa Kaltenegger (above) produced what she calls a “color catalogue” of the biosignatures of more than a hundred Earth micro-organisms (eight of which are seen at left), which could serve as a guide to detecting life on other planets.

in our solar system and outside, requires an interdisciplinary look,” says the German-born Kaltenegger, an associate professor of astronomy whose laurels include being named one of America’s Young Innovators by *Smithsonian* in 2007. “You ask very different questions if you have only physicists together versus if you have a physicist, a biologist, a chemist. By your training you see the world in a certain way, but you can break out of that mold to address bigger questions.”

Last year, for example, two institute members—chemical engineer Paulette Clancy and Jonathan Lunine, the astronomer who holds Sagan’s former position as the David C. Duncan Professor in the Physical Sciences—published an article in the journal *Science Advances* that garnered some buzz in the mainstream media for its tantalizing description of a possible context for extraterrestrial life. In it, they outlined how cell membranes could form in the harsh environment of Titan, the giant moon of Saturn marked by frigid temperatures and seas of liquid methane. That work, Clancy says, “just straight up wouldn’t have happened without this interdisciplinary approach.”

The institute hosts scientific conferences, like the Emerging Researchers in Exoplanet Science Symposium, which it sponsored on campus in June 2016. And on the first Thursday of each month it holds a coffee hour where members present their recent work, chat, and snack on what Kaltenegger—who knows that one way to reach the minds of busy academics is through their stomachs—describes as some extremely tasty cookies. “If you want to draw in people from other disciplines, you need

some kind of forum, and the Carl Sagan Institute provides it,” says Clancy. “As a chemical engineer going over to astronomy, I didn’t even know what building they were in. The institute is very welcoming to outsiders, and I think that makes them successful.” (Plus, she adds, completely unprompted by Kaltenegger: “They also have really good food, and that never hurts.”)

In 2015, the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* published the results of a project by one of Kaltenegger’s postdocs, Siddharth Hegde, who created what she dubs a “color

**‘The question of how to find life in the universe, in our solar system and outside, requires an interdisciplinary look. You ask very different questions if you have only physicists together versus if you have a physicist, a biologist, a chemist.’**

catalogue” of the biosignatures of 137 micro-organisms, some of which thrive in extreme environments. Made freely available on the institute’s website, this “spectral library” could aid detection of life beyond Earth as increasingly powerful telescopes come online in the coming years. And in August, Kaltenegger and another postdoc, Jack O’Malley-James, posted a paper (which is currently in journal review) to the online repository arXiv.org detailing how some corals use bioluminescence as a defense mechanism against UV rays—and how this >



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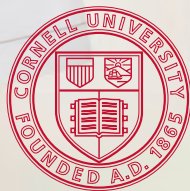


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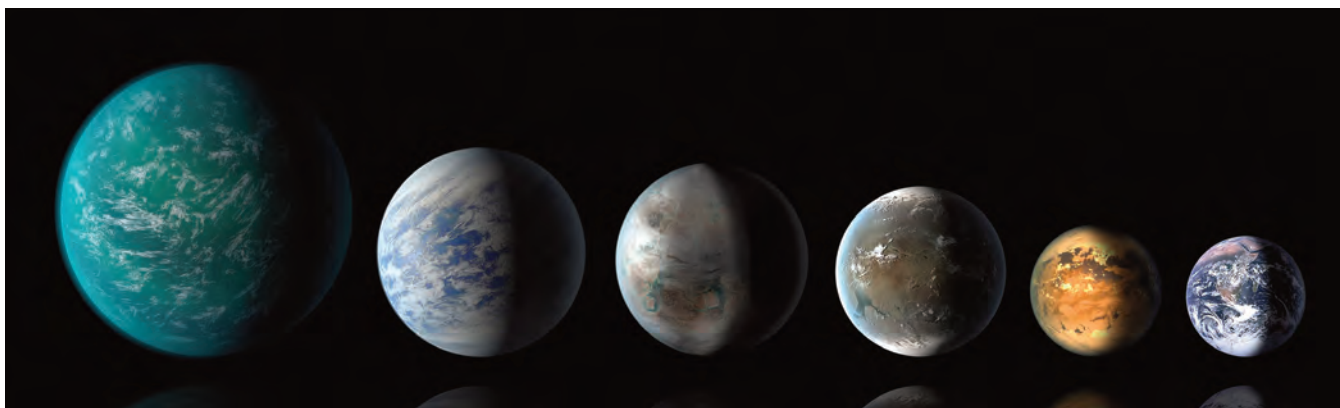
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**HOME SWEET HOMES?:** An artist's conception of a planetary lineup shows "habitable zone" planets with similarities to Earth (far right). A newly discovered exoplanet, Kepler-452b (third from left), comes the closest of any found so far to matching our Earth-sun system.

reaction could offer detectable evidence of life on other planets, such as those in the "habitable zone" of flaring stars like the one nearest to us, Proxima Centauri. "It's something new to look for that nobody thought about before, and it's a way we could explain that life could actually cope with high radiation," she says. "This was a fascinating question, and to be able to take the puzzle pieces from all these different knowledge areas, to put them together and see them click—for a scientist, that's what it's all about."

Starting this fall, movie audiences can get a glimpse of the institute's work in living color: Kaltenegger is starring in a new IMAX movie, *The Search for Life in Space*, that will play at science museums and similar venues nationwide. Filmed partly on the Cornell campus, the half-hour documentary explores Kaltenegger's research and includes footage of extreme Earth environments like Hawaiian lava fields and deep thermal vents in the Pacific Ocean, as well as a visit to the planned site of the controversial Thirty Meter Telescope atop Hawaii's Mauna Kea. And around Thanksgiving, Kaltenegger will share her research in a particularly rarified setting: she has been invited to give a talk at the Vatican Observatory about the search for extraterrestrial life, followed by an audience with Pope Francis.

Kaltenegger notes that the institute takes part of its name—"Pale Blue Dot & Beyond"—from Sagan's own writings. The dot in question is Earth, as seen from the *Voyager* spacecraft, looking over its shoulder as it left our solar system decades ago. "The pale blue dot is our own planet from very, very far away," she says. "Instead of seeing continents and oceans and clouds, there is only a dot of light. To this day, it's the furthest-away photo we have of our planet; you see just a tiny dot suspended in the huge vast blackness of space. So Carl Sagan wrote a beautiful poem about it—how it is fragile, and we need to take care of it." ■

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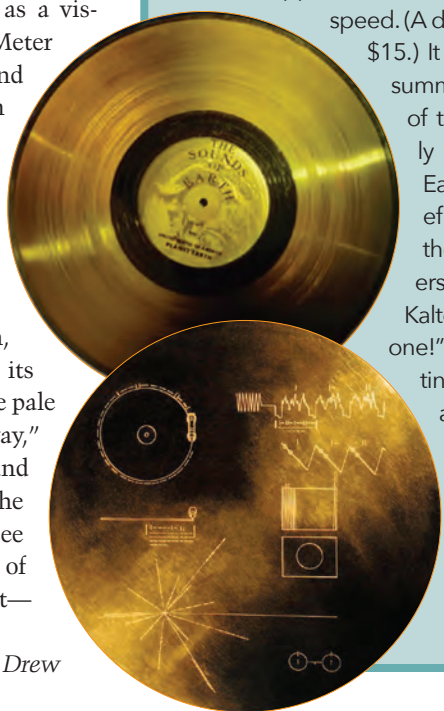
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### Sagan's message to the universe, on vinyl

It was dubbed the "Golden Record." When NASA launched the two *Voyager* spacecraft in 1977, they contained copies of a recording intended to encapsulate humanity—from greetings in various languages to a pygmy initiation song to samples of classical and pop music. In advance of the probes' fortieth anniversary, a commemorative version of the long-unavailable recording is being released. (Back in the day, even Sagan was turned down when he asked NASA for a copy; a recent *New York Times* story on the reissue includes a copy of the rejection letter.)

The reissue project was funded via a Kickstarter campaign, which raised more than \$1.3 million (from upwards of 10,000 backers), vastly outstripping its goal of \$198,000. For a pledge of \$98 or more, backers will receive a translucent, golden-colored, vinyl LP—actually three, because the original recording, on a gold-plated copper disk (left), was made at a non-standard speed. (A digital download can be had for \$15.) It is aimed to ship around next summer's anniversary of the launch of the probes, which are currently some 13 billion miles from Earth. The net proceeds will benefit the Carl Sagan Institute—and the Kickstarter's early backers included its director, Lisa Kaltenegger. "I already ordered one!" she says with a laugh, chatting in her Space Sciences office a few days after the campaign launched. "I was like, 'Oh, I want a record! Absolutely!'"

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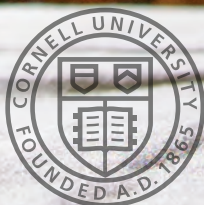
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# COLOR MY WORLD

Amanda Williams '97 made waves by painting derelict houses in her city's troubled neighborhoods, and the art world took notice



Architect-turned-artist Amanda Williams '97 grew up on Chicago's South Side, and her most celebrated work to date highlights some of the area's challenges in bold, richly hued fashion. Dubbed *Color(ed) Theory*, the 2015 project brought attention to the blight of abandoned houses in impoverished, crime-ridden neighborhoods—places that rarely get media coverage unless something bad happens. Working with a team of helpers just after dawn on Sundays, Williams would quickly paint a house that was scheduled for demolition—coating it, windows and all, in a single vivid color. The hues themselves were chosen to reflect things that are ubiquitous in the city's African American community, not all of them benign or uncomplicated: the purple of a Crown Royal liquor bag, the orange of Flamin' Hot Cheetos, the aqua of Newport menthol cigarettes, the bright yellow of a local check-cashing

chain, the pink of a familiar hair-care product, the red of a popular chicken shack.

Williams did the painting without getting permission from the city or the owners—a conscious choice that was part of the

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project's concept. "If I were to do the same exact act on the North Side or downtown, immediately there would be questions: 'Who sent you? Where are your permits? How do you have permission to do this?'" she says. "So it added these >

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**HOUSE PROUD:** Williams (opposite page) with an exhibit of images of her *Color(ed) Theory* structures. Above and below: Two of the homes she transformed.





**MULTI-MEDIA:** Williams's other work includes (clockwise from right) a laser-cut map entitled *Englewood IS Paris*; *It's a Gold Mine*, a sculpture of gilded bricks salvaged from demolished Chicago houses; and an oil-on-canvas painting, *The Ordeal*.



questions of value. How can we not value this enough so that anybody can come in and assume they have the right to do it, because nobody is concerned at all with this property or this block?" Choosing soon-to-be-demolished structures was also key, because it made the artwork ephemeral, for better or for worse. "If it was something that people were outraged by, it would be gone relatively quickly," she says. "And if it was something that the neighborhood fell in love with, it would also be gone relatively quickly." As it turned out, the response was overwhelmingly positive—so much so that in addition to the initial eight houses she'd planned to paint, she did six more as part of a civic effort in which she taught color theory to fifty neighborhood kids.

The project garnered considerable attention for Williams and her work—which also includes paintings and a series of laser-cut maps that explore the dichotomies between cities—and landed her a spot in the 2015 Chicago Architecture Biennial. On November 12, she'll be one of two dozen artists and organizations featured in "In Our Time: A Year of Architecture in a Day," a symposium at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art. (It's open to the public on a first-come basis, free with museum admission.)

Williams's current projects include a commission from the Pulitzer Arts Foundation and Washington University to build a temporary structure in St. Louis that will host arts events for six months. Debuting in May, it's a collaboration between Williams and fellow AAP alum Andres Hernandez '01. The project, like *Color(ed) Theory*, will allow Williams to merge art and architecture, which she'd practiced in the Bay Area for six years before moving home to Chicago but no longer pursues on a conventional basis. *Color(ed) Theory*, she says, had been "a really powerful way to bring these two passions of mine together." Previously, she says with a laugh, she was "secretly an architect and secretly an artist. If I was at a party for architects, I'd only talk about architecture. If I was at a party full of artists, I'd talk about art." ■

—Kitty Kemp

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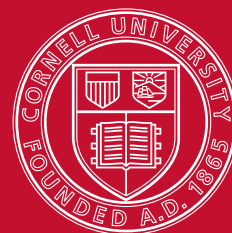
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# PET PROJECT

For two decades, Ithacans have flocked to the Vet college's low-cost clinic



There's a French bulldog named Bo, a Manx cat named Sweet Pea, and a mixed-breed pooch named Rumpelstiltskin who resembles a miniature pinscher. It's a chilly Wednesday night in September, and along with a couple of dozen other furry friends, they've come—with their humans in tow—to be checked out by a cadre of vet student volunteers in one of the University's most long-standing examples of community outreach.

Twice a month, on the second and fourth Wednesdays, the College of Veterinary Medicine hosts a healthy pet clinic at Southside Community Center in downtown Ithaca. For a mere \$20 per animal—which goes directly to the community center—local residents who otherwise might not be able to afford medical care for their dogs and cats get a bounty of services: a physical exam; blood tests for conditions like heartworm and feline leukemia; basic vaccinations; a year's worth

of preventives to guard against pests and parasites; even (if the critters are cooperative) a complimentary nail trim. The owners can have microchips implanted for a small additional fee, and the students hand out application forms for the local SPCA's low-cost spay/neuter clinic. "Out here, we see what we're going

**'We get to talk to clients and be the person who solves problems, to really help and make a difference,' says Allyson Davis, a second-year student and one of the co-directors of the clinic.**

to see in practice—different breeds of dogs, different temperaments, fractious cats and calm cats," says Allyson Davis, a second-year student and one of the co-directors of the clinic, which marks its twentieth anniversary this month. "It's great

PHOTOS: ROBYN WISHNA





for our students to experience that. We get to talk to clients and be the person who solves problems, to really help and make a difference."

Raising her voice to be heard above the cacophony around her, Davis admits that the scene in the clinic can come off as "controlled chaos": some dogs are barking, some cats are yowling, dozens of people are talking, and the ventilation and fluorescent lighting systems in the Southside gym are making an unholy racket. Kids are running around, with one little boy in light-up sneakers doing figure eights on the hardwood floor. Against one wall, owners are lined up in chairs waiting their turn—grateful that they arrived in time to be seen before the clinic hits its nightly thirty-pet limit. "I'm always impressed at how well the animals do," observes Brian Collins, DVM '94, the vet lecturer who supervises the clinic. "When you think about all the dogs and cats out here in this open room with all these people, it's amazing that very few of them lose their minds."

It may seem like a bit of a madhouse—but the vet students have it all under control. At each of seven exam tables, teams of at least two students—generally first- or second-years, who have more time in their schedules than upperclassmen do—are doing methodical physical exams, taking blood samples, conferring with clients, and administering vaccines for rabies, distemper, bordetella (kennel cough), and more. At another table, Davis and others are processing quick-response blood tests for heartworm, Lyme disease, feline leukemia, and the cat version of HIV; syringes filled with pastel-colored vaccines, recently reconstituted from powder, are arrayed on ice packs to keep cool. At an adjacent table are the preventives, all donated >



**RAINING CATS & DOGS:** At the twice-monthly clinic (clockwise from opposite page), students vaccinate a French bulldog; future vets examine a cat; pets and owners wait their turn; checking a canine heartbeat; and the scene in the Southside gym.





**ANIMAL MAGNETISM:** Students and their furry patients

to the Vet college, that the students collect after each exam and dispense to the clients, who tote them home in matching shopping bags. "It's fantastic for the students, because they don't get a whole lot of hands-on stuff at school; they don't get to be in charge of much, and that is a great feeling to have," says vet professor Lena DeTar, a shelter medicine faculty member who's attending her first-ever Southside clinic. "It also makes you a little more honest about what you know and don't know."

Collins notes that at the Vet college's teaching hospital, the faculty repeat each physical exam and check up on every decision a student makes; at Southside, by contrast, the veterinarians only intervene if the student doctors have a question. "The ani-

mal Magnetism: Students and their furry patients

sick, but not all vets do. There's no set protocol. So they probably should educate themselves, find a vet, and figure out a plan."

The Southside clinic isn't the Vet college's only outreach to underserved communities. Twice a year, its traveling clinics go to other parts of the state; recent destinations have included Albany, Rochester, Buffalo, and New York City, and this fall they're headed to the Onondaga Nation. Collins notes that since veterinary care is generally paid out of pocket, the trips and the Ithaca clinic allow the students to aid owners who may have far fewer financial resources that those they'll typically work with during training and in private practice. "They're seeing a part of the community that they may not see at the Vet school," says Collins, a former Ithaca vet who's also section chief of the college's Community Practice Service.

Each clinic runs from 6:30 to 9 p.m., with the line thinning out and the room quieting down as the evening goes on. At one point on this particular Wednesday, a hundred-pound greater Swiss mountain dog named Kona is splayed out on the floor, looking lazy but comfortable. When she gets up, she leaves behind a few blood splotches, having scratched off some scabs due to a flea allergy. Since the Southside events are "healthy pet" clinics, such conditions can be diagnosed but (beyond the distribution of preventives) not treated, as in the Lyme case, clients are advised to consult a veterinarian for follow-up. But Collins notes that just the existence of the Southside clinic may make owners more likely to seek continuing care. "If people can get the basics down—if they can go to the vet and say, 'My animal has had these vaccinations and is on these preventives,' there's less fear of judgment," he says. "Otherwise, people can be afraid to go."

At a nearby exam table, Ithaca resident Kathleen Newport is cuddling her three-year-old Yorkie-schnauzer mix, Lexie. In a soft-sided carrier are the dog's two tiny puppies, who are being examined and vaccinated before they go to their new homes. "It's a great clinic," says Newport, who has been coming to Southside for years with a variety of pets. "The students are very thorough, and the animals are getting the latest, greatest medicine. It's reassuring that I can bring them here and afford it and not worry about it. The only downside is waiting in line and hoping you're one of the first thirty, but I don't mind that. You get in line and make friends. Pet people are great people." ■

— L. P. Drew

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mals get care they wouldn't otherwise, and the students benefit because they get the training—talking to clients and interacting with the animals and conducting themselves," he says. "It's amazing how professional they are even at this young age."

Collins is off in a back corner of the gym, observing the students from a distance and weighing in when needed. At one point, second-year student Sarah Castle comes up and reports that one of her patients, a pitbull mix, has tested positive for Lyme.

"What can you tell me about how you get Lyme disease?" he asks, employing the Socratic method.

"From ticks," she says.

"And what happens when animals get sick from Lyme disease?"

"They're lame."

"Yes," he says, "the most common clinical sign is lameness. They also might be lethargic or feverish. They can get kidney failure; it's less common, but it can happen. We can't do anything about it here, but I recommend they do some research online. I believe in treating asymptomatic dogs before they get





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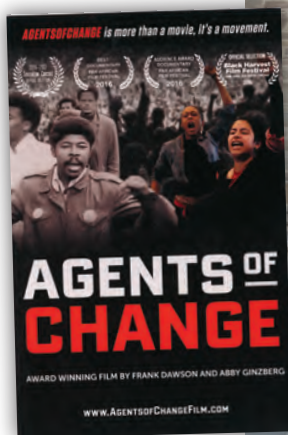
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# ACTION MOVIE

Alums' documentary revisits the 1969 Straight takeover



**PRESENT & PAST:** Left: Ginzberg (left) and Dawson in front of the Straight today. Above: The classic image of the occupiers leaving the building after coming to an agreement with the University; Dawson was among them, holding not a rifle but a bayonet fashioned by taping a knife to a pool cue. Far left: The movie poster.

**I**t was a meta moment. In September, a documentary film about the Willard Straight Hall takeover played at Cornell Cinema—in Willard Straight Hall.

The hour-long film, *Agents of Change*, explores the events of April 1969, when African American students occupied the Straight—eventually arming themselves with smuggled-in guns after repelling an incursion by white fraternity brothers. The event made worldwide headlines and won a Pulitzer for the AP photographer who'd captured the seminal image of the armed occupiers leaving the building, which was bedecked with a welcome banner for Parents' Weekend.

The film was a passion project for its director/producers, Frank Dawson '72 and Abby Ginzberg '71. Despite sharing a major—government—and being one class year apart, the two had never known each other on campus. They met seven years ago, when a fellow Cornellian suggested they team up to make a film about the takeover, an event that had been life-changing for both. He was one of the black students occupying the building; she was a white member of Students for a Democratic Society marching in solidarity outside. “We had no idea it would escalate into something that we’d still be talking about today,” says Dawson, now an associate dean at Santa Monica College, sitting with Ginzberg

on the sunny Willard Straight terrace during a recent visit to campus. “There was no sense that this would be something historic. Not at all.”

Before shifting to academia, Dawson had a two-decade career as a TV executive at NBC and CBS. Ginzberg is an award-winning documentarian who has made a half-dozen films on social justice topics. The idea of revisiting the events of 1969 seemed like fate, and they formed a creative partnership with

**‘We felt the film could tell an untold story,’ says co-producer/director Abby Ginzberg ’71. ‘We were filling a gap by telling a story about the convergence of the civil rights movement and the black power movement on college campuses.’**

a handshake. “We felt the film could tell an untold story,” she says. “We were filling a gap by telling a story about the convergence of the civil rights movement and the black power movement on college campuses.”

*Agents of Change* places the Straight takeover in the context of its era, when colleges and universities were becoming more





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**STUDENT DAYS:** Dawson (front row center in photo at right) with undergrad friends. Below: Ginzberg (front row, second from right) marching in solidarity during the takeover. Opposite page: Ginzberg (center) and Dawson (at left) at a panel discussion following a screening at Cornell Cinema in September.



racially inclusive but often resisting the academic and cultural changes that a more diverse student body would inevitably require. (The movie's first half is devoted to a 1968 protest at San Francisco State, where demands for a black studies program led to a lengthy strike, violent confrontations, and criminal prosecutions.) It features interviews

with more than a dozen alumni and former administrators including then-provost (and later president) Dale Corson, widely admired as a voice of reason who helped resolve the crisis without bloodshed. "This was a touchy situation," Corson, who passed away in 2012, tells the camera. "There were deputy sheriffs downtown, everyone well armed. There was a group of [about 100] students in the Straight, most of them without experience with firearms. I had a strong fear that if we went through another night—it would be the second night of the students in that building—somebody was going to get killed."

In 1963, as the film notes, Cornell had 11,000 students—and just twenty-three of them were black. By 1969, the number had risen to 250; *Agents of Change* recounts the prejudice that some of them faced. Jacque Jones '69, BS '75, MBA '75, describes being the only black person in her engineering classes and being shunned by potential lab partners; Irene Smalls '71 recounts an infamous incident in which black women who were straightening their hair were reported for smoking marijuana by dormmates unfamiliar

**'I had a strong fear that if we went through another night—it would be the second night of the students in that building—somebody was going to get killed,' then-provost Dale Corson says in the film.**

with the odor of pressing oil. Harry Edwards, PhD '73, then a Woodrow Wilson Scholar studying for a doctorate in sociology, recalls being asked by a faculty member, "Can you read? Can you write? Have you ever written anything longer than a letter?"

Events came to a head after a cross was burned on the lawn of Wari House, a residence for black women. "That was the *coup de grace* in terms of taking us to a higher emotion level," Eric Evans '69 says in the movie. "We were all angered. We were all ready to do something." The filmmakers go on to take viewers inside the Straight, describing the events in the occupiers' own words, which are often poignant and revelatory. "I remember going over to a little corner in the Straight by myself and just saying, Well, other people have given their lives so that my people could study and move forward with their lives," says Jackie Davis-Manigaulte '72. "And if I have to sacrifice my life to move that movement forward, then that's what I'll have to do."

The documentary had its world premier at the Pan African Film & Arts Festival in Los Angeles in February 2015 and has had numerous screenings at universities, festivals, and theaters. Showings are ongoing, with one set for Chicago on November 11; Jones will be on hand to answer questions. The screenings are often followed by a Q&A or panel discussion—and to the filmmakers, they're an essential part of the viewing experience.

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"A kid in Louisiana asked a question the other day: 'Why do you think it's so much harder for me as a young black man today than it was in 1969?' " Ginzberg recalls. "Is it that much harder? I don't know. But it provoked twenty people from the audience to tell him about their experiences in 1969. So it doesn't even matter whether it's true. He got this outpouring of attention and care because he asked a really honest, hard question. If a film can do that in different parts of this country, that's big. Long after the film is done, a dialogue has been opened."

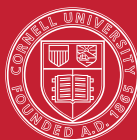
The filmmakers are well aware that their movie is nothing if not timely: the struggles of 1969 continue today, in the form of Black Lives Matter and related movements. Indeed, on the weekend that the movie was screened at the Straight—and a plaque commemorating the original site of the Africana Studies and Research



Center, at 320 Wait Avenue, was dedicated—protests were roiling Charlotte, North Carolina, following the latest death of a black man at the hands of police. "There's something about this moment that is very precious," Ginzberg observes. "I feel honored to have a product in the world that has the capacity to provoke the right kind of discussion—one that is both interracial and intergenerational." Adds Dawson: "We finally got this film completed when it is so necessary and important, and it's being much appreciated for its ability to begin the conversation that needs to happen in this country regarding race. So the timing could not be better." ■

—Beth Saulnier

Plans are in the works to make *Agents of Change* available via streaming. For more information, including screening dates, go to [agentsofchangefilm.com](http://agentsofchangefilm.com).



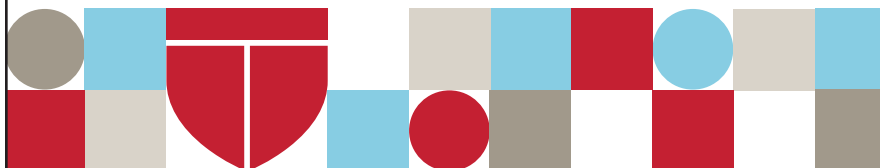
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# SCREEN TEST

Jonathan Turell '81 helms home video's august Criterion Collection



**W**hen you enter the offices of the Criterion Collection just off Manhattan's Union Square, there's no mistaking the company's line of work. Movie posters cover the walls of the reception area, advertising such classic films as *La Dolce Vita*, *Nashville*, *Satyricon*, *Persona*, and *The Man Who Knew Too Much*. On the coffee table, near

some vintage video equipment, is a stack of handsome hardcovers including *The Wes Anderson Collection*, *The Ingmar Bergman Archives*, and *Essential Art House: 50 Years of Janus Films*.

The latter is particularly close to the heart of Jonathan Turell '81, whose office is just down the hall (behind the giant poster for *Citizen Kane*). The former history major grew up in the film distribution business, the son of an owner of Janus, the venerable distributor of international art house fare that brought such classics as *The Seventh Seal*, *La Strada*, and *Yojimbo* to American audiences.

Since the mid-Eighties, Turell has been a partner in and CEO of Criterion—the creator of exhaustively curated editions of what he calls “exemplary” movies, those that are fine examples of their genres. Criterion, in other words, doesn't limit itself to highbrow classics; the posters in the lobby include the likes of *Repo Man*, *The Fisher King*, and *Eraserhead*. Criterion released the original *Ghostbusters* on laserdisc and did a DVD of the beloved mockumentary *This is Spinal Tap*, complete with commentary from director Rob Reiner and three of the actors. Its current offerings include the 1964 sci-fi flick *Robinson Crusoe on Mars*, in part

because it was one of Turell's dad's favorites. “Our mission is to present movies as filmmakers want them to be seen,” says Turell. “We stand behind that. That's why whenever we release a film by a living filmmaker, their signature is on our box.”

Criterion's packages include the best possible print of a film in terms of quality, but also myriad other features. Its Blu-Ray of Alfred Hitchcock's 1935 thriller *The 39 Steps*, for example, boasts not only a high-definition digital restoration of the film itself, but audio commentary by a Hitchcock scholar, a documentary on the director's prewar career, a 1966 TV interview with Hitchcock, the broadcast of a radio adaptation, original production design drawings, and more. “In many ways,” Turell observes,

“I like the details of filmmaking as much as the films themselves.”

It was one of those filmic details that first drew Turell to his métier. After undergrad, Turell—not having motivated himself to apply to law or business school, his presumed paths—went to work for his dad at Janus. It was the early Eighties, the dawn of both home video and national cable channels, some of which focused on classic films. It was his job to travel around buying back the rights to the films that they'd sold in individual TV syndication >

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## ON THE HILL . . .

**MAJOR:** History

**FRATERNITY:** Lambda Chi Alpha (president)

**ACTIVITIES:** Season hockey tickets; student bridge club president. (“I worked harder, and thought harder, during my bridge club nights than I did during almost any class.”)

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markets so they could then be resold to national channels, offering him a crash course in a niche of the movie distribution business. One day, a colleague showed him *Citizen Kane* on laserdisc—the twelve-inch, optically read platters that were then state-of-the-art in terms of home video quality—and pointed out something remarkable about the opening sequence: as the camera travels throughout Charles Foster Kane's estate and into his bedroom where the dying magnate utters his final "Rosebud," the light seems to come from precisely the same place. "If you watch it in slow motion, the light never changes," Turell marvels. "The way Welles shot it, it's in the same spot in the frame; the light is always there. I said, 'This is really cool.' And I got hooked."

Turell was fascinated by how laserdisc technology allowed the viewer to have a more intimate relationship with a film—not only through freeze frame and slow motion, but the inclusion of supplemental materials like scripts and story boards. *Citizen Kane* went on to become the first Criterion release, in 1984, swiftly followed by *King Kong*. Laserdisc eventually gave way to DVD, Blu-Ray, and online video-on-demand (with a brief foray into CD-ROM, a format in which it offered the Beatles' *A Hard Day's Night*). Criterion entered the streaming market five years ago as an add-on to Hulu Plus subscriptions; as of this fall it's migrating to Film Struck, Turner Classic Movies' new streaming channel. Members will have access to more than 300 Criterion movies in any given month, and a premium subscription to Film Struck's Criterion Channel will offer the company's entire streaming catalog, with prominent directors serving as guest curators. "I'd say we're media agnostic," Turell says. "We're about the content and finding the best way to present it."

Day to day, Turell focuses on the business side of Criterion, while his partner—whose own father was Turell's dad's partner in Janus, Criterion's sister company—concentrates on the editorial end. But, as Turell observes with a laugh, "I know much more about editorial than I let on, and he knows much more about business than he lets on." Asked if he's always been a movie buff, Turell shakes his head. "I'm more of a movie fan than the average person, and there are movies that I love," he says, "but I'm probably the least movie buff of the fifty people who work at Criterion. I try to keep us grounded."

Still, Turell's personal movie memories are varied and colorful. He recalls seeing Billy Wilder's 1953 POW drama *Stalag 17* at Ithaca's State Theatre as an undergrad—and being so enraptured by it that he went back three more nights in a row. As a kid, he showed his family's 16mm print of the Harold Lloyd silent comedy *The Freshman* to an entire gradeschool auditorium, and the crowd went wild. "That had an impact on me forever," he says. "It made me realize the power of the movies and of a crowd. As much as Criterion is a home video company, we say the best way to watch a movie is still in a big, dark room with strangers."

And then there was the time he screened a movie for his middle school friends during a co-ed party in his family's attic. The feature was—of all things—*A Night to Remember*, the 1958 drama about the sinking of the *Titanic*. Grave subject matter, to be sure—but still no match for adolescent hormones. "It turned out to be a makeout party," he remembers with a laugh. "It was a dark room, and there were a bunch of eighth graders. What can I say?" ■

—Kitty Kemp

## Film Faves

**CAM asked Turell to list his most beloved movies (in no particular order)**

**LA CAGE AUX FOLLES (1978)** "The first time I saw it was at the Pyramid Mall in Ithaca. Laughed so hard I fell on the floor."

**FOR ALL MANKIND (1989)** "The best movie made about the Apollo moon missions, ever. I was lucky enough to get involved before it was finished and made lifelong friends with director/writer Al Reinert."



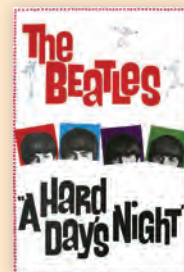
**THE FRESHMAN (1925)** "I brought this into my elementary school on 16mm when I was in sixth grade and showed it in the auditorium. Three hundred kids were standing and screaming for the last twenty minutes. That has stuck with me my whole life."

**FORBIDDEN GAMES (1952)** "Planned on watching only two minutes to spot-check video quality, and got hooked

and didn't blink for ninety-seven minutes. The kids are still amazing, as is the importance of the story."

**A HARD DAY'S NIGHT (1964)** "Our laserdisc release of this film presents some of the most beautiful images I've ever seen on screen. And the music..."

**A NIGHT TO REMEMBER (1958)** "The best *Titanic* movie. No Rose and Jack, but as true as you can get to Walter Lord's book."



**THE IN-LAWS (1979)** "Serpentine! Need I say more? Having lunch with Peter Falk and discussing this movie was one of my career thrills."



**HERE COMES MR. JORDAN (1941)**

"I watched it over and over again with my parents. I fell in love with Claude Rains."

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**ARTIST (1979)** "It's a wonderful documentary about an amazing person—and my father won the Academy Award for [producing] it."

**THE LADY VANISHES (1938)** "I've seen this more times than any other in the Criterion Collection. We showed it for Janus's fiftieth anniversary, and I wrote 'Miss Froy' on the window of a train the first time I was in London."

**RASHOMON (1950)** "I think my first foreign film experience, and still one of the best ever made. I love how it's now part of the English language."



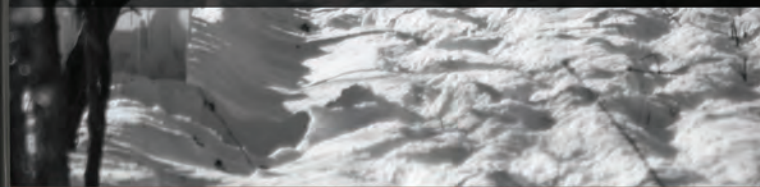




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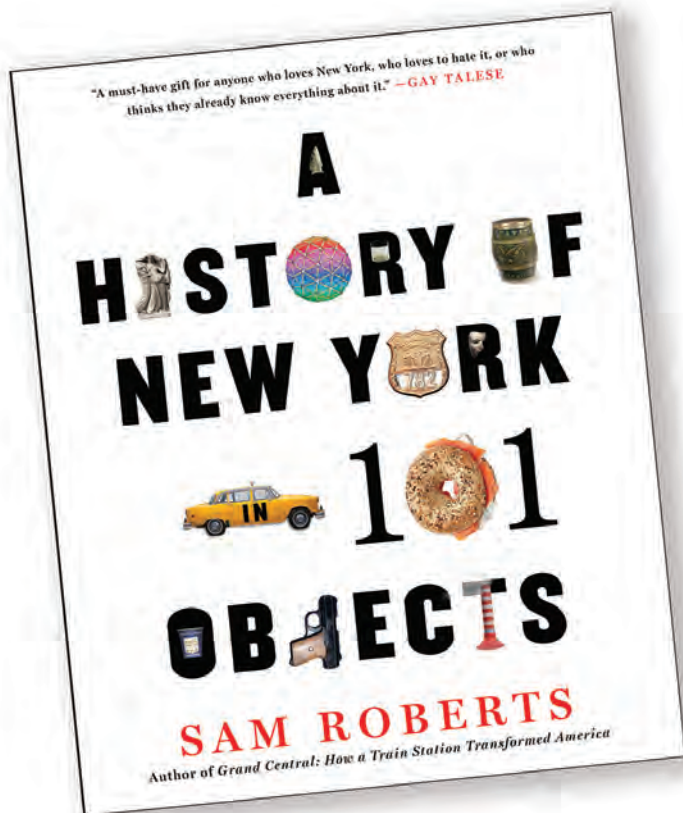
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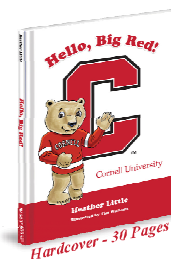




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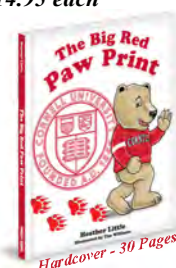


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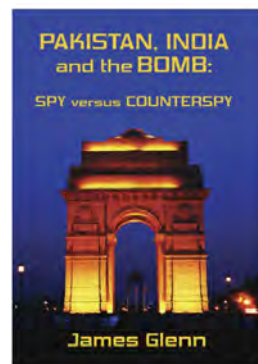


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James Glenn '59, BME '60

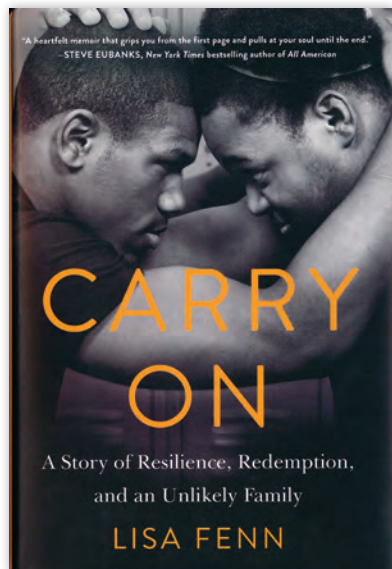
In this 1970s novel a Pakistani professor turned spy and the CIA head in New Delhi struggle to prevent Mrs. Gandhi's India from detonating its first atomic bomb. An American sales rep inadvertently gets involved in this international intrigue.

James Glenn lived and worked in India for four years for an American company.

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# New Releases



## Carry On

LISA FENN '97

In 2009, Emmy-winning ESPN producer Fenn went to her hometown of Cleveland to pursue a lead about two young men whom she'd read about in the local paper. Wrestlers in an impoverished school district, both were significantly disabled: one, named Dartanyon, was homeless and legally blind, while Leroy had lost his legs after being run over by a train when he was eleven. The two were nearly inseparable, with Dartanyon often carrying Leroy through the school hallways on his back.

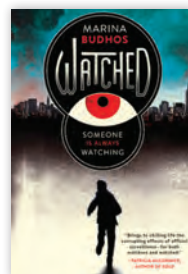
When Fenn's human-interest story on them aired to more than four million viewers on ESPN, it sparked an outpouring of support and generosity including video game consoles, concert passes, NFL tickets, first-pitch honors at the Cleveland Indians game, new shoes for the entire wrestling team, and enough money for both to attend college. But with no bank accounts or computers, the teens had no direct way to benefit from much of it. That's when Fenn became involved in their lives on a much more intense and hands-on way than she'd ever anticipated. "On a basic level, Dartanyon needed food and clothing. Leroy needed a new wheelchair," Fenn writes in her memoir, which chronicles her efforts to help the two young men and the ways in which her relationship with them changed her life. "Both boys would require medical checkups, college application fees, laptops, beds, and desks. I would make the to-do lists, write the checks, and take down the mighty walls of poverty brick by brick."



## The Psychedelic Gospels

JERRY BROWN, PHD '72

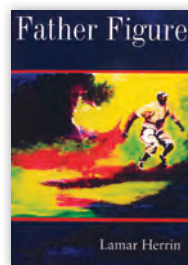
Elements of Medieval Christianity have been depicted in elaborate and varied works of art throughout the centuries. But many viewers have likely overlooked the fact that some of these paintings contain—hidden in plain sight—images of psychoactive mushrooms. In this book, subtitled "The Secret History of Hallucinogens in Christianity," the retired professor of anthropology at Florida International University and his wife detail their decade-long journey across continents to uncover and catalogue psychedelic references in religious works. "While our findings are startling," they write, "our intention is not to question people's faith in Christianity but to uncover a mystery that we believe applies to many religions."



## Watched

MARINA BUDHOS '83

Budhos's novel delves into the life of a teenage boy in Queens who's coping with the realities and perils of being an American Muslim in the post-9/11 era. When a careless mistake escalates into shoplifting charges and worse, he's offered a deal: face the consequences, or feed the authorities information on his friends and community. At first he sees this as an opportunity to be a hero, but he soon realizes that the implications of his bargain are far more complicated. *Publisher's Weekly* called this thriller "a stirring novel about coming of age amid intensive police surveillance and racial profiling."



## Father Figure

LAMAR HERRIN

In the latest novel from the professor emeritus of English, the adult son of a former small-town "it" couple attempts to reconcile his father's two personalities—the one he has always known, and the one he's only heard about. As a young man, the father had been a handsome, popular varsity athlete, purportedly close to being called up to play professional baseball. But after losing a leg in World War II, he became a bitter, spiteful man who bore little resemblance to his previous self. Herrin's past novels include *The Lies Boys Tell*, *Fractures*, and *The Unwritten Chronicles of Robert E. Lee*.



## The Grand Tour

ADAM O'FALLON PRICE, MFA '14

Price's debut novel—which *Kirkus* called "an acridly witty portrait of the artist in decline"—centers on an aging, overweight, unsuccessful writer with a drinking problem. He spends his days in monotony in a Phoenix trailer park—until his memoir about his military service becomes a smash hit. It launches him into sudden fame and sends him on a long book tour, escorted by an aspiring author who is his biggest fan. As they travel the country, the cynical scribe and his idealistic guide develop an unlikely friendship.



# Big Red Highlights



**OLYMPICS** Cornell was well represented during the Summer Games in Rio by seven athletes and two coaches. Former Big Red fencer **Greg Massialas '78** had the most success, coaching the United States men's foil team to a bronze, its first Olympic medal since 1932. Men's track and field coach Adrian Durant led the U.S. Virgin Islands team, which included **Muhammad Halim '08**, who competed in the triple jump. Two former Big Red rowers just missed earning medals. **Alex Karwoski '12**, now an assistant rowing coach on the Hill, finished fourth as a member of the men's eight crew, and **Tracy Eisser '12** was fifth in the women's quadruple sculls. Other alumni participants were Nigerian shot putter **Stephen Mozia '15**, Spanish sprinter **Bruno Hortelano-Roig '13**, **BS '14**, and American hammer thrower **Rudy Winkler '17**, who qualified by winning the event during the U.S. Olympic trials.

**MEN'S GOLF** Fresh off his Ivy title in the spring, **Luke Graboyes '17** competed in the U.S. Amateur in August, the leading amateur golf tournament in the country. He shot a solid 72 in the first round of play at Oakland Hills Country Club in Michigan before shooting an 82 on the second day. Graboyes earned his way into the 312-man field by taking second in a qualifying event in Scotch Plains, New Jersey.

**WOMEN'S HOCKEY** Three Big Red players were named to the 23-member Canadian National Women's Development Team during the summer. **Hanna Bunton '17**, **Micah Hart '19**, and **Kristin O'Neill '20** played in a three-game series against the U.S. in August and will compete for spots on the team that will compete in the 2017 Nations Cup in January.

**TRACK AND FIELD** The North American, Central American, and Caribbean (NACAC) U-23 Championships took place in El Salvador in July, with three Cornellians earning medals. **Stephen Mozia '15** won the shot put with a Nigerian national record throw of 68 feet, 3-3/4 inches, while **Rudy Winkler '17** was second in the hammer throw and **Taysia Radoslav '18** helped Canada earn a bronze in the 4x400-meter relay.

**FOOTBALL** To celebrate 80 years of issuing its weekly college football polls, the Associated Press ranked the top 100 college football programs of all time, using a formula based on its 1,103 polls. Cornell earned the 72nd spot in the all-time rankings, second best in the Ivy League, largely based on its success near the middle of the 20th century. The Big Red is the only Ivy team to have held the top spot in a weekly AP poll, spending four weeks there in 1940.

**GOOD SPORTS** (clockwise from right): Stand-out athletes Graboyes, Bunton, and Radoslav.



**MEN'S ROWING** Three recent grads took part in the World Rowing Under 23 Championships in Rotterdam in August. **Michael Colella '16** and **Cuyler Hamilton '16** made up half of the United States' men's four boat, which finished fourth overall, and **Greg Davis '16** was a member of the men's eight boat that placed tenth.

**WOMEN'S HOCKEY** **Cassandra Poudrier '16** became the sixth Cornellian to be selected among the top ten picks in the Canadian Women's Hockey League Draft when she was taken tenth overall by Montreal's Les Canadiennes. **Taylor Woods '16** was a fifth-round pick of the Brampton Thunder.

**MEN'S LACROSSE** Former Cornell star **Rob Pannell '12**, **BS '13**, continues to rack up laurels. This time he picked up Offensive Player of the Year honors in Major League Lacrosse after collecting a league-record 74 points on 42 goals and 32 assists. Pannell is the first Ivy League alum to win the award, which is voted on by MLL coaches and general managers.

