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It all started with a photo we found stashed in a corner of CAM's office library: a striking black-and-white aerial shot of campus taken in the 1930s. The image of an East Hill both familiar and foreign—and the pleasures of parsing the many ways in which campus has changed over the decades—inspired us to collect similar shots that document the University's evolution. They remind us that, once upon a time, Schoellkopf had no crescent; Stocking Hall was at the far reaches of campus; and seemingly eternal landmarks like the Straight, the Johnson Museum, and even the clock tower had not yet risen above Cayuga's waters.

56 Going Strong

Kyle Dake '13 holds a notable place in wrestling's record books: he won the NCAA championship four years in a row, in four different weight classes. As *Sports Illustrated* put it five years ago, in profiling him as its male College Athlete of the Year: "In a sport of tough-minded grinders, Dake became a legend." Last fall, he not only took gold at the World Wrestling Championships in Budapest—he did it without surrendering a single point. Now, Dake is focused on earning the one major laurel that has so far escaped him: a spot on the U.S. Olympic team, and a shot at gold in Tokyo in 2020.

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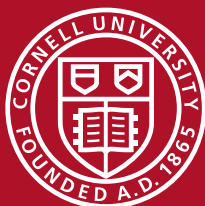
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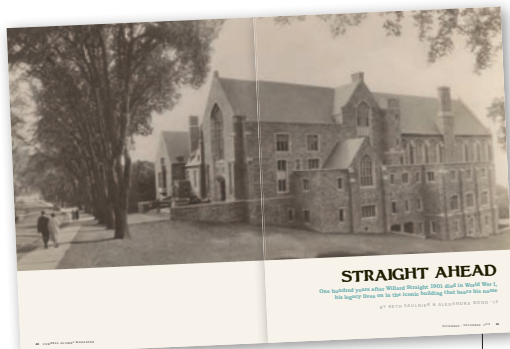
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Straight Talk

"Straight Ahead" (November/December 2018) prompted many alumni to share their memories of Cornell's student union.

My memory was jogged by the description in the print article about the gender segregation in parts of the Straight. When I was told junior year that no women were allowed in the pool room, I convinced my now-husband, Marshall Frank '61, BChemE '62, and our best friends to defy the ban. We went up and played part of a game together. We received a few glares from the men in the room, but nothing was said to us, and after a while we got bored and left. We thought that was the end of the escapade, but the next day a *Daily Sun* article called out the blasphemy of the coeds who had invaded the male sanctity of the pool room. We have been anonymous to this day; my cover is blown!

ROSANNA ROMANELLI FRANK '61
CHAPPAQUA, NY

My first experience at the Straight was the fall day in 1948 when my father dropped me off to begin my freshman year; I was on a wait-list for a dorm room so had nowhere to take my stuff. I joined the Straight's Men's and Women's Activities Committee my freshman fall and served on the board of directors senior year. The Straight had wonderful staff to guide us, and my participation probably prepared me for my business career better than any class. One of our biggest events was the building's twenty-fifth anniversary, when Willard's widow came for a celebration.

OTTO FRANK RICHTER '52
ANNAPOLIS, MD

The Help Desk was Cornell's own early-gen Google; 2-3456 was the number to call from your dorm room phone. I was one of three student night managers at the Straight from 1979 to 1981, and it was a highlight of my years at Cornell.

MICHAEL MCCULLY '81
NEW YORK, NY

One of my fondest Straight memories is the ritual of spending all study week in the Memorial Room, often sleeping there in a chair or on the floor, to "review" course work before finals.

TOM YOUNG '76, BA '77, MA '83
ITHACA, NY

I used to study in the music room, eat in Okenshields, and watch movies at Cornell Cinema. I belonged to clubs that had offices in the Straight and took part in many demonstrations in front of it. I was back recently, and I still love that building. I hope the renovations don't destroy its historical character and coziness.

KAREN SNELBECKER STERN '90
NARBERTH, PA

The browsing library was, and I hope still is, a place to escape from the "Ithacation" that falls from the skies above Cornell. Then there were the Dramatic Club productions, WVBR, Cornell Cinema, the pool room, the Straight Desk—and of course the Ivy Room, which served wonderful, high-cholesterol omelets.

DONALD ZUCKERMAN '64
NORTHAMPTON, MA

Folk singer Pete Seeger [performed in the Memorial Room] in the late Fifties. During a lumberjack song, he whacked a tree stump with an axe after each phrase or verse. What resonance!

CARL HEDDEN '59
HAZLE TOWNSHIP, PA

My roommate introduced me to my husband on the steps of the Straight my second day on campus. I remember people gathered to watch the "Luke & Laura" drama on "General Hospital" in the afternoons and I still have items I purchased at craft fairs there. My first taste of Thousand Island dressing was on a Straight Burger!

CAROLYN SKEETE JACKSON '83,
BA '84, MBA '87
IRVING, TX

As a fourth-year in engineering physics, I secured a summer job as a lab assistant. I was assigned to acquire a thin-walled aluminum container to ship a single crystal of sodium, and a friend suggested I use a lathe in the Straight craft shop to "spin" the container from a flat aluminum disk. The technique worked, and I proudly received my fifteen minutes of fame from my associates in physics.

DOUG PINNOW '60, BEP '61
LAKE ELSINORE, CA

Who can forget "Straight Breaks" and "Face Time at the Straight"?

WARD NAUGHTON '76, MBA '79
SAN FRANCISCO, CA

I remember watching the first Vietnam War draft lottery on TV in the Straight in 1969. When the first (low) numbers were drawn, it was hard to watch a student hearing his birthday called. The memory of these scared men crying in front of their friends and classmates still haunts me.

JILL ROSENFELD '71
NANUET, NY

The idea that Straight requested his widow do something "to make [Cornell] a more human place" is more than quaint, but that's exactly what she did. Very rarely do I find myself wallowing in Big Red nostalgia, but this piece left me helpless.

JEFFREY SCHULTZ '72
BEIJING, CHINA

My experiences at WSH included: discovering the Sunday evening buffet as a freshman; being stunned in the Music Room the first time I heard *Carmina Burana*; being moved by a production of *The Fantastiks*; enjoying the ribald and raucous *Lysistrata*; and the time I stayed over Thanksgiving, enjoying some popcorn the kitchen staff made in a fireplace.

DAVID MARION '64, MA '66
DUNEDIN, FL

In the early Fifties, architect Frank Lloyd Wright was on campus; one appearance was a luncheon in the Straight with architecture students, including myself. He had previously described the University of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning, a Gothic skyscraper, as "the biggest keep-off-the-grass sign in the world." As we walked into the Straight, he was applying similar comments to its architecture; this continued through the building and into the dining room. I ended up sitting across from him and noted that, in spite of his dislike of the architecture, he really enjoyed his lunch.

JAMES STRUB '52, BARCH '53
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

I was saved my freshman year by the browsing library, a peaceful refuge from University Hall. I was particularly impressed by a person who tactfully enforced the no working rule (if it involved writing). When I wanted a break from reading, I could turn to the excellent collection of cartoon books.

MAURY LACHER '63
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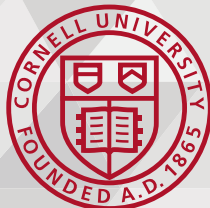
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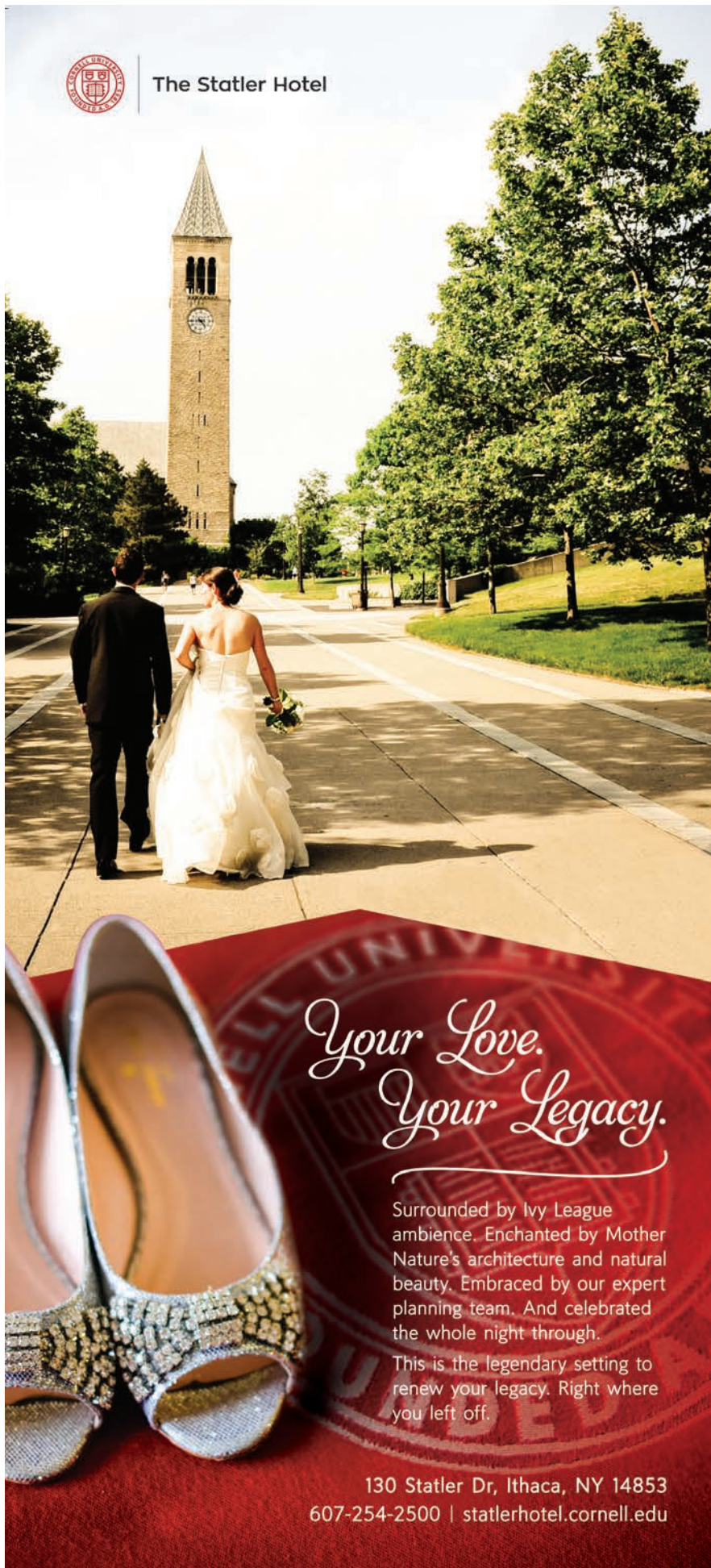


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It was the center of my life at Cornell. From playing pool to eating in the Ivy Room to napping in the library, it was a respite from my busy college life. Thank you, Willard!

STANLEY KOZARESKI '62
VERO BEACH, FL

As part of my scholarship, I was given employment busing tables in the Ivy Room; part of our training was learning to snap a towel at dogs to keep them off the tables. We were told to ignore the disappearance of trays used for sliding down Libe Slope. During an eight-hour shift, the repeats on the jukebox were endless. Biggest hits: "Scotch and Soda" and "The Man who Never Returned" by the Kingston Trio and "Big Girls Don't Cry" by Frankie Valli.

PAUL ANDERSON '66
VANCOUVER, WA

The Straight was an important place for me, arriving as a transfer and working summers as a lifeguard. I often took meals at the Straight, and I appreciated the use and comforts of the library and also the Cornell Cinema summer offerings.

DOUGLAS SCOTT TREADO '64
EDENTON, NC

By some quirk of fate, I was assigned waitressing duties in the faculty dining room. On the stairs leading down to it, my husband-to-be, Gordon Clement '44, BChemE '47, first kissed me as he left for Navy duty in the Pacific. We were married in Sage Chapel when I graduated. Whenever we were back for Reunion, we went to those stairs for a kiss!

PRISCILLA ALDEN CLEMENT '46
NAPLES, FL

Willard Straight is honored on a plaque with other Delta Tau Delta brothers who gave the "supreme sacrifice" for our country. He is interred at the American Battle Monuments Commission Cemetery outside Paris, as are at least two other Cornellians, Jesse Morse Robinson 1916 and Frederic Drake 1919.

HENRY JOE '82
LONDON, UK

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East Hill Evolution

A century and a half of change goes far beyond the physical



The day Cornell University opened in 1868, its campus was little more than a nineteenth-century construction site, perched on the side of East Hill amidst the cornfields of Ezra Cornell's farm. The 412 students who formed its inaugural class had earned that privilege by passing entrance exams in spelling, grammar, arithmetic, and geography just two days earlier. Now, they slogged en masse up an unpaved Buffalo Street, boots sink-

ing in the autumn mud. When they reached the new campus in the chill of an Ithaca October, half were assigned housing in what is now Cascadilla Hall, while the other half were dispatched across the fields to what is now Morrill—despite the fact that the new building, due to a shortage of hinges, still had no doors.

It's fascinating to look at old photographs of a Cornell that is so unlike the one we now know.

Some of the buildings are the same, some of the landmarks recognizable; we find our bearings by the view of the lake, the face of the clock tower, the paths of the Arts

Quad. Yet the photographs in this issue show only one dimension of over a century and a half of change, evolutionary and revolutionary, at Cornell. So much more lies unseen behind those images: the changes in the lives of students and faculty, of academia, of the nation and the larger world.

It is easy, and sometimes tempting, to wax nostalgic for earlier times. But few of us would readily return to the days when all student women were required to live on campus with enforced curfews—and nearly all men, without campus housing, trudged up the hill from their downtown lodgings each morning. And even though many of today's students would be delighted to revert to 1950s-era rules allowing beer on Schoellkopf Field, fewer would be happy to trade in their laptops for the manual machines that were then supported by Cornell's University Typewriter Division.

Many of the changes at Cornell, as at most universities, have mirrored larger shifts in technology,

in society, and in academic and public priorities. Our Department of Journalism gave way to our Department of Communication; the College of Home Economics is now the College of Human Ecology. Today, we have world-class departments in fields undreamt of by the University's founders, such as computer science, aerospace engineering, and over 100 other areas of study, along with an entirely new Cornell Tech campus in New York City.