## Coaching Changes

**MEN'S LACROSSE** **Jordan Stevens '15** has returned to his alma mater as an assistant coach, replacing Chris Kivlen, who became head coach at Quinnipiac. Stevens was a two-time unanimous first-team all-Ivy pick during his playing career.

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# LOUD & PROUD

**The Lynah Faithful, and the weird and wonderful traditions of Big Red men's hockey fandom**

**W**hen Big Red men's hockey coach Mike Schafer '86 and his staff are trying to convince promising players to choose Cornell, they have an ace up their sleeves. On top of the University's status as an Ivy League school, the top-notch education it offers, and the Hill's many fine facilities, there is this: the most rabidly, vocally loyal fan base in all of college hockey. "It's a big part of our recruiting, when we get kids to see a game here," says Schafer. "It's one of the big reasons why they want to come."

Schafer, of course, knows the thrill of playing in front of the Lynah Faithful firsthand: a defenseman, he lettered all four years, was captain for two, and led the team to the ECAC Championship his senior year. "The environment that exists with the cheers and enthusiasm that the Lynah Faithful bring is tough to describe," says Schafer, noting the crowd's combination of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and local residents. "You have to experience it. It's once in a lifetime. Other teams have great crowds and great rinks, but it doesn't exist in the same type of environment. The bond between our players and the Lynah Faithful is something special."

Schafer—who has helmed the team since 1995 and holds the distinction of being Cornell men's hockey's winningest coach—notes that many former players say that the two of the most memorable moments in their college hockey careers are the first time they played in front of the Faithful and their last game, when fans bid them goodbye. At the end of every home game, players salute the Faithful by raising their sticks before exiting the ice. "They are big contributors to our experiences as players, and acknowledging them is a way of giving thanks for making our experiences so incredible," says Topher Scott '08, a forward who played pro hockey after graduation and served as an assistant coach under Schafer from 2010 to 2016. "I've played in a lot of different places and in front of a lot of different people, and playing at Lynah in front of the Faithful was the best. The atmosphere and the enthusiasm that they bring to every game is something I've never seen anywhere else."

As hockey season gears up, CAM offers a tribute to the Faithful, in words and photographs: some cheers, some memories, and even a Lynah love story.



**"The crowd's enthusiasm sometimes makes it feel like we're almost a seventh man on the ice."**

— JEFF ANBINDER '94







**"You can't get a true appreciation of how loud the Lynah Faithful are until you try to talk to your players on the bench. During the game when the fans really get going, you've got to yell and scream at your guys, even when they're only a few feet away, just for them to hear you."**

– COACH MIKE SCHAFER '86



## THE ANNOUNCER

He has been the voice of Lynah Rink for more than a generation. In 2016–17, Arthur Mintz '71 marks his thirtieth season as the announcer for Big Red hockey. A math major on the Hill, Mintz spent his career in information systems at Cornell. He's retired from his day job—but still going strong announcing the games' lineups, plays, time, and much more. "I am not a cheerleader," Mintz says. "I am not one of those guys who screams at the top of his lungs. I just try to tell people what's going on as accurately as I can." For every home game, Mintz arrives about ninety minutes ahead to make sure he's got the lineups straight and can correctly pronounce the names of the opposing players. And he has wrangled with some doozies, particularly for squads visiting from abroad. "Over the years," he says, "Cornell has blessed me with bringing in teams from Sweden, from Poland, from Russia. It gets interesting." Among his favorite Big Red player names: Mike Sancimino '96, the center whose mellifluous moniker inspired the Faithful tradition of echoing the name of the goal scorers and assisters after Mintz announces them. But all in all, he says, "I am best served by having a very short memory, because there is always new stuff I have to learn. To be a good announcer, I can't dwell on something that happened a week ago or last period. I have to be in the moment."



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– BRANDON BYCER '11



### O, CANADA

"Singing the Canadian anthem makes us a bit quirky," says Geoffrey Rosenthal '14, "but it's such a nice gesture to our recruiting history—a nod to a time when Cornell was willing to recruit Canadians while a certain school that rhymes with 'Rharvard' was not. It's also recognition of the fact that a substantial portion of our team hails from Canada."

# FATHER OF THE COWBELL.

It sits on a shelf in Neil Cohen's house in Sandy, Utah: the cowbell that started it all. As a freshman drummer in the Pep Band in fall 1968, Cohen '72 got the idea to repurpose a cheer from his high school. He bought a bell, brought it to the next hockey game, and inaugurated the Cowbell Cheer: the thumping of the bell punctuated by a raucous, "Fight!" And the rest is history. "It kind of caught on," says Cohen. "I played it for two years in the Pep Band and it was quite a phenomenon. The whole rink would get up, clap, and yell 'Fight.'"



Cohen kept playing the cowbell during his tenure as the Big Red Bear his junior and senior years. Then he graduated and moved out West. "I packed the cowbell away and never gave it another thought," he says. Two decades later, he was shocked to learn that the cheer remains a key part of every home hockey game. He unpacked his instrument, and recorded his version of the cheer for eLynah.com. "I brought the cowbell to my 25th Reunion," he recalls. "I walked into Lynah and started playing it—and people walked up to me. 'Are you the guy? The original cowbell guy?'" Cohen has been in touch with University Archives about donating the bell: "I think Cornell should have it."



**"The student section is loud and always cheering for the Big Red; we also never sit during game time. The chants get the students going, and the cowbell adds to the fun."**

— LAUREN BLACKER '17,  
in her second year as cowbell player



## MINTY FRESH

Cornell fans throw empty toothpaste boxes on the ice at games against arch-rival Colgate; their fans toss Big Red gum.



**"When I started dating my now-husband (Jon Schoenberg '03, MEng '03, PhD '11), he was the skating bear, and it took me several games to figure out that the reason he disappeared during the intermissions was because he was out on the ice in a bear costume! Needless to say, Cornell hockey has been a part of our life together since then."**

— KATIE NELSON SCHOENBERG '03, PHD '10







## THE ZAMBONI GUY

How many costumes does Lynah legend Dave Nulle have? Even he's not sure. "At one point I had over 300 hats. I have several closets basically full," says Nulle—going on to mention that he has outfits hanging from lighting fixtures.

Nulle is, of course, affectionately known as the Zamboni Guy—he's been driving Lynah's ice resurfacer (which is no longer actually a Zamboni) since 1989, and thrilling crowds with his elaborate array of costumes, from Elvis to a medieval knight to a pharaoh to a Founding Father. "I think it adds a certain amount of excitement," he says. "People tell me that there's this element of, 'What's he going to be wearing?' so that adds to making the experience in

Lynah different. People in other rinks don't get this." Among his sartorial rules: "Try not to wear the opponent's colors."

Nulle's many fans were worried that when he officially retired as a Lynah staffer in 2009 he'd have to give up the gig—but happily, he got dispensation to stay behind the wheel of his Olympia machine. "I really enjoy being part of the Cornell experience, and the Cornell hockey experience," Nulle says. "When I do the ice, it feels like the band is playing for me. When they play the Alma Mater and I'm at the center, and the students are swaying back and forth as they sing 'Far above Cayuga's waters,' it's really kind of nice."

**"I got hooked as a Cornell hockey fan as a freshman in spring 1967. The Glee Club had a concert in Cazenovia on the night the team played BU for the national championship in Syracuse. As soon as the concert ended we piled onto the bus, turned on our transistor radios, and listened to the end of the game on the way back to Ithaca. The roar from fifty singers rattling around the confines of a Swarthout and Ferris bus as the team secured the victory is imprinted in my memory—and became the foundation for a half-century of dedication to the Big Red."**

— B. J. JACOBSON '70

## THERE'S THE TICKET

*The many tales of scrambling for game tickets include this, from David Bilmes '78. He eventually passed on his Lynah fandom to his son, cowbell player Elie Bilmes '10:*

"I camped out overnight for season tickets my freshman year. My sophomore year, they had a crazy thing where they announced on different radio stations on a Sunday afternoon where to go to get a number to wait in line. As soon as they announced the location (the A. D. White House), you had students with transistor radios running as fast as they could from all over campus to get their numbers. Fortunately, they discontinued that system before anyone else could get hurt."



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# WAR OF WORDS

## A modest selection of Faithful cheers

**"BOOOOORING"** — Chanted when the opposing team's starting lineup is announced, as fans rattle newspapers and feign indifference. When it's the Red's turn, the Faithful crumple the papers and toss them on the ice.

**"SECTION O SUCKS"** — The Faithful's welcoming words to the section earmarked for visiting fans.

**"SAFETY SCHOOL"** — As eLynah.com puts it: "Funny against Harvard, Yale, and Princeton due to the absurdity of the cheer, as those are damn fine schools. Not as funny against schools that were safety schools for the average Cornellian."

**"SWANEE RIVER"** — When the tubas play the folk song behind the opposing team's bench during third period, fans punctuate it with, "Hey, [school]! Die! Go home!"

**GARY GLITTER** — The singer's "Rock and Roll Anthem, Part II" is the soundtrack for the traditional side-to-side claps punctuated by "You suck!" and "We're gonna beat the hell outta you! Rough 'em up! Rough 'em up! Go CU!"

**"GO START THE BUS"** — Chanted following the jingling of car keys when the Big Red is comfortably ahead.



## Don't opposing teams hate playing at Lynah?

Amazingly, former Cornell forward and assistant coach Topher Scott '08—who has numerous friends and former pro teammates who've played against the Big Red on the Hill—says it's just the opposite. "The guys I've talked to absolutely loved it. Cornell was their favorite place to come play. It's such a unique experience to be in front of that kind of crowd and it gets them really excited to play against us. They tell their families they've got to see a game at Cornell, because the crowd is just crazy." Scott, however, adds a caveat: "I've never talked to a goalie about it, though."



## PITY THE OPPOSING GOALIE

Traditionally, the Faithful have directed many of their most creative efforts at rattling the other team's goal tender. They include the "Remote Control Goalie," in which fans describe every action the goal tender is taking during play stoppages ("skate, turn, glide, stop, skate, bend over..."). And the vocal differentiation between a "goalie" (ours) and a "sieve" (theirs). And the finger-pointing chant "It's all your fault!" when the Big Red scores.

Then there's that classic meditation on physics:  
*"Hey [name], you're not a goalie, you're a sieve!  
 You're not a sieve, you're a funnel!  
 You're not a funnel, you're a vacuum!  
 You're not a vacuum, you're a black hole!  
 You're not a black hole, YOU JUST SUCK!"*



# WHY DO WE THROW FISH AT HARVARD?

**ON ELYNAH.COM, JOHN HAYES '98, MS '00, PROVIDES THE ANSWER:**

"They started it! On January 6, 1973, during a 5-2 Cornell win over the then number-one ranked Crimson in Cambridge, a Harvard fan walked up to the glass at Watson Rink and threw a dead chicken at Cornell net minder Dave Elenbaas '73. When Harvard came to Lynah five weeks later on February 18, 1973, the Faithful responded to the insult to our Ag school by pelting the Crimson players with fish. Even more fanatical members of the Faithful managed to sneak a live chicken onto the ice, which they then tied to Harvard's net during intermission. Cornell won the game 9-4 and went on to finish fourth at the NCAA tournament that season."



## FISH-SMUGGLING TALES

"I've always opted for shoving them in my pants (after they've been wrapped in newspaper) and then carefully making my way to Lynah. I've heard of people taping fish to their backs, shoving them in their bras, and taping them inside their sleeves. My favorite story I've heard is my friend who snuck in a shark in her walking boot, as she had broken her foot a few weeks prior."

— ANDREW DISTLER '15

"I would unzip the lining of my winter jacket, duct tape the bottom, slip the fish in, and zip it back up. This allowed the fish to sit comfortably within my jacket and for me to open the coat up and get by security. Most people that I know would stick the fish down their shirts or pants—which seemed significantly less comfortable."

— GEOFFREY ROSENTHAL '14

"I somehow managed to never smuggle fish into the Harvard game. I have seen several large fish appear out of pant legs in Lynah Rink, however."

— KATIE NELSON SCHOENBERG '03, PHD '10

"Mrs. Paul's fish sticks were an innovative 'substitute,' but in spirit only. Boxes of frozen seafood pose a real danger to the players and officials. For the tradition to stay meaningful, I'd like to see kids making a run on the fish at Wegmans and Tops."

— TOM TSENG '87, MENG '94







## LYNAH LOVE STORY

Jeff Anbinder '94 and Daina Schatz '03 were both avid Big Red hockey fans who not only attended home games but followed the team to away contests. "We'd even hung out with many of the same people in the same bars and restaurants before and after the games," he says, "but still never managed to meet." At last—on March 29, 2009—they found themselves in the same Manhattan bar, watching the Big Red play in the NCAA quarterfinals on TV. "Daina and I finally met," says Anbinder, "and although we will not speak of the outcome of Cornell's game against Bemidji State that night, we were dating a month later." He proposed atop Libe Slope in January 2012, a few hours before the Cornell/Harvard game; the scoreboard operator displayed congratulations. "Daina and I have little doubt," he says, "that we never would have met if not for Cornell hockey and the Lynah Faithful." The toppers on their wedding cake? The happy couple, clad in Big Red hockey jerseys.



## LIGHT SPEED

The family of CAM assistant editor Alexandra Bond '12 has had the same pair of season tickets—in row four of section K—for decades. Her dad, the late Chris Bond '71, BS '73, was a die-hard Big Red hockey fan who'd take her to Lynah when she was so little, she'd draw in her coloring book instead of watching the action. "On the drive to the game, we used to count red and green lights to predict who would win," she says. "Every green light was a point for Cornell; every red light was a point for the other team. But if there were ever more red lights, we'd switch the rules around."

**"Students will sometimes yell out a word or two to point out what seems to be an obvious fact. A player drops a stick? 'Stick! Stick! Stick!' An opposing team member makes a fuss because they're losing? 'Scoreboard! Scoreboard!' A referee makes a bad call that is clearly wrong? A curse word we aren't technically allowed to use in Lynah—but students will use it if the situation seems to call for it."**

— KERI FORNESS '15,

who inherited her love for Big Red Hockey from her parents,  
Lindsay Liotta Forness '84 and Robert Forness '87



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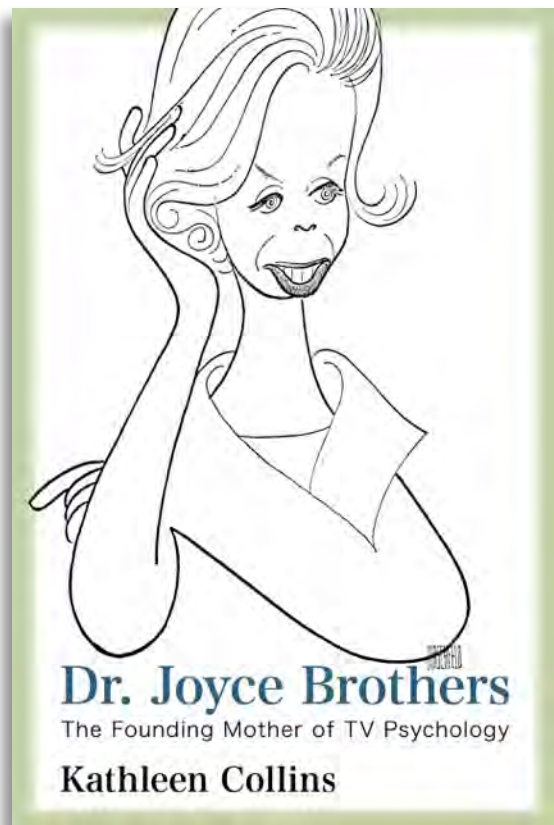


## With a new biography and a Cornell archive, Dr. Joyce Brothers '47 lives on

**W**hen, to mark Cornell's sesquicentennial in 2015, CAM concocted a fantasy dinner party featuring two dozen of the University's most prominent alumni, psychologist Joyce Bauer Brothers '47 was a shoo-in. Better known to the world as Dr. Joyce Brothers, the Human Ecology alum was a mainstay in the mass media for decades—first catapulting to public attention as a winner of “The \$64,000 Question” in 1955, then parlaying that fame into a career as talk show host, advice columnist, self-help author, and TV guest on shows from “Happy Days” to “The Simpsons.”

In September, Rowman & Littlefield published the first comprehensive biography of Brothers—a book that was partly researched at Cornell, home to the vast trove of personal papers that she donated to the University. During her decades-long career, Brothers was known as the “mother of media psychology”—a phrase so dear to her heart that, when she passed away in 2013 at age eighty-five, her family engraved it on her tombstone. “She wanted to leave a legacy and be remembered,” says her granddaughter Talya Arbisser '06, BA '08, who hosts Brothers's Facebook page, which the family established as a memorial the day she died. “Her shtick was offering sensible advice to help people, and a lot of that advice still holds true.” >

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# Media Maven

**An excerpt from a new biography ponders how psychologist Joyce Bauer Brothers '47 became a familiar presence in American living rooms**

**BY KATHLEEN COLLINS**

**H**aving established herself as comfortable on television on the quiz shows in the late 1950s, Dr. Joyce Brothers quickly summoned the bravura to try out a different kind of performance. In the 1960s, television was rife with variety shows including "The Ed Sullivan Show," "The Red Skelton Show," "The Carol Burnett Show," "The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour," and "Laugh-In." So at the very same time that she was carving out a niche as a media psychologist, Brothers also began weaving her way into the larger television tapestry.

Among her first ventures into the purely entertainment arena in the 1960s were the "Timex All-Star Comedy Show," "The Dean Martin Show," and "The Jack Benny Program." She guest-starred on a 1971 "Bob Hope Special" where she was dressed in a metallic mini-skirt and sparkly go-go boots, part of a harem of guests including Edie Adams, Zsa Zsa Gabor, and Angie Dickinson. To think that she would ever be on television in the company of these glittering stars was something she could only have dreamed of as a teenager at Far Rockaway High School in Queens, New York. In the 1970s and 1980s, Brothers's entertainment appearances proliferated. She seemed ubiquitous, mingling with the hottest stars of the day on variety shows and sitcoms, immediately identifiable with her perfect blonde coif, her professional but stylish suits and shirt-waists, and her gracious manner and seamlessly delivered refrains of "They've done studies . . ."

Employing the same tireless self-promotion she did for getting booked on talk shows, Brothers pitched ideas for self-casting on sitcoms and in variety and talk show sketches. Writers and producers capitalized on her recognizability, consistency, and likability. In the hands of an overzealous publicist, she may have tread on the precipice of overexposure, but Brothers deftly sprinkled herself in small doses throughout the TV environment and was always a welcome guest. Though she appeared on TV frequently, viewers never knew when or where she would surface, and it was a delightful surprise when she did; actors would have to pause for the studio audience's applause. When she appeared on "The Nanny" in 1997, Fran Drescher's character reacted with amazement. "Dr. Joyce Brothers!" she exclaimed as the studio audience boisterously applauded. Dr. Brothers explained that she was filling in for the regular doctor, to which Drescher replied, "Who cares about that loser? Was she ever on 'Hollywood Squares'?"

Celebrity cameos or "stunt casting," where a well-known figure appears in a small role to draw attention to a show, serves everyone involved—the producers and advertisers, the celebrity, and the audience. The showrunners wink at the viewers, and the viewers respond appreciatively by continuing to watch. It is another example of the



sympiosis in Brothers's career and another instance of the TV apparatus advancing her popularity and her goals. There exists no objective measure of what level of fame or off-label use meets the requirement to be considered a cameo appearance, but Brothers cleared any definition by miles.

Her recognizability, the fact that she had a very clear, familiar outline, both literally—a comfortingly static look and sound—and figuratively—she was the famous psychologist—was her calling card. “She didn’t change her hairdo for forty years,” says her daughter Lisa, “because that’s what Dr. Joyce Brothers looked like. She still had the same eyeliner line for forty years. That’s who she was. It was almost like putting on a costume.” Comedians used her as a prop, the way they might use a banana as a phone—funny because it’s a familiar object out of place. Stunt casting lived up to its name in more than one instance for Brothers. “She once cracked a rib jumping out of a window on some sitcom where she was supposed to land on a mattress and they didn’t have it in the right place,” says Lisa. People in the field of psychology might perceive such highjinks as improper, but in the field of broadcasting, that kind of willingness constitutes the ultimate professional. “She was a good sport,” says Lisa. “She would do whatever it took.”

Brothers was fully aware of being “used” as a gimmick or a prop, but it served her well, and she saw her position as an amusing and effective way to stay visible and often as an opportunity to share factual information in a candy-coated shell. “Even in situations like ‘Hollywood Squares,’ ” she once said, “everything I say is valid psychologically. It’s an opportunity to get little tips in.” Sometimes such roles were devoid of any nugget of psychological wisdom to take away. “Every once in a while I will do something with no socially redeeming value because I enjoy it,” she said. Because TV was where she lived, it was her workplace and her playground alike. “Psychology and television—I don’t even try to balance them,” she said. “I do those things that I find interesting. They either have a reason—because there’s something I want to get across to the public—or they have no reason other than my own fun, which I think is a perfectly legitimate thing to do. I just do what I want to do. If the people like it, that’s fine. If they don’t like it, that’s their problem. Not mine.”

Making the effort to be on screen as much as possible was a career survival mechanism that Brothers instinctively employed. It helped tremendously that she liked and excelled at what it took to be highly visible. Unlike a lot of entertainment “talent,” she was kept abreast and insisted on being aware of industry tools and inside trends. Her publicity manager regularly sent her the Arbitron weekly preview report of television audience estimates, news about who was who at the networks and program lineups, and a >



**SCREEN SHOTS:** Brothers's many TV appearances included (clockwise from left) “The \$64,000 Question,” “Happy Days,” “Taxi,” and “The Love Boat.”



**GUEST APPEARANCES:** Brothers on (counter-clockwise from left) “Frasier” (in which she shilled peanuts), “Police Woman,” “Conan O’Brien,” and “Suddenly Susan.”



copy of the Breakdowns, a subscription service for the TV and film business providing synopses, producers, and roles for each project. Long before it was public relations marketing gospel, Brothers followed the mantra, as entertainment PR veteran Michael Levine says, “In the world we live in, you cannot be credible unless you’re visible.”

Brothers’s appearances on TV sitcoms and late-night bits—she also made a number of feature film cameos—amped up her already robust popularity as

a psychologist and brought her down a notch from her cerebral platform because it showed that she was willing to play. Her presence in a TV series warmed audiences to her so that they would be more likely to trust her authority, and her credibility as a psychologist was not diminished in the slightest by such behavior. “These things sort of collectively make people comfortable,” Brothers said, “and then they’re willing

to accept the serious part, too.” Both roles—the comedic and the serious—were performances, a central fact she had learned from working in television, and Brothers understood that nurturing both was advantageous to her overall reputation.

Her fame transformed her into an icon that represented the field of psychology for a generation. TV programs used her for this purpose in a variety of ways, and her appearances in both comedies and dramas that continued into the 1980s and 1990s are too numerous to catalog here. She played herself or a psychologist role on shows such as “Police Woman,” “CHiPs,” “The Simpsons,” “Picket Fences,” and “The Larry Sanders Show,” in addition to character roles on “WKRP in Cincinnati,” “Married with Children,” “Melrose Place,” and “Suddenly Susan.”

Brothers’s unapologetic forays into the entertainment realm did more than shed light on her ambitious and enthusiastic character. She was also a conduit for demonstrating prevailing cultural attitudes about psychology. A good deal of Brothers’s appearances in comedic situations were opportunities to light-heartedly educate—quite often spoofing—about the profession for which she was an eager Trojan Horse. Brothers’s comfort with joking about psychologists was remarkable at a time when the nation was still unsure where they stood with psychology and even when her own career was still relatively new in the early 1960s. As Americans’ understanding and reception of psychologists and psychology evolved, so did the image of psychologists in pop culture.

While producers had no problem with Brothers’s steady television exposure, some in the psychology profession found it imprudent. Not surprisingly, there were those in the American Psychological Association who took issue with her acting capers. Fictional representations of psychologists did not always emerge as heroes, and psychologists would decry the ridiculing and juvenile depiction of psychologists in sitcoms >



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**ART IMITATES LIFE:** Brothers on “The Simpsons” (top), in a *Blondie* cartoon (above), and as a guest at CAM’s fantasy dinner party for the Cornell Sesquicentennial





# My Day With Dr. Joyce

**CAM's Brad Herzog '90 reflects on interviewing 'America's Psychologist'**

The eye of the storm. That's the dominant image that comes to mind when I reflect on my afternoon interviewing Dr. Joyce Brothers for a CAM cover story nearly two decades ago. We had parked ourselves at the dining room table in the middle of her thirtieth-floor apartment in Fort Lee, New Jersey. Ferocious late summer winds were rattling a nearby picture window and whipping up a froth on the Hudson River far below. And there before me sat a pop culture icon—straight-backed, slightly bashful, speaking so softly that I had to lean forward to hear her.

The maelstrom was indoors, too. A rotary phone clanged. The doorbell rang. Two female assistants scurried back and forth, their high heels echoing on the hardwood floors as they commuted between bushels of mail, seventeen rolodexes, and some 160 cross-indexed filing cabinets that filled two back rooms. It was controlled mayhem.

So my first insight into Joyce Brothers came swiftly: she was ubiquitous because she and her team were meticulous about making her so. Even in the twilight of her career, Brothers was still churning out daily newspaper columns and monthly magazine articles while consulting for various companies and making the talk show rounds. She showed me a list of recent appearance requests, ranging from Conan O'Brien to the Academy of Dermatologists. And that month had been particularly busy. The world was in the midst of mourning Princess Diana, who had died a couple of weeks earlier. In an attempt to make sense of it all, the media had once again turned to "America's Psychologist." "I'm so tired," she said. "I've been on the air almost continuously since two o'clock the morning of Diana's death."

This was September 1997. Brothers was nearly seventy, a fact that she'd have much preferred to have kept to herself. Even four decades after catapulting to fame on "The \$64,000 Question," she believed that her now-legendary appearance on that quiz show had been marred by one tactical error. "I told my real age," she told me, shaking her head. "If I thought I'd be famous forever, I would have lied."

Indeed, although her life was like a twentieth-century Bucket List—ride on *Air Force One*; dine with Sinatra; act with De Niro; pose for a photo with the Beatles; be pronounced "fabomundo" by the Fonz—it wasn't without regrets. Given that some described Brothers as the epitome of "famous for being famous," I expected her to put a positive spin on her biography for public consumption, but she was open about lamenting some of her choices in life.

They included skipping a few grades in school and matriculating at Cornell at age fifteen. Here she was, a paragon of knowledge—yet she confessed to me that she never properly learned her multiplication tables. And all those years after graduation, she remained embarrassed by her emotional immaturity on the Hill. "I was just a bitch," she said. (When she dropped the B-word, I nearly fell off my chair.) She also rued foregoing a psychiatry degree early in her career because her spouse, Milton Brothers '47, BA '48, was already pursuing an MD. "You didn't compete with your husband," she sighed. "I was a product of my time."

Of course, Brothers would go on to earn a PhD from Columbia and become a pioneer in psychology. In a 1969 college poll, she was named one of the ten most admired women in America, right alongside her own role model, Margaret Mead. In her role as the mother of media psychology, she told me, her goal had always been to provide information so that people "can make informed decisions themselves."

I recall that her living room boasted a table brimming with awards, and that they underscored the dichotomy of Joyce Brothers—pride tempered by a certain amount of humility. So alongside her Golden Gavel for



**STORE OF KNOWLEDGE:** Brothers at home in Fort Lee, New Jersey, with her famed filing cabinets, now part of her archive in the University Library

Excellence in Communication and Leadership were her late husband's squash trophies. Indeed, sometimes she could be simultaneously self-promoting and self-deprecating, like when she recalled the only time she'd ever spoken to Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis—about, of all things, how to remove their names from a particular promotional brochure. "Apparently, we both bought a bidet from the same company," she explained, "and to our horror we were listed as satisfied customers."

Well, it turns out that Joyce Brothers and I had something in common, too. Just thirty months after our interview, in a quirk of fate, I had my own quiz show moment. I found myself in the "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" hot seat across from Regis Philbin, having already told the program's producers about my afternoon in Fort Lee during a pre-show interview. "Wouldn't it be something if you won \$64,000," Regis said with a grin, "just like Dr. Joyce Brothers."

And that's exactly what happened—though, thanks to inflation, my sixty-four grand was worth considerably less in 2000 than hers was in 1958. My fame, as it turned out, lasted the proverbial fifteen minutes. Joyce Brothers? Hers lasted fifty years.

There was something old-fashioned and, in retrospect, refreshingly honest about the way Brothers's career developed and evolved. She came of age in a time when the American dream had not lost its luster.



**FAMOUS FACE:** Brothers (from top) on the cover of *Parade* magazine with the cast of "The Sopranos," on Fox TV with an M&M, on "Captain Kangaroo," and as Mother Goose in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.



for promoting an unprofessional image. Knowing that the public attitude toward psychology and psychologists was often based on fear or ignorance, practitioners were understandably careful about their reputation, and some were overly concerned about its potential for being discredited. The fact that Brothers was almost always presented in conjunction with her profession indicated, if not a mainstream acceptance of the field of psychology and an embedded place in American culture, then at least an interest in it. Her courage in taking serious topics lightly and embracing the educative and destigmatizing power of humor was a sign of Brothers's intelligence, emotional maturity, and self-confidence.

Brothers was equally willing to make fun of her own media omnipresence; on the "Sonny & Cher" show in 1977, she counseled King Kong, who was depressed because he hadn't been invited to his own movie premiere. Her unexpected irreverence was a favorite contrivance among writers. In a pitch-perfect self-reference on a 1993 episode of "Frasier" called "Selling Out," media psychologist

Frasier Crane was debating about whether or not to accept a lucrative TV commercial offer, struggling with the money vs. integrity conundrum. "If I allow myself to become a common pitchman," he said, "I lose all credibility." In the end, Crane bowed out of the ad where he was to pop out of a peanut costume, and it was Joyce Brothers who appeared in the ad.

As a young girl, Brothers had dreamed of being in show business. She relished and cherished her fame and never became jaded about nor abused it. She seemed to enjoy dolling up to go on the evening talk shows; she would often wear long, shimmery dresses, partial to light blue, always demure, never revealing. She moved as smoothly and elegantly as the starlets with whom she appeared, greeting the other guests with air kisses. Her entrance frequently extracted energetic whistles and hoots from the audience.

There was something old-fashioned and, in retrospect, refreshingly honest about the way Brothers's career developed and evolved. She came of age in a time when the American dream had not lost its luster, and though she may not have done so consciously, she followed its tenets unabashedly, never questioning that it was her birthright and believing in the benefits of hard work. She cleverly devised a way to earn money, became successful, sought fame, and held on tightly to all of it.

In the current climate of coveted (and often realized) instant fame, Brothers's path seems a relic. But then few celebrities today can claim a greater share of eyeball attention per capita than Brothers was able to garner or such powerful iconic recognizability. She was an archetype for the time period but can still serve as a role model for those graced with or befallen by fame. Above all, Brothers was the first TV personality to define and inhabit a new, more complex type of celebrity that transcended a specific profession or role. Her route to mega- and meta-celebrity status was a singular event, but one that brought to light the previously unknown possibilities of achieving and using fame. ■

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# Brothers's Keepers

**As the famed psychologist's family maintains her legacy online, her alma mater is home to her archived papers**

Dr. Joyce Brothers and her husband, Milton Brothers '47, BA '48, met and fell in love on the Hill. They had one child, a daughter—and she went to Princeton. So when, more than five decades after she graduated, one of her granddaughters matriculated into the Class of '06, Joyce was extremely pleased. "I remember how thrilled she was," recalls university archivist emerita Elaine Engst, MA '72, who occasionally worked with Brothers on the donation of her papers to the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections. Says that granddaughter, Talya Arbisser '06, BA '08: "Joyce loved Cornell, and she was super-duper involved while she was there. I have her Cornell charm bracelet, and she had charms for, like, every club on campus."

A Sigma Delta Tau sorority sister, Brothers double-majored in home economics and psychology—no easy feat at the time, Arbisser notes, because as a student in what was then the College of Home Economics, she was told that she couldn't major in psych, in Arts & Sciences. So, displaying the indefatigable nature that would serve her well in her future career, "she scoured the rule books and found some loophole that would allow her to double major in two different colleges," Arbisser says with a laugh—noting that the loophole was promptly closed thereafter.

During her decades as a media psychologist, Brothers and her secretarial staff amassed voluminous quantities of material—filling dozens of filing cabinets with research for her books and columns, keeping recordings of every TV appearance, safeguarding each award, and collecting hundreds upon hundreds of photos, from glamorous glossies to family snapshots. "Her file cabinets were so funny, because there were such random subjects in them," says another granddaughter, Ariel Arbisser '10. "They'd have, say, 'dentistry,' and everything she'd ever amassed on that. It was an incredible amount of information."

All of it—cabinets included—is now housed in the University Library, offering scholars what Engst calls "an exploration of social attitudes for almost the whole second half of the twentieth century." This fall, the library is dedicating staff time to creating a more streamlined, searchable guide to the papers, says Engst's successor, Evan Earle '02, MS '14. "It's a

massive collection—hundreds of boxes, at least 300 cubic feet," he says. "It's pretty well organized, but it needs more work to make it more usable for the public."

Having her psychological contributions live on after her was vitally important to Brothers, the Arbisser sisters say. That's why, although Brothers had both feet firmly in the analog world, the family has maintained a Facebook page in her honor. "One of her fears near the end was not to be as relevant for future generations," says Ariel. "We wanted to make sure there was a way for people to stay connected to her, for her to stay in everyone's memories." Ariel recalls that rather than being annoyed by autograph seekers, her grandmother—whom she and her siblings called "Baba Joyce," "Joyce," or "Joycie," but never "Grandma"—was always happy to interact with fans. "She was grateful every time someone came up to her," she says. "She liked to know that she'd helped people."



**BIG RED MEMORIES:** Brothers (from top) in Barton Hall at Reunion, posing for a student portrait, and on campus with her future husband. Her granddaughter Talya has Brothers's class ring (far left) and Cornell charm bracelet (bottom).









# FULL PLATE



**Chef Katie Button '05—a former engineering student who boasts two restaurants and a debut cookbook—has garnered widespread acclaim by bringing the flavors of Spain to a hip town in the American South**

**BY C.A. CARLSON '93, MFA '96**

It's a Friday night in Asheville, a booming tourist town in the mountains of western North Carolina, and every seat is filled at Cúrate (pronounced, as a sign on the window explains, "coo-rah-tay"). The tapas bar crowd is a mix of regulars stopping by for a Spanish lager and some *jamón*, other locals celebrating special occasions or just the end of the workweek, and out-of-towners drawn by the national press about Cúrate's executive chef and co-owner, Katie Button '05. Named a *Food & Wine* Best New Chef in 2015, Button is working Cúrate's open kitchen, ponytail swinging as she checks out plates of *patatas bravas*; later in the evening, she'll duck around the corner to Nightbell, a restaurant and cocktail lounge that's styled like a speakeasy and serves her spin on American cuisine.

The pace of Button's night matches that of her culinary career, which has taken her from her very first kitchen job to recognition by the food world in less than ten years. And this fall, she took another leap with the publication of her first cookbook, *Cúrate: Authentic Spanish Food from an American Kitchen*, released by Flatiron Books in mid-October. The publisher recruited Button after an editor ate at Cúrate and swooned for her authentic but highly personal and seasonal expression of Spanish flavors, rendered with precision and balance. Year round, the menu offers classics like *tortilla*, an egg and potato dish that resembles an Italian *frittata*—but Button also marks each summer with a watermelon salad featuring corn nuts (yes, like the gas-station snack). Her many Spanish customers can eat their >

**FESTIVAL OF FLAVORS:** Vegetable *paella*, one of dozens of recipes in the new cookbook by rising culinary star Katie Button '05 (above right)



# TASTE OF SPAIN

Katie Button's new cookbook, *Cúrate: Authentic Spanish Food from an American Kitchen*, features dozens of recipes as well as tips on ingredients and equipment. She offers instruction on such classics as *pan con tomate* (tomato bread), *tortilla española*, and *gaspacho*; colorful salads; dishes showcasing a variety of meats and fish; desserts and cocktails; even guidance on butchering an octopus. It also has two versions of that quintessential Spanish entrée, *paella*—one with chicken, the other vegetarian.

## Vegetable Paella (SERVES 6–8)

*"I wanted to create a paella that celebrates fall. During a trip to the farmers' market, I gathered everything that looked good and turned it into a deeply satisfying vegetarian main course. The roasted garlic and caramelized vegetables mimic the depth of meat, as do mushrooms. You can skip the roasted garlic for sliced fresh cloves if you're in a rush and still end up with delicious results."*

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| 1 head garlic  | 1 very small eggplant, peeled and cut into large chunks (2 cups) |
| ½ ounce dried porcini mushrooms (½ cup)  |  |
| 3 cups water   | 1 small onion, finely chopped                                    |
| 7½ tablespoons extra virgin olive oil, divided   | 1 cup canned crushed San Marzano tomatoes                        |
| 1 pound mixed mushrooms, such as cremini, shiitakes, and oysters, cut into 1-inch pieces | 1 cup dry sherry   |
| 1½ tablespoons kosher salt, divided  | 1 tablespoon pimentón (smoked sweet paprika)                     |
| 8 ounces Brussels sprouts, trimmed and halved  | ¼ teaspoon saffron threads                                       |
| 1 small acorn squash, peeled and cut into large chunks (2 cups)                          | 1 fresh or dried bay leaf  |
|  | 1 cup bomba, calasparra, or Arborio rice                         |
|  | 3 sage sprigs  |
|  | 6 thyme sprigs   |



Preheat the oven to 325°F. Cut the very tops off the heads of garlic, then place back over the garlic. Wrap tightly in foil, then bake on a rimmed baking sheet until very tender, about 1 hour. When cool enough to handle, discard the tops and squeeze the cloves out into a small bowl. Raise the oven temperature to 350°F.

Bring the dried mushrooms and water to a boil in a medium saucepan. Cover, remove from the heat, and let stand for 30 minutes. Drain through a fine-mesh sieve, pressing on the mushrooms to extract as much liquid as possible. Reserve the mushroom stock and discard the mushrooms.

Position a rack in the bottom of the oven. On the stovetop, straddle a 16- to 18-inch paella pan between two burners. Add 1½ tablespoons oil and heat until the oil and pan are very hot. Add the mixed mushrooms in a single layer and cook, turning once or twice, until nicely browned around the edges, about 5 minutes. Season with ½ teaspoon salt, then transfer to a very large bowl. Repeat the same process with the Brussels sprouts, squash, and eggplant, using 1½ tablespoons oil each time and seasoning with ½ teaspoon salt at the end of cooking. All of the vegetables can go into the same bowl.

Heat another 1½ tablespoons oil and add the onion. Cook, stirring often, until soft, about 3 minutes. Season with ½ teaspoon salt, then add the roasted garlic and tomatoes. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the liquid has evaporated and the tomatoes are starting to caramelize, about 10 minutes. Return all the vegetables to the pan.

Add the sherry and cook, stirring, until almost all of the liquid has evaporated, then stir in the pimentón, saffron, bay leaf, and mushroom stock. Bring to a simmer and stir in the remaining salt. Stir in the rice until evenly distributed around the pan. Make sure all the grains are submerged in the liquid. Scatter the sage and thyme on top.

Transfer to the oven and bake until the rice is tender and the liquid has evaporated, 10 to 20 minutes. (The cooking time will depend on the type of rice you use.) The bottom of the rice should be browned and crusty. If the bottom hasn't developed a crust by the time the rice is tender, return to the stovetop and set over high heat. Cook just until a crust forms. Transfer the pan to a heatproof surface or very large cooling rack. Tent with foil and let stand for 10 minutes. Serve hot.

*In the cookbook, this recipe also has instructions for preparation on a grill, and ingredient amounts for scaling it up for a larger crowd.*





fill of fritter-like *croquetas* and feel at home, and Americans can ease into the country's cuisine with the familiarity of the meatballs known as *albóndigas*, a Cúrate specialty celebrated in countless Yelp reviews.

Professional food writers have also been impressed: this year, *Time Out* named Cúrate the number-two Spanish restaurant in the U.S., behind only *é* by José Andrés, which is run by the celebrity chef who is Button's longtime mentor. *Travel & Leisure* called Cúrate one of the best farm-to-table restaurants in the country, raving that "experiencing Chef Button's Spanish tapas creations—like cod and potato purée, sautéed shrimp and sliced garlic, and cured ibérico ham—is akin to that feeling you get when watching the fog lift off North Carolina's Blue Ridge Mountains. It's a heavenly moment shared between you and the great outdoors, or in this case, the great food."

Button's new cookbook is her invitation to amateur chefs to recreate that moment themselves. The book provides recipes for many of the restaurant's greatest hits, from *gazpacho* to *flan*, but Button has adapted—and in some cases abandoned—the techniques of a professional kitchen so readers can achieve the same flavors at home. At Cúrate, her staff makes a mushroom stock that intensifies the flavor of shiitakes and creminis sautéed in sherry, but the cookbook suggests a shortcut using dried porcinis and a quick boil. Mayonnaise at the restaurant is made with a siphon for maximum fluffiness; Button instructs her readers on >



**ASHEVILLE EATS:** Button in the Cúrate kitchen (top). Above: *Tarta de pistachio*, a dessert with pistachio sponge cake, lemon thyme ice cream, and blackberry coulis.





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**IBERIAN TRADITIONS:** The menu at Cúrate, Button’s flagship restaurant (seen middle and above), includes *tortilla española* (top), the classic Spanish dish made from eggs, potatoes, onions, and olive oil.

how to do it with an electric mixer instead. As she writes in the book’s introduction: “I create and test my recipes and weigh ingredients to the gram; I take temperatures of everything from hot oil to the center of a roast to bubbling caramel; I time confits, measure the diameter of cookies. And then, I let it all go and share a delicious meal with friends and family. And you can, too.”

It’s hard to believe that less than a decade ago, Button—who majored in chemical and biomolecular engineering on the Hill—was wrapping up a master’s degree in biomedical engineering in Paris, applying to PhD programs in neuroscience, and wondering why she was so unhappy with her professional path. Exploring the city’s food shops and cooking with the ingredients she discovered “were my enjoyment in life,” Button recalls. She wound up withdrawing from her PhD program at the National Institutes of Health two weeks before she was supposed to start, and began thinking about how to pay for the apartment she had rented in Washington, DC.

Button, who grew up helping her mother with a catering business, had always been drawn to the restaurant world. (“When I was at Cornell, I was so jealous of my friends in the Hotel school,” she recalls.) So she went through the Zagat guide and dropped off resumes at all the top-rated spots in D.C. What followed was an education in the Ivy League of the restaurant world. Through her first job as a server at Andrés’s Café Atlántico Minibar, she met her future husband, who invited her to join him when he went to Spain the next year to work as service manager at elBulli, a Michelin three-star restaurant repeatedly named the best in the world.

From the beginning, Button aimed to move from waiting tables to working in the kitchen. Ferran Adrià, the elBulli chef, told her to go get some experience. She returned after stints at New York’s Jean-Georges and L.A.’s The Bazaar, another Andrés restaurant, and spent about six months cooking at elBulli. When she and her husband eventually landed in Asheville in January 2010, they realized that there was nothing in the city that offered the kind of

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tapas bar experience they’d enjoyed when they were off-duty from elBulli. In March 2011 they opened Cúrate—whose name means “cure yourself”—with a traditional Spanish small-plates menu. By May, it had gotten a mention in a *GQ* piece about Asheville, with *Southern Living* taking note of the restaurant later that year. More national press quickly followed. There hasn’t been a slow night since.

Button credits the rapid success and growth of her family’s restaurant business in part to lessons from both her culinary experience and her scientific education. In the kitchens where she trained, she analyzed the strategies that made them successful, and she has put those lessons into action at Cúrate and Nightbell, which opened in 2014. “Structure and organization have always been important to me, and that’s why science was also a potential career,” she explains. “The systems behind the scenes of a restaurant are what make it work.” Button has also



applied that perspective to principles like the reduction of waste, a hot issue among chefs concerned about food insecurity in the U.S. At her restaurants, she has set up recycling and composting programs that complement a commitment to using ingredients that would normally be thrown out, like leftover bread crusts and the whey from making ricotta cheese that appear in one of her dishes: turnips served in a garlic-fenugreek whey sauce topped with toasted crumbs. “Thinking about waste is an ethical issue, but it also makes business sense, and it helps me and our whole team to be more careful about what we’re doing,” she says. “Cooking thoughtfully means cooking better.”



**NIGHTBELL:** At her more casual eatery (second from top), Button offers such “bites” as a regional cheese plate (top) with honeycomb, sorghum pecans, pickled apples and grapes, and herb crackers; dry-aged apple brandy beef served in an edible cone with smoked horseradish cream (above); and “Morning Buzz” (left), a dessert with coffee-glazed, tobacco-infused chocolate mousse cake and strawberry pink peppercorn sorbet.

Earlier this year, Button joined a group of chefs at the James Beard Boot Camp for Policy Change to discuss food waste and related issues, and she’s often on the road these days for events across the country. She has no intention of leaving Asheville, though, with its food-loving populace and its wide range of neighboring farms that can supply the local ingredients Button prefers, like the pasture-raised beef she uses in her nose-to-tail butchering program at Nightbell. In fact, Button is doubling down with an expansion of Cúrate that will add seats as well as wood-fired grills for even more authentic Spanish dishes like the roasted eggplant, red pepper, and onion tapas known as *escalivada*. At Nightbell, she’s continuing to experiment with cooking that bridges Appalachia and Andalusia, offering such dishes as short ribs infused with Spanish flavors like sherry and orange. “I feel like we’re all just the sum of our past experiences,” she says, “and so is our food.” ■

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## PAUL McEUEEN ON NANOSCIENCE AND BRIDGING DISCIPLINES

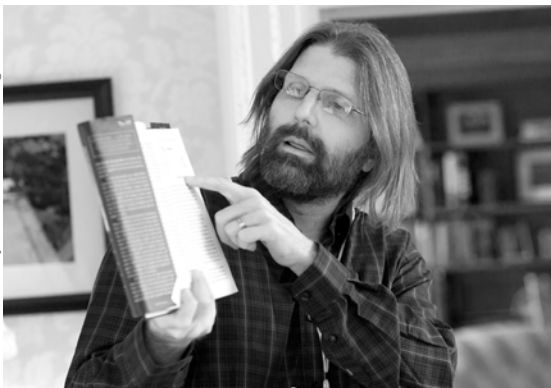
*Paul McEuen, the John A. Newman Professor of Physical Science and director of the Kavli Institute at Cornell for Nanoscale Science, is heading Provost Michael Kotlikoff's new faculty hiring initiative task force on nanoscale science and microsystems engineering (with co-chair Professor David Muller). The full conversation is available at [www.news.cornell.edu/McEuenQA](http://www.news.cornell.edu/McEuenQA).*

### **How did this task force on nanoscience come to be?**

It started with a vision, and a crisis.

First, the vision: one of a future where we make tiny machines as easily as we now make miniaturized electronics. The last 50 years belonged to the electronics revolution, where research on small electronic devices brought us the information technologies that are so

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**“THE BEST FACULTY WANT TO BE A PART OF SOMETHING BIG. SO SUCCESS MEANS BEING PROACTIVE, RISK-TAKING AND BOLD.”**

important today. The next 50 years will bring a similar revolution in what you might call miniaturized robotics. And these small machines will be used for everything from medicine to environmental monitoring, from injectable surgical devices to fight cancer to environmental sensors small enough to fit inside a raindrop.

Now the crisis: Cornell has a long history as a world leader in nanoscience – arguably the world leader. But now other leading universities are trying to catch up, establishing programs and facilities with a nano focus. One way they do that is to hire faculty away from successful programs. That is happening to Cornell – we had some high-profile losses in nanoscience in the last couple of years.

These losses reminded us that we always need to be upping our game, to make an aggressive push to keep Cornell at the forefront of nanoscience. We decided that to take nano to the next level, we need to move beyond individual nanoscale objects and head toward nanosystems – assemblies of elements that perform a specific function. To make the vision of ubiquitous and powerful small machines a reality.

We interpret the term “nanomachines” very broadly – it could be biological, electronic, you name it ... anything that’s small. This initiative is an opportunity to do targeted hiring in next-gen nano that integrates chemistry, engineering, materials science and physics. Our goal is to hire early- to midcareer faculty: young, recently tenured senior faculty who are at the top of their game, who have a strong sense of where they’re going and want to team up to create this future. Such people are typically accomplished in multiple areas and would have a joint appointment between two departments, or at the very least could have a strong involvement in multiple departments or colleges. This integration will benefit the entire campus, not just an individual department.

We have a batch of outstanding candidates

coming through now, and we hope to make a series of offers over the next few months and have a fantastic cadre of hires going into the next academic year.

**What are some recent notable outcomes from Cornell nanoscale science research?**

There are dozens of recent high-profile papers in nanoscience from Cornell. David Muller, my co-leader on this initiative, made it into the Guinness Book of World Records for creating the thinnest pane of glass, barely 3 atoms thick. Dan Ralph and Bob Buhrman have pioneered a new kind of magnetic memory that is finding its way into applications. Jan Lammerding, another member of our committee, found that cancer cells can damage their nucleus when squeezing through tiny microfabricated passageways. A number of us have gotten interested in creating the world’s smallest foldable structures. It sounds fanciful, but origami and kirigami (a variation of origami) can be very powerful manufacturing technologies. It’s a way of taking a two-dimensional sheet and folding it into the third dimension to create structures. At the moment, we’re driven by curiosity – can we make these things? – but the applications will follow.

In environmental monitoring, if we could make one of these structures, put a bunch of electronic circuitry on it, have it fold up into a tight little package, go inside a raindrop, fly somewhere, land, dry out and then start recording, that would be really fantastic.

Cornell excels at creating teams and facilities to take on these kinds of big questions in nano. Next year, for example, the Cornell NanoScale Science and Technology Facility will celebrate its 40th anniversary – we were nano before nano was cool. Cornell scientists have received funding for three new major centers in the last six months alone: the NSF-funded PARADIM, whose mission is to create new



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complex materials with atomic precision; the NCI-funded Center for the Physics of Cancer Metabolism, to understand and defeat cancer; and the NSF-funded Center for Bright Beams, to create new tools for imaging at the nanoscale. These interdisciplinary centers, totaling over \$50 million in federal funding, show that Cornell is the right place for the provost's theme of "radical collaboration."

**What will it take for this faculty hiring initiative, and the others the provost has rolled out, to be successful?**

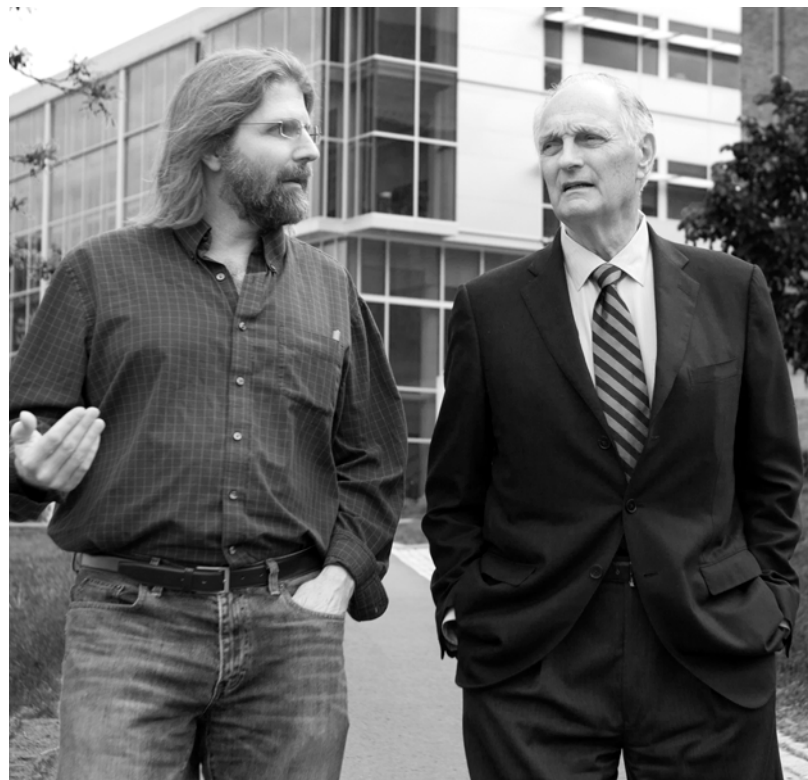
In senior hiring, you have to be willing to fail. You must make a lot of offers to get a few acceptances – these are the best people in the world, and they've got lots of options, so most offers are going to be turned down. The provost and the university must be willing to, as they say in Silicon Valley, "fail often."

The funding provided by the provost – as well as overall leadership, guidance, cajoling, etc. – will help make this kind of aggressive recruiting possible. And this is essential. To attract the kind of world-leading collaborative, interdisciplinary faculty we are looking for, ones who will benefit not just their home departments, but the larger Cornell community, we must show universitywide vision and commitment. The best faculty want to be a part of something big. So success means being proactive, risk-taking and bold. And the provost is leading the way.

**Provost Kotlikoff has lauded you as a creative thinker who has excelled in your field and in training outstanding scientists. Can you describe your multidisciplinary approach?**

You have to be willing to adapt and change and be comfortable in an environment where you don't quite know all that's going on – but you know you can make something exciting happen. Since I came to Cornell in 2001 (a midcareer hire!), our group has made the world's thinnest drum out of a single-atom-thick graphene sheet; we've made the world's smallest guitar out of a single carbon nanotube; we've started to use 1-atom-thick graphene sheets to do kirigami. We're very interested in taking these materials places they haven't been.

We try to be both focused and broad. First, you need something that is your specialty – something that defines you. If you go to my website, it says "Anything, as long as it's small." That gives my group its focus – nano. But we'll go anywhere with it – electronics, mechanical devices, sensors; we'll study basic physics or we'll make devices. We're driven primarily by a scientific and fundamental curiosity about how to play in this nanoscale



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world and not by a particular application or narrow notion about what these systems are good for. You can miss opportunities if you focus too soon. That said, we firmly believe that the work we do will be the bedrock of useful technologies in the future.

The students get trained very broadly. The research combines bits of chemistry, physics, materials science, engineering, you name it. And they have to chart their own path through this complex landscape, collaborating with chemists, materials scientists, biologists – the entire science and technology spectrum. And I'm very proud that my grad students and postdocs have done very well – over 20 are now professors at elite universities in departments ranging from chemistry to physics to mechanical engineering. One is even a patent law professor at Stanford. I think a part of their success is because, even as students or postdocs, they were trying to define their own objectives rather than me defining them.

That freedom allowed them, when they became faculty, to choose great problems themselves.

For more info on the provost's faculty initiatives: [provost.cornell.edu](http://provost.cornell.edu)

**Above:** Paul McEuen, director of the Kavli Institute at Cornell for Nanoscale Science, chats with actor, director and writer Alan Alda on campus in 2013. Alda, who hosted PBS's "Scientific American Frontiers" program from 1993-2005, has visited Cornell's Ithaca campus twice in recent years to lead workshops for scientists about communicating science and to give public talks. His visits were hosted by the Kavli Institute.

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The anniversary celebrated during Homecoming Weekend by the Cornell Black Alumni Association; events included a ceremony dedicating the Africana Commemoration Memorial Garden at 320 Wait Ave., the site of the original Africana Studies and Research Center.



Karen Hirsch Osofsky

Steven Osofsky, as Botswana's first Wildlife Veterinary Officer, monitors an anesthetized elephant.

## Alumnus joins veterinary college faculty

When Steven A. Osofsky, DVM '89, joined the faculty at the Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine in July, it was as the new Jay Hyman Professor of Wildlife Health – an honor with personal meaning for him.

Hyman '55, DVM '57, "was a local hero in Rockland County, where I grew up, and I had the privilege of knowing him and seeking his counsel even before I embarked upon my veterinary training," Osofsky said. "Dr. Hyman endowed the professorship while I was a Cornell veterinary student, and I actually remember thinking that someday I would be honored to serve in such a unique and catalytic role."

Osofsky joined the Department of Population Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences, but also is a member of the faculty for the new Master of Public Health program.

**"I knew my kids wouldn't be interested, and my wife called me a hoarder. My first inquiry was to Cornell, and they were so enthusiastic. I'd much rather give it to my beloved institution than sell it."**

– Robert D. Schultz '77, MBA '78, on donating three decades of U.S. presidential campaign paraphernalia to Cornell University Library's Susan H. Douglas Political Americana Collection

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# CLASS NOTES

NEWS OF FELLOW CORNELLIANS

**44** Happy Holidays, Class of '44! Please write to us at the address below and tell us how you spent your fall—we'd love to hear from you.

We received this wonderful note from **Betty Scheidelman** Droz (elizabethdroz@gmail.com): "My John was a beautiful dancer. We belonged to two formal dance groups. He wore out one tuxedo and we had to buy another. This summer I had the opportunity of being the dance teacher's partner while he taught the steps—much fun! I have spent my usual May till September in the Adirondacks at my summer home in Old Forge. I was in the lake every day in July at 6 a.m. and swam for 30 minutes, except for Thursdays when I went to Utica. I moved out of my independent living place in Utica in May. On September 7, I am moving to Naples, FL. At 93 I am enjoying great health and much fun. Would love to hear from and see many of you!" ■ **Class of 1944**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

**45** **N. Bruce Weir** (Cocoa Beach, FL) writes, "Pace is slow in Florida. A walk on the beach is a large event." He celebrated his 90th birthday by steering a 40-ft. racing sailboat for one and a half hours and piloting a plane for one and a half hours the same day. (Your pace doesn't seem to match that of other Floridians, Bruce.)

**Frances Shloss**, BArch '44 (Beverly Hills, CA) tells us she has no exciting news—no crises. She keeps busy tutoring at a Beverly Hills grade school, serving on church committees, and always taking cookies to the city council member meetings—"to keep them on their toes," she says. Currently Frances is spending the summer at her lake cottage in Okoboji, IA, going to the summer theatre and yacht club, painting at the art center, and playing golf. She says the ball doesn't go very far with each shot, but always down the fairway. The late **Kenneth Washburn** '26, MFA '29, painting instructor at Cornell, had the greatest effect on her life. Her watercolors will be exhibited at the art show next month in Okoboji.

Your scribe Julie is enjoying great-grandmotherhood, but unfortunately long-distance. A visit of the baby is soon pending. Let us hear your news. ■ **Julie Kamerer** Snell, 3154 Gracefield Rd., Apt. 111, Silver Spring, MD 20904-0806; e-mail, julie.k.snell@gmail.com; **Bob Frankenfeld**, 6291 E. Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, CA 90815; e-mail, betbobf@aol.com.

**46** We should all give a big THANK YOU to our current class officers! They have agreed to carry on and continue to represent the Class of '46 and are already discussing our 75th Reunion! The "glow" of the 70th is still in my head and never will fade.

**Anne Hodgkins** Ransom wrote in her news letter that during summer 1943 she and some other girls were in the gorge behind Risley Dorm when she slipped on some rocks, fell over a precipice, climbed out, and took a taxi to the infirmary.

When she recovered and returned to her dorm, she discovered that the university had never called her parents to tell them of her accident! That was a shock. Perhaps today that might not happen.

**Dottie Van Vleet** Hicks is settling into her new retirement home, playing lots of bridge and taking exercise classes three times a week. She and Anne both attended Reunion. **Priscilla Alden** Clement wished very much that she could have attended, especially to visit Sage Chapel, where she was married, and the Straight, where she worked. **Mary Jane Vandewater** D'Arrigo (Irvington, NY) would like to get in touch with you, Priscilla. Please feel free to contact me or **Alexandra Bond** '12 at *Cornell Alumni Magazine* (abb83@cornell.edu) to get in touch. I hope you two can connect.

**Charlotte Cooper** Gill sends word that, at 89, she has limited mobility and misses driving and getting out. **Marion Seel** Hackley's first great-granddaughter was born in April, and **Margaret Chauvin** Rinehart is keeping busy at the Costa Mesa, CA, senior center, caring for her dog and making meals for her son, Gregory. She would like to hear from **Ruth Sergenian** De Angelis. **Marion Graham Blose** '44, BS HE '46, wrote that she is affiliated with her husband, **Howard's** Class of '44, but she still loves her '46 class. Nice to hear from you, Marion! **Muriel Sheer** Kaplan (murielkaplan@aol.com) sent her business card. She is still sculpting. Years ago she did a portrait for President Frank H.T. Rhodes. She recently returned from a Cornell theater trip to London. It was a wonderful and exhausting tour, she says. Your news feeds this column. Keep it coming to: ■ **Dorothy Taylor** Prey, 1 Baldwin Ave., #501, San Mateo, CA 94401; tel., (650) 342-1196; e-mail, dmprey@aol.com.

Reunion behind Reunion, two other events are among the most enjoyable activities on the Hill—the Olin Lecture (below) and Cornelliana Night (in our next issue).

The Olin Lecture focused on **Charles Feeney** '56 and his Atlantic Philanthropies Foundation (APF). Interim president and president emeritus Hunter Rawlings offered insight on the dramatic effect of Chuck Feeney's gifts on Cornell's ability to make a difference for good. He introduced the lecturer, Christopher Oechsli, president and CEO of APF, and after Mr. Oechsli's talk, handed him over to fellow president emeritus Frank H.T. Rhodes for some informal discussion. There followed questions from the floor and an interchange among the three presidents, two from Cornell and one from APF.

We learned that Chuck Feeney's gifts from his fortune, anonymous until recently, will total nearly \$8 billion. Cornell will have received nearly \$1 billion. Some of the recent gifts to Cornell: \$350,000,000 as the linchpin enabling Cornell Tech to be established on Roosevelt Island in New York City; \$10,000,000 to fund a study of inequality in the US at the College of Arts and Sciences; \$3,250,000 to our Law School for a study of capital punishment; and another \$3,000,000 to fund a new welcome center at Noyes Lodge on Thurston Ave. The center should be an effective tool for recruiting outstanding students and athletes for matriculation at Cornell.

Chuck wants no buildings named for him and no publicity of his generosity. He just wants results. President Rhodes said, "Ezra Cornell was the builder of Cornell University. Chuck Feeney is the builder of the new Cornell." After his Cornell presidency, Rhodes became an active member of APF's board. One chore he recalled from that time concerned a Feeney anonymous grant to Columbia U. Columbia's president worried about the paternity of the grant. It wasn't easy, but Rhodes convinced him that the grant was clean and no underworld funds were involved. APF's new transparency of gift giving has eliminated future Columbia-type problems and has been an influence on other very wealthy donors to follow in Chuck's footsteps.

Frank and Rosa Rhodes graced our dinner table that evening. Frank quickly discovered that **Gabe Pesce**, BCE '49, MCE '51, **Dottie Taylor** Prey, and I are all Californians, with Dottie and me in the Bay Area. During his presidency, Stanford was planning its centennial and offered to thank Cornell for help in getting Stanford launched 100 years earlier. One feature of the celebration was a varsity football game at Stanford Stadium. Their gift was the worst shellacking absorbed in Cornell history. President Rhodes was proud of the Cornell team and Cornell fans for sticking with the team throughout—the greatest cheer of the day was for Cornell's first down late in the third quarter. It was a far cry from Cornell's national championships of the late 1930s.

Happy Holidays and a great New Year to you all. See you on the Hill in 55 months. Much love from the Levines. ■ **Paul Levine**, 3273 Streamside Cir., #S-202, Pleasanton, CA 94588; tel., (925) 201-7575; e-mail, pblevine@juno.com. Class website, classof46.alumni.cornell.edu.

**47** **Nancy Caplan** Roth writes, "Our ninth family member was accepted to Cornell—**Allison Boyar**, early acceptance to the Class of 2020!"

We received this note from **Bill Krasilovsky**, LLB '49, who now lives in Mountain Meadows, a retirement village in Ashland, OR: "It is a source of smiles to see all the still-surviving V-12s who span graduating years of 1946-47. My Cornell years were originally V-12 Class of 1947, and by double registration I continued into Cornell Law School. The cold winters of Ithaca were negligible compared to my post-grad years in Anchorage, AK, where I was situated first as law clerk to the US Federal Judge in Juneau before graduating to assistant city attorney of Anchorage. My wife, Phyllis, started as a children's book author for Doubleday, with books such as *The Cow Who Fell in the Canal*. My legal specialty became music copyright as attorney for well-knowns like Chuck Berry, Bob Dylan, Fats Waller, and Sergei Rachmaninoff, and included a 30-year succession of "how to" books under the title *The Business of Music*, aimed at an audience wider than just fellow attorneys. It's still in print, in its tenth edition. I see that reaching the age of 90 is not unique among fellow classmates. That is encouraging in my current self-assignment of memoirs of the music business, where my memory

is often helped by searching online websites such as Wikipedia."

If you submitted news recently but didn't see it in this column, please write again to: **Class of 1947**, c/o Alexandra Bond, *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, [abb83@cornell.edu](mailto:abb83@cornell.edu).

**48 Lily Eva Lukert** Rodgers-Rotkowski (Vero Beach, FL): "I'm in church often, and I assist my younger sister with health problems. I saw my primary MD three times and ophthalmologist twice last year. I walk un-aided. Out of habit, I read *Scripps Indian River Press Journal*, checking obits and MDS' columns. I like *Guideposts* magazine, and catch news on ABC, NBC, and CBS TV. Four kids, all 60-plus, retiring. My last spouse

license. I got it, even though I'm 89, can't walk, and am half blind. I don't drive, though. I have no favorite magazine or radio station and no TV. Someone tell me why I read the *Florida Times Union*. South is South, and will rise again!" **Joyce Goldstein Kahn** (Delray Beach, FL): "I exercise, play bridge, and see family and friends, especially my Cornell roommate **Rita Weisberg** Foss. Saw doctors maybe 15 or 20 times last year, and I use a walker. I read the *New York Times* and *Palm Beach Post*, watch CNN, and listen to 101.3 FM radio. I have a total of four offspring. I don't dig apple pie or rice pudding. Big issue here is new shopping center that's causing terrible congestion. Have planted feet in 15 states. Visited NYC in June 2015."

Your curmudgeon recently traded e-mails with **Louis Fisher**, MBA '50 (Berkeley, CA): "I have forsaken steaks, chops, bacon, and pig snouts to get

**Art Lowenthal** (Saratoga Springs, NY), noting that he is married to Terry (Mount Holyoke '56), tells us, "I am chief electrician, carpenter, plumber, and lawn maintenance worker at the latest of my homes in eight communities in four Northeastern states—New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. I would read more, but macular degeneration seems to get in the way! In an earlier column, I detailed a long business career involving widely traveling in much of the free world. With my wife and four growing children, we traveled!" Anything else you wish you could be doing? "Spending many more years with my wife. We celebrated our 60th anniversary last Thanksgiving." Asked whether there is an old Cornellian he'd like to hear from, Art wrote, "I'll have to wait for a next life!" Who at Cornell had the greatest impact on you? "Several fraternity brothers who helped us mature in a trying time. They taught us purpose as a goal, but also to have fun in an honorable way."

**Fann Weiss** Markel (Buffalo, NY; [thefloristry@prodigy.net](mailto:thefloristry@prodigy.net)) tells us, "I am still running Bravo Events and The Floristry—or the companies are running me!" She adds that one grandson, **Evan Markel** '07, ME '08, is in Oslo, Norway, writing a thesis. **Bob Nafis** (Ithaca, NY), married to June, writes, "I'm working my way through all the mystery books in the library. We have a granddaughter attending the Cornell Hotel school and we see her often. Her family lives in Oregon and her mother is a Cornellian, Class of '77." Anything else you wish you could be doing? "Being able to run the three miles before breakfast like I did for 40 years." He would enjoy hearing from **Bill Brockway** '50, and noted that Prof. McIlroy, Electrical Engineering, had the greatest impact on him at Cornell.

Your class correspondent and her daughter, Emily Lizbeth, recently participated in a program of dramatic readings, presented by a women's group of the local regional theater. The best thing about the summer, of course, has been having Emily's three children, 8, 9, and 10, home from school! I have nine grandchildren, but the other six do not live near me. Classmates—let's go! With pen and paper or keys on the computer or a phone call—**send in your news**. We are all interested! Write your news and your photos! **Dorothy Mulhoffer** Solow, 50 Grant St., Wellsboro, PA 16901; tel., (315) 717-6003; e-mail, [winspeck@yahoo.com](mailto:winspeck@yahoo.com).

**50** As you may recall, several years ago we discovered that our class had established a fund for Willard Straight Hall many years ago. All we know is that it was established prior to 1984. By the time we discovered it, it had grown to \$850,000. We have allocated all of it to Straight projects—including extensive repairs and updates to the Memorial Room and the theater. We made our final contribution to it this past spring for work on the conference room off the main lobby. Whenever you are in Ithaca, do stop and see what we were able to accomplish. **Kent Hubbell** '69, BArch '69, who was dean of students at the time, was our representative overseeing all this work for us. He did a fantastic job—and always in such a marvelous and constructive way. He has now moved back to his academic position as professor. We can never thank him enough for all he did for us.

This past summer, the *New York Times* had a long article on "invisible" obesity, which featured the work of **Maria Tandolo** New (New York, NY), first at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center and now at Mt. Sinai Hospital. It even

‘My mother baked me a cake every day. I was always hungry.’

Gerald Sallus '48

liked to cook and was great at soups. Q: What and where is this world going to? Local issue: All Aboard Florida wants to run 32 trains per day from Miami to Orlando, right through our town, non-stop, on a single track line! I have visited many, but not all of the states." Lily was in Wayside Aftermath Club, along with many other '48 women who are steady contributors to this column.

**Mary Holland** Freeman (Greenbrae, CA): "Husband Sam died in 2006. Big news: I moved in 2014 from Albany, NY, to Marin County, CA, north of San Francisco. I live in a lovely senior residence and have met many wonderful people. My two sons and their families live in the Bay Area, so I see them often. The weather is beautiful and I keep busy with many activities—bridge, book groups, swimming, and exploring new surroundings. I've visited 47 of the states, including Hawaii, and have been to all the continents except Antarctica. Right now, I feel my traveling days are over, but who knows?"

**Gerald Sallus** (Culver City, CA): "I've been 'joining'—Culver Marina Bar Assn., Culver Bar Conference of Delegates, Brandeis U. Men's Club, and Culver City Historical Society. I'm also past president of West Los Angeles College Foundation. I'm still healthy, just see doctor for checkups, plus the dermatologist and arthritis MDs. Use Medicare for drugs and doctor visits. I keep busy and semi-informed reading the *L.A. Times* and *WSJ*. Bette and I have two kids and four grandkids. My mother baked me a cake every day. I was always hungry. We used to have a second home at Lake Arrowhead (in the San Bernadinos, known as the 'Southern California Alps'). Our son has one there now. East/West relationships have improved over the years. We've been in most, if not all, of the US states. Only future plan is to visit daughter."

**Virginia Keeler** Smith (Ponte Vedra Beach, FL): "I'm a resident under the rule of Governor Scott in the great state of 'Southern Georgia,' so am very restricted in what I can say. No 'weather' talk. I'm isolated in a life-care community and use a walker. Recently visited the Florida Dept. of Something or the Other and renewed my driver's

cholesterol down. I eat lots of fish, beans, and veggies. I had a nasty ear attack while in Maui last year—emergency care, head scans, etc. I was pronounced cured, but am now deaf in my left ear. Later analysis showed I had experienced an attack of shingles. I am now grasping for walls. I will take a trip to Nepal this winter and will be floating on a boat most of the time. Not much stress on legs." **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone and fax, (516) 767-1776; e-mail, [bobpersons48@gmail.com](mailto:bobpersons48@gmail.com).

**49** Hooray! And many, many thanks to **Jean Schultheis** Brechter of Shelter Island, NY, for being the first classmate to send in photos to the Cornell Alumni Photo Gallery. To see photos of our classmates, go to: <http://cornellalumnimagazine.com/photogallery>. Jean, writing last July, tells us, "I was very disappointed when my granddaughter was turned down by Cornell. She is an excellent student and a well-rounded personality. My father, **Daniel Schultheis** 1913, MD 1917, graduated from Cornell, plus several uncles, my brother, and an aunt, and it would be nice to carry on the tradition. My granddaughter will be attending St. Andrews College in Scotland this September. Cornell's loss!"

**V. Joseph McAuliffe** (Hudson, WI) writes that his wife, June, died in December 2014. He still hears from many old Cornell friends—"and I benefit from each one." Remarkable on who, at Cornell, had the greatest impact on him, he says, "The entire university faculty and staff from year to year. They prepared me for my career and for advanced degrees in other universities. I gave them recognition for contributions to my life's work when I was named to the National 4-H Hall of Fame." **Martha Coler** Risch (Warminster, PA; [mcrisch@aol.com](mailto:mcrisch@aol.com)) is widowed and retired. She writes, "I'm serving on the residents advisory council at Ann's Choice retirement community and heading up the staff appreciation fund. I took an April trip to see my brother, **Rod Coler**, in Portland, OR, and Don and family in Camarillo, CA."



included a picture of her. She looked wonderful. Another doctor, **Dick Silver**, MD '53 (New York, NY) is still working actively at NYP/WCMC. He has been honored with numerous distinguished awards for his work including the establishment of the Richard T. Silver Distinguished Professor of Hematology/Oncology position at Weill Cornell.

At **Paul Joslin's** suggestion, I am adding a bit about the service of our classmates on the Cornell board of trustees, on which I was privileged to serve many years ago. Our classmates made a significant contribution to the board. Nine of us served, some for lengthy terms in leading roles. Back in those days nine was a record, but the board is much, much larger now, so that may no longer be so. The nine of us were **Dave Culbertson**, MBA '51, **Glenn Ferguson**, MBA '51, **Marj Leigh Hart**, **Sam Johnson**, **Eve Weinschenker Paul**, **Nels Schaeenen**, MBA '51, **Dick Tucker**, **Frank Zurn**, and me. Working on this board could be hard work and time-consuming, but it was well worth it. The members took their responsibilities very seriously and worked hard at it—you knew that if you and another trustee voted differently on an issue, it was only because that person thought that was best for the university and not because of any other consideration. I served for a term on the board of a large public university and found that most disheartening. It was a much smaller board, but most of the members were appointed because of the constituency they represented—and they often voted for it rather than for the best interests of the university (how I was asked to serve I have never understood because I was never involved in any constituency). My Cornell experience was completely different.

**Ann Ellis Reynolds**, MD '53 (Quechee, VT) is still a psychologist in private practice in Quechee and in Claremont, NH. She also works as a volunteer for Good Neighbor Health Clinic and is on the boards of the Vermont Psychological Assn. and Vermont Health Care For All. **Margery Westlake Clauson** (Alpine, NY) retired from her position as registrar for the Cornell College of Arts and Sciences. She has also taught home economics at the high school level. Margery is now working as a volunteer for the Petersen Memorial Library. **Richard Pearce** (East Greenbush, NY) has retired from the New York State Dept. of Transportation. He volunteers at the local V.A. hospital and was on his town planning board for 27 years. He served in the infantry in France and Germany during WWII and was awarded a Silver Star and two Purple Hearts.

**Eugene Jacobs** (Southern Pines, NC) has retired from GE, where he worked as an aircraft designer and technician. He is now a volunteer tax return advisor at AARP and technician for Habitat—and he still enjoys playing golf. During WWII he was a combat medic in Europe. **Bill Atkinson** (Weston, MA), too, served in WWII in the Army Air Force, flying combat missions in the Pacific and over Japan. His career was in engineering and consulting in industrial facilities construction and power plant fields including modeling of fossil fuel power. He was an active mountain climber, which took him not only to the US, but to Canada, Australia, and Europe. At Cornell he was active in

crew, where he helped build a paddlewheel boat called "The Big Red Wheel." In his later years, he became very active in the dynamics of competitive rowing and developed a computer model known internationally in rowing physics. Please send your news to: **Patricia Carry Stewart**, 2613 N. Ocean Blvd., Gulf Stream, FL 33483; tel., (561) 278-5387; e-mail, stewartpc@aol.com. **Paul Joslin**, 13731 Hickman Rd., Urbandale, IA 50323; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phjoslin@aol.com.

**51** **Charlie Moore** (Laporte, PA) writes, "My wife, Judith, and I have finally 'sort of' retired to the Endless Mountains in north-central Pennsylvania, to the smallest county seat in the Keystone State. The good news is we're only a two-hour drive from Ithaca, allowing Judith to volunteer as choral music organizer on a regular basis. I am leading a Cornell endowment campaign for the quadrennial track and field competition between Oxford/Cambridge and Cornell/Penn, which dates back to 1921. It brings back lots of wonderful memories! Just recently, I attended a US Olympians reunion; it, too, brought back some great memories. Much of my time is being devoted to writing my memoir, 'Leaps and Bounds: Staying Fearless on the Path to Big Change.'"

**Marjorie Tucker Sablow** (Hartsdale, NY) checked in with no news. **Henry Alford** (Louisville, KY), a retired US colonel, fondly remembers "the chimes, the chimes, the chimes! No matter what level my spirits were at, the chimes always brought me back to reality." **Bob Matyas** enjoyed a micro-mini Cornell reunion with **James Bowers** and wife Nancy, **Fred Antil** '55, and **Martha Coler Risch** '49, all at Ann's Choice Retirement Community in Warminster, PA. **Calvin Gage** (Lake Bluff, IL) writes, "I'm totally retired and enjoying good health (all things considered)." His fondest memories of Cornell: "Friends, professors, chimes." **Joan Aten Beach** '52 (Lantana, FL) reports that her husband of 63 years, classmate **Stafford**, BCE '53, died in February of kidney failure after a two-year struggle. He was a civil engineer and member of Sigma Nu. Joan writes, "Sandy was such a nice gentleman."

**Henry Alford '51**

**William Wesson**, MBA '54 (St. Augustine, FL): "After 27 years of six months in New Hampshire

and six months in Barbados (Jan's birthplace), last month we moved to Palencia, FL, where we are enjoying year-round living!" **John Huttar** has moved to Strasburg, VA. **Sabina Ball Schmidt** (Chappaqua, NY) writes, "I did not attend Reunion this year. Four grandchildren were graduating: **Erica Schmidt** '11 from medical school, her brother from U. of Virginia, and two from high school (on Reunion weekend)." **Marian Fox Wexler** (West Haven, CT) writes, "Despite the factor of age, I am finding this chapter of my life very interesting, even fun. I have a son and daughter and four grandchildren, three girls and one boy. All of them are doing very extraordinary things with their lives and I am so very proud of them. I have a companion, an emeritus professor of dermatology at Yale U. School of Medicine. Both of us have done extensive traveling and we have now decided we're going to tour our own backyard, New England. I have only great

memories of my years on the Hill, which gave me a good education for the rest of my life."

**Albert Moon** (Branson, MO) writes, "Just turned 90—nuff said." Wife Donna and Table Rock Realty may feel differently. **Shirley Long Woodward** (Sun City, AZ) writes, "My husband, **Gordon** '45, BS Ag '48, died two years ago at 91. Our youngest great-grandchild was born last year—she is number six. Due to age and illness, my traveling days are over. I have 24-hour caregivers now. I still keep up with family research, occasionally finding a new, very interesting ancestor to boast of! Just a few that I keep in touch with." Fondlest memory: "The good friends—several of whom I still correspond with." **Dolores Hartnett Pope** (Adams, NY) and her late husband, **Wilbur**, dairy farmers, parented seven children who produced ten grands and three greats. Dolores, who received a master's in 1971 from Syracuse U., spends winters in Englewood, FL, and summers near Lake Ontario. **Giorgio Banfi**, ME '50, reported the death of our classmate **Jean Field Banfi** (Milano, Italy). He writes, "I still remain much attached to Cornell, where I studied and met my future wife."

**Herbert and Louise Ziegler Spier** '52 (Stamford, CT) wrote about their adopted granddaughter, Mei-Li. Herbert was also awarded professor emeritus of operations and information management at Columbia U. and served as director of the MBA program at the Stamford campus of the U. of Connecticut. **Patty Redman** Wetherbee and husband **Dick** (Columbus, OH) are now living in a retirement center. She writes, "**Francille Maloch** Firebaugh, PhD '62, former Cornell Home Economics dean, is a fellow resident! Dick and I had six children, all of whom live across the country: Seattle to Savannah (CBS weatherman) to Boston, Annapolis, Albany, and Grand Rapids. Volunteering in local schools making art. For years we camped out (with and without children). We trailered a 28-ft. sailboat over the upper US and Canada. I talk often with **Carolyn Thelander Gittelson**, **Florence Colligan Mahoney**, and **Francille and John Firebaugh**." Fondlest memories: "Life in Dickson dorm, the lands around it, activities in the student union, and climbing the steps to watch the bell ringer on campus!"

**Stephen Cohen**, PhD '56, participated in Cornell's Adult University last year with **When American Culture Popped: A Story of Leisure, Consumption, and the Movies**, taught by **Glenn Altschuler**, PhD '76. Please send your news to: **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel. (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net.

**52** The '52 class council met in Ithaca last July. Co-presidents **Bob Conti**, MME '54, and **Don Follett** were there, as were historian/archivists **Bibbi Antrim Hartshorn** and **Cappy Heyl** Innes; website chair **Paul Blanchard**; secretary **Joy Rees** Hoffman; treasurer **Jack Carpenter**, who after many years' service, announced his retirement; and me. As our 65th Reunion was a primary topic, point people attending were Reunion co-chairs **Sue Youker Schlaepfer** and **Dick Dye**, MPA '56; Don Follett, doubling as chair of the Reunion fund; **Tom Cashel**, LLB '56, chairing the Affinity campaign; and Brenda Teeter and Lauren Coffey from the university, who have been helping our class for quite some time.

Some things I learned from this meeting: We have 1,271 living classmates, 815 of whom the university has mailable addresses for. We will be advised as soon as we can make reservations at the Statler (which may have happened already by

the time you read this). If you belong to the Legacy Society (that is, if you have Cornell in your will), you can not only designate the recipient, but the amount of the bequest counts toward the class Reunion fund total. There will be a special veterans recognition event at Reunion. And the historian/archivists will have a current totally confidential 20-questions class history quiz that can be taken only at Reunion—and there will be a prize. Our 65th Reunion is June 8-11, 2017. For more information, check our website, [classof52.alumni.cornell.edu](http://classof52.alumni.cornell.edu).

**Francis, PhD '53**, and **Mary Jane Hall Hutto** are in Grand Junction, CO. Mary Jane writes that she is rejoicing in her first biological great-grandchild and enjoying her retirement and their downsized home. Other thoughts: "I am grateful that Francis and I enjoy good health, some traveling, grandchildren and our children, and an active participation in church." **William Morrissey** (Advance, NC; [bmorr@yadtel.net](mailto:bmorr@yadtel.net)) is retired and enjoying it. He is busy training his two basset hounds for AKC tracking, working out at the Y, enjoying his family, reading, wood carving, and doing photography and genealogy. He has been "doing all of the above" and plans to keep on doing it all as long as he can. "I'll hit 90 in 2017, and I'll make another bucket list then."

**Catherine McDonald** Hegeman (Medford, NJ) is fairly settled in her apartment in Medford Leas, a retirement community in a historic village. Some of the Medford Leas employees were students of hers during the 16 years she taught in the Lenape School District. Catherine has been active among the residents, who take part in the smooth running of the building and the health units and present programs on current issues and entertainment. She writes, "I plan to stay as active as I can, on my feet, enjoying my new acquaintances and the programs offered." Other thoughts: "I am always grateful to Cornell for my education preparing me for 25 years of teaching positions, allowing me to live in this comfortable and stimulating environment. I have not met any '52 classmates here yet. Too many of us have passed."

**Thomas Arnold** (Hayes, VA; [tarnold14@cox.net](mailto:tarnold14@cox.net)) is "retired" and has been "retired." He plans to "relax" and thinks it is "nice to be retired." **Libby Hunsberger** Craver (Lancaster, PA) was anticipating a second hip operation last May. The first one had not gone well. With a new surgeon, she hoped to be walking again. She wasn't sure she would get to Reunion and would love to hear from '52 Thetas and DGs. Libby had been reading and gardening and planned to travel again. Other thoughts: "Experience at Cornell was life-changing. The early morning walk from Clara Dixon 5, Thurston Ave. apartments, and Kappa Alpha Theta with friends over the dam by Jakes or the bridge to the Home Ec building was a stimulating, freeing, and sometimes perilous adventure."

**Donald Collins** (Ft. Lauderdale, FL; [ibdr@aol.com](mailto:ibdr@aol.com)) was, as he wrote, packing for a 60th anniversary wedding cruise with Patricia. That week, his best friend had died and left his wife with a lot to do. Don had been "helping, sorting, and learning to be prepared." At the same time, as he lived on the ocean, he was watching spring breakers on the beach. He had been investing, and, although he had sold his boat, he was a regular at the yacht club. Severe neuropathy limits his mobility, but he planned to take a few more cruises while he still could. "I travel with my 'travel scooter', a portable three-wheel electric scooter—35 lbs., and I can go anywhere on a ship, on the streets

of Berlin, London, etc. Highly recommend it if you have mobility issues." Other thoughts: "Look forward to visiting Ithaca to attend 65th Reunion, and to check out my old home and landmarks in South Lansing, where I was born, and to visit my parents' grave in Pleasant Grove. A big hello to my Ithaca High School classmates Dick Dye, Paul Blanchard, and others."

**Anne Bezer** Lombardo winters in St. Marys, GA, and summers in Brantingham, NY. When she wrote, she was in Georgia having her floors refinished and playing duplicate bridge. She was thinking about building a house on property next to her former property in Pound Ridge, NY. Her other thoughts were on her granddaughters: Marissa, who was to graduate from UConn Law School in May; Jena, a sophomore in high school who hoped to attend an Ivy League school (Anne hoped Cornell); and her youngest granddaughter, who was born in Morocco. **Edwin '50** and **Carol Singer Greenhaus** ([carolgreenhaus@gmail.com](mailto:carolgreenhaus@gmail.com)) summer in Mamaroneck, NY, and winter in North Palm Beach, FL. Carol writes that she is a great-grandmother of six fabulous children, amazed that she can still play tennis, and happy! She plans to stay that way.

**Eben Lang** (Audubon, PA) was living in a nice retirement community, Shannondell. He writes, "Mimi and I have been fortunate to be able to spend our summers in Sebago, ME. We have been on a few trips, most in the US." He continues, "Like so many of us, we are enjoying our 11 children and grandchildren. They mostly live nearby, and we have learned so many things from them that were not around 50 years ago." Other thoughts: "Our thoughts are definitely turning toward our 65th Reunion next year. We remember the Sunday morning breakfast at the old Lehigh Valley Railroad Station at our last Reunion. What fun and what memories!" **Henrietta Moscovitz** Kuhl (Merrick, NY; [queh4321@yahoo.com](mailto:queh4321@yahoo.com)) had been attending international folk dance classes and lectures at a local university and getting to a few museums and some theatre in New York City. Honey also attended concerts at Tanglewood in Massachusetts and planned to continue the same. Other thoughts: "Best to be busy and grateful to have good health! Keeping my fingers crossed to getting to the Hill in 2017." Trust you are all keeping your fingers crossed and making the same plans. **Joan Boffa** Gaul, [joangaul@mac.com](mailto:joangaul@mac.com).

**53** **Chuck West**, MBA '56 (St. Augustine, FL) reports, "Major mistake, trying to drive my powered wheelchair down a badly lit set of steps." He provides no information on extent of damage done. But he was able to continue to share, and celebrate, the splicing of granddaughter **Katie Paxson '11** to **Jeremy Flynn**, also '11. He notes that daughters "rented a large house that sleeps 16, most of Katie's immediate family. Beats motels!"