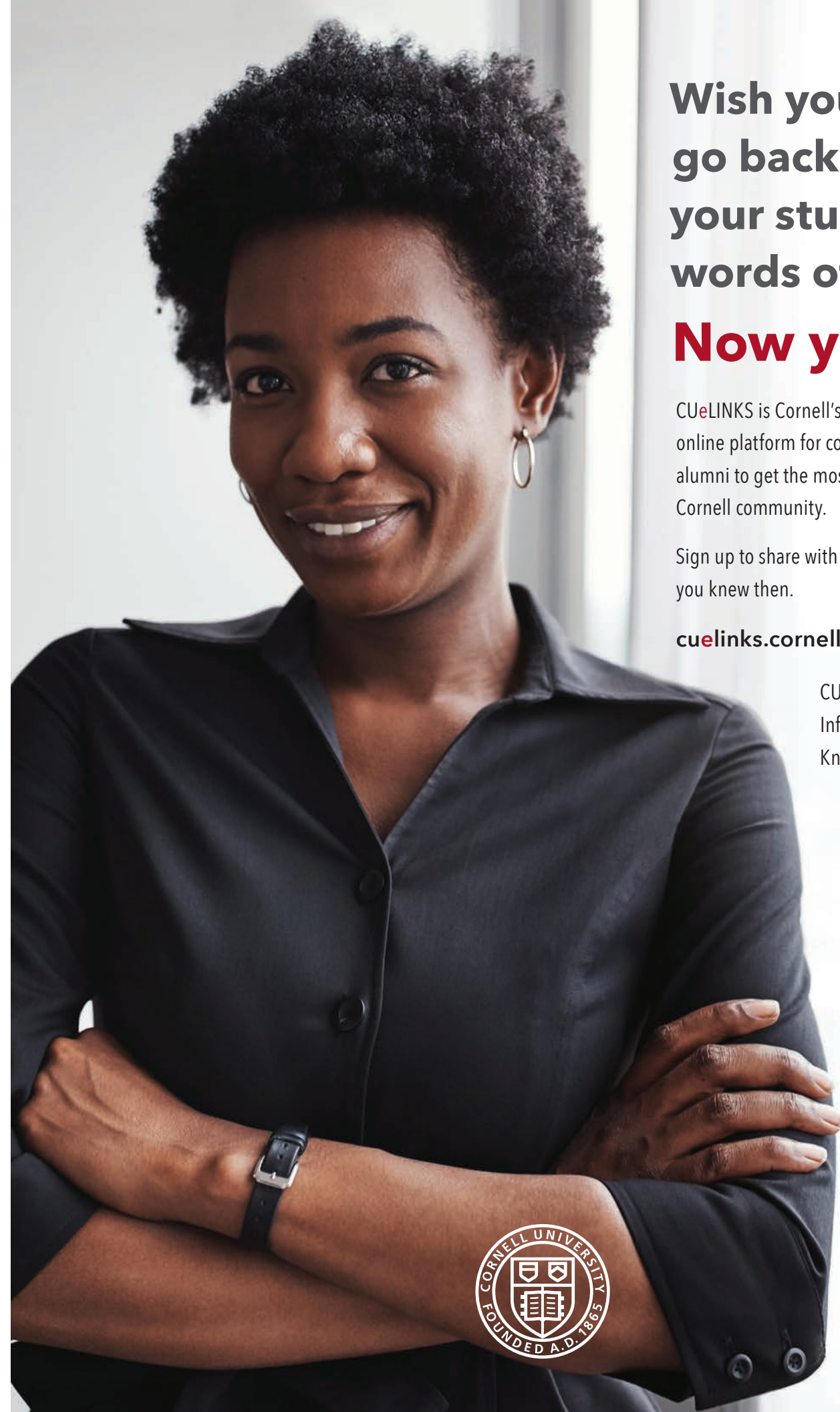
"Any person, any study" is both Cornell's guiding principle and our aspirational goal—one that we have continually striven toward throughout 153 years of constant change. "Any study" has never meant "every study," a practical impossibility on any campus bound by space, time, and finite resources. It means that we embrace fields of inquiry that range from traditional liberal arts to applied professional study, welcoming without prejudice any area of human knowledge that can be studied and taught, according to the decisions of the faculty and the needs of the time.

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Similarly, "any person" has never meant "every person": we couldn't possibly admit all of the tens of thousands of students who apply each year. It means that today, as in 1868, we are open to students regardless of race, gender, sexuality, national origin, or social background. Women at Cornell now out-enroll men, a far cry from the days when their numbers were limited by available on-campus housing. Our student body is more diverse than ever, with 48 percent of first-year students identifying as people of color.

Yet much progress remains to be made. Thanks in large part to our alumni, we are moving steadily ahead in making Cornell not only more diverse, but more inclusive and accessible—a place that reflects Ezra Cornell's founding vision of a truly American university, where students of all backgrounds are welcome, and thrive. ■

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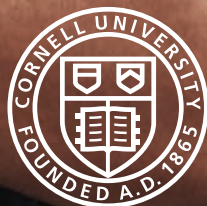
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From the Hill

For a Big Red Icon, It's the End of the Road



The Hot Truck's reign as a campus landmark has come to an end. Established more than half a century ago and beloved by generations of Cornellians, the four-wheeled purveyor of French bread pizzas was absent from its familiar spot on Stewart Avenue all of fall semester. According to Chuck Dong, owner of Shortstop Deli—the downtown Ithaca eatery that took over the truck from founder Bob Petrillose in 2000—the decision to cease operations was purely economic: the Hot Truck had consistently lost money in recent years.

Why? Dong attributes the downturn, in large part, to some logistical changes to undergrad life. For decades, many freshmen lived in West Campus dorms; with the Hot Truck essentially in their front yard, it became a key part of their Cornell experience that they'd revisit throughout their time on the Hill. But once freshmen were required to live on North Campus, they were much less likely to pick up the Hot Truck habit. And to make matters worse, the new West Campus living-learning residences face away from Stewart Avenue, so the truck's parking spot is behind them. "They always say 'location, location, location,'" Dong says. "Geographically, our location has disappeared, and so has our customer base." Another blow: the fire that destroyed the nearby Chapter House in 2015, erasing a dependable source of late-night foot traffic and potential customers.

But for fans of the PMP and other cheesy delicacies, all is not lost. A half-dozen of the truck's core items have long been on the menu at Shortstop (available, Dong points out, 24/7 and indoors); with the blessing of the Petrillose family, he plans to add more Hot Truck fare. And while he can't guarantee that the vehicle itself will make an appearance at Reunion—it's currently garaged and in need of repairs—he says Shortstop will continue to supply French bread pizza platters to the class tents. "The Hot Truck," he says, "is a very important legacy."

R + D

CALS researchers report that by adjusting natural management practices to increase carbon storage, annual greenhouse gas emissions from all U.S. vehicles could be absorbed by forests, wetlands, and farm lands—erasing a fifth of all such pollution.



Through genetic analysis, ornithologists have discovered that a male bird (left) found in Pennsylvania is a rare combination of three warbler species: the golden-winged, blue-winged, and chestnut-sided varieties. They theorize that such hybridization may happen more often as warbler populations decline, reducing the pool of potential mates.

The Medical College has won a five-year, \$9 million grant from the National Cancer Institute to study why patients with mantle cell lymphoma—an aggressive and incurable form of non-Hodgkin lymphoma—initially respond to treatment but then relapse.

Graphic images on cigarette ads depicting physical damage from smoking are more effective at deterring kids from the habit than the current, text-only "surgeon general's warning." As communication researchers found in a study of 474 middle schoolers, the shocking visuals counteract the effects of ads designed to make smoking seem cool and fun.

Five Alums Elected as U.S. Reps

Of the nine alumni who ran for Congress in the November midterms, five were victorious. The winners were four Democrats—incumbents Katherine Clark, JD '89 (Massachusetts), and Kurt Schrader '73 (Oregon) and freshman representatives Sharice Davids, JD '10 (Kansas), and Elissa Slotkin '98 (Michigan)—and one Republican, Dan Meuser '88 (Pennsylvania). Davids (above right) is the first openly gay Kansan, and one of the first two Native American women, elected to Congress.



LGBTQ Residence Set for Fall '19

Loving House, Cornell's long-planned LGBTQ living-learning unit, will open next fall in Mews Hall on North Campus. According to its website, the residence will be "accessible to all students, regardless of sexual orientation, to create a positive atmosphere of dialogue and exchange between queer and non-queer communities," with the aim that "such interaction would aid in dissolving barriers, shattering stereotypes, and increasing awareness, communication, and understanding."

PHOTOS: HOT TRUCK, NICOLA KOUNTOUPE (UREL); WARBLER, LOWELL BURKETT; DAVIDS, CORNELL BRAND COMMUNICATIONS



CU IN THE CITY: The biannual Sy Katz '31 Parade, which marched down a short stretch of Manhattan's Fifth Avenue in November, brought Big Red spirit to the Big Apple.

Anti-Semitic Graffiti on Campus

Several swastikas found on North Campus before the Thanksgiving break stoked concerns about anti-Semitism at Cornell. Two were found in freshman residence halls, while a third was drawn in the snow; the culprits have not been identified. In an e-mail to students, faculty, and staff, Vice President for Student & Campus Life Ryan Lombardi denounced the hateful graffiti. "I specifically want to acknowledge and affirm our support for the Jewish members of our community who have faced the impact of anti-Semitism nationally and, unfortunately, now locally as well," he said. "It is our shared responsibility to denounce such cowardly acts."

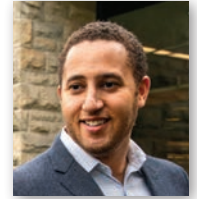
Did You Know...

That two decorative collars worn by Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54 over her judicial robes are on display on campus? They're included in a Human Ecology exhibit, running through March as part of the Cornell Council for the Arts Biennial, that explores women's empowerment through fashion.



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

Ithaca mayor **Svante Myrick '09** (right), named one of the world's 100 most influential young people in government by Apolitical, a global network for public servants.



The **Cornell Club of Thailand**, which won the University's inaugural Lingua Mater Competition. Entrants had to translate the Alma Mater into their native tongue, perform it, and submit a video.



Nicholas Abbott (chemical engineering), **Catherine Kling** (environmental economics, left), and **Daniel Lee** (electrical and computer engineering), named Tisch University Professors, among Cornell's highest faculty honors.

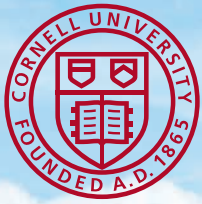
'It was almost hard to believe this wasn't written by some Hollywood writer to put the perfect amount of delay in there, so that everybody sat on the edge of their seat.'

– **Don Banfield '87**, a co-investigator on the science team for NASA's InSight mission, on waiting to hear that its spacecraft had successfully landed on Mars



Ithaca Airport to Expand

A \$24.7 million renovation and expansion of the Ithaca airport is currently under way. New York Governor Andrew Cuomo attended a groundbreaking in October to kick off the project, which will include six new departure gates, a revamped security checkpoint, and the addition of a customs facility that will allow the arrival of international flights. The project (seen above in a rendering) is aimed to be completed by the end of this year.