Chuck adds, "I'm currently leading a free-thinker/atheist book group." Notable choices include noted media scholar Sherry Turkle's *Reclaiming Conversation: The Power of Talk in a Digital Age* and Stephen Hawking's *A Briefer History of Time*. Chuck says spouse Beverly likes the exercise of pushing his beach wheelchair, which has huge, soft tires (2-4 psi). He tries to keep his hand in politics through the local League of Women Voters, and is active in the local Unitarian Fellowship. His favorite Cornell person is, simply, "Rhodes." He's "interested in how former Cornell provost Kent Fuchs works out down here at U. of Florida—'Gator Nation'

will be a tough nut to crack." Chuck's advice to Cornell is to "avoid industrial funding sources that undermine the mission and values. Cornell is an academic institution." And, in the space for creative writing: "I are an engineer, remember?"

**Jim Dolliver**, PhD '60 (Kent, WA), a truly active guy—president of Red Key and busy with agricultural activities, freshman class activities, and ROTC honorary Scabbard and Blade—went back home to the wilds of Washington State and "survived the explosion of Mount St. Helens." This year, he informs us, he was "aging in Seattle, reading, remembering, and remoting"—the three Rs of '16. Favorite Cornell person? "Prof. **Stan Warren '27**, PhD '31. Still quote him often after 60-plus years. Though I was a Plant Science major, I was told not to leave Cornell without taking his Farm Management course. So pleased I did." **Walt Foley** (New Hartford, NY), at last look, was still training up for Masters Senior Swim Games in Cortland, NY. At approximately first look, he was president of the freshman men's Class of 1953.

Former *Daily Sun* person and retired Washington correspondent **Gordon White** (Houston, TX) enjoys reading, participating in senior activities, and his son's milk cows and bulls ranch, where wildlife is abundant. He prefers biographies and historical novels. "No political or who-done-its." **Joe Alfredo**, settled in at Heritage Village, Southbury, CT, has hung up his golf clubs ("my favorite sport"), but in the last many months has been to Saratoga for the racing, Lake George, NY, and Venice, FL, and here and there in Canada. "Spouse Joann and I are still active," he understates, "and married 59 years. I married an angel." Reading? "Financial news. Watch TV much—Fox news." **Carroll McConnell** Manning (Webster, NY) moved into "a rather spacious" three-room cottage in Cherry Ridge, a development where mostly senior citizens live. She writes, "The children moved me here since the MD said I would have memory problems. So. I forget things. I also write things down and spend a lot of time communicating with friends and relatives with this WONDERFUL iPad." She was expecting a visit from Ann "Corky" Pattison Casey, widow of **Jim Casey '51**, BCE '52, football standout and Cayuga's Waiter of yore. Carroll and her late husband introduced them during Corky's visit to Cornell from Hood "so very many years ago." Carroll and Corky were '49 classmates of moi and other '53s at what is now Northfield Mount Hermon School.

**Susan Finn** Smith (Verona, WI), formerly flourishing on skis, canoeing, and backpacking in the "up North" wilds of Wisconsin, resettled but stayed in Badgerland, near Madison, to be near family. She's close to the earth and wields a wicked trowel in the garden. She's fond of the challenges of bridge—"Keeps me on my toes with an interesting group." She reads the *New York Times* on the Web for daily information. "Good novels for diversion. Good biographies for inspiration. Good cookbooks, too. We used to travel a lot, but now reading about new places is so easy to do on the Web." Rancher **Linda Mitchell** Davis (Cimarron, NM) looks to the skies for relief, but her most recent communiqué assures us that the long-standing drought remains in effect. That keeps her herd thirsty and her hands full. Our quest for spare time activities drew a truly understandable response: "Working with animals daily leaves little time for much else." But she does continue as Cimarron volunteer ambulance EMT with four great-grandchildren.

You may have noticed that there was no offer of freshman summer reading books this year. Yes, Mater decided not to do it in '16. As of this



writing (mid-summer), no plan for resuming the practice—whether indeed to do it—had been announced. Send news to: **Jim Hanchett**, 300 First Ave., #8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

**54** I have waited very patiently by the door with Coco, my standard poodle, and Duffy, my Skye terrier, so we could together bark a very noisy thank you to the mail person when dozens and dozens of news forms showered through the slot. But alas, we waited in vain. Nothing but a quiet click and silence came through the slot. No matter, we shall rejoice when we hear from you.

I had a delightful e-mail exchange with **Betty Barker** Hotchkiss, who had noted on her bucket list a desire to take in a safari of Kenya and Tanzania. I answered immediately with an encouraging e-mail for her to do so. Her answer came back that she was leaving the next week to do exactly that! Now I shall await her report. It was to be a full tenting safari in both countries.

**Phila Staines** Slade and I were in the same corridor in Dickson Five, and she has remained as active as she was all those eons ago. She and Dick have lived in the same home since 1958 in North Andover, MA, which has allowed her to see her work with gardens and trails mature. She has received the very special Lifetime Achievement Award from the Northern District of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts. Gardens and trails are but a few of her volunteer efforts.

**Elisavietta Artamonoff** Ritchie is certainly not retired, nor has her life changed. The ex-president of Washington Writers Publishing House, she is now a fiction editor and has written two new books, *Guy Wires* and *Babushka's Beads: A Geography of Genes*. In addition, she is a non-stop writer and editor, teaches creative writing workshops, freelances for *Bay Weekly*, and mentors other writers. Elisavietta feels that one of the best decisions she ever made was to continue to write—and rewrite—beside the Patuxnet River in southern Maryland. That's about it for now, folks, except to wish you all Happy Holidays. Duffy, Coco, and I shall steadfastly listen at the front door for the swoosh of mail. **Leslie Papenfus** Reed, lesliejreed@me.com. Class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**55** **Skip Salus** says he was “a teenage iconoclast” in that both his parents went to Penn. Did Cornell fulfill his expectations? “Yes, and beyond.” He cherishes the memories of his “fortunate upbringing” in Philadelphia, European sojourns, the Henley Regatta, and meeting Mr. and Mrs. Chafetz—“social hosts to the D.C. elite”—as well as Myrna Loy. Quite an eclectic group!

**Janet Senderowitz** Loengard says she'll never forget “the cold November afternoon in 1953 when Ralph Vaughan Williams came to tea.” It seems that one of the women living in the Circle Cottages had met him out walking, and, on the spur of the moment, invited him in. **Mary Jane Kent** MacGregor has enjoyed two great Elderhostel trips, both art-oriented: one in Italy (“Florence and the Treasures of Northern Tuscany”) and the other in France (“Paris and Rouen”). At last report, Mary Jane was planning a trip to Hawaii in the fall of this year with **Leda Leveille** Fide and **Charlene Vickery** Campisi. **Suzanne Liebrecht** Joyce says, “I loved

my time at Cornell.” Recent travel for Sue was to Cuba, the Czech Republic, and Hungary. She particularly enjoyed visiting her daughter, who was working in China, in 1982 (“Mao jackets, bikes, and beautiful people”). **Earle Peterson**, DVM '58, looking back to college days, remembered “how easy it was compared with working on the farm.” He also appreciated “being able to socialize with such a bright and diverse group of students.”

Great to hear from **Jim** and **Sally Zautner Vanicek**, who report, “There's not enough hours in the day!” Their best trip was in 1984, when they traveled from NYC to Helsinki, Russia, China, and San Francisco, then home to Rhode Island.

‘Good novels for diversion. Good biographies for inspiration.’

Susan Finn Smith '53

Next on their agenda: Alaska and Norway, plus a return to their favorite destinations, Germany and Switzerland. **Neal Jordan** says his main reason for attending Cornell was the scholarships: New York State, Cornell, and Burrell, which covered his tuition and fees. In 2014, Neal and Vaida boarded a cruise ship in Vancouver and got off in Buenos Aires, having rounded the Cape and visited the Falkland Islands to walk among the penguins. Sounds terrific. **Dave Hyman** states, “My four years on the Hill were an unforgettable experience; my mind was opened by Nabokov, Rossiter, Cushman, and others. Years later, when I came back for Homecoming, I stepped onto the Arts Quad and was struck with the strongest emotion I have ever felt.” I'm sure many of us could relate. Those four years had been so transformative, so new and thrilling, that to suddenly find yourself back on campus was an incredible feeling. Dave also asks me to “tell the *Alumni News* to run more sports stories.” Consider it done.

And how did **Eleanor Greig** Downing choose Cornell? “My mom said, ‘You are going there!’” Plus Ellie wanted the Home Ec program. Dan and **Priscilla Rice** Oehl have done eight bicycle trips with Vermont Bike Tours, and feel grateful for their good health and the ability to still bike. **Patricia McCormick** Hoehing appreciates “independence in all areas, being physically mobile and mentally alert.” **Ruth McDevitt** Carrozza wanted to attend Cornell (“at the time, the best landscaping department on the East Coast”) ever since her freshman year in high school. Ruth's favorite trips, among many, have been with a Cornell group, touring the Tuscany area of Italy, and sailing the British Virgin Islands. Next up: the eastern section of Canada and the islands off the coast of Maine.

**Winthrop “Buck” Cody** says he chose Cornell for its excellence, but has since been disappointed in Cornell leadership, particularly professors, for being “heavily biased in support of liberal philosophy, both fiscally and socially.” He believes the conservative viewpoint has been excluded and that “all first-class learning institutions have the responsibility to teach both sides.” Buck wonders how others from our class feel about this and concludes, “Until I am fully convinced that a student at Cornell is taught all points of view, I cannot support the university.” Any response from readers? **Sue Spooner** Olsen reported that she and her “special friend,” Loyd, continue to enjoy their

senior years together, and spent a month touring the Black Forest, the Tyrol, and Switzerland. By the way, Sue is pleased that her second book, *The Plant Lover's Guide to Ferns*, has had good reviews.

**Eugene Smith** recalled a great senior year, sharing an apartment with **Gregory Siskind**, **Michael Olichney**, MD '60, and **Marty Schnee**. He says, “Marty introduced me to his lovely cousin Marcia, my wife of 60 years.” Eugene takes justifiable pride in having done research essential to the discovery of the hepatitis B virus, and in his career as a chief of medicine, “being a whistle blower and helping to root out corruption and impaired physicians at the hospital.” Eugene's son, **Robert**

'83, is a Cornell graduate, and Robert's daughter is a sophomore. **Elinor Rohrlrich** Koeppl, who lives in my old hometown of Mamaroneck, NY, says she's seen a lot of spectacular destinations: “Machu Picchu to Minneapolis, Gibraltar to the Grand Canyon, China to Chile!” **Philip Harvey's** grandson, **Kyle Harvey Gallik** '20, started his Cornell career in August, exactly 65 years since the day Phil arrived on campus. Our sympathies to Phil's son, Steve, whose wife died recently. Classmates may remember Steve as a baby, attending Cornell fraternity parties in his car seat! **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancysavagepetrie@yahoo.com. Class website, [classof55.alumni.cornell.edu](http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu).

**56** **Lorna Jackson** Salzman published a new book called *Politics as if Evolution Mattered: Darwin, Ecology, and Social Justice*. For more information on the subject, including articles on the environment, energy, civil liberties, and Islamism, check out her website: [www.LornaSalzman.com](http://www.LornaSalzman.com). Lorna lives in Brooklyn, NY, and summers in East Quogue, LI, with husband Eric, a composer and writer.

**Roy Curtiss** (Gainesville, FL) and his wife founded Curtiss Healthcare, a vaccine development biotech firm to develop vaccines that prevent infectious diseases of animals and humans. **Patricia Hamm** Finstad (Sarasota, FL; path1234@comcast.net) is happy to hear from classmates via e-mail and wanted us to know that she is teaching T'ai Chi Chih in the Sarasota schools' adult education program. **Nancy Sunshine**-Seroff wrote last spring, “We now have two great-grandsons. We've finished our ‘bucket list’ of traveling, but do plan to go to Reunion. After that, in July, to my daughter Winnie in California. Otherwise we're taking it easy in retirement.” **Bob Boice** (Watertown, NY) was looking forward to downsizing, selling the farm, and new activities—but will miss the elbow room and whitetail trophies.” Bob is still enjoying his winter home in Summerfield, FL. He writes, “We had a special family moment for Christmas 2015—grandchildren and great-grandchildren made the trek together to select a couple of Yule trees from our plantation for the season.”

**Susanne Kalter** DeWitt (Berkeley, CA) is a molecular biology scientist in the biotech field. **Thomas Poulson** (Jupiter, FL) retired in 2000 as emeritus professor of ecology and evolution, and

is continuing in his field at Florida U. in Jupiter. **Norma Redstone** Shakun is involved in the American Assn. of University Women and other activities in her education field. She writes, "I was hoping to attend Reunion, but my life is a bit too hectic. I have two grandchildren. Rafael, 13-1/2, is graduating from eighth grade, and Talla, 17-1/2, is graduating from high school—so many graduation events are occurring!" Norma spent ten days

You can contact her at judyrlevy@aol.com for more details.

Last July, I was on campus for the CAU summer program taking the Wines course. What a great class—I highly recommend it. And for me it was déjà vu as the class took place in the very same Food Labs room at Martha Van where my Home Ec classmates and I took F&N 103. I can still picture Prof. Steininger lecturing us on the perils of gluten

A **Bill Schmidt**, I am not. Bill (PleinairBill@aol.com) continues to create masterpieces—the latest is an impressionist rendering of the Golden Gate Bridge and San Francisco Bay. Needless to say, this work is up for another award. Go to <http://bill.schmidt.net> to view his remarkable talent. **Beach Kuhl**, who had to put up with your humble correspondent in both high school and college, can look at the bridge and bay every day as he continues his legal activity in the Bay Area. He is on the Ross, CA, town council, the local fire department board of directors, and the county transportation authority. Beach still plays tennis and platform tennis, having competed in the latter sport's senior championship several times. **Peter Cortland** is still at his teaching gig at Quinnipiac after more than 50 years—seems to be settling in nicely.

**Dwight Emanuelson** continues in the investment business in Hilton Head. Of his three grandchildren, one has graduated from Washington and Lee U., one from Vanderbilt, and an eighth grader is still deciding. Dwight thoroughly enjoys scuba diving in areas around Hilton Head. **Bill Angel** enjoys the same activity in the Florida Keys, in addition to sculling and biking and cruising in the Bahamas. **Al Vulcan**, BEE '59, MEE '60, continues his consulting work in the aerospace industry. His primary concentration is in satellite communication systems for commercial and military applications.

**Matthew Sagal**, after being a "lifer" at Bell Labs/AT&T, is still working as an alliance consultant. You may be familiar with his son, Peter, who is a quiz show host on NPR. **John Herzog** has given another, what he says is his final, gift (except for that specified in his will) to the Museum of American Finance, which he founded 25 or so years ago, and from which he stepped down from chairman to trustee emeritus in 2010. The museum is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and the only museum dedicated to finance, entrepreneurship, and the open market system. **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

**58** We have news, thanks to your returned news forms and e-mails. Some is from classmates we've not heard from in a while. **Jim** (harphad@aol.com) and **Annette Fogo Harper's** only word is that they moved a few miles from their 50-year home to nearby Gladwyne, PA. **Ken Pollard** and Beulah still live in Cayuga, NY, and had a three-month visit with their son and family in Florida and with their granddaughter and children in Williamsburg, VA. Ken says that professors **Herbert Hartwig '48** and **Max Brunk, PhD '47**, had the greatest impact on him on the Hill. Ken continues as an emeritus member of the board of governors of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

**Roberta Arvine** Fishman (robbiefishman@optonline.net) still teaches and remains active in Brooklyn and Suffolk County League of Women Voters, particularly for voter registration at naturalization ceremonies, where, she says, "it's fabulous to see hundreds who get citizenship from all over." Roberta would like to hear from **Mina Goldman** Goldberg. **Jack Kelly** still works in the Kelly Group with his two Cornellian sons at JP Morgan Securities. He's active with the V.A. and the Marines, addressing investments for them. Jack writes about the impact of one of his professors: "Prof. Alfred Kahn was a great man and a great teacher." **Robert Adler** is in a similar business, president and owner of his bond producer and broker business in Colts Neck, NJ. He is also in business with his younger

## 'We like to think of ourselves as the largest flying museum in the world.'

Dick Hyde '59

last April in Paris seeing friends, colleagues, and museums. **Robert Timberger**, MD '60 (Piermont, NY) retired from Memorial Hospital in 1995 after 35 years—minus two years spent in the Army. **David Klau** (West Hartford, CT) retired from business and is now in aviation at his local airport, both flying and instructing others. He writes, "In July 2014 we took a tour of Eastern Europe. Much of our travel is to Milwaukee to visit our daughter and six of the 16 grandchildren."

**Barry Dyer** (Sun City, FL) is mostly retired and works part time as a security officer at the Lakewood Ranch gated community in Florida, keeping its residents safe. He and his significant other, Betty, enjoyed Reunion so much that they're already planning their return for our 65th. **Jack Shirman** (Quechee, VT) toured Churchill, Manitoba, to view the Northern Lights and watch the native polar bears in action. **Leonard Sauer** retired as senior research physicist from Bassett Research Inst. in Cooperstown, NY, in 1996. His granddaughter is a member of the Cornell Class of 2017, and Leonard and his wife are planning to attend her commencement. He writes, "My family is widely spread around the US and Europe. We visit Oregon, Vermont, and Germany regularly."

**Catherine Welch** Wieschhoff (Midway, KY) volunteers at the Kentucky Horse Park in the Int'l Museum of the Horse. Her shelties volunteer there with her. She writes, "Living in the very small city of Midway, KY, is wonderful for the coziness of the place and friendliness of the neighbors." **Sam Basch** (NYC) is very active practicing as a clinical professor at Mount Sinai Medical Center. He was recently honored by the American Psychiatric Assn. as a Distinguished Life Fellow. And if that honor wasn't enough, Sam served as a first responder on 9/11 and was therefore honored by the royalty of Thailand with a special ceremony and dinner at the Thai Palace. And speaking of other faraway places, **Cid Brandon** Spillman sent me a list of those places we noted on her map at Reunion. They are too numerous to include in this column, but it is safe to say that the Super Class of 1956 is very well traveled. **Phyllis Bosworth**, 8 East 83rd St., New York, NY 10028; e-mail, phylboz@aol.com.

**57** If it's November it's time for the annual Cornell hockey game at Madison Square Garden on the 26th. The Big Red faces off against the U. of New Hampshire, and, as she has been doing for a number of years, **Judy Richter** Levy, LLB '59, is organizing a '57 gathering for dinner before the game.

when making dough! And I also have the catalog with a photo of **Sue Westin** Pew and me, dressed in our crisp white uniforms at a stove in that same lab. Another classmate sampling the many wines was **Dick Graves** and his wife, who happen to be fellow residents here in Sun City. One of my free-time activities was to have lunch with **Marj Nelson** Smart and **Gail Lautzenheiser** Cashen. Gail and **Tony '57**, MBA '58, are enjoying their new home in Kendal. As a pre-Reunion event, Marj and **Nancy Krauthamer** Goldberg got a '57 group together for a luncheon at Homecoming in September. Mark your calendar—June 8, 2017 is the start of our 60th Reunion.

**Barbara Ries Taylor** continues her volunteer work with her husband, **Robert '56**, at a nonprofit in Houston that navigates people through the government health systems. The Taylors enjoy traveling and toured Andalusia last year on a Cornell trip. **Judy Tischler** Rogers was honored in May as one of ten Citizens of Achievement by the LWV of Greater San Bernardino/Redland and the county board of supervisors. She was recognized for her many volunteer activities the past 12 years in the schools, at church, with Meals on Wheels, and especially helping shut-ins in the Lake Arrowhead and Crestline areas where she lives.

We were sad to learn that **Helen Thom** Edwards, PhD '66, passed away in June. Helen was a distinguished and highly regarded scientist at Fermilab, where she began her work in 1970. She was the leader in design, construction, and operation of the Tevatron Collider, and among her many awards were the National Medal of Technology and the Robert R. Wilson Prize of the American Physical Society. Please send news to: **Judy Reusswig**, JCreuss@aol.com.

**Judy Richter** Levy, LLB '59 (judyrlevy@aol.com) is organizing a NYC dinner on November 26 before the Frozen Apple hockey game at Madison Square Garden, featuring the outstanding Big Red squad. If interested, please contact Judy.

Class president **Phil McIndoo** will fly to Australia in January and spend ten days touring that country's high spots before boarding a ship that will wend its way through the Pacific (New Zealand, Tonga, Tahiti, Hawaii) before winding up in San Diego. **Don MacKay** has endured four back operations, and his great family support has been the primary factor in getting him to the point that a wheelchair existence is tolerable. He still has a passion for operating radio-controlled sailboats and airplanes, and he enjoys conversing with his Sigma Phi brothers.



sister in Florida residential properties. Robert lost his wife two years ago. Happily, his granddaughter is doing well at Pace U. in NYC, and Robert keeps in regular contact with his oldest friend, his first- and second-year roommate, **Ralph Lamar**.

**Dick '57**, BEE '59, and **Dale Reis Johnson** (dalejohnson@cox.net) still reside in Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, and report that they've "been retired a long time but are active, learning and teaching in retirement." They traveled to the Orient and also visited daughter **Karin Johnson '86** in Virginia Beach and son Craig in South Orange County. Dale keeps in touch with lots of 'mates and enjoyed Reunion last June, seeing many Pi Phi sisters. We updated news from **Sonja Kischner Wilkin** here recently, but can add that she, too, keeps in touch with her sisters, those of Chi Gamma, and also attended the 150th Cornell celebration in San Francisco. **Beverly Blau Miller** (bevmler59@gmail.com) writes, "I volunteer a lot, including at the local V.A. hospital weekly, reading and tutoring at an inner-city elementary school, gardening at the local zoo, and walking groups at my local YMCA three times a week." Bev wishes she could travel more from her Jamesville, NY, home, and says her four grandchildren, ages 9-13, take up some of whatever time is left.

**James "Jeff" Brown** continues work with the US Army, evaluating people entering the military. He travels to Europe at least once a year, this time to Germany, where he had spent three years previously. He enjoys living in Portland, ME, with hiking and skiing, and always remembers "that a Connecticut farm boy could compete in the tough Cornell environment." Jeff wanted to get in touch with **John Ritrosky Jr.**, whose newsnote said he'd like to get in touch with Jeff. So, an e-mail to Jeff is working on that. John continues full time in his practice of pediatrics, although, he says, "EMR is getting me down." John's greatest Cornell influences were his freshman peer group—"rural, nerdy guys who knew that hard work brings success. We supported each other." **Gerald Freedman** (Gerald.freedman@yale.edu), retired radiologist, often in Branford, CT, or snowbirding to Hillsboro, FL, feels that one of his best decisions at Cornell was switching to radiology from engineering. He sculpts, too, and reports that his son received a national science award this year, and his two daughters are expecting children, Gerald's fourth and fifth grandchildren. He'd like to hear from **Harvey Dale**.

Someone we rarely hear from, **Stefan Belman**, DVM '61 (sbelman@montanasky.net), far out in Big Sky Country, maintains a timbered quarter section ranch in the mountains near Glacier National Park and does a good bit of hiking, biking, and skiing. "The best decision I ever made was to settle in Montana, escaping Long Island, where the pavement and shopping malls were closing in on me." Stefan's wife, **Anita (Lesgold) '60**, MS Ag '61, is a part-time pediatric neurologist. His son, **Matt**, DVM '89, is a Cornell vet, and his daughter has two Cornell sophomores in Arts and Sciences. Life in Columbia Falls, MT, sounds good.

Reunion! Ah yes, that every-five-years event we all hope to get to. It's now only one and a half years away, and we hope you've got that first full week in June 2018 on your calendars. We have 60 years to celebrate! Your Reunion planners will be gathering at CALC again this February in Baltimore, where we hope not to be snowed out, as you've probably heard we were last year in Philadelphia. Some of us also will attend our 59th Reunion in 2017 to get more ideas and cement many in place

for 2018. Your thoughts for a grand Reunion are always welcome, so send them along. Meanwhile, best wishes to all for happy holidays as 2016 closes down. **Dick Haggard**, richardhaggard11@gmail.com; **Jan Arps Jarvie**, janjarvie@gmail.com.

**59** Retired attorney **Dick Hyde**, now living outside Atlanta in Suwanee, GA, has been fascinated by the planes of WWII since childhood, when he saw them flying overhead. His interest in and knowledge of that time period grew over the years, to the point where, after his retirement from the legal world, he taught a course on the war and its aftermath for seven years in the Lifelong Learning program at Washington U. in St. Louis. "It was satisfying on many levels, but particularly when appreciative WWII veterans attended the classes and related their personal experiences," he says. Dick also became part of the Commemorative Air Force (CAF), a Texas-based nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and showing historical aircraft from the WWII era. Over almost half a century, CAF has collected and refurbished a fleet of more than 165 aircraft, making it one of the largest air forces in the world.

"We like to think of ourselves as the largest flying museum in the world, with our airplanes flying and on display at airshows from coast to coast every year," says Dick. Many of the approximately 13,000 members have formed units, called "wings," often to support one or more of the CAF's classic military aircraft. Dick belongs to the Missouri Wing (as well as the Dixie Wing in Atlanta) and several times a year helps crew the Missouri Wing's B-25 Mitchell bomber, appropriately named *Show Me*, as it flies to airshows. In late July, for example, he was part of the crew that took the plane from St. Louis to Sioux Falls, SD, for its biannual airshow, Power on the Prairie. "We were there about a week, arriving five days before the show to give rides to folks. We took the plane up during the show, along with other CAF aircraft; sold hats, shirts, and other items to help fund our programs; and fielded questions from enthused show-goers about our aircraft and the CAF."

"Have been living in NYC's Greenwich Village for 23 years—still love it!" writes **Paul Rosenberg**. In addition to maintaining an endodontics practice, he's been at NYU College of Dentistry for more than 45 years, serving as everything from instructor to associate dean. He long ago received NYU's Distinguished Teaching Award, and in 2007 the College of Dentistry unveiled the Paul and Maxine Rosenberg Educational Wing in his honor, which provides postgraduate students with a facility dedicated to their specific needs. **Dale**, LLB '63, and **Jane Van Wyman Goodfriend '61** (Rochester, MN) keep busy selling antiques, walking their two chow chows, and trying to keep up with their four children, their spouses, and eight grandchildren. "The entire clan—18 of us—celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary last year in Lastingham, North Yorkshire, UK," writes Dale.

**Paula Millenthal** Cantor (Woodcliff Lake, NJ) recently stepped down from the presidency of her local Jewish Community Center, but remains active and on the board of governors. She has led over 25 trips to Israel. Paula continues to paint, exhibiting her watercolors in local galleries and art shows. **Carol Vieth** Mead (Palos Verdes Estates, CA) keeps busy with two Newfoundlands, two philanthropic groups, playing bridge, and volunteering with a local interpretive center. She does some

traveling, starting 2016 with a Caribbean cruise and spending August at her home in New Hampshire. While Carol was in New England, **Ed and Beth Streisfeld Tavlin '62** were on the *Seabourn Sojourn* visiting the western Mediterranean—19 ports in 21 days. Back home in Delray Beach, FL, Ed continues to play golf several times a week. "This year I won my super-senior golf championship with a 78, nine strokes ahead of the second-place winner. I have now scored my age or lower about 40 times, including one round of 69 two years ago."

**Doug Dedrick**, DVM '61, divides his year between two homes, spending summers in East Aurora, NY, and winters in The Villages, FL. "I'm enjoying retirement," he writes. "I do whatever I want and what I'm physically able to do." **Kim Mitchell** also divides his time between homes in Connecticut and Florida. Like many of us, he's dismayed to have lost contact with Cornell friends. My best advice to all is to check the Cornell Alumni Directory at: <https://cornellconnect.cornell.edu>. You can also get to it via: [www.alumni.cornell.edu/classes](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/classes). And while you're trying to find friends, make sure that your contact information is up to date, so friends can find you! **Jenny Tesar**, jet24@cornell.edu.

**60** **Michael Goldberg** has a new position as scholar-in-residence at the Schwartz Center for Compassionate Healthcare, a Boston organization committed to making compassionate care an essential component of the healthcare system. Now officially a dual-coast professional, Michael shuttles back and forth between Boston and Seattle, where he spends alternate months as a consultant at Seattle Children's Hospital, focused on children with rare bone conditions and complex birth defects. Michael is used to the commute because he spent his pre-retirement years in Boston as professor and chair of orthopedics at the Tufts medical school and regularly visited Seattle, where family members, including his grandchildren, live.

Also on the move for professional reasons, albeit with a shorter commute, is **Johanna "Toddy" Dwyer**, still living in Boston but continuing her part-time work in Washington, DC, for the National Institutes of Health. She is an inveterate traveler, too, visiting all corners of the world, and recently queried of classmates who might want to join her, "Antarctica and/or the Black Sea, anyone?" Congratulations to **Peter Linzer**, who received the Lifetime Achievement Award for "outstanding contributions to contract law and to the scholarly community" at this year's Int'l Conference on Contracts. Peter has been teaching law at the U. of Houston for more than 30 years; before that he was an attorney practicing in NYC. He writes, "My son Grayson Stevens, 20, is attending Blinn College here in Texas and making his mother and me very proud." Peter would like to hear from classmate **Alan Colen**.

**Judith Thompson** Hamer writes from Redding, CT, "I am aging gracefully or gracelessly, depending on the day. In my retirement, I'm writing personal essays about aging, reading fiction and nonfiction with my long-standing book group, and running a scholarship fund at my retirement community for employees and their children. I'm shocked that I'll be 80 at our next Reunion!" Judith would like to hear from classmates **Dolores Hawraney** Forge and **Sandra Leff**. **James "J.T." Tsighis** of Tucson, AZ, reports, "As a

realtor emeritus, I continue to enjoy coaching and mentoring seasoned real estate practitioners. I'm actively engaged with the National Assn. of Realtors, serving as the chairman of the 2016 Risk Management License and Law Forum." J.T. says, "Life is good!" and praises class president **Sue Phelps** Day for her dedication and many years of service.

In Portsmouth, RI, **Emil Cipolla**, MBA '63, volunteers with the town's economic development efforts and mentoring high school students. His daughter, Kimberly, lives nearby and has been promoted to deputy chief of the technology office at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center in Newport. Emil would like to hear from classmates **Dave Atkinson** and **Don Christensen**. In Sheboygan, WI, **Jane Finnegan** Kocmoud is active on several fronts. A certified lay minister, she also writes poetry and recently published three chapbooks, one of them focused on dealing with fibromyalgia, and is a serious photographer with works accepted in juried shows. Jane wants to hear from **Dora "Dee" Apted** Grover.

"When my husband, George, and I sold our newspaper 11 years ago," writes **Jean Belden** Taber, "we moved to Block Island thinking we'd live there year-round in retirement. That lasted four years before we decided to look for someplace to disappear to in the winter. That turned out to be Vero Beach, FL, and we like it so much that we spend eight months of the year here. George continues to write books, while I do volunteer work in both places. I missed Reunion last year because we were bicycling from Amsterdam to Bruges for our 50th anniversary of graduation from the College of Europe." **Aileen Easton Merriam** and her husband, **Gray**, PhD '60, are still happily ensconced in their riverfront house in Eastern Ontario and active in local landscape stewardship issues, working with the Kennebec Lake Assn. to monitor the health of the lake and its ecosystems and with Friends of the Salmon River to conserve the river and its watershed. Aileen says she also enjoys art and photography, as well as travel, though she admits the latter is "becoming more difficult." She would like to hear from **Ruth Berberian** Hanessian. **F. William Ballou**, MEE '62, of Williamsburg, VA, says he is now "studying trends in medical science and computer science excepting software." He would like to "play in US Open tennis—not a chance, but a wish."

**Margaret McPhee Miano**, MS '61, reports that she and **Ralph**, PhD '62, enjoy traveling and golf. She writes, "I also do some painting and serve on the handicap committee at our club in Naples, FL," where they spend half of each year. When back in New Providence, NJ, Margaret writes grants for the local Habitat for Humanity. Because their son **Stephen** '88 has moved with his family to San Francisco, she says, "we will be directing some of our travels to the West Coast." The recipient of our Class W.I.S.E. Scholarship, **Jovana Andrejevic**, graduated with the Class of '16. In her "thank you" to the class, Jovana reports that she and her twin sister (also '16) spent the summer with relatives in Serbia. Both are now enrolled in doctoral programs in Boston, Jovana in applied physics at Harvard, and **Nina** in materials science and engineering at MIT. Send your news to: **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, jw275@cornell.edu.

**61** Just to let you know, my husband, Bill, and I successfully drove round-trip from coastal Oregon to Ithaca for the 55th Reunion. My diary ends on the 35th

day of our journey. The car registered 7,874 miles of travel. Say, wow! We had a week with my daughter Heather and family in Lewisburg, PA, and a couple of days' visit with friends of my earlier life in Kalamazoo, MI. We had a really good trip, beginning to end.

**Doug Fuss** has given you a fine overview of the who, what, where, and when of our Reunion on campus, as well as some of his personal memories. I will add just a few of my own, first to say that it was a very good time for Bill to repeat a Reunion, since he had made acquaintances his first time around. His favorite event both times was the presentation of the Cornell Chorus and Glee Club. We went along to the concert with **Pat Laux** Richards. She is an alumna of the Chorus and loves to go as well, but didn't choose to sing. The program was unique and magnificent. The singing went on with the Cornell favorites we all love. Regarding some of the Greeks, just three Kappa Kappa Gamma classmates attended, Pat Laux Richards, **Ann Van Order** Scoville, and me. Class of '62 wives were **Cathryn Van Buren** Bomberger, **Margie McKee** Blanchard, MA '65, **Nancy Schlegel** Meinig, and **Alison Kyle** Kerr. The usual contingent (suspects?) of Phi Gamma Delta men were in evidence as well. For sure, many other sorority and fraternity good friends found each other.

I received a very nice message from **David D'Alessandro** (daleston2@aol.com) after I returned home. He wrote, "My son, **David Jr.** '91, and his wife, **Celeste Tamboro** '91, were both in Ithaca celebrating their 25th Reunion and brought my two grandsons with them. Stephanie and I brought up four kids in south Florida. They went back north for college degrees and never came home, and now we travel thousands of miles to see our grandkids. I must confess, showing two youngsters around Cornell was a priority activity for us." One of the conversations I initiated with some classmates was about where they were living. One of the issues discussed was "downsizing," or seeking a less cluttered and complicated lifestyle in senior housing or the like. One classmate I spoke with said she keeps her sweaters in her oven. Many of us are moving to be closer to family, especially grandchildren. Another trend I noticed was the business of having two places to live, each having been influenced by climate. So many of us are facing our aging to suit our needs and wants in different environments.

In my search for Reunion news I came across a note from **Diane Baillet** Meakem. She said, "I have several people with whom I would like to continue the conversation, but didn't get contact info." I suspect there are many of us in this situation. Contact **Alexandra Bond** '12 (abb83@cornell.edu) to send a note with your contact information to a classmate. One last bit before we get to the news—I encourage you to look at the photos that were taken of us all at Cornell. A great job and such fun to look at (see the class website).

**Carol Bonosaro** (seniorexec@aol.com) writes, "After 25 years in the federal government and 29 years as the president of the Senior Executives Assn., I finally decided that retirement was the more viable alternative to eventually leaving the office feet first. Unfortunately, this also entailed de-cluttering and selling a house I had lived in for 28 years. I've relocated to Boynton Beach, FL, and am enjoying life in a condo that is literally built out over the Intracoastal Waterway. Supremely difficult to get anything done when I can watch the herons, egrets, and pelicans, as well as the boats passing by, but I'm continuing to do some work as president emeritus of the association."

We have learned that **Lola Cohen** Green visited Tuscany last summer and also reconnected with her Italian teacher at Cornell, Nicolette Barbarito. It took her six months to track the professor down, with help from the alumni association, and they keep in touch regularly. Lola writes, "The best decision I ever made was to move to Southern California from New York. Although I live part of the time in Newport, my primary home is in Rancho Santa Fe, near San Diego." She volunteers in a program called Reality Changers. "We get teenagers to drop out of gangs and give them one-on-one coaching so they can qualify to win four-year college scholarships. So far more than 700 students have succeeded in winning scholarships and have become the first generation in their families to attend college."

**Thomas Rohr** (commish808@gmail.com) checked in. He is and has been heavily involved in Hawaiian island properties, resorts, and hotels since Cornell. He sent many attached items regarding his career and activities. One of the several items tells of his "50-plus-year history of significant contributions to the game of golf." A scholarship exists in his name for the Hawaii State Junior Golf Assn. Brianna Cox, daughter of **Jim Cox** '86, and granddaughter of classmates **Judy Reamer** Cox and **Bill Cox** begins her Cornell career this fall as a third-generation Cornellian!

Keep in touch with classmates using our website (<http://www.cornell61.org>) and Facebook page, Cornell Class of 1961. You can submit your news online at: <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/classnotes.cfm> or write us personally: **Susan Williams** Stevens, sastevens61@gmail.com; **Doug Fuss**, dougout@attglobal.net.

**62** It's holiday letter time! Be sure to contact your classmates to plan your trip to Ithaca, June 8-11, 2017, for our 55th Reunion—and send a copy to your correspondent to share your news and plans. Contact **Neil Schilke**, MME '64 (neroschilke@aol.com) to help with Reunion planning. For the latest updates, the class website is: [www.cornellclassof62.org](http://www.cornellclassof62.org).

In May, **Bryan Neel** (Rochester, MN; ivyneel@aol.com) received the Alumni Achievement Medalion for Distinguished Service to American Medicine from SUNY Downstate College of Medicine. "It was like receiving the Nobel Prize, but even better!" Bryan has been working on two-piece music and doing lots of fishing, skiing, water skiing, and sailing and "plenty of 'handyman work' in two houses." He notes that Prof. Tom Sokol had the greatest impact on him at Cornell: "Our Glee Club tour to Russia in 1961 was one of the highlights of my life. Under his direction, the Glee Club was the best in the world." The greatest impact on **Lori Krieger Yellen** (lky2@cornell.edu)? "My husband's fraternity." Lori and **Rick** '60 live in Williamsville, NY, where they enjoy tennis, gardening, travel, and their family. Their granddaughter **Samantha** '15 is in research at UBS, where granddaughter Alison plans to head after her graduation from U. of Michigan.

Dr. **Urie Bronfenbrenner** '38 had the greatest impact on **Benina Berger Gould** (bgould@saybrook.edu). She and **Jeff** '61 live in Berkeley, CA, from whence they travel to Paris for six weeks every fall. She is a clinical psychologist doing research in support of pluralism and against Islamophobia. She also co-directs the trauma certificate program at Saybrook U. Benina would like to hear



from **Nina Gershon** and **Nina Swersie** Feigin. The Goulds have four grandchildren. "Cannot believe the 'stuff' we have," notes **Stanley Kozareski** (kozareski@gmail.com), who was in the process of moving from New Canaan, CT, to Vero Beach, FL. Dr. Alfred Kahn had the most impact on him.

Recently retired as director of Penn State's student affairs research and assessments, **Betty Lefkowitz** Moore (blm1@psu.edu) volunteers at Interfaith Services and a local hospital in State College, PA. She is very active in her community and would like to hear from **Dania Moss**. Vietnam veteran **Dick Monroe** (rem36@cornell.edu) brings us up to date. He and Toni "celebrated 40 years of wedded bliss" last May. At the time of their marriage, he was flying full time for United Airlines and also for the Air Force Reserves. After the birth of son Miguel in 1977 they moved to Woodinville, WA. "Here we are in 2016, still enjoying our original house—how often does that happen?" When Miguel joined Scouting, Dick retired from the Air Force and became very involved with the Scouts and remains active today. The Monroes also have 40 acres in Duvall, WA, where they have created Mountain Meadows, a park-like setting with hiking trails, three fire pits, and two ponds stocked with rainbow trout. Dick enjoys maintaining the property and playing host to Scouting groups there. His oldest grandson was married this year. Your name is not here because you haven't sent news. Please do! ☐ **Jan McClayton** Crites, 2430 76th Ave. SE, #331, Mercer Island, WA 98040; e-mail, jmc50@cornell.edu.

**63** Fall is in the air, but it's summer as I write this in Telluride, CO. Don't forget that our 55th Reunion is only a little more than 18 months away. Put June 7-10, 2018 on your calendars.

**Larrie Dockerill** Rockwell '62 sent me news of the passing of our sorority sister **Carol Mills** Lucas, from cancer, on August 1, with her family surrounding her. I have information regarding memorials for Carol, so contact me directly if you would like that. **Jim Byrnes**, MBA '64, has retired from being chairman of Tompkins Financial in Ithaca and as chairman of the New York Business Development Corp. He and his wife have relocated to Vero Beach, FL, but they still live in Ithaca part time. Jim teaches in the Dyson School in the fall semester. Having visited Machu Picchu a year ago, **Joe Brennan** writes, "I decided to visit China to cross off another entry on my bucket list. I spent 11 days in China and treasure the opportunity I had to walk on the Great Wall, spend time in Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City, and see the terra cotta warriors and so many more cultural gems. A glimpse of the future: the Maglev Train system, the skyline of the Shanghai global center, and the total transportation network to efficiently serve more than 1.3 billion people. Still on my list are Cuba, Australia, Japan, Petra, and India."

**Nicholas** and **Kim Norfleet Scott**, GR '62-63 (Erie, PA) are blessed with 18 grandchildren to keep them busy. Nicholas is still president of Scott Enterprises, a hospitality company with 2,000 employees. He likes to travel and do photography. He says the professors at the Hotel school had the greatest impact on him during his time at Cornell. **Warren Brockelman** lives in Phutthamonthon, Thailand, with his wife, Chariya. He writes, "I have continued research on forest ecology and on wild gibbons in Khao Yai National Park. We have our own house and property in

Salaya, west of Bangkok. We have two grandchildren (Anant and Anila) by daughter Anne, who lives in Somerville, MA, and is an architect in Boston." **Guy Smith** writes, "Genevieve and I moved from Medford, OR, to Syracuse, NY. Reducing size from a large house to a small apartment is still keeping us busy. In addition, we're

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Carol Bonosaro '61

much closer to family. Hoping to spend some more time in Ithaca, especially during football season. There is time to play more and hunt, fish, and carve and build ship models. Then there is the computer to suck up time."

**John "Terry" Kenaston** writes, "Renate and I are still operating our B&B Inn, the Golden Gate Hotel in San Francisco. Having a great and loyal staff gives us a lot of freedom to do other things, however." They took trips to Germany, Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic last year with their son, daughter, and their families, which include two grandchildren. "Having a good time sailing San Francisco Bay and fly-fishing—life is good." Terry also writes that the professors at the Hotel school had the greatest impact on him, especially Prof. **Thomas W. Silk** '38, MS '47. **César Montilla Jr.** is CEO of the Spectrum Group Inc. in San Juan, PR. **Alex Sommers** says, "I'm working with the Sea Level Rise Action Committee in Hollywood, FL, trying to combat flooding along the Intracoastal Waterway and trying to conserve offshore coral reefs in the Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood area. Any interested local engineering alums, please get in touch."

**Whin Melville**, MEE '68, writes, "I'm still design center manager for Intrinsic Corp., a design services company doing custom semiconductor design. Went to Israel for 12 days in the fall with a church group. Fantastic trip! Brought home many Biblical verses." Whin is spending more time with grandkids and going on mission trips. He would like to hear from **Raymond Weil**. Prof. **Milton Konvitz**, PhD '33, in the ILR school had a great impact on him when he was at Cornell. **Robert**, DVM '65, and Mary Jane **Jacobson** live in Dryden, NY. Last May Robert was in the process of selling his medical practice. He said, "Will talk further when sold." **Judy Hart** (Richmond, VA) says, "I'm writing a book on the national park that I suggested, studied, wrote the legislation for, and started at as the first park superintendent. On March 19, I was honored with 15 other women by the National Women's History Project in Washington, DC." Last spring Judy spent a week with **Madeleine Leston** Meehan at her home on St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. When asked what she brought to Cornell when she first came, she wrote, "A 45 rpm record player and a typewriter."

**Warren Icke** '62 and I had two wonderful European trips this spring, luckily in between all the awful events taking place in Brussels and Paris. We took a river cruise from Amsterdam to Antwerp with Barbara Stowe (Vassar '63), widow of **Bill Stowe** '62. A month later we were on a self-guided walking trip in the Dordogne region of France.