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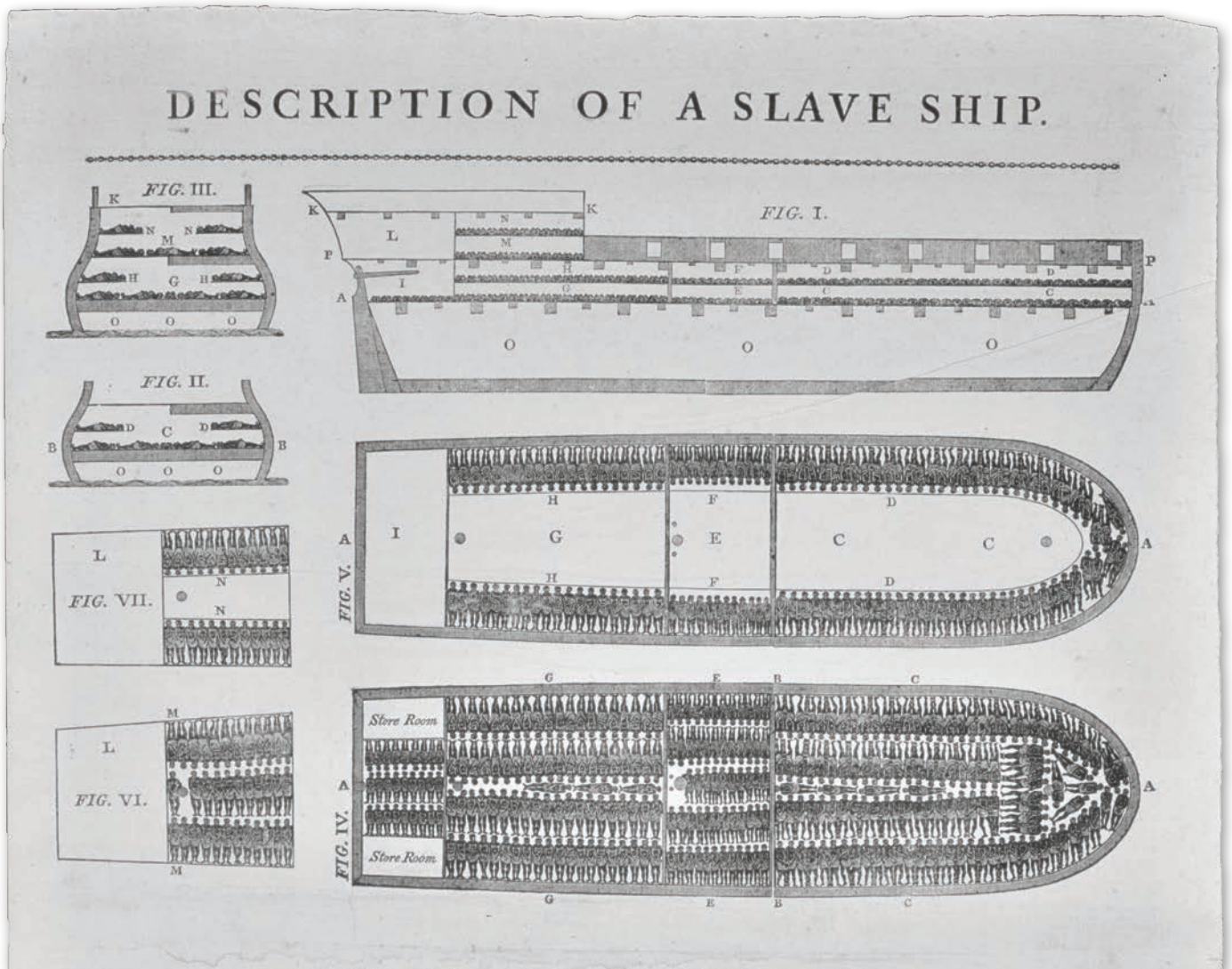
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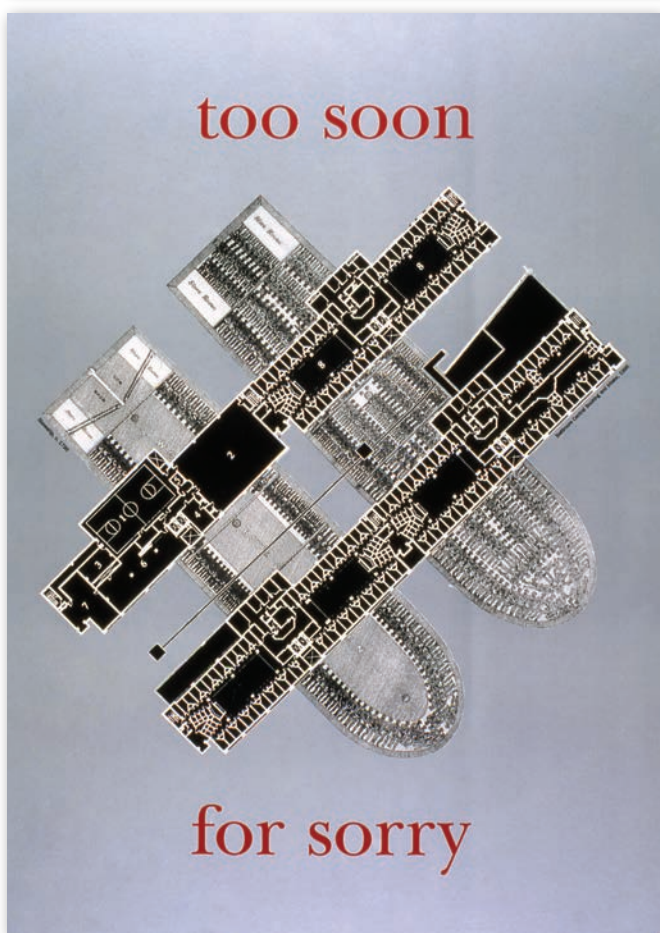
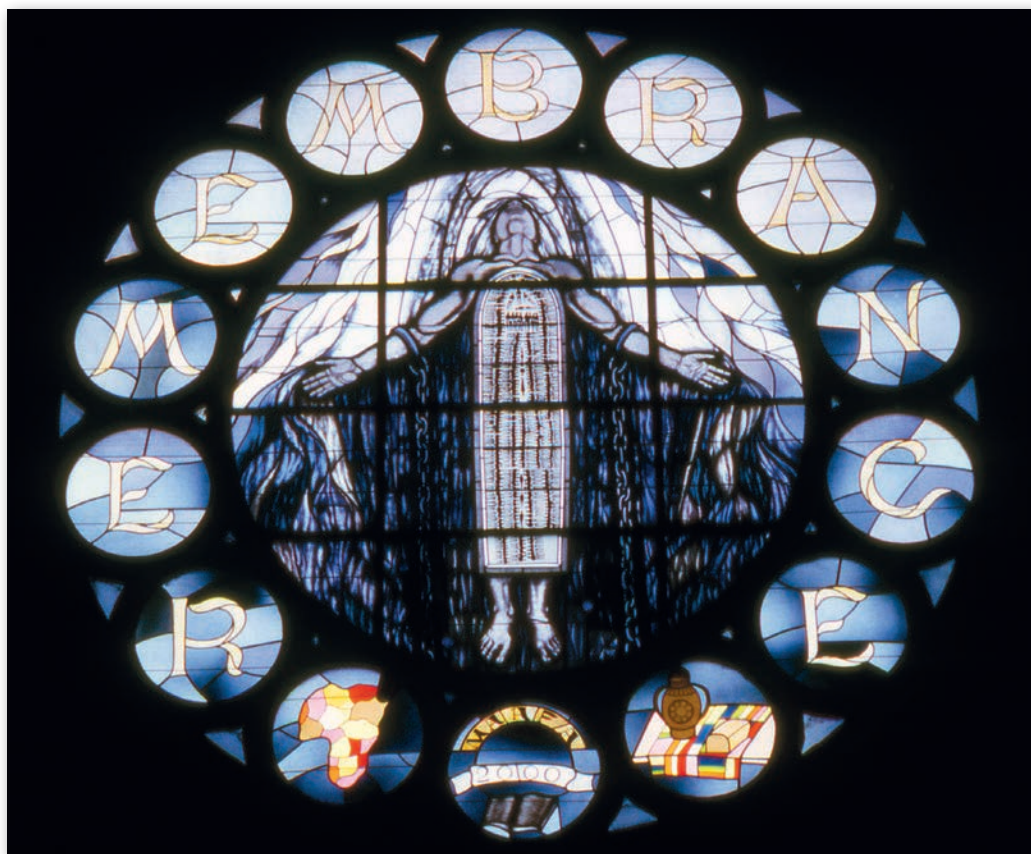
An art history professor ponders the legacy of an iconic image depicting the horrors of the transatlantic slave trade

It remains as shocking today as it was when it was first printed in the late eighteenth century: an intricately detailed drawing of hundreds of human bodies, lying in the cargo hold of a slave ship en route from West Africa to the Americas. The accompanying text is no less disturbing. It details, among other horrors, how each male captive was jammed into a space just six feet long by sixteen inches wide; if a ship was even more

tightly packed, men could have as little as nine inches of width, lying on their sides or atop each other. “The slaves are never allowed the least bedding, either sick or well, but are stowed on the bare boards, from the friction of which, occasioned by the motion of the ship, and their chains, they are frequently much bruised,” the author lamented, “and in some cases the flesh is rubbed off their shoulders, elbows, and hips.” ▶



BRUTAL REALITY: Part of an eighteenth-century print, distributed by abolitionists, that showed how slave ships stored their human cargo



ENDURING IMAGE: The slave ship diagram as reimagined in (clockwise from top left) a Chicago church window, a TV Guide cover, a vodka ad, and a poster

Entitled *Description of a Slave Ship*, the 1789 print is one of several such images produced by British activists campaigning to outlaw the slave trade. As Cornell art historian Cheryl Finley points out, while the trade yielded immense profits and founded many personal fortunes, the British populace was largely insulated from it, as the Middle Passage—the leg of the triangular trade route in which ships carried their human cargo—didn't touch their shores. "The image exposed for the very first time, in a calculated way, the system of the transatlantic slave trade," says Finley, speaking with CAM in her book-lined office in Goldwin Smith, where a framed copy of *Description of a Slave Ship* hangs above her desk. "By actually putting figures representing the enslaved people in the ship plan, it was able to, in a sense, peel off the top, look inside, and give a three-dimensional view. It illustrated very clearly what the human toll was."

Finley has been studying *Description of a Slave Ship* for some twenty years—not just the image itself, but the many ways in which it has been repurposed and reinterpreted, particularly in the past half-century. Last summer, Princeton University Press published her book *Committed to Memory: The Art of the Slave Ship Icon*, a richly illustrated hardcover in which Finley parses the legacy of the eighteenth-century prints, which helped fuel abolitionist movements in Europe, the U.S., and beyond. "By the end of the eighteenth century, more than 200,000 had been >

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PASSION PROJECT: Finley (seen in her Goldwin Smith office) spent two decades researching what would become the topic of her book (top right).

circulated around the Atlantic rim,” Finley says. “As a piece of paper, something very ephemeral, it really got around.”

Finley first encountered *Description of a Slave Ship* during her graduate work in art history and African American studies at Yale in the late Nineties, when she took a course on eighteenth-century material culture at the school’s Center for British Art. While some of her fellow students were doing projects on fine china and silver tea sets, she recalls, she found herself fascinated with “the source of wealth that created this culture of consumption”—so she did a presentation on how the slave trade shaped and enriched the port city of Liverpool, a nexus for British-funded slaving voyages.

She came across the print during her research; as she notes, around that time “a lot of things were going on that made this image come out of the archives,” including the debate over whether the U.S. government should pay reparations to African Americans for their ancestors’ enslavement. In 1998, for example, the *New York Times* illustrated an essay pondering America’s culpability in the slave trade with a version of *Description of a Slave Ship*. (Finley reprints the story in her book.) Another work on her office wall, which she acquired at a conference that same year, depicts the iconic ship beneath a diagram of a Baltimore jail—underscoring the connection between slavery and the modern prison industrial complex, in which black men are incarcerated in disproportionate numbers. Says Finley: “It was a moment in time when this image was being used to illustrate, on the one hand, a history that was hundreds of years old—but it also suggested a situation that had not really changed.”

In *Committed to Memory*, Finley explores how the slave ship image has been incorporated into modern artworks around the globe and in a wide variety of media. There’s *La Bouche du Roi* (*The Mouth of the King*), a room-sized multi-media work by an artist from the West African nation of Benin that was acquired

by the British Museum; it includes oil drums and other materials laid out in the configuration of the slave ship’s captives. In a Baptist church in Chicago, the ship forms the torso of a shackled, Christ-like figure in a stained-glass window. The cover of Finley’s book, an acrylic painting by Malcolm Bailey from 1969 that she calls “horribly beautiful,” comprises skeletal sketches of men linked together in a configuration reminiscent of the slave ship, alongside a delicate botanical drawing of a

flower. As she notes in *Committed to Memory*, the ship diagram even appears in a book from the American Girl doll franchise—a biography of Felicity, a character who lives in the South during the Revolutionary War era.

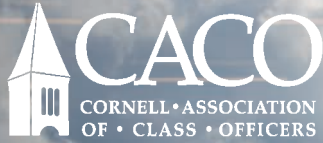
Finley, who began her career in the curatorial world, vividly recalls the moment when she decided to shift to academia. She was in the audience during a sale at a prominent Manhattan auction house, the item up for bid was *Man in a Polyester Suit*, a controversial photograph by Robert Mapplethorpe depicting the torso of a black man with his penis exposed. Finley was one of just three African Americans in the room; another was the porter displaying the photo. She already found the artwork distasteful, an example of “negrophilia.” So she was horrified when the porter held up the photo—which lined up against his body perfectly, as though he were the man depicted in it—and the audience erupted in laughter. “I was crumbling in my seat,” she recalls. “I felt for him. I was embarrassed for him, although he probably was completely unaware. I realized that I wanted to be in a room where there are more people who look like me, and like him.” With the aim both of working in a more racially inclusive envi-

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ronment and of training a more diverse generation of curators and art historians, she says, “that fall, I applied to grad school.”

A professor on the Hill since 2004, Finley will be teaching some of the themes in her book this spring in an undergrad lecture course on slavery and visual culture. Last semester, she taught a class on Blaxploitation cinema—her office décor also includes a giant poster for *Friday Foster*, a 1975 thriller starring Pam Grier—as well as a course on graduate research methods in art history. It was during a meeting of the latter that, for the first time in her two decades of studying the slave ship print, Finley got a visceral sense of how widely it had spread in its day. She had taken her students to Cornell’s Rare and Manuscript Collections in Kroch Library, which has numerous versions of the iconic image in abolitionist tracts and broadsides. “As a researcher, I’d never had the opportunity to sit down and be surrounded by them,” she recalls. “It was mind-blowing.” ■

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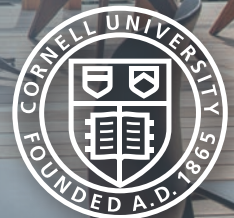
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After his Kickstarter went viral, Mac Bishop '11 launched a line of men's business casual shirts made of merino wool



CLOTHES MAKE THE MAN: Bishop in Wool & Prince's small showroom in Portland, Oregon, which is currently the online retailer's only brick-and-mortar space

Mac Bishop's high-end men's clothing firm has garnered headlines in media like CNN, the Huffington Post, *Fast Company*, and . . . *Sheep Industry News*? The 2011 CALS alum was featured in the ovine-centric periodical for founding Wool & Prince, an Oregon-based retailer that makes button-down shirts and other apparel from fine merino wool. Launched in 2013 when Bishop was living in Brooklyn, the online haberdashery made a splash with a Kickstarter campaign that went viral, in large part because of Bishop's unorthodox one-man field test: he wore a merino button-down for 100 days straight without washing it, periodically asking strangers on the streets of New York to give it a sniff test. (It passed.)

The sartorial stunt got people talking; both Leno and Letterman cracked jokes about it, and Bishop did interviews with media as far away as Australia. The Kickstarter raised nearly \$315,000—it would likely have gone higher, but he closed it to ensure he could fill the orders—and enabled him to start the

company, which he eventually relocated to his native Portland. "I have to admit, there were some nights when I went to bed thinking, I'm not sure I can wear that shirt tomorrow," says Bishop, who'd even don the garment to bike home drenched with sweat after playing basketball. "But the beauty of wool is that it's incredibly breathable, and it airs out really well."

Bishop knows his material. As *Sheep Industry News* noted, he's "essentially royalty in the American wool industry"—a sixth-generation member of the family behind Portland-based Pendleton Woolen Mills, which traces its roots to 1863. (His father, C. Morton Bishop III '74, recently retired as company president; the shirt Bishop wore in his 100-day test was a custom-tailored garment from the Sir Pendleton line.) In launching Wool & Prince, Bishop aimed to create a no-hassle alternative to the business-casual button-downs sported by male office workers everywhere—garb from purveyors like Brooks Brothers and J.Crew that can generally be worn only once or twice between launderings. "There was a huge gap in the marketplace," >



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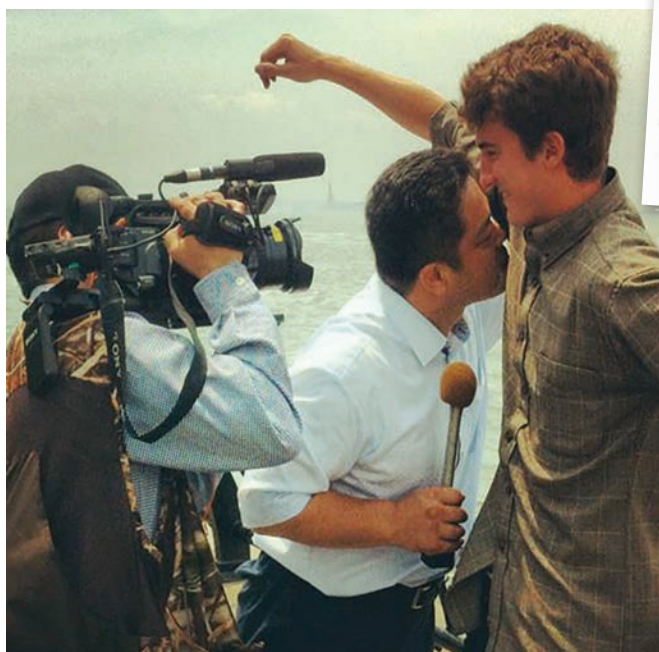
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PASSING THE SMELL TEST: Bishop gets an olfactory inspection during his “hundred-day challenge” (left), which generated national headlines (above).

Bishop recalls. “Merino wool was becoming increasingly popular with the outdoor community—people would take one pair of merino long johns on a weeklong ski trip—but no one was focusing on it for the business casual category. I wanted to design 100 percent merino shirts that no one would notice were wool.”

As Bishop notes, selective breeding of sheep (particularly in Australia and New Zealand) has driven major advancements in wool quality and softness; today’s fine merino, he says, is “a long way from the wool of the 1950s that your grandma used to knit sweaters out of.” Working with a mill in Shanghai that specializes in producing fabric for men’s suits, Bishop developed materials that he calls the best of both worlds: the finished product, he says, “looks like your standard cotton shirt that you’d wear to work, but it performs like a wool garment, so it’s odor and wrinkle resistant.” Those nose-friendly qualities have been validated by research: in the company’s early days, as part of a program to aid New York State start-ups, a Cornell fiber scientist conducted a simulated “sweat test” that entailed growing bacteria on various fabrics, including a Wool & Prince dress shirt. She found that while the organisms thrived on cotton and polyester, there was almost none on the merino. “The products are outstanding,” says Dyson School professor Deborah Streeter, Bishop’s former adviser and a longtime mentor. “They really do what they say they’re going to do. Every man in my life has them.”

Wool & Prince’s garments come at a luxury price point: a button-down or dress shirt costs \$128, and those from the company’s “Made in USA” line—in which all the materials and labor are domestically sourced—are \$168. (Wool & Prince also sells other wardrobe items including short-sleeve button-downs, T-shirts, Henleys, polos, boxer briefs, and socks, and recently added women’s dress shirts.) But Bishop—who was schooled in the financial demands and logistical hassles of workplace attire

during a stint at Unilever after graduation—stresses that part of the company’s ethos is to allow men to strip down their wardrobe, buying fewer items in total and laundering them much less often. “We like to say that one of our shirts can replace multiple normal cotton shirts,” he says. “We have people who tell us, ‘The amount of money this shirt has saved me in dry cleaning bills is six times what I paid for it.’ ”

The concept of simplifying one’s wardrobe—and life overall—is the focus of an online community that Bishop founded, he says, “for guys who want to live with less.” The site, called Only What Matters, is also home to Bishop’s blog espousing the value of minimalism; it includes such content as a lighthearted description of the six days that he and his wife spent living in a van during their honeymoon in Norway last summer. “I knew from fairly early on that Mac was going to have an interesting journey—he wasn’t going to go the standard route,” Streeter says. “He’s got this combination of personal philosophy, design

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aesthetic, and a big entrepreneurial drive. He’s a happy, generous, wonderful person with a great sense of humor, and he’s very playful and creative. It really fits the niche he’s in.”

Speaking of Bishop’s recent nuptials: surprisingly, he didn’t wear a Wool & Prince shirt for the ceremony. (As he explains, he wanted to get married in a pure white shirt, something not yet possible with merino, to his enduring chagrin; he did sport his company’s socks and boxers.) He also notes that during the wedding festivities, his new relatives ribbed him mercilessly about his dogged fondness for a certain Wool & Prince burgundy button-down. “I got roasted by my in-laws for wearing the same shirt pretty much every time I saw them,” he says with a laugh. “The thing is . . . they had photographic evidence.” ■

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WAKE-UP CALL

As executive producer of NBC's 'Today' show, Libby Leist '01 has one of the top jobs in TV news



MORNING RITUAL: Leist (left) on the set in December with co-hosts Savannah Guthrie (center) and Hoda Kotb

It's 8 a.m. on a Tuesday in late October, and Libby Leist '01 is in the control room of Studio 1A in Rockefeller Center, the heart of NBC's "Today" show. Surrounded by more than a dozen staffers and twice as many monitors, she keeps a sharp eye on everything in front of the camera—and behind the scenes—to ensure that the broadcast appears seamless to its approximately 4 million viewers. "There are so many parts to the show," she says. "It's like conducting an orchestra."

Leist has just watched co-host Hoda Kotb do an emotional interview with Olympic gymnast Aly Raisman, who's calling for an investigation of USA Gymnastics in the wake of the sexual abuse scandal involving the team's former doctor. Minutes later, Leist smoothly preps for a lighter topic: the "Baby Shark" toddler and her parents are on set and ready to dance, having been invited to appear after an adorable video

went viral of the two-year-old asking Amazon's Alexa to play the catchy kids' tune. "You always have to think about the segment, and then have a back-up plan because it's live TV," she says. "Everything moves so quickly. You have to be able to adjust."

That's nothing new for the seventeen-year NBC News

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veteran, who was promoted to executive producer of "Today" in January 2018 after five years as a senior producer. Leist oversees the franchise's prime hours—7 to 9 a.m.—which bring in a reported \$500 million in annual ad revenue. It was a groundbreaking hire: she's the only woman to hold that position in the show's sixty-six-year history. Her elevation was part of a >

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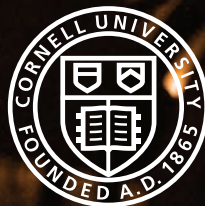
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ON THE AIR: Leist (left) in the control room and (seen second from right in photo above) at the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea with (from left) Al Roker, Guthrie, and Kotb.

network shake-up after longtime anchor Matt Lauer was fired amid sexual misconduct allegations; at the same time, Kotb was named Lauer's replacement, making her and co-host Savannah Guthrie the first female duo to anchor the iconic morning show. Leist says she's grateful for the opportunity, but tries not to think too much about her trailblazer status. "I just want to do the best job that I can," she says. Still, she adds, "you don't want to be the first female executive producer who doesn't deliver."

Leist started her first day in the role reassuring staffers shaken by the circumstances surrounding Lauer's departure. She weathered another challenge in her second week: "Today" was in South Korea for the 2018 Winter Olympics when the school shooting occurred in Parkland, Florida. "We had all of these Olympic shows planned, but it was such a big story happening back home, a lot of changes had to be made," she says. "We had to pivot to cover it from Korea." Since then, Leist has been finding other ways to make her mark. The day before CAM's visit, she'd pushed to send Guthrie to Pittsburgh after a mass shooting at a synagogue, in what's believed to be the deadliest anti-Semitic attack in U.S. history. "It's a big deal when the show sends the anchors into the field," she notes. "It's our way of saying that we think this story is really important."

She's also eager to build programming centered around significant causes and initiatives, noting that she's proud of bringing in former First Lady Michelle Obama and others for an extended segment celebrating the International Day of the Girl in October. "We haven't focused on one issue like that for an hour in that big a way," she says. "The 'Today' show brand is so powerful, I always feel a responsibility to make sure we're using it in a way that's significant." She certainly has a fan in Kotb, who marvels at Leist's ability to be a tough but kind boss. "She's a born leader who gets things done and gives you the straight truth, but somehow does it in a loving way," says Kotb. "I've worked with a lot of executive producers, and Libby is the

best one I've ever worked with, without question. I feel like the sky's the limit for her."

Later in her 30 Rock office, Leist reflects on rising through the ranks at NBC. A communication major on the Hill, she worked as a summer intern at its affiliate in her hometown of Utica, New York, before landing a job as a desk assistant in the network's Washington, D.C., bureau. She started two months before the September 11 attacks, and was soon helping with pieces about the aftermath, the invasion of Afghanistan, and the Iraq War; as she puts it, "9/11, and the years afterward, is what I consider my journalism school." Over the next decade, she trav-

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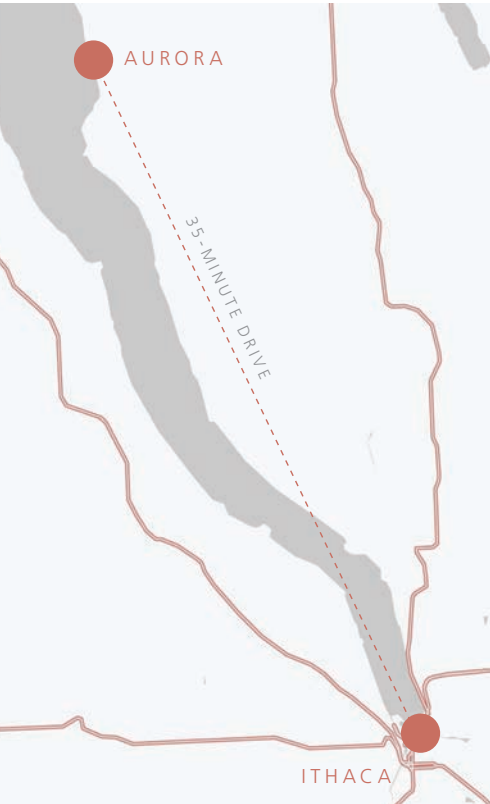
eled the world as reporter Andrea Mitchell's State Department producer and took on several senior producer roles, including for the bureau's Capitol Hill coverage and MSNBC's weekday political talk show "The Daily Rundown."

Leist moved to New York in 2013 to work at "Today," where she led political coverage and special events that included three Olympics, a live show from the White House, and three presidential candidate town halls in 2016. "It has felt like a new career every few years, which is nice," she says. "It keeps my brain fresh." These days, Leist typically wakes at 4 a.m. and doesn't leave the office until 4 p.m., conferring with colleagues again in the evening to see if breaking news affects the morning broadcast. "It can be a grind, and people work long hours," she says. "It's tough. We have to cover the news and fulfill our responsibility as journalists. But at the same time, this is a fun job. We're lucky. I want it to be a place where it feels that way." ■

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DEALER'S CHOICE

For professional player Olivier Busquet '03, BA '04, poker is big business



PLAYING HIS CARDS RIGHT: Busquet at the poker table. To cultivate a calm demeanor, he meditates daily and does breathing exercises.

Olivier Busquet '03, BA '04, is a professional poker player—but don't call him a gambler. In Busquet's view, gambling describes games like craps or roulette, which rely heavily on chance and in which the house has a marked advantage. "Poker is more like trading or real estate investing—some form of strategic risk-taking," he says. "Can you lose money? Of course. But the system is complex enough that a participant can learn the strategies that give them an edge over their opponents."

With lifetime earnings of about \$10 million, the former philosophy major is among poker's more successful and well-known players. While he started his career online and still primarily plays that way—his game is No-Limit Texas Hold 'Em, poker's most popular form—he has had some impressive live tournament showings, including winning about \$925,000 at the Borgata in Atlantic City in 2009 and

more than \$1 million (in euros) at a Barcelona casino in 2014. "People ask me how luck plays into poker. Is it half luck? Is it 25 percent?" Busquet observes. "To me, that's the incorrect frame with which to ask the question. Luck is inversely correlated to the number of hands you play. If you and I were to play one

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hand of poker, luck would be an overwhelming factor in determining the outcome. If we played 100 hands, it would still be a huge factor, but much less. And as that number grows—1,000, 10,000, 100,000 hands—luck becomes negligible."

As Busquet explains, online poker is distinct from the in-person version. It's a much faster-paced game, for one thing; >

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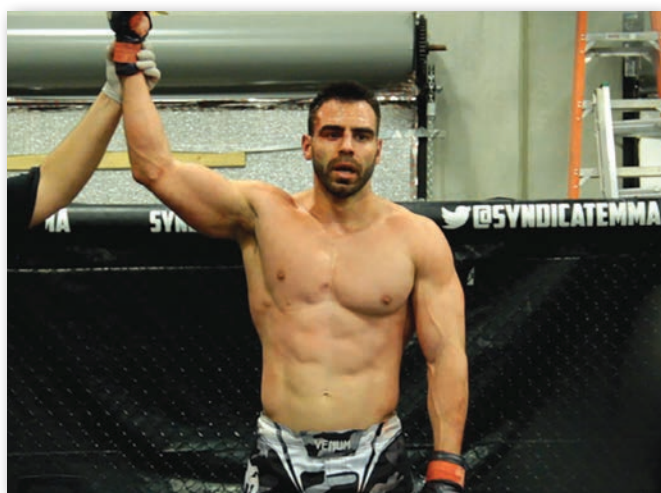
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FIGHT NIGHT: Busquet after winning his 2016 mixed martial arts bout

participants can play multiple hands at once, and there's no time lag as physical cards are dealt. He sees online play as his "steady grind," where skill and strategy are key and he can make a consistent profit; tournaments, by contrast, are so heavily impacted by the luck of the draw that even the best players don't consistently win big. "By and large, people who play poker on the Internet take the game more seriously than people who are casually in a casino for some other purpose," he notes. "The online environment has brought an entirely new type of professional, and I'm a reasonable example of that. If the only way for me to play was to spend ten, twelve hours a day in a casino, I never would have considered it."

A longtime Manhattanite, Busquet moved to New Jersey after that state legalized online poker in 2013. Like many of his peers, he'd had his livelihood upended in April 2011, when the U.S. Department of Justice shut down the major online poker sites amid a spate of indictments; to keep playing legally, Busquet rented a furnished apartment in Toronto and also participated in more live tournaments. "Moving to Jersey was a way to recapture the online experience from the U.S.," he says. "It's been great for me to re-establish myself and play in a safe, legal, and regulated environment." The American-born son of French parents—his mother, Anne Zumbiehl Busquet '73, is an alum—Busquet started playing in his twenties, when he was working at a hedge fund. "I took up poker to develop skills for trading and kind of became obsessed with it," he says. "I started spending an inordinate amount of my free time playing online. I was thinking about poker all the time."