HELP! Our class is looking for a new webmaster to replace **Paula Trested** Laholt. Contact me if you are interested. Check out the Class of 1963 website listed below. ☐ **Nancy Bierds** Icke, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, ick63@gmail.com. Class website, <http://cornellclassof63.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**64** I'm always seeking unique ways to head this column, and here's my latest: Next month marks the two-and-a-half-year mark since our 50th Reunion, which means it will be just two-and-a-half years until our 55th! Hope to see you there!

**Wayne Mezitt**, MBA '66, longtime owner of Weston Nurseries in Hopkinton, MA, where he and wife **Beth (Pickering)** '65 live, is trustee chairman for the Massachusetts Horticultural Society at the Gardens of Elm Bank, Wellesley-Dover, MA. **Frank Grawi**, MME '68, is retired from his career with the Ford Motor Co., but still lives in Novi, MI. **Judy Mabel** still enjoys work as a functional medicine nutritionist. She writes that her profession, once a sideline in the medical field, "is more and more accepted and deemed useful all the time." Judy recently visited Cuba ("fascinating country") with a Cornell alumni tour. She notes that Cubans couldn't import American drugs during the half-century-long embargo, so they developed natural-based medicines of their own that seemed to work just fine. Judy is next off to Milan and the Cinque Terre region of Italy.

**Linda Cohen Meltzer** writes of a mini-reunion last June of some of our NYC-area classmates that worked on our 50th Reunion together. She and physician husband **Rick** '65 (still living in Little Silver, NJ) were having a few classmates over for dinner as **Janet Spencer** King was coming to spend the weekend—"so it motivated me to invite a few others of us." The contingent ended up including **Ed** '63, MME '65, and **Nancy Taylor Butler**, **Elliot Gordon** and wife **Linda**, **Bruce**, MEE '66, and **Ina Goldberg Wagner** '76, BS Nurs '76, **Susie Mair Holden** and husband **Steve**, JD '64, **John Sterba**, M Chem E '68, and **Toby Rice** Goldberg and husband **Bob**. As to the rest of her doings, Linda adds, "All is well and I am enjoying my retirement, though I can't say I do too much that is constructive. I've taken a course here and there at a local community college, but just things I can go and listen to; I don't want to have to do any reading or work for it. I've enjoyed what I've taken so far, though." The Meltzers' travel recently included a 50th anniversary trip in August 2015 back to Switzerland with their daughter, who was born there, and her family; then a trip last fall with their son and his family to an Arizona dude ranch.

**Stephen Lewenberg** and wife **Liz** now have three homes. They still have their Boston home, which is used by family and is kept for cultural events, but now spend summers in Chilmark, their Martha's Vineyard abode. Then they have a winter home in San Diego, CA. Out there, they ran into

classmate **Doug Berg** at an academic event at the Salk Inst. and at Cornell Club of San Diego events. Doug is a microbiologist who recently retired from his position of professor of microbiology at Washington U. and moved to San Diego. **Stephen Crawford** (Derwood, MD) still works part time as a research professor at George Washington U. Inst. of Public Policy. He and wife Liliane are also late-blooming parents, in their case with a 16-year-old adopted daughter. **Peter Stauder**, who has been retired since 1998, spends his time with grandchildren, participating in church activities, and doing family research, for which he's planning a trip to Ireland. Peter, who lives in Clermont, FL, would also enjoy more fishing time, but writes, "Weather and family cut down on my available hours."

Two physician classmates, both nicknamed Jerry, aren't retired yet. **Jerome Rubin** still practices hematology and oncology, but now his daughter Nancy has joined his group practice, located in Monterey, CA. Jerry and wife **Suellen (Safir) '65** live in nearby Carmel. Jerry notes that he and Suellen enjoy their grandchildren, who live nearby, and getting together whenever possible with their other daughter and family who live in Atlanta. **Gerald Lazar** continues an active practice three days a week, which he manages to squeeze into a schedule that includes opera, symphony, theatre, two men's groups, a book club, and a wine tasting group—all this in Salt Lake City, where Jerry and wife Elise live. The Lazars also travel some ten to 12 weeks annually. Last winter, a six-week venture included Hawaii, Colombia, and Cuba. He has even more adventurous plans: going to Europe, buying an RV, and touring around over there for a year.

**Tim Graves** keeps busy at gatherings of other military retirees (he's a retired lieutenant colonel), and, with wife Suzanne, spending time with their two granddaughters, including attending their concerts and soccer and lacrosse games. Tim writes, "We took the girls to Cornell last year on the first week of classes, and the older one was impressed by the seriousness of many of the students. She asked why some seemed so worried and serious, and I assured her that this was how you could tell that they were freshmen." That's it for now. Please keep the news coming, by e-mail, regular mail, or the news form. **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont64@comcast.net. Class website, [www.cornell1964.org](http://www.cornell1964.org). Class Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cornell1964>.

**65** A thought-provoking story appeared in the August 15 edition of the *Washington Post*: "12-year-old Jeremy Shuler may be the youngest student ever to attend Cornell University when he starts classes there this fall." Thanks to **Jamil Sopher**, MEE '66 (jsopher@mac.com) for sending this along. Read the full story by googling the *Post*.

**Loren Meyer Stephens** (lorenstephens@attglobal.net) has a passion for travel. She's been to Argentina and Chile and plans to go to Spain and Portugal. Loren is president of Write Wisdom and Provenance Press in L.A. "Prof. Steven Muller suggested I get a master's in international relations at Columbia, which I did!" Loren would like to hear from **Phyllis Weiss** Haserot, MRP '67, and **Judy Hayman** Pass. Keeping busy in retirement is **Suellen Safir Rubin** (suellenrubin@hotmail.com). Babysitting the grandkids and traveling with husband **Jerome '64** are particular pleasures. They cruised the Danube and celebrated their

50th wedding anniversary. Suellen also likes to garden and birdwatch.

**Diwan Kaliashchand** (Ottawa, ON; chand2839@hotmail.com) and wife Anita are also traveling. Recently they visited Florida and went on a Disney cruise with the grandchildren. Diwan works part time managing his properties. **Charlie Mason** (Bethany, CT; cmason@mason23.com) and his wife run Mason Inc., "doing communications strategy and work for Yale New Haven Health and Yale Center for Clinical Investigation." They are proud of their four children; two are working and two are in school. Charlie comments, "I'd like to stop paying tuition and play a little more golf and tennis." Friends and Prof. Nelson Pike had the biggest impact on him at Cornell.

**Joel Perlman**, BFA '65 (JPerlman43@gmail.com) and his wife, Nancy, live in NYC. He states, "I'm making sculpture; artists never retire." Both of his sons now attend Cornell. Joel would like to hear from **David Brockway**, BA '68. "Prof. **Jack Squier**, MFA '52, who recently died, had the greatest impact on me." Prof. Bill Erickson in ECE had the greatest impact on **Gerry Griffin**, MEE '67 (gerrynlou@yahoo.com). Gerry and his wife, Lou Ellyn, make their home in Salem, OR. He's had "the wonderful privilege of interviewing seven local high school Cornell applicants" as an alumni ambassador for CAAAN. Visiting the Cornell campus more often is on Gerry's "to-do" list, and he would like to hear from **Rally Newsam** '66, BArch '67.

Having lived in the Middle East for three years, **Peter Trozze**, BArch '66 (ptrozze@msn.com) now lives with his wife in NYC. He manages both the NYC and D.C. offices for Martinez and Johnson Architecture. He adds, "Daughter Arianna graduated from Oxford and lives and works in London." **Daryl Goldgraben** Smith (Claremont, CA; darylsmith@earthlink.net) and spouse Barbara Bergmann are proud of grandchildren, ages 10 and 6, who are growing quickly. Daryl writes, "I'm still doing research and working with campuses concerning diversity in higher education." **Gretchen Wunsch** Bronke and husband Henry live in Hanover, PA, and recently went to the Galápagos and Portugal with Gretchen's sister, **Doris Wunsch** Neilson '55. Their daughter is in the State Dept. and they've traveled to Ecuador five times to visit and babysit. This past Christmas they were with her family in Cameroon.

More accolades for our 50th Reunion come from **Elva "EJ" Seegmiller Storrs** (laejstorrs65@verizon.net). Elva and husband **Larry**, PhD '73, were there and she said, "I really got back into the spirit of Cornell. It was fun to reunite with classmates and sorority sisters. The dinners, programs, and concerts were very enjoyable. Loved seeing the campus—lots of new buildings—and returning to my sorority house." The Storrses live in Rockville, MD, and are active in retired life by dancing and attending fitness classes and participating in senior sports. "We continue to be involved in our church community through teaching and service. Our granddaughter will be graduating from high school and we look forward to celebrating that in Utah this spring."

**Bob Becker** finally retired this year. His wife, Shirley, and he take pride in the grandkids and enjoy travel, working out, and piano. Bob claims to have a "honey-do" list that also keeps him

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busy. **Marco Di Capua**, MS Aero '66 (Washington, DC) is active in nuclear security research with the National Nuclear Security Administration in Washington, DC. He is devoting a significant effort to training the next generation of nuclear security professionals. "I'm about as happy, healthy, and purposeful as you can get," says **Rob Crafts** (Cortez, FL; 5Wcrafts@gmail.com). He is still designing and building natural-looking water features, and gives credit to the skills he learned as a teenager and the inspiration from the two gorges on the Cornell campus. Rob would like to hear from **W. Richards Adrion**, MEE '67. The

two people who had great impact on him were Dr. Bernard Travis and Prof. Ed Raffensperger.

Please note that in the news above, if there was no e-mail noted or state/city listed, it is because none came along with the news submitted. Your handwritten news forms are always welcome, and your submissions by e-mail are very much appreciated! All the best to everyone as we move into fall 2016. Please continue to send your news to: **Joan Hens** Johnson, joanipat@gmail.com; or **Steve Appell**, BigRed1965@aol.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**66** A note from our new class co-presidents, **Rolf Frantz**, ME '67 (nrfrantz@verizon.net) and **John Monroe**, PhD '70 (monroe.jw@gmail.com): "Now that the dust has settled (but the glow remains undimmed!), we would like to thank you all for electing us to be co-presidents at our wonderful 50th Reunion last June. We would also like to extend a huge thanks to **Alice Katz** Berglas for her tireless efforts on behalf of the Class of '66. We are looking forward to working together with you and our class officers to maintain the camaraderie that Alice and her team worked so hard to create, and to continue connecting the Class of '66 to Cornell."

A note from our new presidential counselor, **Alice Katz Berglas** (alice.berglas@gmail.com): "It's hard to imagine snow in Ithaca when the sunshine of June's Reunion is still so crystal clear. **Thank you** for all the many ways you connected over our 50th Reunion year: attending Reunion; sharing your yearbook bio; supporting our 'ThrivingRED' class gift and our campaign; paying dues; sharing news; hauling out your freshman corridor photo; or just remembering a sophomore class you took or the face of an old friend. Or doing all of it! Without You, it would never have been Us. The Cornell Class of 1966 still moves forward together. Reunion Weekend photos jump off the page with our energy. What do Cornellians do like no other university? Share real conversation. We talk with one another in easy voices—these columns were Facebook long before Facebook existed. And nobody talks better than '66! Our 50th Reunion year, we talked all year. As we share each new year, let's never stop."

**Howard Rubin** has a new e-mail address: howardbrubin@gmail.com. **Kenny Vu** (vtkh0143@gmail.com) is still working full time as a regular employee at AT&T. **Victor Metsch** (vmetsch@sgrlaw.com) is of counsel at Smith, Gambrell & Russell LLP in NYC. **Nancy Kurtz** (NancyStarjive@gmail.com) is enjoying life in the desert. She missed



Reunion, but wanted to be there in spirit. **Jeffrey Konvitz** says that his best-selling novels, *The Sentinel* and *The Guardian*, were first published in e-book format on Amazon and then other sites. "Apart from continuing my entertainment finance law practice, I have closed my \$75 million collateralized independent film finance fund, and we will be mounting over 20 motion picture and television series programs over the next two years," writes Jeff, who is the managing director of the fund.

**Irene Green Blumenkranz** (cornell@blumenkranzlaw.com) has a great e-mail address, don't you agree? Irene was looking forward to our 50th Reunion when she wrote. "My first grandchild was born in November 2015, and we are typically ecstatic grandparents. I had three paintings on view in the Spectrum show at the Carriage Barn in Waveny Park, New Canaan, CT. Then, my work was shown at McArdle's Florist & Garden Center for 'Art to the Avenue' in Greenwich, CT." **Hank Young** passed away June 18, 2015, and is survived by his wife of 48 years, **Susan Krawiec Young '67**. Rest in peace, Hank.

**Bob Madden**, JD '69 (Vienna, VA; robert.e.madden@ubs.com) recently retired from the private practice of law and joined UBS Financial Services Inc. as an executive director/senior wealth strategist in their private bank. He also recently published the fourth edition of his book *Tax Planning For Highly Compensated Individuals*. **Jonathan Krauss** (Augusta, GA; jkrauss2@comcast.net) is a retired pathologist. As a volunteer, he inspects laboratories for the College of American Pathologists. He now has two grandchildren, and daughter Rachel lives in Kentucky. Jonathan noted that the best decision he ever made was "marrying Janis." He adds, "Going to Cornell taught me how to reason."

**Phil Polakoff** (plp@sbcglobal.net) was recently appointed to consulting professor at the Stanford U. School of Medicine, involved in seminars relating to global health. He created a video, "Finger of Fate: Phil Polakoff MD and His Journey Through Healthcare," which can be found on YouTube/Vimeo. It was released in fall 2015 and has been viewed more than 45,000 times. He is also launching a multi-media show, *A Healthier Me* with Phil Polakoff MD: "The show is focused on providing a positive experience to people of all ages and background to empower them to improve their personal health status and participate in addressing societal changes, which is critically necessary to deliver more effective and efficient healthcare throughout our nation."

**Gwen Gartland Scalpello** (Vail, CO; gscalpello@attglobal.net) still serves on the board of trustees of Betty Ford Alpine Gardens in Vail, CO. "We've just built a new education center that will allow us to expand our educational programming—even got to meet and give a tour to Rosalynn Carter when the Carter Foundation visited. I also volunteer with a local performing arts center and the Native Plant Master Program. I was recently featured in a newsletter by my local RSVP for my cumulative volunteer hours to the program." She adds, "I just did a huge ski fundraiser called Pink Vail. It raises funds to support programs for cancer patients and survivors—counseling, nutrition, yoga, and other rehab, etc. Picture 3,000 people all in wild pink costumes skiing for cancer—and we raised over \$700,000! I am sorry to report the death of Kappa Delta sister **Joyce Miller** Marshall Mahon on March 7, 2016, in Sarasota, FL." **Pete Salinger**, pete.sal@verizon.net; **Susan Rockford Bittker**, ladyscienc@aol.com; **Deanne Gebell Gitner**, Deanne.Gitner@gmail.com.

**67 Robert Thompson** (Bethany Beach, DE; dr.robert.l.thompson@gmail.com) "retired" from the U. of Illinois in 2010 and moved back to Washington, DC (his fourth move to D.C. in 32 years). Bob is a non-resident senior fellow at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and lectures frequently on global food security issues. From 2011 to 2015 he was a visiting scholar at Johns Hopkins U. School of Advanced Int'l Studies in D.C. He serves on the Land O'Lakes board of directors and a Nestlé advisory council. After "flunking retirement" three times, Bob says he is actually slowing down, and he and his wife, Karen, whom he met 51 years ago while studying on a junior year abroad in Denmark, are doing a lot of personal travel—as Karen says, "so he can see some of the places he has been." The Thompsons are shifting their primary residence from D.C. to their condo in Bethany Beach, DE, although they will keep a pied-à-terre in D.C. as well.

**Natalie Bridgeman Fields '99** (natalie@accountabilitycounsel.org) reports, "I am writing to share the sad news of the passing of my father, **Bruce Bridgeman '66**, BS '67. He so loved Cornell and continued, until his tragic and sudden death, to be a devoted champion of the university that gave him so much. He took great pleasure in reuniting with the members of the Glee Club's 1966 Asia tour in Ithaca last year." Natalie provided a remembrance, which follows in part: "Dr. Bruce Bridgeman, a UC Santa Cruz professor of psychology and psychobiology, was tragically killed July 10 after being struck by a bus in Taipei while crossing a multi-lane intersection. He was an internationally renowned researcher on spatial orientation and neuroscience and was due to speak that day at the Taipei Medical U. He and his wife, Diane, were on a speaking tour in Asia, where both were giving talks. Those who knew Bruce will remember him for his sharp intellect, genuine sense of humor, intellectual curiosity, thoughtful mentorship, gentle personality, musical talent, and commitment to peace, social justice, and environmental activism. At Cornell, Bruce earned his BA cum laude in Psychology and was a member of the Acacia Fraternity and of the Cornell Glee Club. He sang as part of the Glee Club's historic Asia tour for the US Dept. of State in 1966."

"Great things come to those who wait," writes **Senetta Hill Koch** (Manhasset, NY; senetta.koch@yahoo.com). "We now have two grandsons, 15 months and 4 months old." **Carol Stilwell Himes** (Pueblo, CO; skihimes1@comcast.net) writes, "I'm now a docent at Rosemount Museum, a mansion built for the Thatcher family in Pueblo in 1893. I just fully retired from working at Pueblo Community College for 32 years. Doing a lot of skiing all over Colorado." **Panayiotis Anoussis** (NYC; takisanoussis@gmail.com) writes, "I lost my wife two years ago and stopped teaching at NYU. I've started managing her travel agency, the Travel Business, established in 1985 in New York."

**Marti McGregor Dumas** (Cortland, NY; med24@cornell.edu) writes, "Tom and I love having time to spend with family and friends. Outdoor activities are the greatest fun, whether at our cottage in New York, RV camping in the Adirondacks, or at our place in Zephyrhills, FL. Two weekends each year we get together with friends (and their spouses) we made at Cornell's Algonquin Lodge cooperative. Each of us has had different interesting careers, and most have retired and are enjoying fun retirement projects—from raising unique succulents to building spinning wheels." Marti would like to hear from **Gail Anderson**

Herendeen, MS Ag '71, and **Marianne Wendel Koch**, MAT '68.

**John Zygmunt** (Jupiter, FL; johnzygmunt45@gmail.com) writes, "I finally bought a winter home in Florida at the Loxahatchee Club in Jupiter. Lots to organize the first year—hopefully more golf next year." **Kathia Slougher** Miller (Naples, FL; kmprocomp@hotmail.com) teaches a class of her own design, called Job Interview Success, to women residents at the local homeless shelter, St. Matthew's House. She writes, "Our newlywed daughter has moved from San Francisco back here to southwest Florida. I thought since she had married a California native, we'd never see her move here, but it was her husband's idea!" **Richard Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, derhoff@yahoo.com.

**68 Adam Drobot** (adam.drobot@gmail.com) and his wife, **Lucy (Schmidt) '67**, are pleased with their move to Wayne, PA, after six years living in Dallas, TX. Their East Coast home gives them easier access to their cottage on Seneca Lake, the wineries that surround it, and, most importantly, their daughter, Clare, who lives in Pittsburgh and works as the developer of new plays for the city theater. Adam is still very involved in his business, OpenTechWorks Inc., which provides consulting services to startups and pro bono services to professional and industry associations.

**Betsy Cadbury** (betsycadbury@yahoo.com) and her husband, Arthur Borror, live in Pittsfield, NH, where Betsy enjoys singing, hiking, gardening, birding, meditating, and volunteering for the Friends of Hog Island (National Audubon Society). The downside to all this activity was her impending knee replacement surgery (hope she's fully recovered by now). Betsy loves being in the grandparents club as of a year ago, when daughter Cate and husband Karim welcomed their first born, Jema.

Gary and **Kathleen Maney Fox** (kmfox@twcny.rr.com) live in Cortland, NY. Kathy was one of the KKG sisters mentioned in the last column who met in New Orleans for their 70th birthday celebration. She says she's looking forward to our 50th Reunion in 2018 and meeting again with her sisters in Chicago in 2020. Kathy loves her life in Upstate New York, but wishes she lived closer to her four children and her grandchildren. **Bill DeCou**, BS Ag '70, and his wife, **Nancy (Schweinsberger) '70**, live in Missoula, MT, which Bill credits to the advice given to him by his Entomology professor, Robert L. Patton. Bill is finally selling his rental income property and retiring. Perhaps he'll tag along with Nancy, who's been globetrotting through 60 countries in the past several years, or just enjoy his favorite activities, which include birding in Kenya and trekking in Nepal.

**John Gross**, JD '71 (jgross@ingermansmith.com) and his wife recently moved back to Northport, NY, after six years living in NYC. John is still practicing law, representing school districts and colleges. John's distinguished career now includes the completion of his first year as president of the New York State Bar Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the NYS Bar Assn. In addition to supporting law-related programs in NYS high schools, the foundation annually awards over \$600,000 to legal service organizations that serve those in desperate need of representation for matters related to immigration, human trafficking, domestic violence, veteran affairs, and more.

For the past 15 years, John has been serving on the NYS chief judge's Judicial Inst. on Professionalism in the Law. John spent a great day hosting **Mike Kirschen** at his home on Marco Island, FL, and frequently gets together with **Pete, JD '71**, and **Debbie Kates Smith, MA '71**, at their winter home turf around Naples, FL.

**Gary Mols** (ghmols@gmail.com) is the founder of the Victoria Aikido Club. Aikido is a form of modern Japanese martial arts, which is a synthesis of martial arts, philosophy, and religious beliefs. His club was the first in Western Canada and recently celebrated its 40th anniversary. We all enjoy hearing from you, so for first timers and those who only update us periodically, please keep sending your news. ■ **Chuck Levitan**, clvitan22@comcast.net.

**69** Another hot summer in the rear view mirror—hope you all survived the heat, humidity, droughts, and floods, not to mention the presidential campaigns.

**Gary Gartenberg** recently retired and has lots of travel plans—national parks and a visit to daughter **Emily '17**, who is studying in

Richmond, VA, to be closer to his two daughters and two grandkids. He plans on playing a lot of golf at his new country club. **Richard Feldman** works for Cornell as director of the Language Resource Center and finds it both “exhilarating and maddening—such high ideals sometimes realized and sometimes thwarted.” He is ambivalent about retiring, but loves the travel that comes with his job. He and wife Beth have two daughters with master's degrees from Cornell, and they just welcomed a fourth grandchild.

**Jonathan Kaplan**, MD '74, sends this news from Atlanta: “I retired on March 31, 2016, after a 35-plus-year career at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In the last ten years of my career, I led the HIV care and treatment efforts in the Global AIDS Program, resulting in treatment of ten million HIV-infected persons with lifesaving antiretroviral therapy in 40-plus countries around the world. In this first phase of retirement, I am continuing to take care of HIV-infected patients at the Atlanta V.A. Medical Center, volunteering at the Fernbank Museum of Natural History, and enjoying various outdoor recreational activities. Just celebrated 35th wedding anniversary with wife Linda. Daughters Jessica and Samantha will be graduating from medical

**70** As the year 2016 draws to a close, we have witnessed possibly the most unusual and tumultuous presidential election in our lifetime. I am writing this column two months before Election Day and you may be reading it before the voting has been completed! Best wishes to you all for a joyous and blessed holiday season followed by a happy and healthy 2017.

Good news from **Fred Piscop** (tihzwa@aol.com): this past August he became the new editor of the *USA Today* crossword! **Paul and Betsy Reed Guthrie** (Novato, CA; betsyguthrie@comcast.net) are now retired together, and their first big outing—while they could still camp and hike—was to southern Utah. In December 2014, Betsy retired from Autodesk (a 3D graphics company), where she was a program manager. Betsy says that choosing Cornell instead of a women's college was one of her best decisions. “It plunged me into a new world from my tiny high school and helped me grow up.” Simon & Garfunkel at Barton was her favorite concert while we were at Cornell. **Sharon Gerl, Sharon Huey** Persbacher, and Betsy get together every few years to ski and visit.

**James Mackerer** (Hudson, NY) has retired from his position as senior VP of commercial lending from Kinderhook Bank. He now serves as chairman of the Columbia County Industrial Development Agency and the Columbia County Capital Resource Corp. **Ellen Saltonstall** lives in New York City, where she has been teaching yoga and Bodymind Ballwork for more than 45 years. She has also written two books and has two more in progress. Ellen's decision to balance work and family creatively was one of her best, she says. She has three children and three grandchildren. Her favorite concert at Cornell was the Rose Ensemble, which she attended when her son was a student there.

**Fred Chanania** writes, “Having left science teaching in Virginia for retirement on the North Shore of Massachusetts, I somehow find myself once again being an instructor in marine science topics at the Harvard Inst. for Learning in Retirement. This has caused me to branch out from gentleman farming into the world of lobstermen, Alaskan salmon fishermen, and serious oyster farming. Not that I do all of these, but New Englanders who do have become friends and visitors to my classes.” Fred and his wife, Elisa, reveled in rekindling Pi Lambda Phi and freshman dorm friendships at the Class of 1970's 45th Reunion in June 2015. Joining them were **Art Litowitz, Charlie, JD '73**, and **Debbi Gerard Adelman '71, MS '74, Bruce Baird, Don Noveau, Steve Meyerson, Art Spitzer '71**, and others. “The creation of a Cornell Big Red Bear scholarship in the name of **Jeff Baer**, a beloved fraternity brother who passed away far too soon, was a particularly poignant moment during the weekend,” Fred writes. Fred and Elisa are actively involved in local West Newbury, MA, matters, but a big highlight of their week comes when they Skype or FaceTime with granddaughter Alder, who lives in Montana with her dad, Andrew. Late in spring 2016 Fred and Elisa celebrated the graduation of their younger son, Will, from Bucknell U., and they are planning to travel to Ireland with neighborhood friends in 2017.

**Merry Bloch** Jones now lives in Philadelphia, PA, and is still writing books. She is working on another Elle Harrison suspense novel, *Child's Play*, to be released in January 2017. Visit merryjones.com to see the list or to contact her. **Elliot Kronstein** (Cambridge, MA; kronstein@restorativedentists.com) is a prosthodontist at the Restorative Dental Group of Cambridge, where he treats patients while

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Copenhagen. He wants to play more tennis and piano and is a volunteer mentor at Watershed. Son **David '05, JD '10**, was married last November; son Daniel just received his PhD in cognitive psychology; and daughter Alyssa is working as a chef in Toronto. He credits Prof. Kaston—Intro to Biology—with sparking his interest in medicine. **Arthur Eisenberg** recently retired from biomedical research administration at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center and from SUNY College of Optometry on 42nd St. He is now living in the beautiful town of Rhinebeck in Upstate New York and plans to pursue his passion for photography, shooting the countryside, focusing on people and their horses. “I'm now a four-year cancer survivor and happy to be alive.” Well done, Arthur!

**Roy Black** is director of the real estate program and professor in the practice of finance at Emory U.'s Goizueta Business School in Atlanta, GA. “I love my job, so I keep on working.” He plays in a band at a blues and barbecue joint. **Ingrid Vatsvog** Wachtler, MEE '70, is still running a native plant nursery in Gig Harbor, WA, on the Puget Sound. “Getting a little harder with the aches and pains, but hanging in there.” Don't we know it, Ingrid. **Robert Rice** is a farm account underwriter in Syracuse. **David Zimet** is working on restaurant matters in New Orleans and recently spent two and a half weeks in Portugal. He writes, “What a beautiful country with such nice people!” David enjoyed his younger son's wedding in March in New Orleans. **Donald Witter**, MS '71 (witterdr@gmail.com) checked in via e-mail from Skaneateles, NY.

**Stephen Goldberger** retired at the end of May and plans to move from Farmville, VA, to

school in May 2017. We are very proud of them!” **Ed Landau** is a registered landscape architect in Horsham, PA. **Ildiko Czmor** Mitchell enjoys babysitting her grandchildren three days a week in Johnson City, NY—“Keeps my brain sharp.” She is still “plugging” away at the Appalachian Trail, heading into New Jersey, and says she needs to get to Georgia before she's too old! She would love to hear from her '69 KA sisters.

There are no flies (horse or otherwise) on **Doug Antczak**, the Dorothy Havemeyer McConville Professor of Equine Medicine at the Baker Inst. for Animal Health, College of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University. Doug was in Esfahan, Iran, in September 2015, to present a talk at an international meeting on the Caspian horse, a rare breed that was promoted and developed by a Cornell alumna. He writes, “Long story that I will not relate here, but one of the greatest trips of my life.” He spent time at Weill Cornell Medicine in Doha, Qatar, in February 2016. He has a research project in Qatar and usually spends one month each year working in the Middle East. Part of the project there is a study of camel genetics and genomics. In March 2016, Doug attended an international equine infectious disease conference in Buenos Aires. He was in Hong Kong in March, visiting a new veterinary school there that Cornell is helping to establish. He spent a week in Mongolia in June at a global health conference followed by a short tour of the northern part of the country. “The horse continues to take me to fantastic places. It has been a great ride!”

Enjoy your holidays! Check out our class website at [cornell69.org](http://cornell69.org), and send your news and notes to: ■ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl048@gmail.com.



also running a teaching program. Elliot travels to Africa as treasurer of the Precious Project ([www.preciousproject.org](http://www.preciousproject.org)) in Tanzania, which provides assistance to orphans suffering from AIDS. He also keeps busy gardening, running 5Ks and half-marathons, and golfing. Elliot says that choosing to go to dental school was one of his very best decisions and fondly recalls a wonderful concert by the New York Philharmonic in the dining area at the Straight. Elliot would like to hear from **Larry Lewkow, Alan Farber, and Stuart Brodsky**.

From fall 2015 until March 2016, Don Noveau (Rockville, MD; [dan25@cornell.edu](mailto:dan25@cornell.edu)) worked temporarily in Orlando, FL, and he says that retirement is coming soon. Don lists, in order, three very good decisions he has made: 1) marrying **Barbara (Brem) '71**; 2) switching from Hotel to Human Ecology and being a DEA major (he's been designing and building hotels ever since!); and 3) supporting Theta Delta Chi. The best concert he attended while at Cornell was the Village Fugs. Don hopes to hear from **Gary Walseth**.

As always, check out our various sites: class website, [cornell70.org](http://cornell70.org); Facebook Page, [www.facebook.com/Cornell70](http://www.facebook.com/Cornell70); and Twitter Page, [www.twitter.com/CornellClass70](http://www.twitter.com/CornellClass70). Send news to: **Connie Ferris Meyer**, [cfm7@cornell.edu](mailto:cfm7@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**71** Our 45th Reunion (June 2016) continues to bring us news from first-time Reunion attendees! **Debbie Butler** ([watersong@windstream.net](mailto:watersong@windstream.net)) wrote, "I thoroughly enjoyed my first Reunion and am now sorry that I hadn't attended the other eight. Until now, I hadn't been in touch with any classmates, but last year I did reconnect with the Lexington, KY, Cornell Club, thanks to its president, **Mike McMahon '93**, another New York native who followed the ponies to Kentucky." She added, "The campus is amazing, though most of the buildings I was familiar with have been enclosed or surrounded by beautiful glass boxes! I really enjoyed staying at the William Keeton House—the rooms, food, and friendly student assistants and catering staff were delightful!" After graduating from Cornell, Debbie taught at Ithaca College and attended graduate school. She has worked in the equine industry and developed her own business. She hopes to reconnect with more Cornellians and is looking forward to our 50th Reunion.

**Joanne Trifilo Stark** ([joanne@starkimmigrationlaw.com](mailto:joanne@starkimmigrationlaw.com)) is a practicing attorney in Phoenix, AZ. Joanne specializes in immigration and nationality issues. She would love to hear from any classmates. When she returned home to Chicago after Reunion, **Deborah Spitz** ([dspitz@bsd.uchicago.edu](mailto:dspitz@bsd.uchicago.edu)) wrote, "I went back to Cornell for our 45th because of **Barbara Brem Noveau** and **Gilda Klein Linden**, my classmates and freshman year roommates, who put on an incredible weekend for all of us. A wonderful part of the weekend for me was hiking all over the campus, west, north, east, and through the Plantations, with Barbara on Friday." Deborah is still working, as vice chair for education and academic affairs in the Dept. of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neuroscience at the U. of Chicago. "I love my job. I always have at least ten plates in the air at any one time, and training residents is great fun, as is the practice of psychiatry. I will be doing this awhile longer, as I have a 19-year-old son, Noah, who just finished his freshman year at the OTHER Cornell, Cornell College in

Iowa, as well as a 26-year-old daughter, Tamar, who is an event planner and passionate Mount Holyoke alum. This summer, the three of us are going to China, me to give some lectures and all of us to visit Xian and Beijing and other places recommended by some of the intrepid travelers I met at Reunion. I hope to get to know some Cornell people who have made Chicago their home."

**Mike Staines** ([mlstaines@gmail.com](mailto:mlstaines@gmail.com)) lives with his wife, Sandy, in Delray Beach, FL. Mike retired in 2010 as president and COO of Atlas Pipeline Partners. Earlier this year, Mike was inducted into the National Rowing Hall of Fame! He participated in both the 1972 and 1976 Olympics and won a silver medal in the men's pair at the 1976 Olympics with partner Calvin Coffey. At Cornell, Mike was a member of the varsity eight-oared crew that won the IRA national championship in 1971; he was a three-year varsity letterman for Cornell's heavyweight crew from 1969-71. He notes that Stork Sanford, Cornell's longtime rowing coach, was the person at Cornell who had the greatest impact on him. Now that he's retired, Mike stays busy with golf, travel, old cars, and four kids who are all out of college.

**Ron Goodman** ([rgoodman@foleyhoag.com](mailto:rgoodman@foleyhoag.com)) is still working (more about his career in a moment), but he has some very interesting ideas about what he will do when he *does* retire. In his words, "I plan to do pro bono work for indigenous Americans, play the piano, get more opera walk-on parts, and get back on a horse!" Ron has had an eventful career: "Iran-US Claims Tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, seven years of practice in Paris, six years in South Africa working for Nelson Mandela, and now 15 years in D.C. I married Rosabel Everard in The Hague; daughter Caiti was born in Paris." Currently, he is the co-head of the international litigation and arbitration department of Foley Hoag LLC and managing partner of its D.C. office.

**Alan Roblee** ([adr29@cornell.edu](mailto:adr29@cornell.edu)) wrote, "We are settling in to life at Scotia Village, a continuing care retirement community in Laurinburg, NC. We opted for a lifestyle that will assure medical care when we need it and live in a wonderful setting." Sister **Jane Forni** ([fori@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fori@sbcglobal.net)) was recently elected to the leadership team for her Province (geographic region) of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. The full-time, four-year term began in early July 2016. **James Pfeiffer** wrote, "I'm part of a team that is trying to launch a waste-to-energy company." We don't have any further information on this, but we wish him well on this project!

Lastly, here are the Class of 1971 class officers (elected at the June 2016 Reunion) who will serve for the next five years: president **Barbara Brem Noveau**; VPs for strategic and succession planning **David Beale**, **Laurie Berke-Weiss**, **Martha Coultrap**, and **Rick Furbush**; secretary **Linda Germaine-Miller**; treasurer **Arthur Mintz**; Reunion co-chairs **Gilda Klein Linden** and **Jan Rothman**; registration chair **Donna Vlasak**; class correspondents **Jim Roberts** and **Gayle Yeomans**. Please continue to send us your news! **Gayle Yeomans**, [gay2@cornell.edu](mailto:gay2@cornell.edu); **Jim Roberts**, [jhr22@cornell.edu](mailto:jhr22@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**72** Happy holidays to everyone! It's not too early to start planning for our 45th Reunion, June 8-11, 2017. Hope to see you there!

**Anthony Provenzano**, MD '76 ([drpro@drpro.com](mailto:drpro@drpro.com)) is winding down as director of oncology at

NewYork-Presbyterian Medical Group. Tony and wife Betty live in New Rochelle, NY. They are the proud grandparents of Penelope, 4, and Maya, 1. Tony wishes he could spend more time writing and playing golf, and he would like to hear from **Barry Schwartz '74**, BS Ag '76. He says that the people who had the greatest impact on him at Cornell were his Alpha Chi Rho fraternity brothers and his Electrical Engineering advisers. **Larry Baum** and wife Trudy took a safari in South Africa this past summer. **Deane Morrison** ([morri029@umn.edu](mailto:morri029@umn.edu)) is a science writer for the U. of Minnesota in Minneapolis. He married in 2009 and muses that it's hard to believe how quickly the seven years have gone by.

**Debra Farrell** Dolinski and husband Michael write from Como, Italy. Debra is teaching art and English and keeping busy with photography and gardening. She has also been working on a research project and a conference series on "land art." Debra says she enjoys traveling. **Bill Trommer** (Leeds, ME) traveled to Michigan to visit his daughter Heather and her family. When Heather had to go to Chicago for four days on business, Bill got to watch the three grandkids. He said it was fun but exhausting. **Don Jean**, MBA '73, launched an online purchasing system for small- and medium-sized businesses, nonprofits, social organizations, public entities, and consumers buying "big ticket" products and services. The website is: <https://www.focusedbuyer.com>. Don also welcomed a new granddaughter, Grace, whose mom is **Courtney Jean '01**. He continues to play competitive baseball and wishes he could find more paths to give back to society in meaningful ways. When asked who, at Cornell, had the greatest impact on him, Don identified every one of his professors and his football/baseball coach Ted Thoren.

**David Reiner** ([dreiner@rcn.com](mailto:dreiner@rcn.com)) is lead architect of the global solution group EMC. He was busy last year skiing in Big Sky, MT, and running the yearly Fiddle Hell Weekend with his family. One of his children is a full-time fiddler, and the other is a behavioral counselor. David has also enjoyed traveling with wife, Cindy, to Africa, Australia, Iceland, and the Azores. He'd like to hear from **Harvey Gitlin** and **Lewis Nightingale**. David adds that Prof. Nerode in the Math department had a great impact on him. **Barry Schepp**, MEE '73 ([barryschepp@gmail.com](mailto:barryschepp@gmail.com)) reports that they sold their Baltimore home and moved full time to Singer Island, FL. He would like to hear from **David Cangialosi '70**. **Ann Fearnay** Paul ([annpaul26@gmail.com](mailto:annpaul26@gmail.com)) continues to work at the National Audubon Society's Florida Coastal Islands Sanctuaries. They are installing breakwaters to reduce erosion and protect shorelines useful for birds and other wildlife. Ann is

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participating in a statewide survey of reddish egrets and surveying nesting water birds of the west central Florida coast. She also serves on the boards of the Tampa Bay Conservancy and the Friends of the Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge.

**Lorenzo Littles** (littles@csllc.biz) and spouse Corliss live in Colleyville, TX. Their daughter, Arielle, attended Columbia Law School and will practice law with Clifford Chance in its London office. Lorenzo's son, Wyatt, is an associate with Cleary Gottlieb in its New York offices. **Julia Kosow** Grosberg (juliaekg@aol.com) works as a school psychologist/private consultant a few days per week in a local public school. She also plays fiddle in a bluegrass band in local coffee shops around Yorktown Heights. **Bruce Hazen** (bruce@threequestionsconsulting.com) is an author, working on his third book with business partner Tim Clark (*Business Model You*, 2012). To Bruce's pleasant surprise, they set off a bidding war for the book with the four biggest publishers in New York. Bruce wishes he was cruising the Canal du Midi in France.

**Gary Wolf** (gwolf@wolfarchitects.com) sends an e-mail saying that, in May, the American Inst. of Architects recognized him as a fellow of the AIA, in the category of design/preservation—an honor for those whom the AIA deems to have made significant contributions to the field of architecture. Gary's office in Boston is Wolf Architects Inc. His wife, **Bonnie Grad '71**, is retired from Clark U. in Worcester, where she spent most of her career teaching art history while also curating exhibitions and writing. Their older son, **Alex '06**, is an attorney in Houston, while younger son **Theo '13** is back at Cornell, working at Kroch Library and writing plays on the side. **Alan Weitberg** is currently director of the Archive Inst. at Atrius Health in Boston. He is also a lecturer in medicine at Harvard Medical School and professor of medicine at Boston U. School of Medicine. Alan would like to hear from **Frank Burke** and **Joe Kandiko**. Send news to: **Alex Barna**, ab478@cornell.edu; **Gary Rubin**, glr34@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**73** Thanks to everyone who sent us news! **William "Steve" Lacey** recently retired from the nuclear utility industry, but continues to consult with utility management about engineering, operations, and maintenance concerns. He and wife Lorie live in Spring Hill, FL, and recently acquired a 25-ft. Airstream. They travel extensively around the US and Canada. As with many of us, their family is spread around—Vermont, Oregon, Florida, and British Columbia—which keeps them on the road with visits. Who had the greatest impact on Steve at Cornell? "The Electrical Engineering professors in the 1970s were great, and changes at the school over the next decade were handled well."

**Daniel Lee** writes from Hong Kong, where he lives with wife Vivian. He reports that their daughter **Gabriella '16** graduated with a BA from Cornell. **Caleb Rossiter**, PhD '83, brings news from Washington, DC, where he lives with wife Maya. He's still teaching mathematics and statistics, but now at the high school level. Caleb published a book on teaching in high-poverty schools called *The Fraud and The Fix*. Daniel says that Arch Dotson, "Goat," and Jerry Ziegler of Human Ecology had a great impact on him at Cornell; they didn't just tell him how to teach, they showed him. **Ter-ry Richmond** resides in Ottawa, ON, with husband

Doug, who recently won the Order of Canada for his work in radio in Canada and in Africa. Doug runs the Farm Radio Int'l to help improve the lives of small-scale farmers. Terry spends time with friends and family, enjoys hiking and travel, and supports a variety of worthy causes. She was glad to be in touch with fellow "Residence Penthouse" roommates from the top of Risley Hall Tower. She added that she's been following the US election "from the sanity of Canada."

The elections will likely be over by the time you're reading this column. I don't know who will win, but in our travels in Ontario this summer, the US election inevitably came up, sometimes with offers of shelter if needs be. Medical care comes into the mix, too. Automatic Medicare enrollment and its attendant card are to be added to all the others it seems one should carry—to keep Murphy's law at bay, if nothing else. So, in our first summer of being mutually retired, my husband, Dave, and I decided to head West and back again. We spent the summer traveling in our RV—after two years as a green room for the band's bassist (Dave) and his fellow musicians, we claimed it for a retirement home and hit the road for five weeks. On our way to the master's graduation from the U. of Oregon for our triplet daughter Christine, we parked in camps in North Dakota, Montana, and Idaho. In Idaho, we drove Rt. 12 through the Nez Perce National Forest—spectacular scenery and true awe at the thought of anyone traversing the geography by foot or boat, let alone the bicyclist we encountered in a cross-country race. Ramon was from Estonia and was quite disappointed to learn there were no grocery stores or supplies for another 30 miles. He asked if we had any "sugar bombs." We gave him pure sugar for his water and granola bars. One of the many delightful and unexpected encounters we had.

We enjoyed four different campgrounds in Oregon and continued to travel on back roads. After the successful graduation, Dave and I headed to a favorite camping spot, 25 miles down a dirt road in Wyoming. Gazing at the lake, the sun spinning diamonds on the water and the mountains unmoved in the wake of millennia, even I attempted art and poetry. After five languid days of hiking and peace, we drove through Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area, in Utah, to visit Dave's brother and family in Denver. We did the brewery tour and sampled excellent food-truck food and palette-pleasing beer. The requisite hike in Rocky Mountain National Park to enjoy the spring flowers and ponds below the snowy stone completed our trip.

We drove through Nebraska and Iowa on our way home to Missouri, where we had two weeks before we went off to camp on the eastern shore of Lake Superior. Unlike the shores of the Pacific or Atlantic or many other places, Lake Superior is a place you can find solitude along with crystal-clear water, rocky shores, diving cliffs, sandy beaches, and waves to rock you to sleep. The storms are what they're claimed to be—nasty, drenching, windy, and hopefully summer-brief. After Superior, we graced a sheltered part of northern Lake Huron, the Bay of Islands. The waters are warmer and gentler, so kayaks reappear. The fishing is only so-so, for those who throw hooks into the lake. Picnicking remains a serene pastime on any of the many islands dotting the landscape.

We thought we would be home for a while. Not a chance. Our youngest children, Mitch, Anna, and Christine, decided to celebrate their 27th birthday in San Francisco. So out we flew, joined

by our oldest daughter, Kate, my sister Ann, and her family. We need to hear from you so those you remember from Cornell can know how you're doing! People cared for you—send us your news; we'll do the rest. **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu; **David Ross**, dlross6@msn.com; **Pamela Meyers**, psmeys73@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**74** Here's the roundup from late summer. Think warm thoughts when reading in front of your hearth!