He got so fixated on it, in fact, that he played ninety to a hundred hours a week and was fired from his hedge fund job for playing at work; at home in Manhattan, his father deleted the Travel Channel from their cable line-up to keep him from watching "World Poker Tour." When his dad threatened to cancel their Internet service, Busquet found his own place within days. "I'd describe my initial experience with poker, in some ways, as a bit unhealthy," he admits. "It took on too important a role in

my life. My sense of self-worth was too attached to my results. That's a volatile, chaotic way to live."

Busquet eventually carved out a workable routine. These days, he exercises in the morning—going to the gym, playing tennis or basketball, training in mixed martial arts (MMA), and walking his dog, a German shorthaired pointer named Sofia. He plays poker in the afternoon and evening, for a total of about twenty-five to thirty hours a week. "I don't have any set schedule; that's one thing I really value. I'm completely autonomous and can spend as much or as little time playing as I want to. It takes a high level of focus and concentration, so I'm careful not to play too much." And while playing poker professionally may not have been his parents' first choice for their son's career, he says they've come to accept it. "They ask me about it, they cheer for me, they follow me," he says. "They're supportive in my struggles and happy for my success."

Asked to ponder how Hollywood depicts poker—the audacious bluffs, the "tells" that betray the strength of a hand—Busquet says that while such factors are overblown in movies and on TV for dramatic effect, they do play a role. One fellow player, whom Busquet was coaching for a tournament, once compiled a database comprising side-by-side images of opponents when they were bluffing versus holding a strong hand. "It was amazing to see the same person in those two different states," he says. "These are high-level professionals, who are presumably very good at hiding any sort of signal or tell—but it was obvious in every single case." But as Busquet observes, that kind of knowledge is still hard to put into practice in real time; if an opponent seems riled up, is it because he has a terrible hand, or a great one? "My personal approach is much more theoretically based," he says. "You can make some real mistakes when you try to rely on live situations." To avoid giving away any tells of

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his own, Busquet aims to maintain a consistent posture and dispassionate facial expression. "I try to train myself to be as relaxed as possible," he says. "I meditate daily and do breathing exercises. I want to be present in the moment, to turn off or minimize any mental chatter, any distraction."

On top of his poker fame, Busquet made a name for himself in April 2016 when he won an MMA fight against a fellow player. The live-streamed bout, complete with a referee and judges, was the result of a friendly bet between the combatants. The win, in a technical knock-out, earned Busquet \$150,000. "The overall experience was amazing," says Busquet, who'd embraced the six months of intense training as a healing process following his divorce. "It was a great way to move on in my life and start to create a new identity for myself." Since he still trains, would he take on another bout? "I have had the itch to—the right situation would have to come up," he says. But, he admits, "My mother made me promise never to fight again." ■

— Kitty Kemp

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The image shows the ruins of an ancient Roman temple or public building. In the foreground, a large, dark, weathered stone sculpture of a reclining figure is partially visible. Behind it, several tall, cylindrical columns with brick-banded sections stand on a stone platform. The columns are topped with a heavy entablature. In the background, there are more ruins, including brick walls and a doorway. A person is visible in the distance on the left. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The overall scene is one of historical grandeur and archaeological interest.

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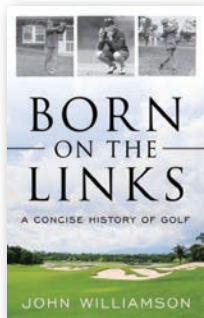
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Born on the Links

JOHN WILLIAMSON, LLB '65

Beginning with golf's origins on the grasslands of fifteenth-century Scotland, Williamson recounts the game's 600-year history with a devotee's attention to detail. He chronicles its early development, its spread to the U.S., its rise in popularity brought on by televised tournaments, the careers of iconic players—such as Babe Didrikson Zaharias, Ben Hogan, Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Annika Sorenstam,

and Tiger Woods—and the struggles and triumphs of female and minority golfers who have fought for inclusion. Williamson also offers a timeline of the sport's history and a winners' list for every major amateur and pro tournament since 1860. Throughout the book, he emphasizes the ways golf has been shaped by the cumulative influence of everyday players. "Most of the changes to the imported game were made incrementally over time," he writes, "by persons whom history has neither recorded nor recognized."



Come With Me

HELEN SCHULMAN '83

In her sixth novel, Schulman examines the unnerving effect technology can have on day-to-day life—chronicling a Silicon Valley family whose connections are strained by a virtual reality program that can calculate a person's alternate realities by aggregating data from the Cloud. "Schulman gets both her cultural moment and the psychological particulars of a disintegrating marriage

exactly right," says the *New Yorker*, "and her writing is distractingly, almost brazenly beautiful." Schulman is a professor at the New School, where she is fiction chair of the creative writing program. Her previous novel, *This Beautiful Life*, was one of the *New York Times's* 100 Notable Books of 2011.

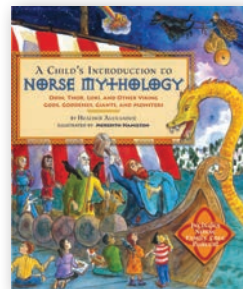


The Modern House Bus

KIMBERLEY MOK '04

A growing trend since the Aughts, "tiny houses" are efficient homes—often measuring less than 200 square feet—built by people looking to radically reduce their costs,

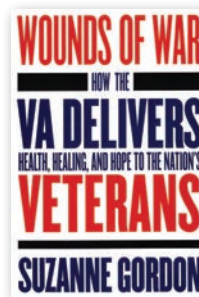
consumption, and ecological footprint. But some nomadic DIY fans have taken the idea a step further; in this photographic tour, Mok explores twelve buses that have been gutted and re-designed as functional, itinerant homes. She interviews owners about design choices that maximize space and comfort, and offers a detailed guide to choosing and remodeling one's own house bus. Says *Vogue*: "Mok has practical advice galore . . . and an infectious enthusiasm for redefining the good life."



A Child's Introduction to Norse Mythology

HEATHER ALEXANDER '89

Alexander's fourth contribution to the "Child's Introduction" series puts such characters as Odin, Thor, and Loki into historical and cultural context. Watercolor illustrations accompany the tale of how Odin lost his eye, the forging of Thor's hammer, the legendary apocalypse of Ragnarok, and more. The book includes descriptions of the various gods, goddesses, giants, and monsters of Norse myth, as well as a pronunciation guide and a fold-out family tree. Alexander's previous entries in the series covered art, natural history, and Greek mythology.



Wounds of War

SUZANNE GORDON '67

To research this examination of the Veteran's Health Administration, Gordon spent five years interviewing clients, sitting in on medical appointments, watching doctors at work, and following patients through their treatment. While acknowledging the agency's problems—which have included long wait times and chronic understaffing—the longtime medical reporter argues that its overall quality of care has been unfairly maligned by a small number of high-profile failures. "The VA is, without a doubt, a big government bureaucracy, more top-heavy than it should be," she writes. "But the very fact that it is a public institution, with an exceedingly well-organized, vocal, and politically connected patient population . . . ensures a degree of transparency and responsiveness I have never encountered before."



The Magic of Melwick Orchard

REBECCA CAPRARA '07

This novel for middle-grade readers follows twelve-year-old Isa, whose family has moved more times than she can count. Things begin to look up when they finally settle into a real home; there are even rumors that a nearby orchard is magical. Then her younger sister is diagnosed with a life-threatening disease—and Isa decides that "there was no place for magic in a world where a six-year-old gets cancer." But when an enchanted tree sprouts a gift for her, Isa wonders if she can use the orchard to help her family. "Caprara pens an emotional first novel about the fear that accompanies hope," says *Publishers Weekly*. "The fragile relationship between the sisters is well drawn, and though the family's life seems on the brink of blowing apart, Caprara skillfully shows that good things are quietly blossoming."

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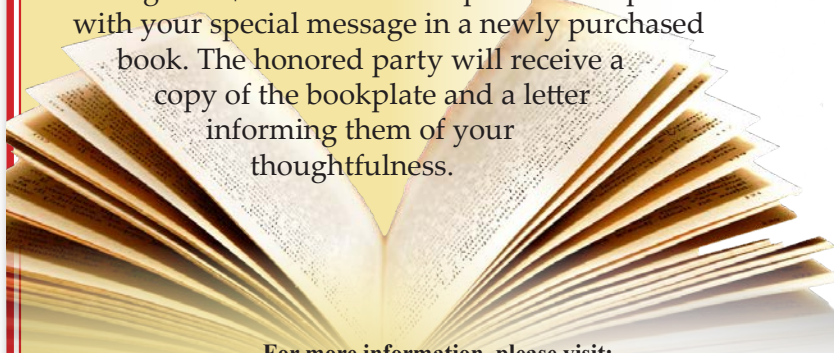
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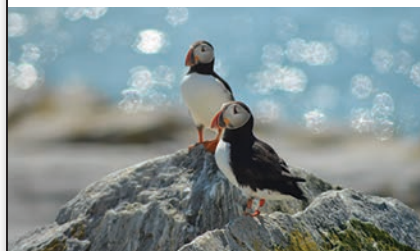
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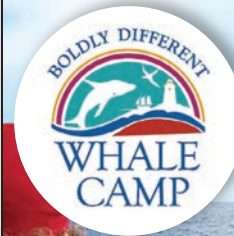


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Big Red Highlights



SAILING Cornell won the Middle Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association championship on Cayuga Lake in October—its first-ever conference title. The regatta went down to the final race of the second day with Cornell's pair of **Brooke Shachoy '22** and **Becca Jordan '21** finishing third, two spots ahead of William Smith's boat to provide the two points that separated the teams in the final standings. **Daisy Holthus '21** and **Kimberly Wong '19** got the Big Red started off on the right foot, posting two firsts and a second in light winds on the first day. The conference title helped propel Cornell, which won four other events during the fall, into the fifth spot in the *Sailing World* national college rankings, its best showing in program history.



MEN'S SOCCER After helping the Big Red to an 11-6 record, **Emeka Eneli '22** (above) was named Ivy League Rookie of the Year. Eneli—who was second in the league in scoring, with seven goals and 16 points—is the first Cornell player to earn that laurel since **Richard Stimpson '01, BS '02**, in 1997. **Charles Touche '21** became the first Big Red player in four years to earn first-team All-Ivy honors after posting a league-best eight goals and 18 points. A six-game winning streak propelled Cornell to 18th

in the United Soccer Coaches Poll after a five-year absence from the rankings.

MEN'S ROWING Each of the lightweight crews that competed at the Head of the Charles in Boston came home with medals, as the eight boat finished first and the four finished second. The eight (**Sorin Koszyk '20, Cameron Bertossa '20, Luke Small '20, Alex Kost '20, Eric Lee '20, Henry Ellis '19, Luke Sendelbach '19, Andrew Hickey '21**, and coxswain **Molly Rochford '19**) finished in 15:43.872, nearly three seconds clear of second-place Princeton, for the Big Red's third title in the event's 54-year history and its first since 1979. The four-man boat (**Evan Krum '21, Nick Anderson '19, David Tigerman '21, Jules Kramer '21**, and coxswain **Rori Henderson '19**) finished in 17:53.27, 20 seconds behind first-place Georgetown.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY Fresh off a U-23 world triathlon championship, **Taylor Knibb '20** (top) enjoyed an outstanding season, earning first-team All-Ivy honors and qualifying for the national championship meet. Knibb was seventh in the Ivy meet and finished fifth at the NCAA regionals. At the NCAA championships, she was 109th out of 255 runners and was named the meet's Elite 90 winner, an honor that goes to the participating student-athlete with the highest cumulative GPA. She is the fourth Cornellian to receive an Elite 90 award, joining **Devin McMahon '14** (cross country), **Christine McIntosh '14** (fencing), and **Shelly Tremaglio '13** (rowing).

MEN'S TENNIS **David Volfson '19** won the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Northeast Regional Championship in October, taking six straight matches to top the 96-man field. He also teamed with **Daniel Soyfer '20** to reach the finals of the

doubles competition. The regional singles title win sent Volfson to the ITA National Fall Championships in Arizona, where he won his first two matches before losing to the defending NCAA singles champion in the Round of 16. Volfson will begin the spring season 14th in the national rankings, while the doubles team of Volfson and Soyfer is ranked 30th.

FIELD HOCKEY **Maddie Henry '20** finished in the top 10 among NCAA Division I goalkeepers with 7.24 saves per game and a .764 save percentage. Her 18 saves against Princeton were the most ever for a Big Red goalie at a home game.

MEN'S GOLF **Tianyi "Jack" Cen '19** closed the fall portion of the season by winning the UConn Invitational in a playoff. Cen finished with a three-day total of 218 (two over par) to finish in a four-way tie for first place—then parred the first playoff hole, earning his first collegiate medal.

ALUMNI NEWS

MEN'S HOCKEY In October, **Jacob MacDonald '15** scored his first NHL goal—on his first NHL shot in his first NHL game. After several years in the minors, MacDonald earned a spot on the Florida Panthers lineup with a strong showing during the preseason. His goal was the only one in the game for the Panthers, who lost to the Tampa Bay Lightning 2-1 in a shootout. He's the 31st Cornell player to reach the NHL.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY The Big Red was well represented at the 4 Nations Cup, one of the most prestigious international competitions in women's hockey. The Canadian national team that finished second included four alumnae (**Laura Fortino '13, Brienne Jenner '13, BA '15, Rebecca Johnston '11, BS '12**, and **Jillian Saulnier '15**) and three players on the current roster (**Jaime Bourbonnais '20, Kristin O'Neill '20**, and **Micah Zandee-Hart '19**). Big Red head coach **Doug Derraugh '91** was an assistant coach for the Canadians.

SAILING **Claire Riedman '16** and Big Red head coach Brian Clancy were on the winning Boss team at the 2018 U.S. Team Racing Championship in Cleveland. Boss edged College of Charleston 3-2 in the final to take the win.