**Nancy Geiselmann** Hamill enjoyed a surprise leap year birthday party in Rochester, NY, for classmate **Barbara Aponte** Marino. Nancy was traveling to Zion National Park and Bryce Canyon National Park in May with **Susan Schindewolf** Hirschmann '73. Nancy loves skiing, exercising, gardening, travel, and music. She'd also like to hear from two '76ers: **Cheryl Thomas** and **Eva-Maria Pietrzyk**, MBA '78. Two Cornell professors who impacted Nancy were Susan Morgan in English and Kam-Ming Wong in Chinese Literature. **Wendy Schwartz** Wein reports working part time in husband Rick's medical practice when she isn't playing tennis or bridge, hiking, or visiting her kids and grandchildren in the San Francisco Bay Area (including **Al-lison '04** and **Lauren '09**). She reports that she and Rick recently traveled to Cuba!

**Tim Baker**, BArch '75, is still teaching in the history department of National Dong Hwa U. in Taiwan and started a master's program in orthodox theology via distance learning. Tim's son started his first year of high school at Vermont Academy. **Florence Higgins**, DVM '81, continues to utilize her Veterinary degree by working part time at a small animal vet and was preparing for a Buffalo-to-Albany bike ride along the Erie Canal with her husband, **John Lebens**, PhD '88. John is retired and interested in teaching college physics. Speaking of which, son Zack, 23, is pursuing a physics PhD at SUNY Binghamton. Son Greg, 26, is working on his MPA at SUNY Brockport. Florence adds that she's still showing border collies in competitive obedience.

**Karen Spencer** Turner was planning to celebrate her parents' 70th wedding anniversary in August at North Carolina's Outer Banks. Her parents, **James '48**, MCE '51, and **Dorothy Dye Spencer '48**, MED '64, are both Cornellians. **K. Shelly Porges**, MPS '77, co-founded Entrepreneurs For Hillary, and reports mobilizing thousands of them across the country in support of her campaign. Shelly has also been traveling globally to advance entrepreneurship. Meanwhile, her kids have converged around food. Daughter Ariel opened a restaurant in Washington, DC, called Chaia, serving fresh seasonal vegetarian tacos, and son Stefin serves as lead culinary educator at Edible Schoolyard New Orleans, a program of FirstLine public charter schools.

Class council member **Randee Mia Berman** provides these updates: "Still blogging for Huffington Post; continuing to host my weekly internet radio show, Mia's World, on City World Radio Network; writing a young adult fantasy novel (I've already written songs for the movie version); working on a play about the Sisterhood (or 'Non-Sisterhood'); planning to start a girl group (promoting anti-bullying)." She'd like to hear from **Rick Elice '76**, who, with Marshall Brickman, wrote the book for the Broadway musical *Jersey Boys*. They also wrote the movie screenplay. Randee was Rick's mentor for the College Scholar program at Cornell.



Randee's favorite professor at Cornell was the late Rose Goldsen, in Sociology. Wikipedia described Prof. Goldsen as a "pioneer in studying the effects of television and popular culture."

In July, **Michael Spencer**, PhD '80, was appointed dean of Morgan State U.'s Clarence M. Mitchell Jr. School of Engineering—only the second dean in the school's history. (Morgan State is Maryland's public urban research university.) Michael was a professor in the Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Cornell. He received his BS, ME, and PhD degrees in Electrical Engineering, all from Cornell. He has more than 160 publications and 20 patents in the fields of compound semiconductors, graphene, power conversion, microwave devices, and solar cell technology. His list of awards and honors includes, among others, the Presidential Young Investigator Award from the National Science Foundation; the Allen Berman Research Publication Award from the Naval Research Laboratory; the Quality of Education for Minorities (QEM) Giants of Science Award; and an appointment as a Sigma Xi lecturer in the summer of 2014. Michael recently served on the National Academy of Engineering's Committee on Assessment of Solid State Lighting.

Please keep sending your news. (If you have written and not seen your report, look for it in an upcoming issue.) Forms are included in the News and Dues mailings, but you can also submit online at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>—or write to any of your correspondents: **Jim Schoonmaker**, js378@cornell.edu; **Helen Bendix**, hbendix@verizon.net; **Lucy Babcox Morris**, lucmor1433@gmail.com.

**75** Greetings to all! I have been a class correspondent for nearly four decades, and I am continually amazed at all of the incredible endeavors of the members of our Class of '75. Having known only a relatively small number of you during my four years on the Hill, I am even more impressed with where your lives and careers have taken you since graduation.

One such woman is **Deborah McCoy Paxton**, BS Nurs '77. At the retirement ceremony for her husband, General **John "Jay" Paxton '73**, MCE '74, assistant commandant and four-star general of the US Marine Corps, Debbie was also honored by the Corps for her many years of service dedicated to military service personnel and their families. With her diverse experience in nursing, post-traumatic stress, and traumatic brain injuries, Debbie has served as the mental health advisor to the US Marine Corps Wounded Warrior Regiment in Quantico, VA, and worked as a nurse practitioner with the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, Red Cross, and Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. Her work has been in more than 20 locations in which Jay was stationed around the world over the past 33 years. After four decades on the move, Debbie and Jay will now reside in Annandale, VA. Jay's retirement ceremony in Washington, DC, celebrated 42 years of military service, which began after his Engineering program at Cornell. The event was well attended by family, military and government officials, Cornell friends, and Delta Upsilon fraternity brothers who came

from near and far, including **Mark and Christine Magill Kamon**, **Jim Thul** and wife **Lorna**, **Joan Pease**, and many others.

**Roslyn Goldmacher** was also recognized for her exemplary service to others as president and CEO of the Long Island Development Corp., a non-profit organization in Westbury, NY, that offers loans and technical assistance to entrepreneurs under government programs. In April 2016, the Hofstra School of Law's First Annual Women in Law Award was presented to Roslyn. Also in the legal profession is **Mark Gaston Pearce** (Silver Spring, MD). He is two years into his second term as chairman of the National Labor Relations Board, which has existed for 81 years, enforcing the principal labor law in this country. Mark continues to pursue his passion of oil painting toward his goal of

contributing to exhibits in Buffalo and Chicago in the near future. **George Corliss** (george.corliss@gmail.com) leads a successful legal practice in Wallkill, NY, focusing on labor law, employment law, compliance, and dispute resolution. George and wife Phyllis celebrated the wedding of their daughter in summer 2016. They also have a 2-year-old granddaughter, Aria, who keeps them both busy. George would like to hear from Cornell friends **Bill Crowell** and **Gerald Greene**.

**Michael '70**, BEE '76, and **Deb Whipple De-gan** have been enjoying their retirement in Wilton, NH, where Deb spends her free hours engaged in singing, knitting, photography, yoga, church activities, Lions Club, and various local committees. And then there's also the grandchildren, their lake-side camp, kayaking, and travel. So many things to do! In nearby Vermont, **Aline "Pixie" Ordman** is a master pastelist with the Pastel Society of America and a signature member of the American Impressionist Society. As an educator in the fine arts, she travels throughout the US and Europe. Aline has more recently demonstrated pastels at the 2016 Plein Air Convention in Tucson, AZ, and led an international workshop in Ireland. Visit her website ([www.alineordman.com](http://www.alineordman.com)) to view her wonderful works of art and read more about her fine arts career. Aline's daughter, Samantha, is getting her master's degree in education at Leslie College in Boston. Her son, Max, graduated from Harvard Law and is currently clerking in NYC.

**Ann Welge Schleppi** (Sun City, AZ) writes that she is still working in the healthcare field, "after all these years." Far preferred to management is the direct service of her home visits to Medicare Advantage members with chronic complex conditions, as she coaches and assists with resources to enhance healthy lifestyles. She and husband Craig are contemplating what to do when they retire at some unknown point in the future, possibly living and traveling in an RV. In the meantime, Ann volunteers at Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Kanab, UT, several times a year, and works with local "no kill" cat shelters finding adoptive homes for shelter pets.

Also volunteering with animals are **Noel Kemm** and **Helen Wekstein** Le Brecht, JD '81. Noel resides in Salem, NJ, where he works at the Salem County Humane Society shelter three days a week, and also plays trumpet in the Salem American Legion Band and Diamond State Community Band. Waccabuc, NY, is Helen's home. Here she coordinates

benefits to raise funds for US Friends of the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust and volunteers for the Animals and the Law Committee of the State Bar. She is passionate about ending the slaughter of elephants for ivory and the abuse of elephants in circuses. Helen has two grown children, Alexandra, 28, and Sabrina, 27.

Please take a few minutes to send us highlights of your life after Cornell, college friends you have seen, and memorable moments on campus, and we'll share the news in our upcoming columns. **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com; **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Karen DeMarco Boroff**, boroffka@shu.edu; **Mitch Frank**, mifgator@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**76** **Rich Mohring**, M Chem E '77, retired in 2014 and says that after that, "Kathy and I kept busy building our new lakefront home near Knoxville, TN. The setting is peaceful and the scenery is breathtaking. As we settle in, we're beginning to enjoy boating, golf, and getting involved in the community. To date, we've only scratched the surface of what this area has to offer." Rich adds, "Since our last Reunion we've added a second grandchild, this time a boy. This coming fall, our younger son, Chris, will be getting married."

**Phil Worrall** (Tucson, AZ) says, "I'm doing my own thing in retirement. Gardening in the desert." Phil writes that he and Elizabeth have two grandkids. "Our home is blessed!" Things Phil wishes he could be doing: "Touring, dancing, loving, sailing, and cruising, and being debt-free for all that." Phil would like to hear from "Tony." (Tony, we hope you recognize yourself and get in touch.) Phil says that Dr. Korf had the greatest impact on him at Cornell. **John Brindley** retired recently, too. He had been in executive leadership in healthcare for 35 years. What keeps him busy now at home in Austin, TX? "Exercise daily and work on my seven old cars ('60s through '80s, Porsches and Corvettes)."

After we all stop by for a spin in one of John's cars, we should proceed directly to Andrews, NC, for a tasting at FernCrest Winery with **Janis Versteeg Olson**. She writes, "I have semi-retired from consulting and retired from business travel, and Kurt and I opened the tasting room for our winery in downtown Andrews. Wish we could have made the 40th Reunion, but with the new business opening it was not in the cards. We'd love to see any classmates who venture to western North Carolina or the Smoky Mountains. Stop by!" Janis recalls Dr. Webster in Fisheries Biology as the person at Cornell who had the greatest impact on her. "I was in his classes and worked for him part time as well as his graduate student." **Janet Tompkins** Rydell writes that the best decisions she ever made were "going to Cornell, followed by joining Toyota." She says, "I celebrated my 32nd year with Toyota at the end of April. The big decision is whether to join the company when it moves to Plano, TX, in 2017 or 2018, or retire and remain in Southern California. My kids are taking the extended path to degrees. Neither will finish in four years." Asked about the best concert she attended at Cornell, Janet says, "Elton John in Barton Hall, even if there was barely room on the floor for everyone."

**Tim McCorry**, BArch '76, wrote last June, "I have evolved from architect to composer and have just returned from Chicago, where we had our first staged concert performance of my musical *Coyote*, thanks to the great folks at FWD Theatre Project

who selected us for their 2016 season from almost 200 submissions." Since then, the project has been crowd-funded, allowing Tim to record the score, some of which you can hear at the show's website: [coyotethemusical.com](http://coyotethemusical.com). The show is described as "a modern American story about love and immigration." Tim did, in fact, study both Music and Architecture at Cornell, and has been writing and performing for many years. His recording of the original song "Diana," with vocalist Diana McCorry, was an official selection in eight categories at the 2009 Grammy Awards and received that year's Silver Award from the Songwriters Assn. of Washington, DC, for best jazz and blues composition.

**Jim Sollecito** is a horticulturist who has a landscaping nursery in Syracuse. He writes, "In February I went to Cuba, bringing seeds to organic farms operating in the middle of Havana. Although I was not able to get to the Pope while he was there, I did see the Ladies in White protesting outside St. Rita's Church, with the secret police watching my every move. I went with another fellow and we traversed the country, spending most of our time in the poor rural area of Matanzas. We brought a host of humanitarian aid and supplies as well as fishing materials to the locals. I believe I am the first American to legally fly-fish on and dive in the Bay of Pigs. Interesting seeing the remains of the flawed invasion rusting in the sea, just meters from land. Who knew that what showed up as seaweed on charts were really coral heads?"

**Lucinda Antrim** and Matthew Cashin live in Dobbs Ferry, NY. Lucinda says, "I'm delighted, as a psychotherapist, to have the privilege of being with others on their journeys, and as a very active Quaker I'm delighted to be with others in a deeply spiritual way as well. My 20-something-aged children are doing well, and my husband is beginning to think about retirement." Whatever you're thinking about or doing, please keep us posted! ☐ **Pat Relf** Hanavan, [patrelf1@gmail.com](mailto:patrelf1@gmail.com); **Lisa Diamant**, [Ljdiamant@verizon.net](mailto:Ljdiamant@verizon.net); **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, [Krinsk54@gmail.com](mailto:Krinsk54@gmail.com). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes/cfm>.

**77** Happy Holidays! We hope you responded to the request for online news that was e-mailed to you in September. If you did—look for your news in an upcoming column. If you didn't—it's never too late! Go to <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes/cfm> to submit an online news form, or write to either of your correspondents. We'd love to hear from you. ☐ **Howie Eisen**, [heisen@drexelmed.edu](mailto:heisen@drexelmed.edu); **Annette Mulee**, [annette@mulee.com](mailto:annette@mulee.com).

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**78** How many of you spent a semester studying abroad? How many of your children did the same?

Study abroad was not quite as big as it's become these days, but some of us are fortunate to have had the experience. While visiting my daughter in Spain during her spring semester, I became nostalgic for my time in London senior year, and planned a return visit for the fall. Since there was no EU back then, hopefully Brexit won't make a difference for me!

As the editorial page editor at *USA Today*, **Bill Sternberg** comments, "This presidential campaign has been a target-rich environment for editorialists!" He and **Ellen (Haas)** celebrated her 60th birthday with a safari excursion in South Africa and Zimbabwe. Their son graduated from Indiana U. in Bloomington in May. **Eric Law's** new book, *Holy Currency Exchange*, was published this year, accompanied by a CD of songs titled "Cycle of Blessings," which he composed and performed. The music is available on iTunes, Amazon, and CDBaby, if you'd like to listen. Eric names the Rev. Gurdon Brewster, the priest at the Episcopal Church at Cornell, as having had the greatest impact on him. If **Brian Williams** or **Paul Lei** is reading this, Eric would like to hear from you.

As director of Emerald Cities Seattle, **Steven Gelb** works to promote energy efficiency and careers in the clean energy economy for underserved communities. Both his children work for non-profits in Seattle—"helping to make the world a better place." Steven was planning to do Cycle Oregon, a seven-day bicycle excursion throughout the state, with **Mark Kramer** over the summer. After 19 years of owning the Taughannock Farms Inn in Trumansburg, NY, **Susan Baker Sheridan**, MPS '80, and her husband sold the landmark on the lake and moved to Rochester. **Jean Greer** recently downsized to a house built in 1793 in Princeton, NJ, and has been busy redoing it. When not renovating or working, she enjoys hiking, biking, and playing with her dog. Jean would like to hear from **John Stacey '76**.

**Mitch**, JD '81, and **Ann Zanger Lowenthal** have entered a new chapter: after nearly 35 years practicing law at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton, Mitch retired at the end of 2015, joining Ann, who retired from Moody's Investor Services some years earlier. Ann and Mitch spent the first three months of 2016 in Aspen, and plan to return there for future winters. Their son, **Daniel '14**, is in NYC. One classmate who says she'll never retire is **Beth Cooper** Kubinec. She says she loves running her Mary Kay business, driving a free car, setting her own hours, and "beautifying Lancaster, PA, one face at a time!" Beth travels to visit her adult children living in Macedonia, Tunisia, and Louisville, KY, while still attending soccer games and playing chauffeur for their youngest, a high school freshman. Beth fondly recalls Prof. Walter LaFeber, saying, "No one else could have gotten me to a class on Saturday mornings."

After working in a doctor's office for 18 years, **Samuel Lippin** opened his own physical therapy practice, Golden Hands Physical Therapy, in Manhattan. His son graduated from the Hum Ec school in May on a weekend Samuel calls "brutally hot and rainy, but sheer joy!" **Cynthia Kubas** has a new position as a thoracic thought leader consultant with Lilly Oncology. It is a field-based marketing position covering the key opinion leaders from Dana Farber to Duke. She says, "I'm enjoying the new challenge, and excited about the advancements we are making in the treatment of lung cancer."

Cynthia was also happy during the warmer months to be out rowing again. "I never rowed crew at Cornell," she says, "so am making up for it now!"

Seems odd to be writing this in 90-plus degree August humidity, but happy, healthy holiday greetings to all! Don't forget to tell us what's new with you and yours. Send news to: ☐ **Ilene Shub Lefland**, [ileland@snet.net](mailto:ileland@snet.net); or **Cindy Fuller**, [cindy@cindyfuller.com](mailto:cindy@cindyfuller.com). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes/cfm>.

**79** Cornell is in full swing with lots of campus activity. Meanwhile, many of us are at a point in our lives when we are no longer centered around the school cycle.

**Marcy Wachtel** continues to head the matrimonial law department at Katsky Korins LLP, and has become more involved in the Consensus Process, an ADR process she trademarked in 1993 for private, out-of-court, mediated settlements. **Gary Horowitz '78** and Marcy's daughter, **Allison Hartel '13**, attends a mentors program in TV and film production at UCLA. Marcy wishes she was teaching family/matrimonial law at Cornell or other New York law schools. Professors Don Frederickson and Richard Polenberg had the greatest impact on her during her time at Cornell. **Warren Frankel** is nearby in New City, NY, where he is VP of Central Plumbing Specialties, which recently finished an expansion of their "Grand Central" showroom in NYC. Warren visited Hawaii and says he enjoyed touring a winery and coffee and tea plantations. He would like to hear from **Tom Sutcliffe '78**, **Monte Kramer '78**, and **P.J. White '80**. **Lawrence Savell's** fourth published short story, "The Bequest," was a winner of the 2016 *NYS Bar Assn. Journal* short story contest and was published in their May issue. Larry is counsel at Herbert Smith Freehills LLP in NYC.

**Matthew Frisch** (Oyster Bay, NY) has been retired for nearly four years and shuttles between Long Island and the Catskills. He is busy checking off peaks toward membership in the Catskill 3500 Club. His daughter Amy got married in August 2016 in Lake Como, Italy. Matthew would love to hear from his old Cornell buds. Meanwhile, **Gregg** and **Joan Discepolo Popkin** reside in East Hampton, NY. Gregg is president of RFR, a real estate company in NYC and Joan runs her own company, JDP Interior Design. They are proudly watching the blossoming careers of their daughters **Jaclyn '11**, **MS '12**, and **Chelsea '14**, **MBA '15**. Gregg is looking forward to learning to sail and to scuba diving again, and says he wants to bring back the "Hustle." He would like to hear from **Ed McGowan**, **Howard Bleichfeld**, and classmates from Kappa Sigma, ILR, and Hum Ec. Gregg said Prof. Ron Ehrenberg and Coach Bob Cullen and his son, **Terry Cullen**, **MBA '66**, had the biggest impact on him at Cornell—and Joan, his then girlfriend, now wife.

**Diane Zahler** is an accomplished author of books for young readers. She published her fifth children's novel, *Baker's Magic*, with Capstone Young Readers. She lives in Harlem Valley with her husband and their dog, Gulliver. You can read more about Diane at [dianezahler.com](http://dianezahler.com). **Scott Schoifet** (Medford, NJ) is excited that son **Jacob** is in the Class of 2020. He joins his brothers **Matthew '13** and **Alexander '15** for the trifecta. **Fred DeMaio** has a new address in Clintondale, NY. He bought the family apple cider business, as a member of the sixth generation. Fred has a new grandson who is nearly 2. When he hears "Papa,"



he says, life is good. He cites marrying his wife as one of the best decisions he ever made. The best concert he attended at Cornell was Seals and Crofts. **Barbara Boehringer** McConnell (Malvern, PA) was happy to return to Ithaca in May for the graduation of her son **Mark McConnell '16** and her nephew **Reed Boehringer '16**.

**Fern Chin** Murtagh (Williamstown, MA) is teaching at Williamstown Elementary School, and in December she completed an educational specialist degree in assistive special education technology from Simmons College. Last year was exciting for her family: middle daughter Shannon, her husband, and her daughter welcomed baby Theo; oldest daughter Lindsey married Brendan in Vermont on July 4; and youngest daughter Heather and her husband ran in the NYC Marathon. Fern's floor loom has been retrieved from the attic, dusted, and warped, and she says it's so relaxing to weave again. She would love to hear from **Judy Krell** Freedman. **Bruce Rogoff** (Wellesley, MA) wrote that he joined the board of the Cornell Rowing Assn. **Paul O'Shaughnessy** and his wife, Diane, live nearby in Lexington, MA. Paul keeps busy managing global service at Covaris Inc. He attended the May 2016 rally of O'Shaughnessys in Ireland. **Joe Rossin, ME '51**, had the greatest impact on him at Cornell.

**Liz Rakov** Igleheart (Elgin, SC) writes that her daughter, Alex, was the senior legislative staffer for Mac Thornberry (Texas) in D.C., and moved "home" to Texas to attend the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the U. of Texas. Her son, Austin, works in D.C. for the National Assn. of Counties. Liz would like to hear from **Heidi Hutter**. **Dennis Conway** (Valdosta, GA) had two documentaries selected for the University Film and Video Assn. yearly conference. They are "Undertones: Music From the NYC Subway Musicians" and "Form A Partnership," which profiled a home for abused children. He will also have a chapter in the book *Screen Lessons: What I Learned From Teachers on TV and in the Movies*. His chapter analyzes the movie *School of Rock*. **Vicki O'Meara** (Tavernier, FL) is CEO of a global digital analytics consulting firm based in Seattle (she says it's easier than it sounds). Son Joe just graduated from Yale Law School, and son Nick just graduated from USC Marshall School of Business. Vicki says one of the best decisions she ever made was becoming a mom. The best concert she attended at Cornell was Itzhak Perlman. Vicki would love to hear from any and all Cornell classmates!

We love hearing from you, so please send updates. You can submit news to [classof79@cornell.edu](mailto:classof79@cornell.edu), or directly to: **Linda Moses**, [mosesgurevitch@aol.com](mailto:mosesgurevitch@aol.com); **Kathy Zappia** Gould, [kathy.gould57@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.gould57@gmail.com); **Cynthia Ahlgren** Shea, [cynthia.shea@sothebyshomes.com](mailto:cynthia.shea@sothebyshomes.com). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate.class-notes.cfm>.

**80** As I start this column, I'm remembering writing prior columns during the momentous presidential campaigns in 2008 and 2012, when President Obama vied to become the first African American president of this country, and then to be reelected.

2008 brought us the Recession, the nostalgia craze for the Sixties and Seventies, and the historic election of Barack Obama. 2012 brought us the democratizing force of the Internet helping to jumpstart the Arab Spring and the Occupy Wall

Street movement and Obama's reelection. We are again facing tumultuous economic and political times—and a fascinating presidential election as former New York State Senator and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton campaigns to become the first female president of this country on the Democratic ticket and faces a former reality TV host and real estate businessperson from New York, Donald Trump on the Republican ticket.

This is a special time for Cornell and our class, and this column provides news about the dedicated team of new and continuing class officers and our plans. For the first time, our class is hosting a party at the Cornell Club-New York before Big Red hockey fans pack Madison Square Garden on November 26, 2016 to cheer on the Cornell team against the U. of New Hampshire. **Todd Wolleman**, Reunion co-chair for our 40th Reunion, organized the Big Red ice hockey pregame party. Todd serves on the Trustee Council and is the proud parent of two daughters in CALS, **Lauren '18** and **Danielle '19**.

**Kathy Biondolillo** Valliere served as the registration chair for our 35th Reunion, helped with selection of the caterers, venues, and menus, and is now Reunion co-chair for our 40th Reunion. Kathy has worked for 12 years for Amica Mutual Insurance Co. and is involved with the Rochester Cornell alumni chapter and the Tri-Delta alumni chapter. She serves as a community volunteer for diverse nonprofit groups and school and church committees including the Walk to End Alzheimer's, the March of Dimes, and the Special Olympics. Kathy celebrated her 30th wedding anniversary with her husband, Paul. They are avid golfers who also welcomed their first grandson in July. Kathy writes, "As editor-in-chief of the *Cornellian*, documenting memories has always been important. My fondest memories include time spent in design classes at Martha Van, with sisters at the Tri-Delta house, and enjoying the natural beauty of the campus."

**Dana Jerrard**, our new class president, and his wife, **Cathy (Vicks)**, write that they have emptied their nest. Their oldest, son **Erik '10**, graduated from NYU Law School and is an associate at Davis Polk & Wardwell in Manhattan. Daughter **Molly '12** is a program manager at EnerNOC, a Boston-based energy management firm. The youngest, son **Kevin '12**, is a software developer at 1010data in Manhattan. **Beth Bennett**, our new class secretary, continues to work in human resources and labor relations for Time Warner Cable. Her daughter is a junior at Elon U., enjoying the fall semester in Australia. Beth recently attended her high school reunion, where she saw classmates **Judy Nathan** and **Don Motschwiller**.

**Dori Kelner** attended her first reunion in June 2015 and is now the strategic communications officer for our class, planning on how the class can use e-mail, the Web, and social media channels for outreach. She would like to hear from you about how you would like to receive our class communications. Dori owns Sleight-of-Hand Studios, a Web agency in Northern Virginia.

**Leona Barsky**, MS '81, class columnist for 11 years, founded the Cornell ILR Women's Network in 2016, and her Cornell ILR women's affinity group activities and research project were featured in her alumni profile, "Working Toward Equality: ILR Women's Caucus Continues to Connect Students with Alumnae" (<http://www.ilr.cornell.edu/news/working-equality>) and in an article about the Network, "New Group Hopes to Support Alumnae, Female Students" (<https://www.ilr.cornell.edu/news/ilr-women%E2%80%99s-network>). She

has also recently been appointed to the Trustee Council and has served on the Cornell Hillel board of trustees for five years and as co-chair of the development and advancement committee for the past three years. She notes that Hillel is entirely self-funded through your gifts.

Hillel currently includes over 30 different Jewish student groups that run over 400 programs annually, provides subsidized Shabbat evening meals to over 100 students every Friday evening at 104 West, and reaches thousands of students through on-campus programming and during campus breaks when Hillel sends students abroad with Hillel staff to Israel on Taglit-Birthright trips and on community service trips to Argentina and India. Hillel welcomed a new executive director, Rabbi Ari Weiss ([adw224@cornell.edu](mailto:adw224@cornell.edu)), in August 2016, who is excited to meet with alumni and learn about their experiences, and a new assistant director, Amanda Weiss ([akw74@cornell.edu](mailto:akw74@cornell.edu))—no relation to Rabbi Weiss.

Please join us at our events and help our class reconnect and celebrate together. **Leona Barsky**, [Leonabarsky@aol.com](mailto:Leonabarsky@aol.com); **Dik Saalfeld**, [rfs25@cornell.edu](mailto:rfs25@cornell.edu); **Dana Jerrard**, [dej24@cornell.edu](mailto:dej24@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**81** Hello, Class of 1981! This is **Tanis MacKay-Bell** stepping into my new role as one of your class correspondents! My first task is an introduction: I have lived for 30 years outside Fort Lauderdale, FL, with my amazing husband of 35 years, fellow Class of '81er **Michael Bell** (Dartmouth MD '85). Mike is the chief medical examiner for Palm Beach County and we have four wonderful kids. Son David graduated from U. of Miami and is married and living in Gainesville, FL. Daughter Dana graduated from U. of Florida and is living in Spokane, WA. Daughter **Morgan '13** is living in Gainesville, FL. And son Dakota is finishing up at U. of Central Florida. While the kids were part of our public school system, I spent 22 years as a parent leader in school advisory and on PTA/PTO, school board committees, and a facilities task force. I have now hung up that hat and transitioned to volunteering with animals in need and am loving it! I'm in the clinic with the vets and techs at the Humane Society of Broward County and the South Florida Wildlife Center, and fostering babies and sick or injured animals at our home until they're adoptable or ready for release.

Mike and I squeezed every possible minute out of Reunion. Ithaca and the campus never

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disappoint. We spent time with **Robert “Whiz” Wisniewski**, MCE ’82, and his wife, Ruth Ann, who are living in Bridgewater, NJ. Bob is a geotechnical engineer at Mueser Rutledge Consulting Engineers in NYC. Daughter Christine graduated from Muhlenberg College, and daughter Jennifer is attending Quinnipiac U. and took advantage of study abroad in Brisbane, Australia. Bob and Ruth Ann took the opportunity to visit her there! We totally agree with Bob’s wish to hear from classmates **Donald Figliola** and **Randy Tinseth** (one a high school classmate of mine, and the other a

**Jacquelyn Fitch** Fleckenstein and **Theresa Kronik** Wrobel were also at Reunion, so we enjoyed our second dose of quality time with them. Jackie and her husband, Jim, have moved back to St. Louis, where they are both on the faculty at Washington U. They frequently travel to visit both daughters and their son-in-law in Ann Arbor, MI. Theresa and her husband, **Jay**, PhD ’83, live in Lawrenceville, NJ. The six of us had enjoyed a ski trip in Park City in March along with **James Hahn** and **Brent Welling**, MBA ’85. Brent lives outside San Francisco with his wife, Shereen. Jim lives in

at the ILR school” as the members of the Cornell community who had the greatest impact on him.

Here are some highlights from the Cornell Class of 1982 Facebook page: **Chiao Chang** posted a picture (featuring our awesome retro class football jersey) captioned: “Catching up with the girls from third floor Donlon: **Susan Ng**, **Shirley Stewart** Prosser, and **Jennifer Li**.” **Julie Vargo** posted a lovely picture of a “reunion of Delta Gamma sisters” taking place on a lake. The picture includes Julie, **Susan Kravetz** Syversen, **Jill Novack** Lynch ’81, and **Martha Nolin** Heller.

Lastly, **Michele Riess** checked in simply to say that she would love to hear from classmate **Judy Chittenden** and fellow Aggie **Miriam Blumberg** ’81. That’s it for now. I very much look forward to seeing everyone at our Reunion. They just keep getting better and better! ■ **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu; **Doug Skalka**, dskalka@nplmlaw.com; **Nina Kondo**, nmk22@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

## ‘Marcia McPeak switched from hotels to healthcare.’

Nancy Keates ’86

groomsman in our wedding). Bob shares that the Civil Engineering faculty and his roommate and best man **Richard Boggs**, MCE ’82, had the greatest impact on him.

It was awesome to have Rick Boggs at Reunion! Rick lives in Trumbull, CT, with his wife, Helen. Rick is a senior project manager at Fuss and O’Neill. They have three daughters: Krislyn is a Quinnipiac U. and Boston U. graduate and an epidemiology researcher in Boston; Lauren is a Pennsylvania State U. graduate and certified EMT; and Julianne is a junior at Gettysburg College, spending a semester in Berlin. **Michael Wong**, MCE ’82, flew in from Albuquerque, NM, where he is principal member of the technical staff at Sandia Laboratories. Mike is the proud father of three sons, a high school senior, a student at Arizona State U., and a graduate of North Arizona U. working at General Motors. **Douglas Roll** and wife **Francine D’Amico**, PhD ’89, made it in from Geneva, NY. They are celebrating 34 years of marriage and two sons: **James** ’09, BME ’08, ME ’09, and Patrick (Wooster Polytechnic Inst. ME ’15). Doug is the plant manager of the Cayuga Power Station north of Ithaca. Fran is associate professor and director of undergraduate studies in international relations at Syracuse U.

Classmate **Guillermo Arbe** has written a book called *Ithaca, A Novel*. Guillermo explains, “It takes place between 1977 and 1981. It’s about free will and power and how they affect relationships, with a bit of philosophy and romance thrown in as well. The backdrop is Ithaca and Cornell and beauty and bridges. The book is fictional, as are the characters. However, the setting, the locations, and even occasional events are less so. Hopefully, the book will bring back some fond memories!” The book is available through Amazon. Guillermo traveled to Reunion from his home in Lima, Peru, to do his first-ever book signing event at the Cornell Store. He is married and the proud father of four and grandfather of one! We had so much catching up to do, Mike and I may just have to add Peru to our travel list. We also reconnected with **Andrew Malcolm** and **Philip Jones** at Reunion. Andy lives in Pleasantville, CA, with his wife of 30 years, Lynn. Phil is still happily married to classmate **Mihie (Kim)** and living near Allentown, PA. Phil is doing energy engineering to help businesses reduce their environmental impact. The couple are getting used to not having their two sons around now that they are out of college, working, and on their own.

Phoenix when he isn’t leading tours around the world for Tauck. There was lots of laughing, skiing, Cards Against Humanity, cooking, drinking, and more skiing! Theresa and Jay were top-notch hosts. Reports are that there is still Fireball in the freezer for 2017. Cheers to all. Keep sending us your news! ■ **Tanis MacKay**-Bell, TanisMBell@gmail.com; **Steven Barre**, sbarre@aol.com; **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**82** As our class gears up and gets excited for our 35th Reunion in spring 2017, most of the news that arrived in this cycle centered on our families and, especially, our children. The reporting involved matriculations, graduations, internships, transitions, and even newborns and youngsters.

**Alan Roth** tells us that he and wife Stefanie “are delighted with the arrival of daughter Lonia Annabelle, joining brother Leonard Joseph, 2.” Alan also says that Cornell taught him that hard work leads to successful results. The transitions belong to **Nancy Lee** Sexton, MBA ’86, who moved to Las Vegas last summer to be closer to family, following the death of her husband. “I would love to connect with classmates who are living in or visiting the area.” She has been traveling and hiking in the beautiful Nevada desert. **Stephanie Steinberg Sobel** reports from Merrick, NY, where she lives with husband **Mark**, MS ’90. Son Jonathan graduated from Hofstra’s law school, and daughter Leah graduated from the U. of Michigan. Spencer, the younger son of **Chris Hanson** (who designs airplanes at Boeing in Seattle), is in his junior year at Montana State U., and Chris’s older son, Andy, recently did an internship in Denver. Last spring, Chris visited Andy there and took the opportunity to catch up with **Jim Anderson**.

**Nick Westley** (Palos Verdes Estates, CA) tells us that son Aidan is a freshman at MIT, and daughter Allison, a senior at the Chadwick School, spent the past summer doing diabetes research at Harvard. Nick is executive VP at CBRE in El Segundo. Attorney **Carl Butler** says he’s doing well as the owner of a new business after starting his own law firm in January 2015. Carl lives in Kenner, LA, with wife Joyce, and reports that children Kayla and Karl both graduated from college within the last four years. He credits “the entire faculty and staff

**83** The summer is moving by quickly as I write this column in August. I just returned from Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, and it seems that everyone is on vacation. NYC is somewhat empty, if you can imagine that.

**Susan Wasserman** Guerin (sguerin62@gmail.com) writes that her company was full of Cornell students this summer! “Four of the interns at World Finer Foods are from Cornell and they are doing us proud.” Susan was recently honored with a Brava! Award, honoring her as a top female CEO based on company growth, community impact, and mentoring. Additionally, Susan was a finalist for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year award. Great work, Susan! **Judi Binderman** (bindy1@comcast.net) let us know she just completed her first year as chief medical informatics officer for Community Medical Centers in Clovis, CA. She writes, “Working hard to collaborate with IT and analytics to position the organization for the future of healthcare here in the Central Valley. I love the work, the people, and the town! Best of all is that I finally convinced my hubby to move to Phoenix, so we are now full-time marrieds for the first time since we met nine years ago.” Judi tells us she has been busy racing, fixing up seven cars they own, entertaining the grandkids who came for a week, and enjoying exploring California. “If anyone is out this way, let me know—I’m actually home evenings to entertain! Novel concept!”

**Neal Weinfield**, BFA ’84 (nhw@dedendumgroup.com) writes, “After 28 years practicing law in large Chicago firms, I founded my own firm.” Dedendum Group LLC develops large class action lawsuits, such as the claim against the engineering firms and government officials responsible for Flint, MI’s water crisis. “I still sculpt, and my pieces are owned by municipalities and schools in the Chicago area.” **Matt Palumbo**, BS ILR ’86 (mpal999@aol.com) wrote in about our 35th Reunion: “To help create interest for our 35th, I’ve arranged for a special program on Friday morning, June 8, 2018. Four of our classmates will be on stage together to address the university: former Obama cabinet member **Alan Krueger**, who was chairman of the Presidential Board of Economic Advisors; former cabinet member **Seth Harris**, who was Acting Secretary of Labor; former CFO of JP Morgan Chase **Doug Braunstein**, who is a Cornell trustee; and healthcare expert **Ruben King-Shaw**, who has



a building on campus named after him and who is also a Cornell trustee." Wow, that is a super-impressive panel, and I hope many of our readers come to see what they have to say.

**Dean Colucci** joined Duane Morris LLP's corporate practice group as partner in the firm's Newark, NJ, office. He used to work at LeClairRyan. Dean's corporate finance practice focuses on capital markets, M&A, structured transactions, and infrastructure development and finance. He is both a lawyer and an investment banker. Best of luck at your new firm! Class president **Nancy Gilroy** is always working behind the scenes to make things happen. She recently secured Major League Baseball commissioner **Rob Manfred '80** to speak at the Cornell Club on September 12, 2016. The tenth commissioner will discuss current on-field issues such as pace of game, the designated hitter rule, and recent rule changes designed to promote player safety. Rob attended Harvard Law School after Cornell. A special thanks to **Lynn Leopold** for arranging the chief of the NYPD, James O'Neill, to speak at the Cornell Club on September 17, 2016. She had some assistance from NYC Corp. counsel **Zachary Carter '72**.

Lastly, as I write this in August, my son, **John Felice '11**, is starting his US tour with his band, Mighty Mystic. Check them out at: [www.mightymystic.com](http://www.mightymystic.com). The band's lead singer, Kevin Holness, is the Prime Minister of Jamaica's brother. You guessed it—reggae/rock. Great vibes! They will tour through September in 25 different cities across America. Please continue to send your news in. We count on you! ☐ **Jon Felice**, [jbfelice@jbfelice.com](mailto:jbfelice@jbfelice.com); **Barb Deane**, [bldeane@gmail.com](mailto:bldeane@gmail.com). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-note.cfm>.

**84** As I write this, the Olympics are under way and another Labor Day is right around the corner, though they'll be long gone when you're reading it. Please e-mail us and let us know what you are up to now that the holidays are here.

**Joe Scantlebury** ([jscantlebury@hotmail.com](mailto:jscantlebury@hotmail.com)) is a VP for program strategy at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. He is a person of few words, so I googled him. As a VP, Joe designs and implements strategic programming efforts to improve the lives of vulnerable children and families in the foundation's priority places including Michigan, Mississippi, New Mexico, and New Orleans in the US, and internationally in Haiti and Mexico. He joined the foundation in January 2015, and was previously a senior program officer, US program advocacy, at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in D.C. Joe mentioned two people who had the greatest impact on him at Cornell: James Turner and Robert Harris. **Karen Cobery** Henneberger ([whiskys99@aol.com](mailto:whiskys99@aol.com)) is designing nuclear propulsion plants for Navy aircraft carriers and submarines. Her daughter Katie just graduated from the U. of Virginia's engineering school.

**Meiling Lee-Kravarik** ([meilingk@gmail.com](mailto:meilingk@gmail.com)) is living in Edison, NJ, and running her real estate brokerage, Nextage Realty, when she is not relaxing at her B&B, the Inn at Quail Run, which (I googled) is nestled in 12-plus wooded acres with beautiful views of both Deerfield Valley and Haystack Mountain. It has been completely renovated and is only 3.5 miles from the Mt. Snow ski resort in Vermont ([www.theinnatquailrun.com](http://www.theinnatquailrun.com)). Meiling's daughter, Morgan, is studying in Shanghai. Meiling recalls HEC having the greatest impact on her and would love to hear from **JB Lockwood**

and **Doug Durkin**. Well, Doug checked in not too long ago. He has his own design company in San Francisco with a staff of over 22 employees. His work has been featured in *Architectural Digest* and he works throughout the country. Check out his website and get in touch ([www.durkindesigns.com](http://www.durkindesigns.com)).

**Debbie Goldman** Weis ([dweis@zoominternet.net](mailto:dweis@zoominternet.net)) is a global marketing director at Glaxo Smith Kline in the consumer healthcare area. For any allergy sufferers out there, Debbie played a big role in bringing Flonase over the counter. Her older son, Jason, will be a junior at Georgia Tech this fall, and younger son Matt will be a freshman at Wake Forest. She is NOT looking forward to being an empty nester, but is hoping it gives her more time to reconnect with her Cornell friends. She recently saw **Kim McCall**, who is a biology professor at Boston U. Debbie welcomes any Cornellians whose kids are visiting or attending schools in the Pittsburgh area to get in touch with her—she lives only 30 minutes from the universities.

Speaking of empty nesters, my co-correspondent, **Kitty Cantwell**, and her husband, **Kevin McCormick**, saw their youngest, daughters **Kate McCormick '16** and **Meg McCormick '16**, graduate from Cornell this past May. Meg and Kate are beginning their post-Cornell lives with jobs in Boston, but I predict that more tuition payments may be in Kitty and Kevin's future. **Lindsay Liotta** Forness reports that son Brian is all set to play goalie for the Junior Rangers on Long Island. Local fans (including me!) are looking forward to seeing lots of games!

A sincere thanks to those who sent news. Please send us more via e-mail: ☐ **Janet Insardi**, [janetinsardi@gmail.com](mailto:janetinsardi@gmail.com); **Catherine "Kitty" Cantwell**, [catherinejcantwell@gmail.com](mailto:catherinejcantwell@gmail.com). Class website, <http://classof1984.alumni.cornell.edu>. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**85** As I write this column, we are closing in on the end of summer. My daughter has just left for her junior year at Michigan State and I am busy working for Pfizer Injectables as a hospital and surgical specialist back on Long Island. I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer—I would love to hear about your summer travels. I am getting ready to head to Florence, Tuscany, and the Italian Riviera in September. Trust me, this is a well-earned trip. Here is some news about our classmates and their most recent accomplishments and successes.

**Steve Garrison** writes in from the Williamsburg, VA, area, where he just moved to. Steve has assumed a new position as director of sales with the Marriott Vacation Club. **Nicholas Theodore** ([theodore@jhmi.edu](mailto:theodore@jhmi.edu)) writes that after 20 years in Phoenix, he will be relocating to Baltimore, MD, where he will be an endowed full professor and director of the neurosurgical spine program at Johns Hopkins U. This move allows Nicholas to continue his research efforts in the areas of spinal cord injury, robotics, and the genetics of spinal disorders at the country's premier medical research facility. This move comes at a very convenient time as Nicholas's older son will be a freshman at Cornell this fall and will be rowing with the Big Red heavyweight crew!

I'm also very happy to share that **Jim Sweigard**, MS Ag '85, was selected to receive the 2016 Pedersen Award. The award is named in honor of Nobel Prize medalist Charles J. Pedersen and recognizes individuals who have made outstanding

technical achievements that are helping make a difference to people around the world. Pedersen medalists are selected by the DuPont Fellows, a group of the highest technical professionals at DuPont. The medalists' technical knowledge, skill, and commitment in their respective areas have resulted in important new products for DuPont customers. Jim is an internationally recognized expert in fungal genetics and the culture, growth, and molecular biology of crop pathogens. He has developed new tools to identify and understand the underlying molecular biology of plant diseases and, ultimately, to aid DuPont in the development of important new fungicides such as DuPont Zorvec. Congratulations to Jim!

The Summit Center has named classmate **Kathryn Pamukoglu** Bunce the new director of public relations. The Summit Center is a not-for-profit organization that provides educational, therapeutic, and support services to 2,300 individuals each year with autism and other developmental, social, and behavioral challenges. In her role, Kathryn is responsible for monitoring public policy issues and analyzing their impact on Summit as well as establishing and maintaining relationships with key policymakers. In addition, she will seek both public and private sector grants/contracts that are compatible with Summit's strategic goals and objectives.