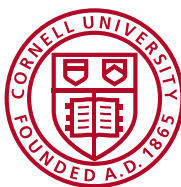
FOOTBALL The Hamilton Tiger-Cats' **Luke Tasker '13** was named a Canadian Football League Eastern Division All-Star for the fourth time in the last five seasons. His former Big Red teammate **Jeff Mathews '14** has signed a contract extension to return to the CFL's Montreal Alouettes in 2019.



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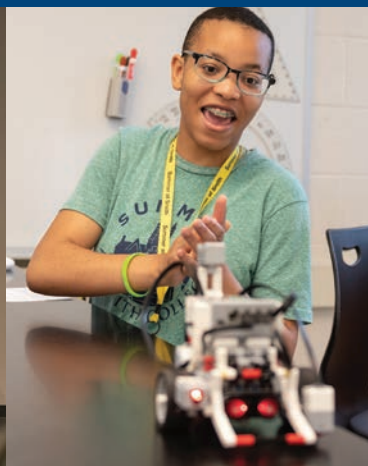
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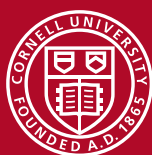
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FAR, FAR ABOVE



Aerial photos offer an eye-popping perspective on how Cornell's campus has grown and changed

Last fall, during a long-overdue cleanout of CAM's offices in downtown Ithaca, we came across a striking black-and-white aerial photo of campus; pasted onto a poster-sized sheet of cardboard, it had stood unnoticed in a corner of our library for years. Our staff was immediately captivated. We pored over the image—which proved to date from the 1930s—and had a blast identifying iconic structures, marveling at vast empty spaces that future construction would fill, and scrutinizing buildings that have since been demolished.

That photo, seen on pages 44–45, captures one moment in the evolution of an ever-changing campus. We knew that there were more, of varying quality and sharpness, taken over the course of the past century. So we gathered the images featured in this story and invited University Archivist Emerita Elaine Engst, MA '72, to help us parse the notable changes from one photo to the next. It proved to be more challenging than we'd expected—not only because of the dense trees that once graced much of East Hill, but because even well-loved buildings normally seen at ground level can seem oddly unfamiliar when viewed from the air.

Sage Chapel dominates this panoramic photo, taken from atop Sage Hall in 1880—before East Hill gained its iconic clock tower. Behind the chapel—seen here before several additions that began around the turn of the twentieth century—are the three original Arts Quad buildings: Morrill, McGraw, and White. Across the road are a few of the many faculty houses that once dotted campus before they were demolished to make way for new construction.

A video timeline of East Hill's development is available at historyinmotion.org/cornell-growth.







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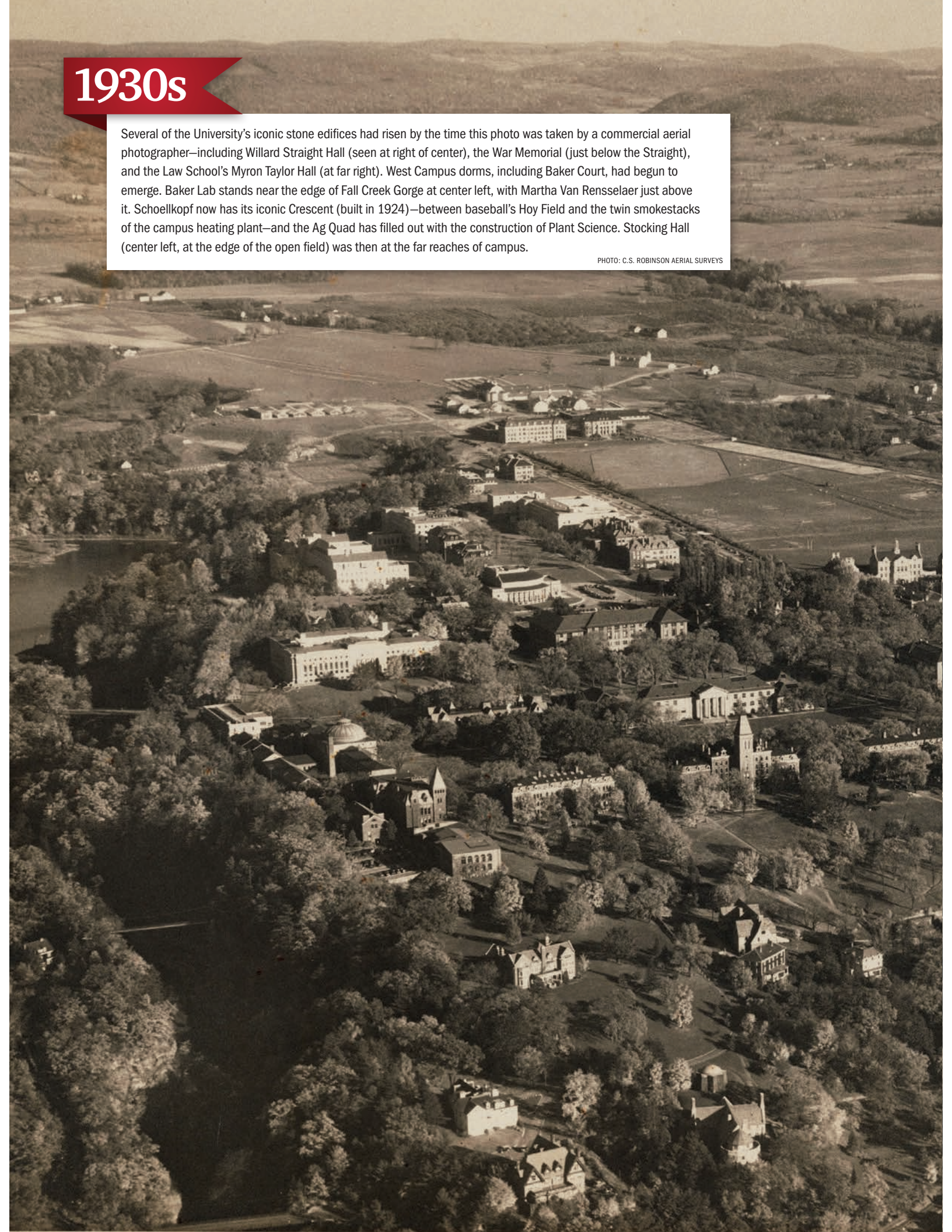
Found in a 1920 campus guide, this shot by prolific University photographer John Troy was taken, as its caption notes, “from a Thomas-Morse airplane at 3,000 feet.” By then, Cornell had taken much of its familiar shape, including such landmarks as the clock tower, Schoellkopf Stadium (minus the Crescent), a significant number of the Ag Quad’s structures, and Goldwin Smith, Barton, and Bailey halls. Just left and down from the photo’s midpoint is the original Armory, which was demolished in the Fifties to make way for the Engineering campus. Just above Barton are the buildings that then housed the Vet college (and are now home to ILR). Immediately to the upper right of the clock tower is Boardman Hall, the Law School’s original site; it was also torn down in the late Fifties, amid controversy, to allow for construction of Olin Library. Collegetown occupies the lower right corner of the image.

PHOTOS: THIS SPREAD AND PREVIOUS SPREAD, RMC

1930s

Several of the University's iconic stone edifices had risen by the time this photo was taken by a commercial aerial photographer—including Willard Straight Hall (seen at right of center), the War Memorial (just below the Straight), and the Law School's Myron Taylor Hall (at far right). West Campus dorms, including Baker Court, had begun to emerge. Baker Lab stands near the edge of Fall Creek Gorge at center left, with Martha Van Rensselaer just above it. Schoellkopf now has its iconic Crescent (built in 1924)—between baseball's Hoy Field and the twin smokestacks of the campus heating plant—and the Ag Quad has filled out with the construction of Plant Science. Stocking Hall (center left, at the edge of the open field) was then at the far reaches of campus.

PHOTO: C. S. ROBINSON AERIAL SURVEYS





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1950s

The U-Halls, built to accommodate the postwar influx of undergrads studying on the G.I. Bill, dominate the lower half of this photo—which we also found in CAM's offices (with a note that it had been gifted to us by the late Bill Vanneman '31, a dear friend of the magazine). Mann Library now stands at the far end of the Ag Quad, the Engineering Quad is starting to take shape, and Lynah Rink's distinctive curved white roof can be seen just left of the Crescent. The campus health center, then known as Gannett Clinic, is to the right of the Straight; to the right of that is Anabel Taylor Hall, now home to Cornell United Religious Work. But with the trees in full leaf—in the years before Dutch elm disease decimated much of the campus's original greenery—many buildings are difficult to spot, including structures like the A.D. White House and the Big Red Barn.

PHOTO: PROVIDED







1970s

The Johnson Museum of Art—designed by famed architect I.M. Pei and affectionately nicknamed the “Sewing Machine”—is one of the most dramatic additions to campus seen here. Another: Bradfield Hall, the eleven-story tower (to the right of Mann Library) that’s notable both for being the tallest building in Tompkins County and for almost entirely lacking windows. Olin Library has taken its spot on the Arts Quad; the rust-hued Uris Hall occupies a corner of East Avenue and Tower Road. To the upper left of the Straight is the entryway to the Cornell Store; while it was originally designed to be entirely underground, in the end it was nestled partway into the hillside. At far left is a glimpse of another campus icon: the Suspension Bridge, built in 1961.

PHOTO: RMC







1984

While North Campus development had begun long before this photo was taken—starting with Risley and Balch halls in the early twentieth century and continuing with Clara Dickson, Helen Newman, Robert Purcell, the High and Low Rise dorms, and more—this image offers a comprehensive view. Tower Road has continued to fill out with the addition of CALS' connected Corson and Mudd halls, just above the ILR campus. On the right side of the photo—just above the Law School and to the left of Collegetown's Cascadilla Gorge—is Engineering's newly completed Snee Hall. This photo also offers a view of the modern Veterinary campus, established in 1957 with the completion of Schurman Hall at the end of Tower Road.

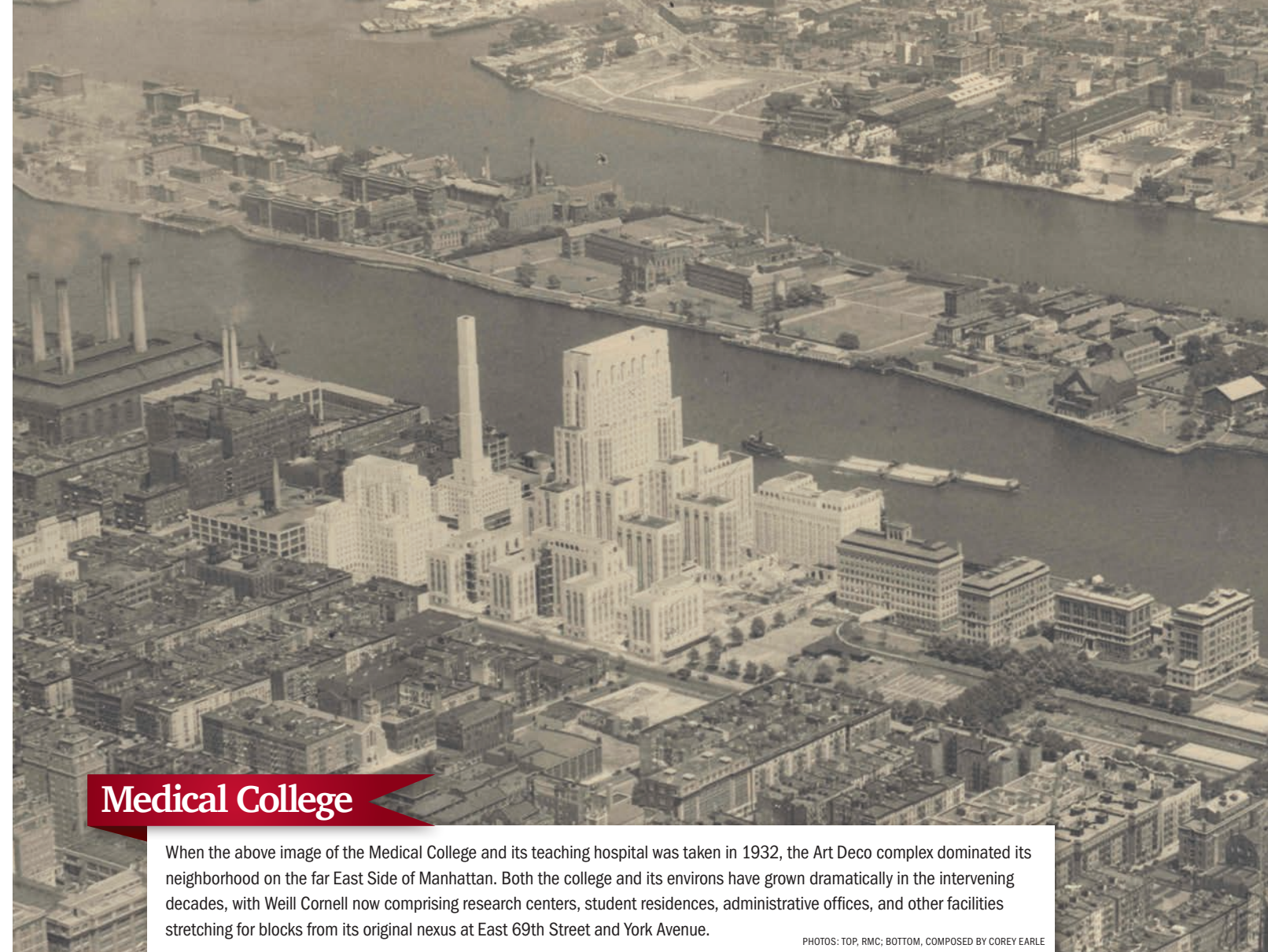
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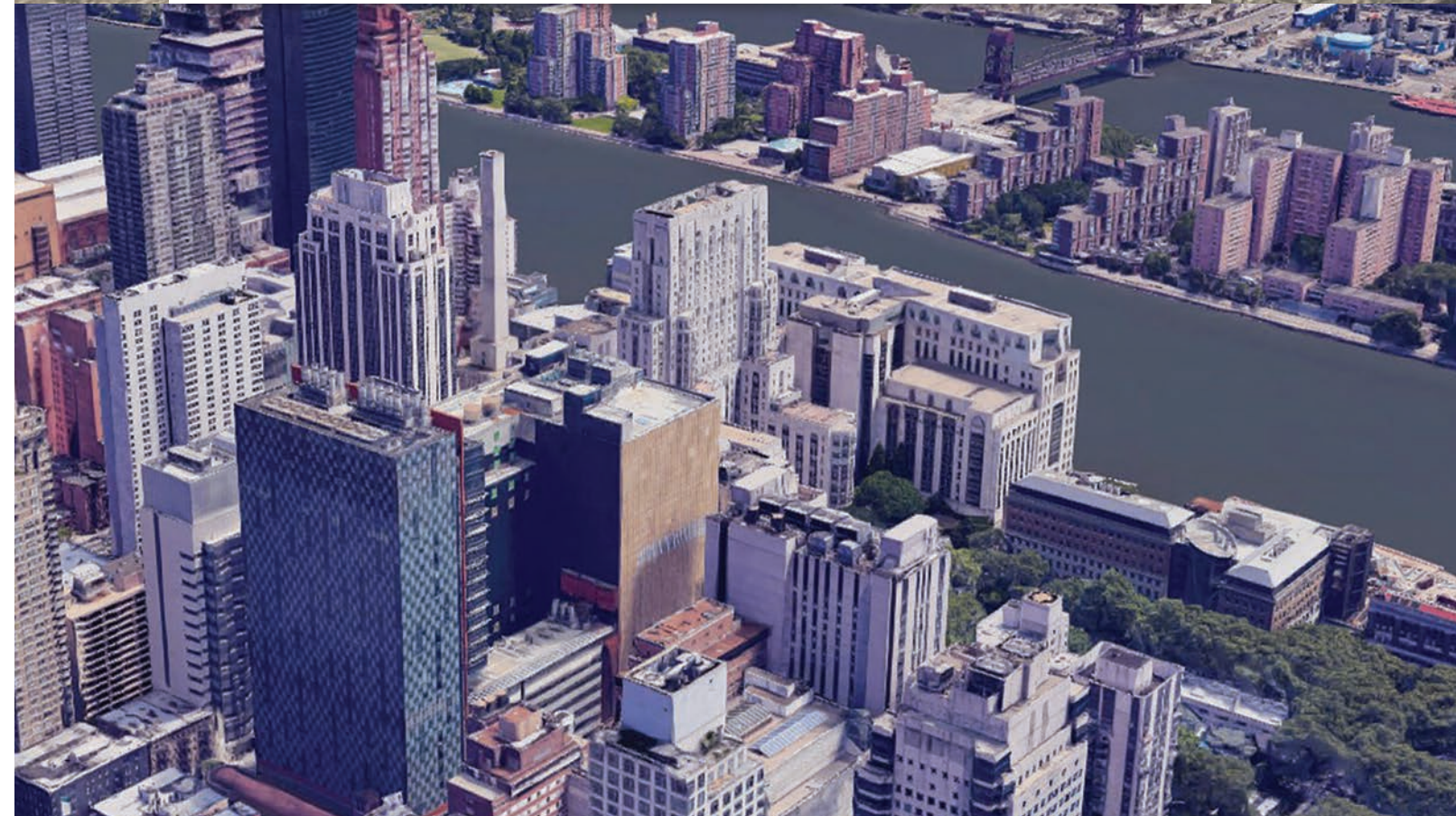
Our most recent photo—shot during Reunion, hence the numerous white tents and the cars parked on the Slope—shows dramatic changes to West Campus, as the U-Halls have been replaced by large “living-learning” residences. North Campus has become the required home of all freshmen, resulting in several new dorms (with more currently in the works). Engineering and the sciences have gained a number of modernist buildings, including Physical Sciences (above Goldwin Smith and to the right of Baker Lab), Weill (to the left of Lynah), Duffield (just below the baseball field), and Gates (just above Duffield). The original Statler has been replaced with a new version, constructed in the late Eighties. The only current major structure not included in this image is Klarman Hall, the glass-enclosed addition to Goldwin Smith completed in 2016.