We hope to hear from the other members of our class soon. Please send in any news you would like to share with the class. Have a great fall! ☐ **Roberta Zwiebel** Farhi, [rfarhiesq@aol.com](mailto:rfarhiesq@aol.com); **Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett, [cornett0667@comcast.net](mailto:cornett0667@comcast.net). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**86** New spouses, new jobs, new homes. It must be passing the midlife mark that's spurring so much change in our classmates' lives.

**Marcia McPeak**, MPS '93 ([mcpeak14@yahoo.com](mailto:mcpeak14@yahoo.com)) is getting married for the first time! Her fiancé is jazz musician Bill Easley, one of the country's foremost saxophonists, who has played with George Benson, Isaac Hayes, Jimmy Smith, and Bobby Short and in many Broadway musicals. Marcia also switched fields, from hotels to healthcare. She is the VP for employee safety now at Mechanicsburg, PA-based Select Medical Corp. "The transition was remarkably easy. It's all about great service," she writes. **Wilfredo "Ruiz-Caban"** ([wilfruizcaban@conmed.com](mailto:wilfruizcaban@conmed.com)) is going to be a grandfather for the first time. He also changed jobs, joining Conmed Corp. in Utica, NY, as the executive VP, quality assurance and regulatory affairs. He previously worked at Johnson & Johnson, DePuy Synthes. If he had more time, Wilf says he would do more woodworking and mountain biking. He would like to hear from **Joseph Maiorella**.

**Jonathan Flaks** ([jonathan@jfccoach.com](mailto:jonathan@jfccoach.com)) now lives in Cos Cob, CT, where he is still working as an executive leadership consultant and career coach. He says he loves how the process changes people's lives. In his spare time he traveled to Nuevo Vallarta to rescue reefs from litter and pollution. He wishes he could do more scuba diving. When asked who at Cornell had the greatest impact on him, Jonathan said the brotherhood at Pi Kappa Alpha and the team at WVBR. **Marc Meyer** ([marc@marcmeyerlawfirm.com](mailto:marc@marcmeyerlawfirm.com)) studied Biology and Biochemistry at Cornell, went on to get a master's in biochemistry from Texas A&M, and then worked as a paramedic, firefighter, and registered

nurse for two decades before he earned his law degree from the Houston College of Law in 2009. Now Marc is a full-time solo practitioner at his eponymous law firm, specializing in representing healthcare providers. The shift has kept him so busy he doesn't have time to play as much golf as he would like—though he did play at Torrey Pines in San Diego last March.

**Anoush Koroghlian Scott** recently joined Albany, NY-based law firm Whiteman Osterman & Hanna after four years as VP and general counsel

three of his four sons are at Purdue in engineering; only his 12-year-old daughter is still at home with Matthew and his wife, **Kathy (Robinson)**. The best concert he ever attended at Cornell? The Buckley vs. McGovern debate: "Is Liberalism Dead?" I'll leave you pondering that question. Please e-mail any of us: **Nancy Keates**, nancy.keates@wsj.com; **Toby Goldsmith**, toby.goldsmith@gmail.com; **Michael Wagner**, mwagner@maiwealth.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

continent. I have also recently been invited to join the board of directors of G.K. Chesterton House, Cornell's Christian Studies Center." **Amit Batabyal** writes, "I just finished a sabbatical in June and have just finished editing a book, titled 'Regional Growth and Sustainable Development in Asia.' My daughter **Sanjana '18** is a rising junior in CALS and is majoring in Development Sociology."

**Steven Bernstein** just completed his 26th year as an attorney with Fisher Phillips, where he serves as regional managing partner of the firm's Tampa office. He recently caught up with some of his DKE fraternity brothers out West, and is looking forward to reconnecting with others, along with a number of his former ILR classmates, at next year's 30th. **Eric Braun** writes, "Busy year for me on the kid front—my son just graduated from UVA with distinction in environmental science, and my daughter is heading to Bucknell in about two weeks. I'll be on the Hill September 28, leading a recruiting session for my company, CEB. I'm the head of research there. Just re-joined the Cornell Club of D.C. after a bit of a hiatus. I'm looking forward to seeing **Craig Standen**, **Greg Axenroth** (my freshman roommate), **Mimi Harris Steadman**, **Peter Wilson**, **Adam Kushner**, **Mark Doyle**, **Dan Meyer**, **Jen Galloway**, **Eric Ford**, **Scott Holter**, and **Perry Kamel**, ME '88, at our 30th.

**Dan Oliverio** shared, "My new book, *The Round World: Life at the Intersection of Love, Sex, and Fat*, is coming out this June. The book is the first to explore obesity from the perspective of the people who find it erotic and seek fat people as romantic partners." From the book's publisher: "In a personal and conversational style, Oliverio discusses existing prejudices against and medical issues around people of size, obesity, kink, and general fat acceptance. With humor and practicality, *The Round World* provides a primer on loving yourself as you are—fat or not." **Brenda Reynolds** has just been hired as VP of human resources for TRC Companies, which is a leader in engineering, environmental consulting, and construction-management services.

**Kai Ofengand Robertson** has been knee-deep in food waste these last several years. Much of her time has been spent serving as a lead advisor for the World Resources Inst. to develop a food loss and waste standard that empowers companies and countries to better measure and manage their food loss and waste. She also reports that she's going on college tours with her high school junior, which brings back fond memories. Don't forget to write! **Whitney Weinstein Goodman**, [wwg5@cornell.edu](mailto:wwg5@cornell.edu); **Liz Brown**, [etb29@cornell.edu](mailto:etb29@cornell.edu); **Heidi Heasley Ford**, [hfh6@cornell.edu](mailto:hfh6@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**88** Ahh—the fall is upon us and the holidays are close by. It's a good time to pause, reflect, and reach out to old friends from Cornell (and from everywhere). This column is short but sweet, since we didn't get that much news from our fellow '88ers this time. Please make sure to sharpen your pencils or crank up your keyboard and submit your updates, which we'll publish in an upcoming column. Here's what's new.

**Michael Fishman** and his wife, Julie, live in Manlius, NY. His work as a biological field service manager for protected species at ERM is keeping him busy. He coordinates field surveys for endangered species all over the country. Michael

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for Ellis Medicine in Schenectady. Her husband, **Paul** ([paulandrewscott@yahoo.com](mailto:paulandrewscott@yahoo.com)) is now a NYS Master Teacher: he teaches science at Niskayuna High School after a 21-year career as an exploration geologist at BP Exploration in Houston. The couple have taken up beekeeping, and Paul says he misses hiking with **Tom Burns**. **John Ware**, MCE '87 ([john@ware-associates.com](mailto:john@ware-associates.com)) has moved the offices of his architectural firm, WARE, to the shores of Oakland, CA's Lake Merritt. His firm designed the Doyle Hollis Park in Emeryville, CA, the Nomad Café in Oakland, the Yountville Community Center, and a range of other beautiful projects that can be found at: <http://www.ware-architects.com/>. John writes that he attended a birthday party for **David Taylor** and met up with Cornell friend **Cliff Chang**, BArch '86. Professors who had the greatest impact on him were **Daniel Peter Loucks**, PhD '65, in Civil and Environmental Engineering and the late William Provine, who taught the History of Biology in the History and EEB departments.

**Janet Gossman** Providakes ([provijkp@comcast.net](mailto:provijkp@comcast.net)) has a new position as director for product management at Highline Data, a company that provides insurance industry financial data and analytical tools. Her son, Eric, is an ensign in the Navy, currently deployed in the Mediterranean and Middle East. **Diana Skelton** ([diana.skelton@gmail.com](mailto:diana.skelton@gmail.com)), who is living in France, recently published Volume 2 of *Artisans of Peace Overcoming Poverty*, and she is hoping to have Volume 3 out soon. Her oldest daughter is doing a master's in international human rights at the U. of Glasgow, and her middle daughter is at the U. of East London getting a degree in special education. Her youngest is now graduating middle school, "passionate about gourmet vegan cooking and hoping to learn Mandarin," Diana writes. One of the best decisions she ever made was joining ATD (that stands for "All Together in Dignity" for those of you not up on these things) Fourth World, through which she met her husband. Diana would love to hear from everyone else who misses classmate **Gigi Marjorie Strom**, who died last year, and **Karen Erdman**, who died in 2004.

**Matthew Krane** ([krane@purdue.edu](mailto:krane@purdue.edu)) was recently promoted to professor of materials engineering at Purdue U. He is active in research (especially with the metals processing industry) and teaching. He recently developed a new course in ethics in engineering practice. The youngest

**87** Hello, Class of '87! Thank you to the many classmates who took a moment to personally answer my call for news this summer. I'm looking forward to catching up in person next June at our 30th! Enjoy these updates in the meantime.

**Eric '86** and **Becky Berklund Baker** started a nonprofit organization for charitable work in Sierra Leone called FC Seattle Sierra Leone. It is a soccer outreach turned Ebola relief agency. They're on Facebook—FC Seattle Sierra Leone. **Christine Weiss Beidel** does community theater with son Casey and most recently appeared in *Mary Poppins* last February with the Gas Lamp Players in Glen Ridge, NJ. Her family toured Belgium and Normandy for spring break and enjoyed staying on Mont Saint-Michel, as well as visiting the D-Day beaches, Giverny, Étretat, and the Bayeux Tapestry.

**Ron Bolster** teaches at Franciscan U. and hosts the university's Catechetical Conference during the summer. He is also a scoutmaster and helps coach track for the local track club. **Matthew Blair**, PhD '98, is teaching plant genetics at TSU in Nashville, TN. **Chuck Burkins** co-owns a distillery in Vermont called Appalachian Gap Distillery. "I spend the summer giving people tastes of my spirits. We've just introduced a gin, which is getting a wonderful response, and we're soon to introduce a reposado version of our agave and maple spirit. I'm looking forward to meeting new people as well as any old friends at Reunion."

**Marci Reiss Berger** is a professor at Rutgers U. in New Jersey. "I have two sons. The older one is a sophomore at Haverford College, where he plays soccer, and the younger one is a junior at the Peddie School in Hightstown, NJ. I am in touch with **Sharyn Ruff Aviv** and **Connie Kiggins** and connected with another classmate, **Yana Vandermeulen** Rodgers, whom I didn't know at Cornell, but who is also a professor at Rutgers and has kids the same age as mine. Small world." **Lenny Bardfeld** is excited to visit Cornell twice within one month next spring. First he will attend his oldest son's graduation (**Jake '17**, Engineering) and then he'll be back for our 30th Reunion. He says he can't wait.

**Fred Barber** is on his way to Russia to attempt a summit of the highest peak in Europe, Mt. Elbrus, at 18,850 feet. "After climbing Kilimanjaro in 2014, this will be my second of the '7 Summits'—the highest mountains on each



writes, "I'm getting ready to move to a new house and I just took delivery of a Bristol 27 sailboat, which I sailed from Sodus Bay to Oswego, NY, then motored down the Oswego and Erie canals to her new home port on Oneida Lake." He wishes he could be sailing more and traveling abroad with his family, and he would love to reconnect with **Aileen Kenneson '90**. **Mark Anderson** is a corporate lawyer at Caterpillar, working on environmental and product regulatory issues. Looking back at his Cornell years, Marks says that Prof. Daniel Baugh had a really big impact on him. And the Cornell ties now extend to Mark's family—his daughter is a sophomore in Arts and Sciences.

Taking advantage of frequent flyer miles is **Loren Gerlach**, who lives in London. Loren's motto is "Carpe per diem" (seize the expense account), writing, "So far in my international business and management consulting, I've worked in 30 countries, lived in four, and visited about 90." When it was time for Loren's mid-life crisis, he recorded a CD of some of his own songs about globe-trotting. Check it out at: [lorenswanderlust.net](http://lorenswanderlust.net). Loren's wife, Susan, is active in Fringe Theatre London as an actress and costumer. They plan to come back to the US in 2019, then he's planning on doing some long back-country travel/trekking trips in Africa, South America, Southeast Asia, and Russia. Looking back fondly at his Cornell years, Loren is grateful for his Cornell Tradition fellowships, which, he says, "really saved me from what otherwise would have been a crippling level of debt." **Thomas Bottoni** writes, "I have been on the academic faculty at the Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth, VA, since 2008. I was recently given the Senior Faculty Teacher of the Year award by the graduating emergency medicine residency class. It is the sixth time I have received this award over the past eight years." Thomas would like to hear from **Joseph Kuranda** and **Frank Manetta '89**.

**Claudia Barnett's** play—*Palooka*—was recently selected out of submissions from 40 states and eight countries as the winner of a playwriting contest held by Fusion, New Mexico's professional theatre company! Her play showed last June in Albuquerque. **Suzanne Taylor** ([staylor111@mac.com](mailto:staylor111@mac.com)) recently retired from being a hockey writer and a real estate attorney. She writes, "I've been keeping myself busy becoming a Jimmy Carter groupie. I try to work on Habitat for Humanity's Carter Work Project every year, and am an active member of the Ambassador Circle of the Carter Center in Atlanta. To keep the level of terror in my life high, I've gone back to doing stand-up comedy. People are always saying, 'Why aren't there more 50-year-old female comics?' And I say—be part of the solution." Suzanne adds, "Just lost my beautiful mutt, Yodel, the dog who came with me to our 20th Reunion. He went with me everywhere, from Target to hockey practice to nursing homes, and he is missed." She notes that one of the best decisions she ever made was to get over her paralyzing fear of flying—"It's made all the difference."

Did you know the Class of 1988 has hundreds of members on our Facebook page? It's a great way to reconnect with old friends, see photos, find upcoming events, promote an event, and more. Join the conversation at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/8476144284/>. Let's be in touch! ☐ **Brad Mehl**, [bradmehl@gmail.com](mailto:bradmehl@gmail.com); **Andréa Meadow** Danziger, [alm46@cornell.edu](mailto:alm46@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**89** Happy holiday season to all! We have another short column this time, but we do have some news to report. As we always say, the column is only as good (and as long) as the news we get, so please take a moment now and send us some news about you and classmates you are in touch with. It's very easy! You can go to [www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm) and complete the form; send us an e-mail (our addresses are at the end of this column); or send in the news form you get in the mail with your annual dues renewal, which includes a year's subscription to *Cornell Alumni Magazine*.

Thank you to those who took time to send in news. **Roger Pilc** is leading product development and innovation at Pitney Bowes, a 96-year-old company that now has \$1B of e-commerce and software revenue. Roger lives in Connecticut with his wife, Mary Beth, and two "terrific" sons. Roger said that Coach Cullen and sprint football had the greatest impact on him while he was on the Hill. **Rob Schneller** wrote, "We're so proud and excited to be sending another generation to Cornell! My daughter, **Victoria**, has joined the Class of 2020 and will be studying Biology." **Dave Lee**, MCE '90, is the business development director of the Middle East and Africa for Hutchinson Port Holdings Ltd. He is based out of Hong Kong.

**Shannon Gallivan** Bol e-mailed, "I just completed my first Ironman at Ironman Lake Placid on July 24. It was such an incredible feeling running around the Olympic Oval and crossing the finish line!" **Lynn Weidberg** Morgan said, "My husband, Randy, and I had a great time over dinner with **Howard** and **Eliana Saragovia Byck**. We each have three kids and it was fun to catch up on all of their accomplishments!" **Jinny VanDuesen** reported, "I just joined the Cornell Club of Boston's board of directors. I am also the director of alumni career development at the College of the Holy Cross (if anyone has kids looking at HC, be sure to stop by the office and say hi!)." She also mentioned that **Emily Farnham** Mastrianni and **Mickey Gottesman** Kamford both have daughters headed to the Hill this fall as members of the Class of 2020. **Dave Scher** told us that he settled a Medicare case for \$34.7 million as part of the Employment Law Group. Over the summer he traveled to Venice and Greece.

I, **Stephanie Avidon**, don't usually report news about myself, but I do have some exciting news: I am now back working full time for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (Long Island Chapter) as a senior campaign manager. After taking time to raise my kids, volunteer for a lot of things (predominantly PTA and Cornell), and doing marketing consulting on the side, it's good to be back in the real world and helping to make a difference and raise funds to cure cancer. That's all for now. Wishing you a very happy and healthy holiday season! Enjoy your family and friends! ☐ **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, [savidon1@hotmail.com](mailto:savidon1@hotmail.com); **Kris Borovicka** Gerig, [kgerig@columbus.rr.com](mailto:kgerig@columbus.rr.com); **Lauren Kidder** McGarry, [laurenkiddermcgarry@gmail.com](mailto:laurenkiddermcgarry@gmail.com); and **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, [ac98@cornell.edu](mailto:ac98@cornell.edu).

**90** As we transition from fall to winter and start to wrap up another calendar year, it's remarkable to reflect on how far we have traveled and how much has changed, as well as how much has remained the same.

**Steven Rueben** writes to us from Las Vegas, NV, that his younger son left elementary school last spring and is now attending junior high school with his big brother. For over six years, Steven has been running and growing his business, TFS Golf & Utility, building the company up from nothing. "My days as an inventor are seemingly ending with the change in patent law," Steven writes. "It was a good run. We have 20-plus patents to our name." He credits all of his friends at Cornell for having the biggest impact on him. "The days on the Hill will always be cherished." The entrepreneurial spirit is alive and well elsewhere in the great Southwest, where **Halle Levine** Farber and husband Paul have been working as accessibility consultants. "We recently started a company called Medical Accessibility LLC, dedicated to helping medical facilities comply with accessibility laws, such as the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)." Halle drew upon her training in the Design and Environmental Analysis (DEA) program to design her company's height-adjustable exam table with built-in weight scale, called the "UpScale." For more information on her business, check out their website at: <http://medicalaccessibility.com>.

One of our classmates not only doesn't maintain a website, she doesn't use e-mail, either. **Genevieve "Ado-Mai" Adomaitis** Orzelek says that retirement has kept her plenty busy. "Keeping up with medicine, especially psychology, is important to me," she writes. "I miss my challenges, but I keep up by studying on my own." In fact, Genevieve wants to complete her PhD and is seeking grants to help her do so. She also spends her time learning Hebrew, playing piano, having lunches with friends, maintaining a garden every summer, and more. "I went to Israel last year with two of my daughters. Those were only two weeks, but, oh, so many memories." She adds, "I am so excited with my new piano, a Galileo from Italy. No one has to tell me to practice!"

Regarding who at Cornell had the biggest impact on Genevieve, she notes that all of her professors were memorable and taught her to think, ask questions, and risk making difficult decisions. In particular, "Prof. Sheila Danko (HumEc), who said genuinely nice things to me about me. It was like an introduction to myself." As if these pursuits weren't enough to occupy her time, Genevieve has nine grown children of her own, and 15 grandkids. "I am rich!" she says. How has she accomplished so much since her years on the Hill? Well, she had a bit of a head start. To use her words, Genevieve was a "mature student" when she attended Cornell, commuting from Binghamton to attend class and then returning to work

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her full-time job as an RN. I am told that as of this writing, she is 91 years old.

How about yourself? How do you spend your days? Please feel free to drop us a line with your news for the class column. Also, be sure to visit the Class of 1990 Facebook page at: <http://facebook.com/Cornell90/>; [agr2@cornell.edu](mailto:agr2@cornell.edu); and [Rose Tanasugarn, nt28@cornell.edu](mailto:Rose.Tanasugarn,nt28@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

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Hello, everyone! **Tim Vanini** (Buffalo, NY) here, happily taking on one of the class correspondent positions this year. I had a blast at our 25th Reunion, and later in the summer I spent time with a few of our classmates: I saw **Bruce Frauley** (Oakville, ON) up at his cottage north of Toronto; caught up with **Holly Geiger** Kotler (Skillman, NJ) when she was up in Buffalo supporting her son in a golf tournament; and met up with **Ben Morgan** (North Royalton, OH) and family for an Indians baseball game. I am in the process of starting a new business called Petrichor ([www.petrichorbuffalo.com](http://www.petrichorbuffalo.com)), where we will provide home/commercial beautification with fresh-cut flowers, indoor/outdoor plants, and lawn care.

Let's start this column on the East Coast. **Eric Meikle**, MD '95 (Chelmsford, MA) is managing partner at Chelmsford Pediatrics and chief of pediatrics at Lowell General Hospital. He writes, "Kids are doing well and interested in Cornell! My wife is active on many boards. In 2015, we traveled as a family to Costa Rica, California, and Cape Cod, and this year England/Scotland, Florida (two times), and, oh yeah, Cape Cod again. Life is busy, balanced, and fun—just wish I wasn't passing kidney stones every few years!" Ouch! **Karyn Ginsberg** (NYC) is a pediatrician and partner at Park Avenue Pediatrics on the Upper East Side. **Brenda Palumbo** says "Hi" from Stone Ridge, NY. **Cherry Estilo** (NYC) shares, "I have been at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center for the past 17 years. I am currently an attending faculty member of the dental service, department of surgery. I am also an associate professor of surgery at Weill Cornell Medicine. My husband, Kevin, and I have three young children."

**Carolyn Richmond** (NYC) is a partner at Fox Rothschild LLP and co-chair of the firm's labor and employment department and the hospitality practice group. She counsels clients with respect to workplace issues such as hiring, diversity awareness, training, union avoidance, and other policy initiatives. **Denise Law** LaGalia (Mahwah, NJ) writes, "I recently went back to work after being home with the kids for eight years. It was the best decision, and I love it. I am working at EmpiRx Health, a small but quickly growing pharmacy benefits management company based in Montvale, NJ, doing marketing and working on various projects to support the growth of the company."

**Christine Montenegro** Okezie (Saddle River, NJ) writes, "I have my own business, Your Delicious Balance Nutrition & Lifestyle Coaching, and I published my first book last year, *The No Diet Cookbook: Learn to Eat For Health and Pleasure*. I'm grateful I am pursuing a career that aligns with my passion for natural foods and healing." And **Joelle Vlahakis** (Sarasota, FL) reports, "I am helping to build and strengthen the palliative care program at Sarasota Memorial Hospital along with work in utilization review. On the family front, my oldest, **Olivia '18** (A&S), and I will be traveling to Greece on an archeological dig. Her two younger brothers, Harrison, 16, and John, 11, keep me busy at home."

Out West, **Robert Dunlap** (Bailey, CO) has a new position as a business development manager at Valdes Engineering, based in Lombard, IL. "I am helping my daughter become the number one Girl Scout cookie seller, and wishing I were taking Cornell classes again." **Margaret Chen** (Austin, TX) has been a dietitian with the Dept. of Veterans Affairs for the last 21 years and is currently working in the Veteran Affairs Outpatient Clinic. She is the proud mother of two wonderful daughters, 14 and 10 years old. And in the Golden State, **Hilary Nagler** (Santa Barbara, CA) writes via Facebook, "Hi Tim! Reunion was a blast, but too short. So proud of the great '91 class showing! Good story for you: My dad was Class of '50 and a very active alumnus—Reunion chairman for 25 years, college trustee, the whole bit. He was always convinced that nobody actually read the notes, so one year he wrote in that he was the proud new grandfather of quadruplets as a gag. They published it and he was astonished when the congratulatory cards, phone calls, and baby gifts (in sets of four!) started pouring in. I have always read the Class Notes because of that! LOVE that story. It makes me so happy to think of him and how hysterical he was—so thank you for that!"

**Dan Harrison** (Los Angeles, CA) writes, "I didn't get to attend Reunion because my wife, Libby, was at her Vassar reunion the same weekend. However, on vacation I got to spend the Fourth of July with **Sanjay Mani** (Los Altos Hills, CA) and his wife, Reshma, and kids Annika and Vikram. I'm going down the Golden State Freeway tomorrow for a mini-Cornell baseball reunion. Going to the MLB All-Star Game in San Diego with **Michael Karangelen '90**, **Jeffrey Bershad '90** (and son Josh), and my daughter Stephanie (Class of 2028). Stephanie was able to meet the MLB commissioner, **Rob Manfred '80**, and we talked Big Red with him." **Roxanne Malek**, BArch '94 (San Francisco, CA) has joined the board of directors at SmithGroupJJR, one of the leading architecture, engineering, and planning firms in the US.

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

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I am writing this column on the plane to take my oldest child to start her freshman year of college. HOW DID THIS HAPPEN? Right now I'm so excited for her, but I'm sure when we say goodbye tomorrow, the tears will flow. Do you remember the first day of our freshman year? Somehow it does not seem that long ago to me. I remember lots of red orientation counselor T-shirts, Big Red gum taped to my dorm door, meeting my roommate (Hi, **Karen Schanzer Goldberg!**), and crying as my parents left me quickly (even before dinner!).

Fast forward a few decades . . . By the time you read this, our 25th Reunion will be about six months away. Save the date, June 8-11, 2017. Your Reunion co-chairs (me, my husband, **Todd Kantorczyk**, and our friend **Ian Kutner**) have started to plan an amazing few days for you and your families. Todd and I went back to campus in June to shadow the Class of 1991, look at possible venues, and meet local caterers. In September, we went to Reunion Kick-Off (RKO) for meetings and training. In February, we'll attend the Cornell Alumni

Leadership Conference (CALC) for more meetings and then arrive back on the Hill early to train our Reunion clerks, shop, and set up for your arrival. From headquarters snacks and souvenir gifts, to each breakfast and dinner we serve—there's a lot of decisions to be made, requests to ready, questions to ask, and forms to complete. We love doing it, but it means so much more to have YOU there. Please start talking to friends and family, mark your calendars, and plan to celebrate with us!

News submissions were light this cycle. Please share your news in order to make this column more interesting and fun! For example, **Daniel Cuffe** brings news of the exotic! In late 2013 he moved to Dubai. He is director of operations for the new Dubai Parks and Resorts project, "featuring four new theme parks, an incredible restaurant and retail district, and a beautiful 500-room hotel." It is expected to open later in 2016. Dan adds, "My beautiful fiancé, Kendra Deppe, is currently serving with the US Navy here in the Middle East. We met a few years ago when we were both based in Singapore—Kendra working with US Navy Operations out of Singapore and Yokohama, and me working on the Universal Studios theme park located there."

Another classmate in an exotic locale is **Andrea Shluker**, who moved back to Hawaii after living for eight years in Utila, Honduras. She writes that she moved away from the hotel business and into science, ecology, marine education, and sustainability. She also teaches yoga and practices massage therapy. Andrea credits her amazing Cornell education to her ability to run several small businesses in these various fields. The last bit of news we received is from **Michael Malarkey**, who is dreaming of exotic adventures—sailing in the British Virgin Islands—while working in Bethesda, MD. Michael recently became managing partner for Forensic Risk Alliance. This group is a London-based provider of expert witnesses, fraud investigations, and forensic accounting services.

Another group of applicants to Cornell's Class of 2021 are dreaming of Cornell. Todd and I volunteer for the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) to meet local high school students who are applying to Cornell. We really like helping in this way and invite you again to check it out for yourself (<http://caaan.admissions.cornell.edu>). It's a simple way to give back and spread the Big Red love! As we gear up for Reunion, please stay up to date via our class website (<http://classof92.alumni.cornell.edu>) and social media ([www.facebook.com/cornellu92](http://www.facebook.com/cornellu92); [www.twitter.com/CornellU92](http://www.twitter.com/CornellU92)). Keep in touch so we have more to share with you! Feel free to e-mail any of us or use the online form (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>). [Jean Kintisch, jmk226@cornell.edu](mailto:Jean.Kintisch,jmk226@cornell.edu); [Lois Duffy Castellano, LKD2@cornell.edu](mailto:Lois.Duffy.Castellano,LKD2@cornell.edu); [Megan Fee Torrance, mtorrance@torrancelearning.com](mailto:Megan.Fee.Torrance,mtorrance@torrancelearning.com).

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Hey there, classmates! As I write this column for the Nov/Dec issue, I am not yet in holiday mode. It is Olympics time, and Team USA is rocking it in Rio, with several Cornellians among the so many talented and dedicated athletes (and their proud and likely very intense parents). Go Big Red! Go USA! Also, please "Like" our class Facebook page (Cornell University - Class of 1993) and save the date for our 25th Reunion, June 7-10, 2018. If you or your business would like to sponsor a Reunion event, please contact classmate **Mike McMahon** at: [mike@mcmahonandhill.com](mailto:mike@mcmahonandhill.com).



In case our approaching 25th Reunion is not making you feel old enough, join us in congratulating our married classmates **Eric**, PhD '98, and **Rachel Sterner Mozdy**, MBA '11: they are the very proud parents of a Cornell Engineer! Their daughter, **Rebecca '16**, graduated with a BS in Engineering, specializing in Information Science, Systems, and Technology. What an accomplishment! Congratulations also to **Mitch Armbruster**. Mitch was recently named chair of the antitrust and complex business disputes section of the North Carolina Bar Assn. He shared that if he had one day in Ithaca, he would "probably take the family to Flat Rock at the Plantations to hang out and enjoy nature, and definitely end up at the Nines for pizza!" Totally agree—I did the same thing last summer! Mitch enthused that he has "great memories from Cornell." He writes, "I miss my friends from the old Balch Dining Hall (where I ended up being co-student manager as a senior, along with my freshman-year Donlon Hall roommate, **Keith Weinberger**)." Mitch is a partner at Smith Anderson, where he practices in the areas of commercial and administrative litigation. He has handled a wide variety of business disputes, administrative agency and public records disputes, and antitrust matters. For more information go to: [www.smithlaw.com/attorneys-Mitchell-Armbruster.html](http://www.smithlaw.com/attorneys-Mitchell-Armbruster.html).

**Eva Schenkman**, BS Ag '97, let us know that she is working on her PhD at Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk. You got this, Eva! Thanks also to **Amanda Cramer** ([acc262@hotmail.com](mailto:acc262@hotmail.com)) for connecting with us. Amanda is contemplating a degree in accounting—she wants to go "back to the numbers" because she is "dreaming of doing books for small businesses." If you are working in accounting, Amanda would love to hear from you. She writes, "I loved all my professors and TAs and the wonderful people working in Financial Aid."

Classmates, please share your Cornell gratitude with us—it will make the column better, and may also help remind and encourage all of us '93ers to appreciate what we have and have had. Help us make our column "pop" by sending me or my fellow correspondents an update on what you are up to in any piece of your pie. Take care and please share. ✉ **Melissa Hart** Moss, [melimoss@yahoo.com](mailto:melimoss@yahoo.com); **Mia Blackler**, [miablackler@yahoo.com](mailto:miablackler@yahoo.com); **Theresa Flores**, [taf6@cornell.edu](mailto:taf6@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**94** Season's greetings from New Jersey! It's hard to believe another year has gone by away from the hallowed halls of Cornell. My friend **Paul Mutolo** shared a picture from the Hill with me and a bunch of other alums, noting that the graduates of the Class of 2016 would have been born the year we graduated, back in 1994! That really made my husband, **Michael Marchant**, and me groan and lament at the increasing amount of gray hair on our heads.

Another year away means another year less connected to former roommates, sorority sisters, and research partners. We are grateful for the friends we made at Cornell, many of whom we keep up with on social media (or even visit in person, like we did when we visited **Louis Ramos** and his family in Northern Virginia this Memorial Day). That's why I always look forward to reading the class columns—it's for those that I'm not connected to on Facebook, but still have fond memories of spending time together. Just a few minutes sharing

your updates really keeps our affinity strong! Please don't be shy—feel free to shoot a note to me, Dika, or Dineen anytime. You can also post on our Cornell University Class of 1994 Facebook page!

We heard from **Paul Bamundo**, who is now the chief marketing officer for Ivy League Sports Marketing, a unique collaboration between the Ivy League and JMI Sports. Paul writes that his job is to promote Ivy League athletics overall. Specifically, he will be developing a corporate sponsorship program on behalf of the conference with a focus on the inaugural Ivy League men's and

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**Michelle Wasserman '95**

women's basketball tournaments, which will take place at the historic Palestra on the UPenn campus, March 11-12, 2017. Paul notes, "Get ready for March Madness and mark your calendars to come to Philadelphia for a great weekend of Ivy League basketball next year!"

Via Facebook, I sent out a solicitation for updates in August, and my former Donlon hallmate **Jenna Saidel Lebowich** wrote me a newsy e-mail: "After seven years of study, I have completed my certification as a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist. This step will allow me to expand the scope of my business by broadening my nutrition consulting practice and offering insurance reimbursable counseling services. I founded Cook.Learn.Live in 2009 to teach cooking skills and basic nutrition to children and adults at all levels. I also consult on menu development and design for camps and schools. My website is [www.CookLearnLive.com](http://www.CookLearnLive.com). My husband, **Michael**, and our daughter, Marina, were incredibly patient and supportive as I juggled my business, school, and our home life. Michael is a partner at Proskauer Rose, where he is head of the labor-management relations practice group. Marina is a high school sophomore."

Thanks to Paul and Jenna for sharing their stories. I look forward to reading about more of you in the next column! Best wishes for a safe and happy New Year! ✉ **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, [jar1229@yahoo.com](mailto:jar1229@yahoo.com); **Dika Lam**, [dikaweb@yahoo.com](mailto:dikaweb@yahoo.com); **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasylik, [dmp5@cornell.edu](mailto:dmp5@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**95** Happy holidays, everyone (he says, while writing in the middle of August)! It has now been one year since I started my tenure as one of your class correspondents, and 25 years (!) since we first arrived on the Hill. I've really enjoyed hearing about what everybody has been up to. The only problem is, I haven't been hearing enough! Besides my personal e-mail address and the online news form, we've started posting semi-regular questions to our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/cornell1995>. So instead of having to fill out a whole form, you can just tell us some neat fact or tidbit about what's going on while you're browsing Facebook.

For example, **Elizabeth Leff** told us that she's visited 71 countries, which must be some kind of record! When we asked another question about who was the first person she met on campus, **Lisa Powell** Fortna, our class president, told us that she met her freshman roommate, **Susie Su**, in Low Rise 7 25 years ago, and they're still friends! **Jessica Homa Greenwood** (who happens to be married to another one of my Sage Hall pals, **Dan Greenwood**) met **Erica Wiedrick** Myers (who's sending her own daughter off to college) across the hall that first week of school.

See how easy that is? Check out the Facebook page and subscribe to know when new questions are posted.

Along the same thread, we got a great story from **Michelle Wasserman**: "Amy Leitner Straus and I met while waiting in line for the keys to our dorm rooms on West Campus. I mentioned that I was nervous about the fact that I wouldn't have anyone to celebrate my birthday with me because it was coming up a few weeks later. She said she felt the same way. It turned out we have the same birthday! We celebrated our 18th and all other birthdays at Cornell together, and, even though we haven't lived in the same city since graduation, we're always certain to have a special birthday phone call every year since. This past year we got to celebrate our birthdays together, 25 years after we met!"

Lastly, I received some employment news from **Scott Jessop**. Scott let me know that he left his command of the 427th Support Battalion in the US Army and is now the executive officer of the 153rd Troop Command Brigade for the New York Army National Guard. Congratulations, Scott! That's all I've got for now. Have a great holiday and a Happy New Year! Please keep sending us any news you may have. ✉ **Steven Strell**, [strells@mac.com](mailto:strells@mac.com); **Scott Lajoie**, [scottlajoie@hotmail.com](mailto:scottlajoie@hotmail.com). Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**96** **Lisa Kubicki** Thivierge ([lisa.kubicki@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.kubicki@gmail.com)) had a baby girl, Madeline Sierra, last August. Unfortunately, though, she also lost her father to pancreatic cancer in September. She and her family moved to Washington State in December. **April Tan** writes, "I am advising companies, governments, and nonprofits on technology, operations, and more."

**Sidharta Oetama** ([spoetama@yahoo.com](mailto:spoetama@yahoo.com)) writes, "I am the co-head of the operations team at Northstar, a leading private equity fund in Southeast Asia. Calista, 11, has written three books now, and Christopher, 9, just finished his first. We all enjoy playing golf!" He adds, "Chan, Alexa, Rob from ChemE '96, how are you guys doing?" (If you recognize your name, shoot him an e-mail!)

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**97** Class president **Lauren Myers** was recently featured in an Alumni Affairs and Development "Leadership Lunch and Learn" webinar on how to make a "Killer Resume." Lauren was featured for her work as global executive HR and talent acquisition strategist at the Myers Group Inc. and VP, player development and marketing at Sports West Football

**Michael and Ines Leung Levy '99** have returned to New York from Beijing, where they spent the last three years. They have two children, daughter Asher, 2, and baby boy Arlen, whom they welcomed in May.

Remember that you can always provide text updates using the online news form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Or you can e-mail either of your class correspondents: **Toni Stabile** Weiss, [tls9@cornell.edu](mailto:tls9@cornell.edu); **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, [udj1@cornell.edu](mailto:udj1@cornell.edu).

**99** Our class seems to be on a "news hiatus" since the spring. I assume everyone is having a wonderful summer as I write, and are now in the midst of preparing for back-to-school. While we in Michigan don't go back until after Labor Day,

Nashville, where Mark is a key account manager for Santa Fe Natural Tobacco Co.

Do you have a life update, class gossip, or recent classmate interaction you'd like to share? Please contact your class correspondents. You can also connect through the Class of '99 Facebook page or submit your update online at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. **Heather Hollidge** Madland, [hmadland@gmail.com](mailto:hmadland@gmail.com); **Melanie Grayce** West, [mga6@cornell.edu](mailto:mga6@cornell.edu).

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**01** Remember that list of 150-plus things every Cornellian should do before graduation? There are at least three variations floating around cyberspace now, reflecting our ever-shifting campus landmarks, Collegetown venues, and generational priorities. (On a related note, there are at least ten versions of the Cayuga's Waiters classic parody, "We Didn't Go to Harvard." If you can identify more than 20 percent of the current lyrics, you must have gotten a graduate degree from Cornell, too!)

After careful consideration, our class adapted these lists to a 15-item (in honor of our 15th Reunion) selfie scavenger hunt. In case you missed it during Reunion, the required shots were: 1) pointing to the top of McGraw Tower; 2) rolling your eyes in front of your old dorm building—or whatever's there now! 3) reading a student newspaper; 4) high-fiving a classmate you haven't seen in five years—or more! 5) singing "Give My Regards to Davy" with a classmate who doesn't live in New York; 6) fist-bumping a Cornellian's child—of any age! 7) blowing a kiss on the Suspension Bridge; 8) wiping a tear in the doorway of a former bar; 9) looking awestruck in Kroch Library; 10) winking at a picture of yourself from our college years; 11) singing the Alma Mater in a building that didn't exist in 2001; 12) dancing under a tent; 13) licking a spoon of Dairy Bar ice cream; 14) eating in a dining hall; and 15) marching along with the Big Red Band or hugging Touchdown the Bear. **BONUS:** Smiling with Hunter Rawlings!

I managed to do everything on this list except eat in a dining hall. But I did eat some D.P. Dough at 2 a.m. on the steps of RPCC with **Tony Navarra**, **Brad '00**, **BS '02**, **PhD '07**, and **Angela Bourne Schmidt**, **MMH '08**, and **Salil Gupte**. (There's now an app to track your D.P. Dough order!) Partial credit, at least? For full credit, congratulations to **Deniz Birinci** for taking top honors, followed by **Adrienne Martinez**, **MBA '08**, and **J. Ricardo Guzman**. Check out their photos on our Facebook and Twitter channels (#Cornell2001), and start thinking about at least five more selfies we can add to the list for our 20th Reunion in June 2021.

Somewhere in between all those fist-bumps and spoon-licks, our classmates **Michael**, **MPA '02**, and **Susan Mueller Hanson**, **ME '02**, made a special visit to the newly renovated Upson Hall, where they are sponsoring a new study area. "With the hard-hat tours as part of Reunion, we

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Nicole Neroulis Gupte '01

([https://vod.video.cornell.edu/media/Leadership+Lunch+and+Learn+A+The+Killer+Resume/1\\_ucjl5pb9](https://vod.video.cornell.edu/media/Leadership+Lunch+and+Learn+A+The+Killer+Resume/1_ucjl5pb9)). It wasn't the first time a '97er appeared in a Leadership Lunch and Learn webinar: class secretary **Jay Wolman** was featured in one in August 2015 on knowing employee legal rights ([https://vod.video.cornell.edu/media/Leadership+Lunch+and+Learn+A+Knowing+Employee+Legal+Rights/1\\_ymufsk9](https://vod.video.cornell.edu/media/Leadership+Lunch+and+Learn+A+Knowing+Employee+Legal+Rights/1_ymufsk9)).

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**98** **Valerie Nannery**, senior litigation counsel at the Center for Constitutional Litigation PC, has been selected as the 2016-17 Supreme Court Fellow assigned to the Federal Judicial Center! Valerie will work with top officials in the judicial branch of the federal government, engaging in projects that aim to identify solutions to problems in the administration of justice.

**Leonard Lipovich**, who is an associate professor at the Center for Molecular Medicine and Genetics and in the Dept. of Neurology at Wayne State U., writes that he received a National Institutes of Health Director's New Innovator Award grant in September 2014. He looks back on Psychology professor **Jim Maas**, **PhD '66**, as having had the greatest impact on him while at Cornell. Congratulations also to **Joshua Malkin**, who was recently named to both the Forbes Magazine Top 200 Wealth Advisors in the US list and the Barron's Top 1,200 Financial Advisors in the US list. Josh is managing director at Morgan Stanley Private Wealth Management in NYC.

my social media feeds are slowly starting to fill up with the requisite "first day of school" pictures. Those pictures are hitting a bit closer to home these days as my husband, **Adrian Madland**, and I welcomed our first child, daughter Max Ava, on May 5. After enjoying a summer of respective maternity and paternity leaves, we are both back to work and fully immersed in the adventures of parenthood.

Congratulations to Duane Morris partner **Terrance Evans**, who was recently named a 2016 National Bar Assn. "40 Under 40" Best Advocate. The awards recognize the top lawyers under age 40 in the US who exemplify a broad range of high achievement in the law, including in advocacy, innovation, vision, leadership, and overall legal and community involvement. Terrance represents clients in complex commercial litigation in the areas of commercial banking, real estate, and insurance coverage and has successfully handled numerous multi-million-dollar cases in federal and state trial and appellate courts throughout California and other jurisdictions. He has also devoted hundreds of billable hours to pro bono service, which has included securing child support payments for children; protecting indigent families from wrongful evictions; fighting for government benefits for disabled citizens; seeking asylum for families facing persecution; and teaching trial advocacy to inner city children. Way to go, Terrance!

**Jamesa Drake** has joined the ACLU of Maine as a staff attorney, bringing with her an expertise in criminal law and over a decade of experience litigating hundreds of appeals cases. Before joining the ACLU, she ran her own appellate practice, Drake Law LLC. Jamesa has argued before the US Supreme Court (!); litigated hundreds of appeals including cases before the First Circuit Court of Appeals and the state Supreme Courts of Maine, Kentucky, and Oregon; and represented seven people on death row. Congratulations on your new role, Jamesa! And in a brief update from **Mark Dittman** ([mark\\_dittman@yahoo.com](mailto:mark_dittman@yahoo.com)), he and his wife, Elizabeth, recently relocated to



got a sneak peek at the space," Michael writes. "We were able to show our children (Christopher and Lizzie)—hopefully members of the classes of 2032 and 2033!—a legacy we're leaving in honor of the experiences, learning, and friendships from our time on the Hill."

**Monica Marusceac**, who won our classmate Reunion award for "most interesting profession," has continued growing her McLean, VA-based NoVA Hypnosis & Wellness practice into a training center for hypnotherapy and Reiki practitioners—while remaining active in the Marine Corps Reserves and contemplating unusual travel destinations. "My experience as an RA at JAM had the greatest impact on me," she writes of her Cornell memories. That must have made her Reunion weekend experience even more interesting, given that our class stayed at the Just About Music's current home, Low Rise 9 on North Campus; Cornell tore down JAM's U-Hall home years ago to make way for the upperclassmen residences on West Campus. (Yet Donlon Hall will outlive us all, am I right?) Over in East Hampton, NY, **Susan Berotti** Boscarino, ME '02, recently became a partner at Wright & Co. Construction, a high-end custom home builder on the East End of Long Island. She and her husband also became parents this year, welcoming Eleanore Violet, "Ellie" for short. Congratulations!

Our next official Reunion is now four and a half years away, but there's plenty of Homecomings, Zinck's Nights, and other opportunities to get involved in until then! If you're interested in joining our class officers as vice president, reunion co-chair, publicity chair, webmaster, co-correspondent, or in some other capacity, please reach out to **Nathan Connell** at [nconnell@gmail.com](mailto:nconnell@gmail.com). Make sure you and your friends are getting this magazine, and in between issues, following our Facebook and Twitter channels (@Cornell2001) for classmate photos, announcements, and other updates. And if you're interested in joining me as a class correspondent or sharing some news, just find me on social media or contact me at: **Nicole Neroulis** Gupte, [NicoleMN6@gmail.com](mailto:NicoleMN6@gmail.com). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**02 April Rose Sommer** ([ars26@cornell.edu](mailto:ars26@cornell.edu)) writes, "I am so excited to have recently started as the executive director and lead counsel for the Protect Our Communities Foundation, an environmental nonprofit. I am continuing my work challenging the development of dirty energy infrastructure and protecting wild places that I began in private practice and as a staff attorney at the Center for Biological Diversity."

Rabbi **Pam Mandel** has been named to the fifth annual Double Chai in the Chi, 36 Under 36 list of young Jewish "movers and shakers" in Chicago, presented by JUF's Young Leadership Division (YLD) and Oy!Chicago. (The letters of the Hebrew word "Chai," which means "life," also represent the number 18.) The list shines a spotlight on the faces of Chicago's Jewish future and recognizes the amazing contributions of this generation. The young professionals featured are noted for making a difference through their work, giving back in their free time, and earning distinction in the Jewish community and beyond.

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<http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm> to submit an online news form, or write to either of your correspondents. We'd love to hear from you. **Carolyn Deckinger** Lang, [cmd35@cornell.edu](mailto:cmd35@cornell.edu); **Jeffrey Barker**, [jrb41@cornell.edu](mailto:jrb41@cornell.edu).

**03** We heard that **Justin Peters** recently published *The Idealist: Aaron Swartz and the Rise of Free Culture on the Internet*. The book is "a smart, lively history of the Internet-free culture movement and its larger effects on society—and the life and shocking suicide of Aaron Swartz, a founding developer of Reddit and Creative Commons." Justin is a correspondent for *Slate* and a contributing editor at the *Columbia Journalism Review*. He has written for various national publications, including the *New York Times*, the *Washington Monthly*, and *Travel + Leisure*, and was the founding editor of *Polite*, a general-interest print journal. He divides his time between Boston and Brooklyn. Congratulations, Justin, and we look forward to the late addition to our holiday shopping list!

**Katie Nelson** Schoenberg, PhD '10, and I just returned from a trip to New York with a short stop-off in Ithaca to see our dear friends. We are grateful for the Cornell connection that joined our lives and continues to strengthen our bond. I look forward to hearing about the great things our classmates are doing via news and notes submissions. Until then, all the best. **Jon Schoenberg**, [jrs55@cornell.edu](mailto:jrs55@cornell.edu). Online news form <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

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**05** Happy winter, Class of 2005! I was recently on our class's Facebook page (by the way, have you "liked" the class page yet?) and was amazed by all the great things we've been doing. Personally, this has been a year of traveling for me (**Johnny Chen**), which is a huge passion of mine. I have had a big year of roaming around Europe: Germany (awesome beer and bratwursts in Munich, great hikes in the mountains near Neuschwanstein Castle); Austria (kayaking at beautiful Hallstatt, finding the hills from *The Sound of Music*); Prague (amazing history of Charles Bridge); Budapest (endless museums); Paris (spontaneously got tickets to the Roland Garros); Barcelona (such unique architecture and beautiful beaches); and Portugal (amazing food). Through traveling, I really value all the amazing people from different walks of life that I meet, and I try to welcome all new experiences, no matter what they are.

Classmate **David Zhou** has also been doing quite a bit of traveling over the past few years. After living in NYC post-graduation for nine years, Dave saw corporate life as a bit predictable and decided to travel the world. In the last two years, he has visited upwards of 50 countries including Cuba, North Korea, the Philippines, Scandinavia,

and Iceland. After continuing his travels throughout Northern Europe, South America, and Australia, Dave wanted to settle down. He finds himself now in Bali, where he resides in a beach town, renting out villas on Airbnb. Dave shared that while the people he meets during his travels are very different, he's started to realize that everyone is the same—just trying to survive and be happy. A few memorable things that he has done include bungee jumping, hang gliding, scuba diving with manta rays and sharks, whitewater rafting, swimming with sharks, learning how to free dive, skinny dipping in North Korea, staying on a private island in the Maldives, and eating amazing food, like uni straight from the urchin. A few fun facts and figures about Dave: he has taken over 100 flights, visited over 100 cities, gone through immigration over 70 times, slept in over 200 beds, and grown his hair to over 20 inches!

**Mada Seghete** is another classmate who has been traveling, most recently to India and Bulgaria to spread the word about Branch, a company that she started in 2014 with a few friends. The company is a linking tool built to solve the problems facing mobile developers. Since then, she has helped lead the team to raise \$53M, and built the team up to 75 people, with more than 10,000 mobile apps using Branch tools and services. Mada currently leads the marketing team and a global mobile growth community with over 18,000 members. Her proudest moment was when the company reached over one billion requests per day, and finds that the most rewarding part of being an entrepreneur is to watch the company grow and work on the cultural aspects. In her free time, Mada loves to work out and hike, and recently learned woodworking.

I'm so inspired by all the great things our classmates have been doing. Please keep the updates coming; we love hearing from you! **Johnny Chen**, [jc362@cornell.edu](mailto:jc362@cornell.edu); **Michelle Wong**, [mrw29@cornell.edu](mailto:mrw29@cornell.edu); **Hilary Johnson-King**, [haj4@cornell.edu](mailto:haj4@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**06** We are in the midst of another autumn, on our way to the holidays and the New Year. What will 2017 have in store? Before we dive in to a new year, let's spend a moment recognizing some milestones and accomplishments of our Cornell peers.

**Danielle Vollmar** is settling in to an exciting new professional opportunity. Having most recently served as the weekend morning meteorologist at television station WCVB-TV (an ABC affiliate) in Boston, Danielle moved to Nashville this summer to serve as the chief meteorologist at WKRN (also an ABC affiliate). She would like to start her own business one day, and says she remains fond of her time at Cornell as a sister in Alpha Phi. **Benjamin Sesser** (Hoboken, NJ) is running operations for Enigma, a venture-backed data technology company based in New York.

**Shavonne Sargent** is a forester at Weyerhaeuser Co. She is responsible for silvicultural activities on 70,000 acres of land. She and her husband, Brian, recently celebrated the first birthday of daughter Iona Maple, who is named for the sugar maple tree that inspired Shavonne to become a forester. **Shuva Chakraborty**, BA '05, and spouse Karen Howard (Wells College 2006) recently bought a home in Dallas, TX, and are enjoying the nice Texas weather and hanging out in their own backyard.

And what is your intrepid class columnist up to these days? As of this writing, I have taken a

leave of absence from my D.C. law firm to work as deputy voter protection director for the Hillary for Colorado campaign and the Colorado Democratic Party. I have hoped to work on this presidential campaign since my early days at Cornell. To say I am living my dream is an understatement. Are you living your dream? Let us know—we love to hear from you! ■ **Tory Lauterbach**, VML8@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**07** Hello, Class of 2007! I'm **Sam Feibush Wolf**, your new class correspondent. You may remember me as your senior class Zinck's co-chair back in the days of Dunbar's and the Palms (RIP). I have spent the better part of the last nine years managing restaurants in Manhattan. In April 2015, I married a Duke grad—who happily joins me at Red Hot Hockey games, while I, in turn, learn about NCAA basketball. We've moved out to the Garden State and are learning the joys of home ownership. I am looking forward to hearing from our classmates and preparing for our 10th Reunion, June 8-11, 2017! Check out the Alumni Photo Gallery (<http://cornellalumnimagazine.com/photogallery>) to see a photo of me with lots of Cornellians at my wedding, including classmates **Sara Tam**, **Will Hendrick**, **Gabe Ayache**, and **Tekla Israelson**.

Class co-president **Shane Dunn** recently began a new job as coalitions director for Great Schools Massachusetts, a coalition working to lift the cap on public charter schools in Massachusetts. He also recently got married to Elizabeth Bernardi on campus at Sage Chapel, followed by a reception at Stewart Park that included lawn games, a barbecue, a carousel, and the most beautiful summer Ithaca sunset that any Cornellian could appreciate! Many Cornellians were in attendance including classmates **Carlos Maycotte**, **Adam Schnabel**, **Dan Weintraub**, **Jacquelyn Briesch DuBois**, **Tiffany Poon**, and **Natalie Georges**. Shane recently finished his two-year term as president of the Cornell Club of Boston and is excited for the year ahead as our class prepares for our 10th Reunion.

**Corey Earle** recently left his position at Alumni Affairs and Development to pursue a one-year master's in higher and postsecondary education at Teachers College, Columbia U. According to AA&D, "Corey received the apt moniker 'Mr. Cornell' for his tremendous love for the university, his appreciation for and vast knowledge of Cornell's history, and his strong desire to give back through his professional role and his numerous volunteer involvements." **Janna Koretz** ([janna@azimuthpsych.com](mailto:janna@azimuthpsych.com)) writes, "I currently own a group psychotherapy and testing practice in Boston, MA. We treat children, teenagers, and adults with a wide variety of goals." She adds, "We have a Gordon setter puppy who is training to become a therapy dog." Janna says that Harry Segal had the greatest impact on her at Cornell, for teaching psychology through Shakespeare.

**Andrew Fox** ([atpfox@gmail.com](mailto:atpfox@gmail.com)) is a board certified veterinary radiologist in Ontario, Canada. **Jeremy Wasserlauf** is a cardiovascular disease fellow at Northwestern Medicine. His daughter, Miranda, was born late last March. **YanLing "Winnie" Wang** recently became an associate at Blank Rome, in the firm's corporate, mergers and acquisitions, and securities group, based in Philadelphia. Prior to joining Blank Rome, Winnie was an associate at White and Williams LLP.

We hope you responded to the request for online news that was e-mailed to you in September. If you did—look for your news in an upcoming column. If you didn't—it's never too late! Go to <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm> to submit an online news form, or write to me. We'd love to hear from you. ■ **Sam Feibush Wolf**, [samantha.feibush@gmail.com](mailto:samantha.feibush@gmail.com).

**08** Happy Holidays! We hope you responded to the request for online news that was e-mailed to you in September. If you did—look for your news in an upcoming column. If you didn't—it's never too late! Go to <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm> to submit an online news form, or write to either of your correspondents. We'd love to hear from you. Send news to: ■ **Libby Boymel**, [lkb24@cornell.edu](mailto:lkb24@cornell.edu); **Elana Beale**, [erb26@cornell.edu](mailto:erb26@cornell.edu).

**09** I hope this issue of our Class Notes finds you well and reminiscing about the leaves changing color on campus, Thanksgiving break on the horizon, and another semester about to close.

We were pleased to come across classmate **Becky Katz** featured in *StyleBlueprint Atlanta*. Becky interfaces with the Georgia Dept. of Transportation and Atlanta Bicycle Coalition in her efforts to champion Atlanta as a more bike-friendly city, overcoming the congestion for which the city has long been known. She has been instrumental in launching Relay, a bike-sharing program to help make biking easier and more accessible, getting people out of their cars and into the fresh air. The article touts Becky as a champion in this worthy cause. Great work, Becky!

In February, **Tom Weber** married Brin Rosenthal at the Scripps Seaside Forum in La Jolla, CA. Many Cornell alumni were in attendance, from classes all the way back to 1971. We were pleased to hear that the evening concluded with the Cornell Alma Mater. The couple lives in San Diego, CA. Congratulations also to **Adam Kressel**, who married **Alyssa Ehrlich** in May at the Whitby Castle in Rye, NY. The couple first met as freshman neighbors in Mary Donlon Hall. Adam is currently in his general surgery residency at Northwell Health (formerly North Shore LIJ Health System), and Alyssa is a director of global communication at the Estée Lauder Companies in Manhattan.

Best wishes to you all for a happy, healthy holiday. As always, please share your news for a future column: ■ **Rebecca Robbins**, [robbins.reb@gmail.com](mailto:robbins.reb@gmail.com). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**10** As another year approaches its end, it's hard to believe how quickly the years are passing. We've surely heard our parents and grandparents lament at how time flies, but this aphorism still hits home when you stop to think that at this time one decade ago (ten whole years!), we were stressing over and prepping for our first-ever college finals. No matter the ups and downs or lefts and rights that you may have experienced during this time, we hope that you have come out better than how you started. We hope you are taking advantage of the holiday season to spend some quality time with your family and friends, and to get energized for a new year.

We are excited to share some of the things our classmates have been doing recently. **Adam Agata** is the assistant director of enrollment, research, policy, and planning at the Office of Institutional Research and Data Integrity at NYU. He uses the statistical research that he conducts to "help forecast enrollment and study student success" and also to "consult in university policy decisions on all aspects of the university, from budget to housing to financial aid to admissions." In his spare time, Adam plays guitar in his band. He would like to get back in touch with **Rahul Desai**, whom he describes as a "true hero of mine" and the person at Cornell who had the greatest impact on him.

In other news, **Mariel Eisenberg**, ME '11, **Jeff Bowser**, and our very own class correspondent **Jeff Katz** have passed the NYS Professional Engineering exam. Please join us in congratulating them on this wonderful accomplishment! Jeff Bowser is employed by Tishman Construction, Mariel works at EN-POWER GROUP, and Jeff Katz has taken his talents to the Vertex Companies. Jeff the correspondent also had the pleasure of attending the wedding of **Kristie Resetco Wells** in the Dominican Republic, along with classmates **Ellie Emery** and **Teresa Peltier**. Congratulations are also in order for **Ryan Winn**, who graduated from UCLA with a master's in urban and regional planning with a concentration in transportation. He also recently launched his own startup company called "abohd," a digital apartment building amenity that connects renters to their building, neighbors, and local community. They are launching in L.A. and plan to expand to New York/New Jersey next year, so if you're in any of those areas, be sure to check out their website!

Even if you're not in those areas, you can still connect with many of our classmates and fellow alumni by looking up your local Cornell Club. To give you an idea of where we are all dispersed, and as a fun bit of trivia, the Office of Alumni Affairs has compiled the following statistics on our class: New York Metro (1,067); West Coast (455); Mid-Atlantic (402); New York/Ontario (364); Northeast (285); Southeast (168); Midwest (151); Southwest/Mountain (144); North Central (111); Asia-East (82); Europe (20); Asia-Southeast (18); Latin America (7); Asia-South (3); Africa (3); Middle East (2); and Oceania (2). Please remember to update your contact information so our class can send you information about Cornell events happening near you!

That concludes the updates for this column, but it is hopefully far from the end of connecting with you. If you haven't seen your name here yet, we'd love to hear about your latest adventures. Please send any and all updates to one of your trusty correspondents: ■ **Rammy Salem**, [rms84@cornell.edu](mailto:rms84@cornell.edu); **Amar Kelkar**, [ahk24@cornell.edu](mailto:ahk24@cornell.edu); or **Jeff Katz**, [jak232@cornell.edu](mailto:jak232@cornell.edu).

**11** Hello, Class of 2011! My name is **Siva Iyer**, and I'll be your class correspondent for this column. I want to introduce myself to all of you. I was born in a small town in West Texas called Lubbock and grew up in the suburbs of Chicago. After Cornell, I worked in lab research, the pharmaceutical industry, and clinical cardiology research in both Chicago and San Francisco. I'm currently a second-year medical student at Texas Tech U., with dreams of becoming an internal medicine physician. My other dream in life is to start a record label and work with small funk and hip hop bands.



I am glad to be serving along with our other new correspondent, **Dara Perl**, and I look forward to reading all of our class's highlights. Go Big Red! Send news to: **Siva Iyer**, [si74@cornell.edu](mailto:si74@cornell.edu); **Dara Perl**, [daraperl@gmail.com](mailto:daraperl@gmail.com). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**12 Christina Rettig** is based on the West Coast, and in May she graduated from Western U. of Health Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine in Pomona, CA. Since graduation, she has relocated to Monterey, CA, with her two rabbits. Christina is working as a small animal rotating intern at Pet Specialists of Monterey. **Adam Nicoletti** popped the question to **Olivia Moore** in July at their favorite spot on Cornell's campus. A perfect moment for this Cornell couple extraordinaire!

Keep your classmates up to date on your life post-Cornell by sending any information you would like to share to your class correspondents. **Peggy Ramin**, [mar335@cornell.edu](mailto:mar335@cornell.edu); **Emily Cusick**, [egc43@cornell.edu](mailto:egc43@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**13 Dara Brown** was selected as Cornell's graduate and professional student-elected trustee for the next two academic years. She ran her election on a platform that was committed to the student voice and mindfulness about how administrative policies affect students. After graduating from Cornell, where she majored in Political Science and Government, Dara worked as a paralegal for the law firm Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP in Washington, DC. While there, she was also very involved with D.C. Stop Modern Slavery, an organization whose mission is to end modern slavery through community education. Dara worked as an intern for the White House last summer and now attends Cornell Law School. **Christine Vernon** just returned from an 18-month backpacking trip through South America. She was volunteering for the NGO Sustainable Bolivia, whose mission is to ensure that its 36 partner organizations are operating successfully. Now Christine works as a construction engineer for Gamesa, the international turbine company.

A true ILRie, **Mario Céspedes** is working for the Laborers' Int'l Union of North America (LIUNA) as a political education director and regional organizer in Columbus, OH. He thanks Prof. **Kate Bronfenbrenner '76**, PhD '93, ILR's Director of Labor Education Research, for preparing him for the difficult work of labor organizing. Mario keeps busy outside of work holding two public offices, working as a cook, and continuing his music studies. He is also working on opening a pop-up store selling Peruvian food. Lastly, **Raquel Smith** just graduated from Columbia Law School and took the Bar exam. She recently started her first year as an associate at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP in NYC in September.

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also e-mail us: **Rachael Schuman**, [RASchuman@gmail.com](mailto:RASchuman@gmail.com); **Dan Kuhr**, [dk453@cornell.edu](mailto:dk453@cornell.edu).

**14** Hello, Class of 2014! As we are rounding out 2016, Sam and I are excited to see what 2017 brings for our class. These past two years have been enough for us to begin to feel comfortable with our lives after Cornell, though we will always miss being up on the Hill. This year has brought about many job changes, city changes, new careers and degrees, and new families for our class, and we can't wait to hear about your post-student journeys. Our class has been up to a LOT in the last few months.

‘I have spent the better part of the last nine years managing restaurants in Manhattan.’

Sam Feibush Wolf '07

**Matthew Kurtas '15**, BS Hotel '14, has recently accepted the position of food and beverage manager at the Loxahatchee Club in Jupiter, FL—a top-30 Platinum Golf Club, as ranked by the Club Leaders Forum, and an Emerald Club as ranked by *Boardroom Magazine*. Accountable for all dining venues, operations, staff, and finances related to food and beverage, Matthew will relocate from his current position as clubhouse manager of the Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club in Maine. **Julia Buffinton** (A&S) is now the grants network manager at McAllister & Quinn, a grants consulting firm in D.C. serving clients in higher education, healthcare, nonprofits, and research institutions. In her new role, she oversees a network of roughly 250 freelance grant writers who assist clients to identify, apply for, and secure federal funding for initiatives.

Here's additional news from **Abby Maldonado** (ILR) about her job as diversity programs specialist at Pinterest, mentioned in the Jul/Aug '16 Class Notes. Abby helps lead Pinterest's diversity and inclusion efforts and has grown the team from just herself to three employees. She envisioned and implemented Pinterest's Apprenticeship Program, which recruits and trains people from under-represented and non-traditional backgrounds to become engineers at Pinterest. The program was created to provide opportunities in engineering to those without computer science degrees. Apprentices are hired for one year with the expectation that if they grow their skills they will be brought on full time.

Thanks so much for reading, and don't forget to reach out to Sam or me with any questions or news—we LOVE hearing what you are up to. Stay warm—and talk to you next year! **Tejal Thakkar**, [tdt42@cornell.edu](mailto:tdt42@cornell.edu); **Sam Lapahn**, [SRL76@cornell.edu](mailto:SRL76@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**15** As fall draws to a close and the winter snow starts drifting in (unless you're in Ithaca, where it's probably been snowing for the last month, of course), it's

time for us to reflect on all that we have accomplished during our first year post-graduation. Many of us are working hard at our first jobs or continuing our studies either on or off the Hill, while others are embarking on new adventures and exploring different paths to success.

**Stephanie Van Overberghe** has returned to the Hill as an administrative assistant in Alumni Affairs for Student and Young Alumni Programs and Cornell Silicon Valley. **Manu Okudaira** also came back to Cornell this fall as a student in the College of Veterinary Medicine. **Mickey Hintsa** moved in with classmates **Jake Miller** and **Brian Smith** in Cambridge, MA, where **Sadie Garside** is now sales manager at a preferred hotel. **Jennifer**

**Markin** also relocated—to Richmond, VA, where she is currently studying physical therapy at Virginia Commonwealth U. **Atticus DeProspero** has an exciting two years of living and learning across the Atlantic ahead of him. He received a Schwarzman Scholarship to pursue a one-year master's degree in global affairs at Tsinghua U. in Beijing, in addition to a Bill Gates-Cambridge Scholarship toward a one-year master's degree in political thought and intellectual history at the U. of Cambridge.

It has been thrilling to hear about the impact our classmates have already had on their communities since we tossed our caps in the air last year. **Sean Jackson** is a math teacher and tennis coach at Delbarton School in Morristown, NJ, an independent day school for boys grades 7-12. In his first year, he helped coach the varsity tennis team to win the NJSIAA Non-Public A State Championship. **Patrick Landy** is working toward his goal of designing energy efficient buildings by earning his certification as a passive house consultant for ME Engineers. **Anna Long** is working with seafood startup Red's Best to provide fresh seafood directly to restaurants and consumers, including our alma mater's own dining halls!

When he's not daydreaming about the PE classes he wishes he'd taken at Cornell, **Rich Quan**, ME '16, works as an investment banker and also interviews prospective Cornellians as a Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador. If sharing your Cornell experience with prospective students sounds like something you'd be interested in, it's not too late to sign up for CAAAN to interview regular decision applicants! For more info visit <https://caaan.admissions.cornell.edu/>.

We hope you'll be enjoying the holidays with your family and friends and are looking forward to the new year ahead. Don't forget to save the date for this year's Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC), which will be held February 3-4 in Baltimore. Have something you'd like to share? We love hearing from you! E-mail us: **Ariel Cooper**, [alc258@cornell.edu](mailto:alc258@cornell.edu); or **Haley Velasco**, [hav9@cornell.edu](mailto:hav9@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

# ALUMNI DEATHS

## 1930s

- '36 BA—John B. Gordon, Charlottesville, VA, May 11, 2016  
'37 BA—Marjorie Hall Schlosser, Stratford, CT, July 11, 2016  
'38, BA '39—Irving R. Lanzner, Bothell, WA, February 29, 2016  
'39 DVM—John P. Ayres, Binghamton, NY, May 27, 2016  
'39 BS Ag—Diana Dibblee Carroll, Newtown Square, PA, May 31, 2016  
'39 BA, MD '43—Mervin G. Olinger, Fairfield, NJ, June 17, 2016

## 1940s

- '40, BA '39—Isaac N. Groner, Kensington, MD, July 14, 2016  
  
'41—Anne Caro Guttman, Boynton Beach, FL, May 21, 2016  
'41—Warren S. Olin, Melbourne Beach, FL, June 16, 2016  
'41 BS Ag—Marion Walker Patrick, Waynesville, NC, July 28, 2016  
  
'42 BS HE—Evelyn Van Tyne Morrison, Clayton, NY, May 7, 2016  
  
'43 BS HE—Barbara Potters Bermudez, Lincoln, CA, May 26, 2016  
'43 BA—Edward P. Clarke, Darien, CT, June 1, 2016  
'43—Howard M. Conroy, Medina, NY, July 10, 2016  
'43—Harold Eby, Haworth, NJ, August 2, 2016  
'43 BA—Lawrence Lowenstein, New York City, August 1, 2016  
'43 BS Hotel—Arnold Rosenstein, Albany, NY, May 22, 2016  
  
'44—George R. Adair, Leawood, KS, May 14, 2016  
'44, BS Hotel '47—Paul T. Bailey II, Golden, CO, June 3, 2016  
'44—Robert W. Ballard, Ithaca, NY, June 6, 2016  
'44 BS ORIE—Hugh C. Doerschuk, Seattle, WA, May 30, 2016  
'44, BA '45—Zelda Diamond Fichandler, Washington, DC, July 29, 2016  
'44, BA '46, JD '48—Rodney S. Gould, Fox Chapel, PA, July 19, 2016  
'44 BS HE—Carol Shapiro Shepherd, New Canaan, CT, May 2, 2016  
  
'45, BS Chem E '46, PhD '51—James F. Carley, Tucson, AZ, April 7, 2016  
'45, BEE '44—Daniel Glosser, Fox Chapel, PA, June 22, 2016  
'45 BS Ag—Sherry Weston Tove, Cary, NC, May 12, 2016  
'45, BEE '44—Laurance A. Weber, New Preston, CT, July 15, 2016  
  
'46—John J. Bryant III, Delafield, WI, May 9, 2016  
'46, BCE '45—David A. Day, Denver, CO, May 15, 2016  
'46, MEd '51—Bradley Mitchell, Aurora, NY, July 30, 2016  
'46 JD—Virginia Schwartz Mueller, Sacramento, CA, March 14, 2016

- '47 LLB—Clifford M. Barber, Walden, NY, January 11, 2015  
'47 BME—James R. Del Signore, Cortlandville, NY, June 5, 2016  
'47 BA, MEd '55—Robert R. Elliott, Interlaken, NY, April 30, 2016  
'47 BS HE, MS HE '59—Mary E. Kilby, Seminole, FL, November 27, 2015  
'47 PhD—William H. McNeill, Torrington, CT, July 8, 2016  
'47, BA '46—Betty R. Newman, Short Hills, NJ, May 16, 2016  
'47 BA—Charlotte Bullis Pickett, West Palm Beach, FL, June 8, 2016  
'47 BS Nurs—Eunice Mehan Thomas, Stamford, CT, May 19, 2016  
'47 BA, LLB '49—Clara Taylor Yager, Getzville, NY, June 17, 2016

- '48 BS Hotel—Richard B. Carlson, Eustis, FL, March 18, 2016  
'48 LLB—Harold S. Larsen, Mount Pleasant, SC, May 6, 2016  
'48 LLB—Robert L. McAllister, Wayland, NY, June 16, 2016  
'48 BS Hotel—Hamilton A. Miller, Longview, TX, July 2, 2016  
'48, BArch '50—Robert L. Myers, Winston-Salem, NC, May 28, 2016  
'48 MRP—Charles B. Woodman, Brunswick, ME, March 7, 2016

- '49 MEE—Philip W. Barnhart, Arlington, VA, March 31, 2016  
'49 BA, LLB '52—Francis X. Becker, Lynbrook, NY, May 8, 2016  
'49 BA—Roy S. Clarke Jr., Washington, DC, April 1, 2016  
'49 BME—Harris L. Cooperman, Kennett Square, PA, May 13, 2016  
'49 BS Ag—Earl S. Crego, Baldwinsville, NY, July 20, 2016  
'49, BS Ag '50—Robert W. Gibbs, Sebring, FL, July 10, 2016  
'49, B Chem E '50—Jerome J. Hargarten, San Diego, CA, May 11, 2016  
'49 BS Ag—John L. Purdy, Canandaigua, NY, July 27, 2016  
'49 BA—Robert E. Short, Sarasota, FL, July 25, 2016  
'49 BEE—Lolii G. Stepanoff, New Hartford, NY, July 2, 2016

- '49 MS—Warren R. Stumpe, Mequon, WI, July 15, 2016

## 1950s

- '50 BCE—Charles W. Deakyne, Severna Park, MD, July 20, 2016  
'50 LLB—John M. Dinse, Burlington, VT, July 14, 2016  
'50 BA—Marc J. Friedenbergh, Scotch Plains, NJ, July 10, 2016  
'50 DVM—Daniel J. Hannigan, Wappingers Falls, NY, March 24, 2016  
'50 BA—Oswald S. Lowsley Jr., Bonita Springs, FL, May 16, 2016  
'50 BA—Eve Weinschenker Paul, New York City, July 21, 2016  
'50 BA—Franklin T. Peters, Miamisburg, OH, June 13, 2016  
'50 MA—Edward O. Shakespeare, Roxborough, PA, July 2, 2016  
'50 BS Hotel—Frederick E. Shaner, Greenwood, SC, July 31, 2016  
'50 BME—John D. Sundburg, Priest River, ID, May 2, 2016  
'50, B Chem E '51—John A. Watts, South Orleans, MA, June 4, 2016  
  
'51 PhD—Allan G. Bogue, Madison, WI, August 1, 2016  
'51 BS HE—Virginia Deuell Chamberlain, Belfast, NY, May 22, 2016  
'51 BA—Walter J. Dockerill, West Palm Beach, FL, June 12, 2016  
'51 BS Hotel—Ralph M. Gasparello, Hingham, MA, July 11, 2016  
'51 BFA—Eleanor Adler Goldner, Miami, FL, March 17, 2016  
'51 B Chem E—Jerome M. Jenkins, Copley, OH, April 30, 2016  
'51 MS HE—Mary Billings Orsenigo, Belle Glade, FL, May 17, 2016  
'51, BME '52—Arthur L. Wasserman Jr., Glastonbury, CT, July 13, 2016  
'51 BA, PhD '54—Robert A. Wolbach, Palo Alto, CA, May 26, 2016

- '52 DVM—Edwin E. Blaisdell, North Haverhill, NH, December 23, 2015  
'52 PhD—Alexander D. Chiquoine III, Devens, MA, May 5, 2016  
'52 BA—John B. Daly, Holland, MI, December 2, 2014  
'52, BCE '53—Ronald E. Gebhardt, Sewickley, PA, May 17, 2016  
'52 BA—Constance Soelle Geerhart, Washington, DC, April 15, 2016  
'52 BA—Jeanne Irish Lewis, Webster, NY, April 23, 2016  
'52 B Chem E—Alfred E. Riccardo, Woodcliff Lake, NJ, July 2, 2016  
'52 BCE—Richard E. Weber Jr., Middle Grove, NY, July 8, 2016  
'52 MD—Sidney L. Werkman, Spokane, WA, February 28, 2016

- '53 BS Ag, PhD '60—Ernest C. Bay, Puyallup, WA, March 18, 2016  
'53 BA, PhD '61—Stewart Bennett, Marietta, GA, April 28, 2016  
'53 JD—Beatrice Silverstein Frank, New York City, April 21, 2016  
'53 PhD—James B. Herendeen, El Paso, TX, July 9, 2016  
'53 BS Ag—Justin H. Kramer, Cheverly, MD, May 20, 2016  
'53 MD—Charles A. Malone, Cleveland, OH, April 24, 2016  
'53 JD—John Oliver III, Fort Myers, FL, April 16, 2016  
'53 BS Hotel—William H. Ross, Kenilworth, IL, February 29, 2016  
'53 BS Hotel—Robert H. Sweeney, Farnham, VA, April 11, 2016  
'53 MS, PhD '59—Daniel B. Ward, Gainesville, FL, July 30, 2016

- '54 LLB—Nicholas E. Curtiss, Sarasota, FL, March 24, 2016  
'54—Alan J. Epstein, Raritan Township, NJ, May 15, 2016  
'54—Frederick D. Forward, Camillus, NY, May 11, 2016  
'54 MS—Kenneth V. Gardner, Tarpon Springs, FL, July 16, 2016  
'54 BA—Noga Gelman, Jerusalem, Israel, April 8, 2016  
'54 MLA—Robert L. Horn, Delmar, NY, April 29, 2016  
'54 BS ILR—Beverly Gavril Lesser, Scottsdale, AZ, June 1, 2016  
'54, B Chem E '55—John H. Manley, Fort Myers, FL, May 16, 2016  
'54 BS Ag—John R. Owen, Marco Island, FL, July 2, 2016  
'54 MS—Owen M. Rogers, Durham, NH, May 24, 2016  
'54 BA—Ronald B. Shapiro, Great Barrington, MA, May 21, 2016  
'54, BA '55—Carol Stitt Sokolski, Silver Spring, MD, March 21, 2016  
'54 BS HE—Nancy Morrow Winkelman, Oak Bluffs, MA, July 4, 2016

- '55 BS Ag—Margaret Fox Chmiel, Niles, MI, June 17, 2016  
'55, JD '59—Shawkat J. Dallal, New Hartford, NY, July 3, 2016  
'55 BS Hotel—Clyde Davis III, Dallas, PA, July 28, 2016  
'55 BS Nurs—Dorothy Meyer Marcek, Nashua, NH, June 5, 2016  
'55 BS Ag—Donald I. Wickham, Victor, NY, May 13, 2016  
'55, BA '58—Peter M. Winter, Issaquah, WA, May 14, 2016

- '56 BS Hotel—Richard W. Barger, Beverly, MA, June 1, 2016  
'56—George W. Leighow, Danville, PA, July 1, 2016



'56, BEP '57—Peter B. Woods, The Villages, FL, May 10, 2016

'57 BS ILR—Thomas P. Brady, Las Vegas, NV, July 24, 2016

'57 BA—Michael Foster, New York City, July 8, 2016

'57 BS HE—Wendy Sorenson Jordan, Seattle, WA, March 24, 2016

'57 MS HE, PhD '60—Dana Thorangkul Lee, Bryan, TX, March 13, 2016

'57—David P. Myatt, Martins Point, NC, May 3, 2016

'57 BA—David L. Riebel, Clifton Park, NY, July 20, 2016

'57 MILR—David W. Swindells, Westport, MA, July 31, 2016

'58 MD—Robert G. Brayton, New York City, March 8, 2016

'58, B Chem E '59—Donald E. Buzzelli, Washington, DC, April 28, 2016

'58 PhD—Salah E. Elmaghraby, Raleigh, NC, June 12, 2016

'58 BA—Jack L. Karp, Winnetka, IL, July 22, 2016

'58, BEE '59—Arthur R. Kraemer, Palo Alto, CA, June 6, 2016

'58 MS Ag—R. Herbert Minnich Jr., Goshen, IN, July 7, 2016

'58, B Chem E '59—David L. Ripps, New York City, February 10, 2016

'59 LLB—Thomas E. Clement, Pittsford, NY, March 20, 2016

'59 MS—Bruce M. Collins, Lewes, DE, May 8, 2016

'59 MS, PhD '64—Dan H. Nicolson, Mitchellville, MD, June 2, 2016

'59 BS ILR—Richard H. Parker, Wellsville, NY, May 31, 2016

'59 BA—Carol A. Rafferty, Pequannock, NJ, May 24, 2016

'59 MA—Laura Lord Smail, Charlotte, NC, May 3, 2016

## 1960s

'60, BA '62, MBA '64—E. John Debeer Jr., Santa Fe, NM, July 15, 2016

'60, BS Ag '61—Mary Quick Flinn, Lansing, NY, May 2, 2016

'60 BA—John A. Jensen, Needham Heights, MA, July 7, 2016

'60 PhD—William D. Pardee, Ithaca, NY, May 1, 2016

'60 BS Ag, DVM '64—Thomas H. Pettit, Port Charlotte, FL, July 28, 2016

'60 PhD—Allen H. Rakes, Raleigh, NC, May 30, 2016

'60 BA—Elizabeth Chapman Staley, Seattle, WA, May 24, 2016

'60, BA '61—Robert S. Wickes, Landenberg, PA, April 20, 2016

'61—Richard D. Goff, Saint Paul, MN, June 7, 2016

'61 BA, JD '63—George M. Malti, Sedona, AZ, May 13, 2016

'61, BS Nurs '62—Mary Anne Crowley Marion, Thousand Oaks, CA, July 14, 2016

'61 BA—Donald J. Nugent, Brewster, NY, July 15, 2016

'61 BS HE—Sandra J. Perrott, Kennebunk, ME, July 26, 2016

'61 BA—William H. Schaap, New York City, February 25, 2016

'62 BA—Robert E. Adamowski, Bellevue, WA, March 16, 2016

'62 BA—Robert S. Blank, New York City, April 30, 2016

'62 BS Ag—Jane Shelton Kruysman, Kirkville, NY, May 31, 2016

'63—Stephen F. Hartman, Colcord, OK, May 19, 2016

'63 BA, MAT '65—Kathleen Dwyer Marble, Harvard, MA, April 14, 2016

'63 EdD—Grace Spivey Smith, Austin, TX, July 19, 2016

'64, BCE '65—Kenneth M. Campia, Belleair, FL, July 7, 2016

'64 MPA—Bernard A. Kershner, Avon, CT, May 25, 2016

'64 PhD—Gilbert S. Stoewsand, Geneva, NY, July 4, 2016

'65 BCE, MCE '66—Stephen M. Beck, Newark, OH, May 16, 2016

'65 BS ILR—Joseph E. Ryan, Buffalo, NY, June 11, 2016

'66, BA '67—Bruce Bridgeman, Santa Cruz, CA, July 10, 2016

'66—James F. O'Hearn, Lava Hot Springs, ID, July 5, 2016

'66 BA—Elinor Sverdlík Sachs, Bloomfield, CT, July 20, 2016

'66 BA—Patricia Stewart Vanderploeg, Denver, CO, April 9, 2016

'66 MILR—T. James Walker, New Braunfels, TX, July 15, 2016

'66 BS Ag—Henry A. F. Young, Port Washington, NY, June 18, 2015

'67 LLB—R. Franklin Balotti, Key Biscayne, FL, August 2, 2016

'67 BME, MME '68—Charles R. Christensen, New Vernon, NJ, April 15, 2016

'67 DVM—Allan J. Ingraham, Hampden, ME, July 9, 2016

'68 PhD—Eli Grushka, Jerusalem, Israel, March 22, 2016

'68 BA—Louise Manning, Pittsburgh, PA, April 18, 2016

'68—Lewis J. Martz, Farmington, NY, August 1, 2016

'68 JD—Janet C. McCaa, Portland, ME, June 5, 2016

'69 MS Ag—Kenneth D. Cocke, New Orleans, LA, July 20, 2016

'69 PhD—Thomas B. Crabill, New York City, June 11, 2016

'69 BS HE—Karen Haywood Greene, Naugatuck, CT, July 21, 2016

'69 BS Ag—Richard H. Lloyd, Clinton, NY, July 15, 2016

'69 MST—Raymond N. Martin, Acushnet, MA, June 9, 2016

'69 BS Ag, MS Ag '71—Romeo Martinez-Rodas, Guatemala City, Guatemala, April 3, 2016

'69 MA, PhD '71—Allen T. Pearson, London, ON, Canada, June 6, 2016

'69—Al Venooker, Ithaca, NY, June 17, 2016

'69-70 GR—Brian Whalen, Grand Rapids, MI, June 21, 2016

## 1970s

'70 BS HE, MHA '88—Anne E. Bookhout, Brooktondale, NY, May 28, 2016

'70 MA—Ida Operario Wolff, Ithaca, NY, May 20, 2016

'71 BS HE—Ann Bradley Donigan, Torrance, CA, December 29, 2015

'71 BS Nurs—Jean Heckadon McCormick, Aiken, SC, May 9, 2016

'71 Med—Richard W. Seguire, Gainesville, GA, May 20, 2016

'72 JD—David R. Birk, Scottsdale, AZ, March 3, 2016

'73 ME Nuc—Chester R. Lehmann, Allentown, PA, July 20, 2016

'73 BA—Thomas J. Olney, Bellingham, WA, July 13, 2016

'73, BS Ag '76—Maria Pekary Rehberg, Spotsylvania, VA, March 4, 2016

'74 BA—Cynthia Bernstein-Goun, Princeton Junction, NJ, April 19, 2016

'74 BS Ag—Stephen A. Carpenter, Idaho Falls, ID, July 20, 2016

'74 BCE—Alfred C. Leonard, Concord, MA, July 19, 2016

'75 BA—Robert C. Arffa, Pittsburgh, PA, June 16, 2016

'75 BS Ag—William S. King, Cortland, NY, March 8, 2016

'77, BS Ag '78—Mark E. Blossom, Billings, MT, April 25, 2016

'77 BS Ag, DVM '81—Harold C. Edinger, Hamburg, NY, April 24, 2016

'77 BEE—John R. Laux, Newbury Park, CA, August 2, 2016

'77 BA—Matthew A. Ross, Minneapolis, MN, July 19, 2016

'78 BS Eng—Levend Beriker, Victoria, BC, Canada, April 3, 2016

'79 BA—William J. Grey, Philadelphia, PA, July 26, 2016

## 1980s

'81 BS Hotel—Peter W. Cooley, Salt Lake City, UT, May 13, 2016

'81 BA—Kenneth A. Johnson, Bridgehampton, NY, July 13, 2016

'81 MS Ag, PhD '84—Guy R. Knudsen, Moscow, ID, May 29, 2016

'83 BS Ag—Richard S. O'Neill, Philadelphia, PA, July 12, 2016

## 1990s

'90, BA '94—Anthony M. Waters, Darien, CT, June 8, 2016

'93 BS Ag—Kimberly Aken Gambarin, Austin, TX, July 25, 2016

'95 MARCH—Chung-Hsien Cheng, Taipei, Taiwan, December 12, 2013

'96 MBA—S. Kent Harrill, Durham, NC, July 15, 2016

'98 BA—Melva F. Hardy, Chicago, IL, February 11, 2016

'98 BS ORIE—Joshua A. Lindenmuth, York, PA, May 11, 2016

## 2000s

'03 BA—Daniel Sullivan, Miami Shores, FL, May 26, 2016

'08 BS Ag—Ashley E. Comstock, Clinton, NY, May 19, 2016

## 2010s

'11 BS Ag—Hannah R. Sollecito, Baldwinsville, NY, April 28, 2016

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# NEW YORK MINUTE

Every other year, the Sy Katz '31 Parade sends Cornellians marching down Fifth Avenue



**COME MARCHING IN:** Scenes from past parades. For details about this year's event, set to take place at about 5 p.m. on November 12, go to [alumni.cornell.edu/katz](http://alumni.cornell.edu/katz).

years—to the current six blocks or so—and the route has varied from time to time. For a while, the event ended on the steps of St. Patrick's Cathedral. Then there was the year that the NYPD didn't show up to block off traffic, so participants just marched around Rockefeller Center. "I don't think any two parades have been the same," says Katz's daughter, Alice Katz Berglas '66.

Over the last few years, the parade has followed the same general formula: roughly a thousand marchers gather in the vicinity of Rockefeller

Center after the Cornell/Columbia football game, follow the band down Fifth Avenue, and finish in front of the Cornell Club on East 44th Street, where the band plays a short concert. Those who don't want to march can wait for the band's arrival at the club, which often

**'I don't think any two parades have been the same,' says Alice Katz Berglas '66.**

hosts a post-parade reception. There is even a Little Red Parade for youngsters, complete with their own banner and grand marshal. "My father imagined the parade as a gift, both to the band and to the city," Berglas says of Katz, who passed away in 1983. "I remember he called me and said, 'One city block—that's all I could get. But no other Ivy has its very own parade in New York City.' " ■

—Alexandra Bond '12

**"G**ive My Regards to Davy" echoing off high-rises on a fall evening in Manhattan. Touchdown the Bear boogying at Rockefeller Center. Hundreds of carnelian-clad alumni, sporting light-up necklaces and armed with kazoos.

That's the scene at the biannual Sy Katz '31 Parade, when alums of all ages and eras gather in the Big Apple to march, dance, and celebrate Big Red spirit. "It's a uniquely New York City kind of experience, marching down one lane of Fifth Avenue," says Jessica Raha '99, director of regional programs at the Alumni Affairs office in the city. "It's a hoot. Some other schools have a more buttoned up, serious alumni persona—but that's not Cornell's style."

Dubbed "the shortest parade with the longest history," the event began in 1972, when its namesake created it as an opportunity to showcase and celebrate the Big Red Band. The first parades traveled just one block of East 50th Street; it has grown longer over the