Medical College

When the above image of the Medical College and its teaching hospital was taken in 1932, the Art Deco complex dominated its neighborhood on the far East Side of Manhattan. Both the college and its environs have grown dramatically in the intervening decades, with Weill Cornell now comprising research centers, student residences, administrative offices, and other facilities stretching for blocks from its original nexus at East 69th Street and York Avenue.

PHOTOS: TOP, RMC; BOTTOM, COMPOSED BY COREY EARLE





Cornell Tech

Built in the 1930s, Goldwater Memorial Hospital (above) on New York City's Roosevelt Island was a massive complex designed to provide long-term care to hundreds of patients with chronic illnesses. It was closed in 2013 and demolished to make way for the Cornell Tech campus—just across the East River from the Medical College—whose first three buildings opened in fall 2017. A second phase of construction, including a hotel, is currently under way.

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GOING STRONG

After a record-breaking Big Red wrestling career—and a recent world championship win—Kyle Dake '13 has set his sights on Olympic gold

By Brad Herzog '90

The most impressive thing about Kyle Dake '13 taking gold at the 2018 United World Wrestling Championships in Budapest, Hungary, in October, wasn't simply that he won—it was *how* he did it. In the finals of the 79 kilogram weight class, he defeated 2016 Olympic bronze medalist Jabrayil Hasanov of Azerbaijan 2-0. And the previous day, Dake had beaten grapplers from Russia, Germany, and Georgia by a combined 35-0 margin, making him the first U.S. man in more than three decades to win a world title without surrendering a single point.

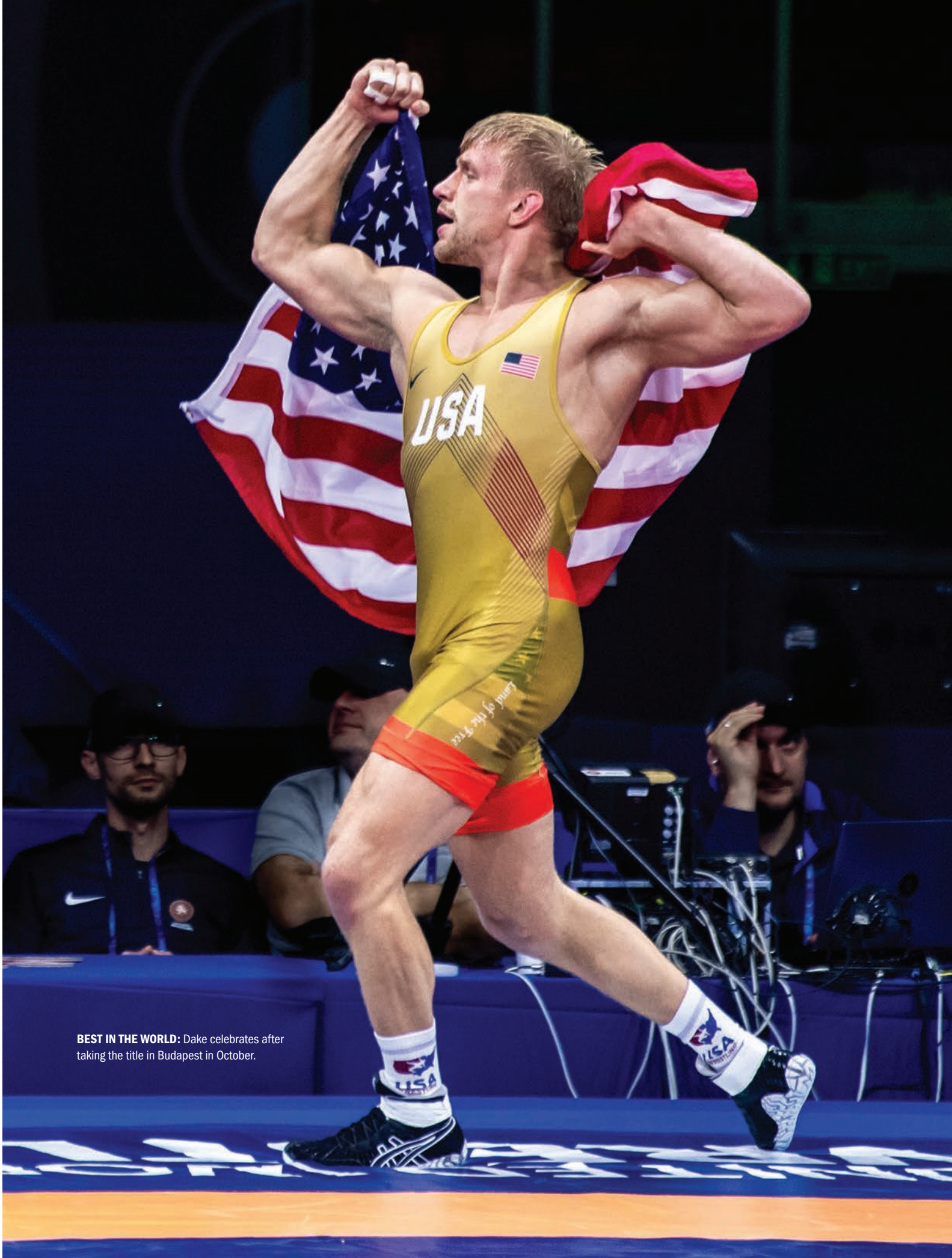
The twenty-seven-year-old had already made his mark as arguably the most accomplished wrestler in NCAA history. In ninety years of Division I wrestling, only four men have won four national titles, and Dake is the only one to have done so without taking a redshirt year (in which promising athletes are kept out of official competition to develop skills and extend eligibility) as a freshman. Even more remarkable was his unprecedented feat of winning NCAA championships in four different weight classes—at 141 pounds in 2010, 149 pounds in 2011, 157 pounds in 2012, and 165 pounds in 2013. After he capped a two-season undefeated run by beating the reigning national champ for his final title, he won the Hodge Trophy as NCAA Wrestler of the Year.

During Cornell's Sesquicentennial celebration four years ago, CAM convened a panel of experts to rank the finest athletes in University history. Dake was fourth, behind legendary hockey goalie Ken Dryden '69, football star Ed Marinaro '72, BS '73, and Olympic hurdler Charles Moore '51. Big Red wrestling coach Rob

Koll, who has coached nine different NCAA champions since taking over Cornell's program in 1993, believes that Dake's four-weight-class feat puts him in contention as one of the greatest wrestlers in collegiate history. "As you grow, the physicality changes," says Koll. "It's not just that you're at the same weight, wrestling the same guys, with the same technique and style. He went from wrestling some really flexible, lean guys who are generally young, small, and quick to facing full-grown men."

Adapting to new weight classes, however, evinced another of Dake's great strengths: his ability to adjust on the mat, whether that means tweaking his own moves, recognizing how to react to moves that have worked against him, or adapting his style to his opponent's. Although Dake may have evoked images of Superman or Captain America when he did a victory lap while sporting Old Glory like a cape following his world title win, Koll cheekily compares him to another comic book character: Lex Luthor. "He likes to win in the worst way. Kyle is the most competitive guy I've ever had on my team," says Koll. "Some of these arch-villains, they're much more manipulative in their pursuit of victory. And Kyle does it every single time he steps on the mat." Dake laughs at the analogy, but he is serious about his mind-and-body preparation. "Every time I wrestle, I feel physically and mentally prepared for any situation that pops up," he says. "A lot of that has to do with the training that I've been doing my entire life."

His road to mythic status was basically a straight shot of ten miles—the distance from Lansing High School to Cornell's Friedman Wrestling Center. Dake's father, Doug, a former >



BEST IN THE WORLD: Dake celebrates after taking the title in Budapest in October.



All-American wrestler at Kent State University, coached him to two state titles at Lansing, a program that was founded by Duke's grandfather, Bob. And his great-grandfather, Merrills Dake '26, was a star basketball player on the Hill, so Dake had a nature-and-nurture advantage. But it was his mother, Jodi, a former collegiate gymnast, who clarified her son's competitive focus. When Dake moved into Cornell housing as a freshman, she left a red notebook on his desk and encouraged him to write down his goals. He did—twice a day, for four years. He started by writing "2010 141 lb. D1 National Champion" once in the morning and once at night. By the time he achieved his final goal—having written "2013 165 lb. D1 National Champion" four times each morning and night as a senior—the notebook contained nearly 3,000 lines of handwritten objectives. Dake's teammates used to joke that he probably dreamed only about wrestling, and in those dreams he surely won every time.

Dake's winning ways made him the rare collegiate wrestler who garnered mainstream attention. He has 143,000 Instagram followers, and when he teaches at wrestling camps, he has rock-star status. As *Sports Illustrated* put it five years ago, in profiling him as its male College Athlete of the Year: "In a sport of tough-minded grinders, Dake became a legend." Having also been nominated for an ESPY Award in 2013, he walked ESPN's red carpet with his now-wife, Megan, his high school sweetheart and a fellow athlete who played soccer at Ithaca College. This summer, Dake's Instagram featured a photo of him at the U.S.

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Wrestling Foundation Gala in Los Angeles comically roughhousing with Chris Pratt, star of Marvel's *The Guardians of the Galaxy* (and a competitive wrestler in high school). Since graduation, Dake has been able to focus full time on the sport, thanks to modest sponsorships from companies ranging from the Finger Lakes Wrestling Club to Milwaukee Tools to Cheribundi "recovery juice." He even has his own memorabilia and clothing line through X-Athletic Apparel, where one can buy everything from autographed lithographs to "2018 Official Kyle Dake World Team Trials" singlets to T-shirts that say "Fly Air Dake."

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For all of Dake's physical attributes, Koll says, "the psychological side of Kyle is what makes him most successful. He gets excited for matches, not nervous. And the difference in those two emotions is pretty significant." Like many wrestlers, Dake is a creature of habit. In his college years, he followed a routine that gave him comfort and success: he'd wear the same wrestling clothes, go through the same warm-up in the same order, and insist on the same hard-as-possible hand slaps with his coaches. After graduation, however, Dake's body appeared to be protesting the wrestling grind. He was an Academic All-American as a development sociology major in CALS, but he sounds positively pre-med when discussing his spate of injuries, which eventually led to three surgeries and many months of rehab: "I tore my Lisfranc in my foot, fractured my scapula, tore my rotator cuff, tore my labrum, tore my biceps tendon . . ."

Throughout, Dake managed to compete at a world-class level, but he was frustrated by his runner-up finishes at the U.S. Olympic and World Championship trials four times from 2013 to 2017—which meant that he wouldn't be representing his country on the mat. "I thought I was good enough to win, regardless of injury. But I just fell short a handful of times," he says. "Those were big frustrations, but they led me >



OFF THE MAT: Dake (from top) hefting Touchdown for *Sports Illustrated* during his undergrad days; on the red carpet for the 2013 ESPY Awards with his future wife, Megan; and posing with her and actor Chris Pratt at a U.S. Wrestling Foundation event last summer. Opposite page: Dake at the NCAA championships in 2012 (top) and 2013.





ATOP THE PODIUM: Dake (second from left) with his fellow medalists after his World Championship win

to the path that I'm currently on." Dake—a man whom Koll once described as having an “unbelievable disdain for losing”—briefly considered calling it quits. Instead, he opted to reinvent himself. He realized that to achieve his ultimate goal—standing atop an Olympic podium—he first needed simply to start feeling better. He didn't want to keep popping ibuprofen daily just to make it through workouts, so he chose to alter the workouts themselves—and thus the way his body responded. It was time for Kyle Dake 2.0.

‘A lot of it seems a little loopy,’ Dake says of his training methods, ‘but I’m not going to leave any stone unturned in my pursuit of a gold medal.’

At the suggestion of his chiropractor, Dake adopted a training method called Functional Patterns—FP to its dedicated practitioners. Devised by a personal trainer, FP is rooted in the notion that oft-repeated dysfunctional patterns (such as a slumped posture from sitting in front of a computer monitor) cause the body to incorporate that dysfunction neuro-muscularly. The same is true, the thinking goes, for dysfunctional exercise—for instance, traditional abdominal crunches, which some believe

can aggravate lower back problems. FP focuses on corrective exercises that replace imbalanced muscular patterns with more natural ones. It requires a deep dive—and embracing terms like “structural integration,” “multi-plane ballistic movement,” and “corrective static stretching.”

Dake works out three days a week with a personal trainer in Ithaca—a “Functional Patterns human biomechanical specialist”—trying to stimulate muscles and perform dynamic movements that replicate what he encounters on the wrestling mat. He still spends plenty of time in the wrestling room, training primarily with Koll (a former national champ himself at the University of North Carolina) and serving as a volunteer assistant coach for the Big Red. Thanks to the pain reduction as a result of FP, he says, “now I can train as hard as I possibly can. I can recover faster. I can focus more on my wrestling than on rehab or having to rest. I’ve never felt better in my entire life.”

Dake describes FP as “looking at how the human body evolved, and the relationship between our bones, our joints, our muscles, and our nerves,” explaining that “understanding where we came from has played a big role in the things I try to do.” For instance, he wears blue-light-blocking eyeglasses indoors and has placed blue-light filters on his phone, on his computer, and throughout his house in Lansing. Why? Because artificial light can disrupt the body's ancient circadian rhythm, and sleep enhances muscle repair. In addition, Dake—who now laments his collegiate menu of “Diet Mountain Dew, pizza, and a lot of sugar cookies”—works with his chiropractor/holistic healthcare practitioner to refine not only what he eats, but at what time of day and even what season of the year. A typical breakfast—always a big one—might consist of sardines, sauerkraut, natural yogurt, avocado, and a protein like grass-fed organic beef. After that, weather permitting, he might walk around barefoot in his backyard, because that's how humans grounded themselves for millennia—literally, he says, absorbing electrons from the Earth. “A lot of it seems a little loopy,” he admits, “but I’m not going to leave any stone unturned in my pursuit of a gold medal.”

In that quest, Dake will have to adapt again. The 79 kilogram weight class that he dominated at the world championships—about 174 pounds—is not a category in the Olympics. So he may aim for 74 kilograms at the 2020 Olympic trials, requiring him to drop about nine pounds. But he has another big change in the offing: he and Megan, a CPA who works in Ithaca, are expecting their first child in mid-January, adding to a family that includes two golden retrievers. New fatherhood will make a full night's sleep harder to come by—so perhaps it's a good thing that Dake no longer feels the need to write down his goals every morning and night. “I know what my purpose is. I don't need any reminders of what I'm doing. My whole day is wrapped around that,” he says. “Anywhere I look, I see what my objective is.” ■

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

EVERY AUGUST IS BUILDING A PIPELINE FOR FACULTY DIVERSITY

Avery August, Ph.D. '94, is a professor of immunology in the College of Veterinary Medicine, the university's vice provost for academic affairs and co-director of the Cornell Center for Health Equity, which spans the Ithaca campus and Weill Cornell Medicine. Last year, in recognition of his research and help getting Cornell transfer students involved in undergraduate research, he was named a Howard Hughes Medical Institute professor.

The full conversation is available at news.cornell.edu/AveryAugustQA.

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“WE WANT TO REACH FACULTY HERE IN ITHACA AND FROM WEILL CORNELL MEDICINE, TO ENCOURAGE COLLABORATIONS AROUND RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ...”

– Avery August

How do you manage and balance all your roles at Cornell?

The interesting thing is, all the roles I have involve things that I’m really passionate about. I look at all the things I’m doing each day and rebalance them as I go along. The thing that’s the most difficult is to maintain the level of research discussions with the students I have in my lab, and keeping up on the most recent research in my field. Because all the other things come with deadlines and research doesn’t, I’m always trying to make sure that I’m paying attention to that as well.

Tell me more about the Cornell Center for Health Equity.

This dual-campus center is partnering with local communities in New York City and upstate New York to figure out why health outcomes vary among demographic groups and how to eliminate those differences.

We had a soft rollout and an opening symposium last March at Weill Cornell Medicine in New York City; it included faculty from Ithaca and New York City, including Weill Cornell Medicine and Cornell Tech, and I think it was a great success.

Since then, the center has been expanding. We had our first pilot grant initiative this last year, small seed funds that the center is providing to members to catalyze research collaborations across the campus. We funded two of those pilot grants, one in New York City and the other in Ithaca. One will examine barriers to care for black patients with advanced symptomatic osteoarthritis, and the other, to be carried out in Ithaca, will evaluate a model of care on improving health outcomes for people who inject [illegal] drugs.

The idea is to continue to offer pilot grants with the goal of building a robust, extramurally funded collaborative research center. Another of the missions of the center is to train the next generation of researchers in health equity and to increase the proportion of students going to medical school who are interested in this area.

How do you and Dr. Monika Safford handle co-directing the center?

Monika is more of an executive director and is the co-director for Weill Cornell Medicine, and I largely lead the efforts and initiatives up here in Ithaca.

Monika brings a physician’s perspective and a view of health equity from a social perspective. I’m a basic scientist, and we would like to recruit more individuals who work in the basic sciences to look at their work through the lens of health equity, to work on the biology of health equity that complements the social view of health equity.

The other thing I bring to this position is my work in developing faculty, developing investigators and developing the next round of leadership.

Much of what we’re trying to do is break down some of the structural barriers that exist between the two campuses. We want to reach faculty here in Ithaca and from Weill Cornell Medicine, to encourage collaborations around research and education in the areas of health equity.

How long have you been interested in health equity?

I work on fundamental immunology. My research group tries to understand how the immune system works and how it influences the development of inflammatory diseases. And for many years we have been trying to understand how allergic asthma and lung inflammation develop.

One could look at this work and say, this is not health equity. But I work on a disease that predominantly affects communities of color. So I’ve always been interested in that space. As a lab-based scientist, you come at it from a biology perspective, but you soon realize that much of it has to do with policies, urban communities that are affected, and health care access that leads to exacerbation of disease.

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many angles and perspectives. I think the catalyzing feature here is this glaring inequity that you see in health access and health care.

What has changed regarding diversity and how faculty candidates are recruited and hired here?

One of the things we're spending a lot of time on – and that we've been changing – is, who is applying for faculty positions here? How do we broaden the pool of applicants? We understand that many potential faculty, particularly those of color, may look at Cornell and say, "I won't even apply." And so the first place to start is to reach out to those potential faculty and say, "We welcome your applications. We want to cast as wide a net as possible to get the best people here."

Even before I was in this position, Cornell began a process to ensure that for each faculty search, someone at the college level would ensure the application pool is diverse, and if it isn't, for the search committee to revisit the process they used to develop that pool.

We have [since] developed a faculty pipeline tool, to provide all departments with information to assist in searches, such as identifying institutions that are graduating significant numbers of women with Ph.D.s in STEM fields and those that are graduating significant numbers of students of color with Ph.D.s. Departments can then reach out to those institutions as they develop their search, so that they can ensure that [potential faculty] know about Cornell and that we want them to apply.

That is in addition to what the provost has already done: bridge funding to colleges for five years to support their efforts in hiring faculty who diversify our ranks. He has since tripled his commitment, from the equivalent of 25 percent salary to 75 percent.

Once you hire, you have to ensure a faculty member arrives in a place where they want to stay. We ask departments to develop a mentoring plan for new faculty. Approaches already exist, but we want to make sure that they are deliberate, that there are processes in place.

We are calling it pre-emptive retention. It's ensuring that the faculty member has what they need, and that we are recognizing them for all their work, so that they don't look elsewhere. If faculty are doing extraordinary mentoring, they should be recognized for that. It's making sure in multiple ways that people feel that their work is valued here. If we're able to do that effectively, and another institution calls them, they'll say, "I'm happy at Cornell – I don't need to go anywhere else."

Tell me about your proposal to enhance and promote the research experience for transfer students in the biological sciences?

When community college transfer students come here, they're already at a disadvantage



finding research experiences compared to students who came here as freshmen, who have had two or three years to find such opportunities. The goal is to enhance their ability to do research here.

We're still in the startup phase. We started meeting with a small cohort of students who arrived in the summer. We have a related course, Preparing Future Researchers, that focuses on mentoring, community development, peer interactions and sharing ways of being successful.

We're hearing from the students that this is something they've really been looking for.

How has your background prepared you for your multiple roles today?

I went to community college and was a transfer student; I went to a non-Research I institution, but I also then attended Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences. Those experiences led me to develop the program promoting research experiences for transfer students.

I understand the culture and the community at Weill Cornell Medicine; I think that has allowed me to be more effective helping to get the cross-campus center established.

I'm an immigrant; my mother was undocumented when she first came to this country. We have DACA students here, and I can understand how those students feel.

When I look at what I can do as a scientist, working in a community that intersects with health equity and also in training students of color, I am trying to make sure I'm able to mentor and give back – to students of color, to faculty of color, as a chair of microbiology and immunology in the College of Veterinary Medicine, and now as vice provost.

So much of this work keeps coming back to this idea of "increasing the pipeline." It's a goal that encompasses undergraduates, graduate students, and faculty recruitment and retention.

Opposite page:

Dr. Avery August, left, and Monika Safford, co-directors of the Center for Health Equity, at the center's opening in March 2018. **Above:** August in his immunology lab with members of his research team.

Endowment: A stable dynamo

Income from invested funds has provided capital to build and sustain Cornell since its founding.

The Morrill Act of 1865 granted land to New York state for the establishment of a university. Ezra Cornell purchased the scrip for these parcels of land from the state and held it, knowing it would increase in value over time. His payment to the state for the scrip, the revenue from the eventual sale of the land to others, and Cornell's additional outright gift of \$500,000 are the three sources of the university's original endowment.

Since then, many others have had the foresight and dedication to contribute to the endowment, and Cornell continues to employ investment strategy and time to grow its overall value. Cornell University's long-term investments returned 10.6 percent for the year ending June 30, 2018, bringing the endowment's value to \$7.23 billion, an increase of \$445.6 million from the previous fiscal year after taking into account net payouts in support of the mission of the university.

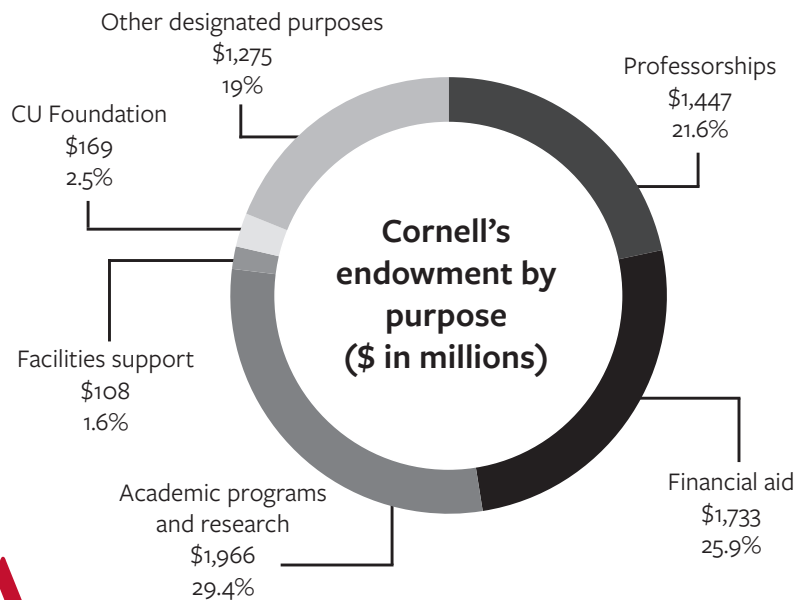
Together with other sources of revenue, payout from endowment is used to support every priority at Cornell, providing for grant aid and other student needs, faculty salaries and stipends, research, programs in every college and corner of the university, facilities, and the physical beauty of our campuses.

Endowment funds are funds held in perpetuity, and the university may only spend a portion (as determined by the board of trustees) of the earnings from the investments. The solidity of permanence and the generative power of invested capital make endowment a kind of stable dynamo powering all corners of the university with a managed flow of operational cash.



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Left: Triphammer Falls, Ithaca, New York (approx. 1884). Between 1829 and 1838, Ezra Cornell engineered a tunnel and then a dam to capture Fall Creek water power for the plaster and flour mills of Col. Jeremiah S. Beebe.



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CLASS NOTES

NEWS OF FELLOW CORNELLIANS

37 “I’m looking forward to coming to Reunion in 2019,” writes **Barbara Keeney Mandigo**, a Human Ecology major on the Hill. She also shared the sad news that her son **Frank Mandigo ‘67**, died on December 17, 2017. He got his PhD in Materials Engineering from Cornell in 1972. ❖ **Class of 1937**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

44 **Norma Hirshon** Schatz says she is “most fortunate” to be enjoying cultural, political, and social activities in Sarasota, FL. She writes, “I caught up with friends and family in Connecticut in August and am looking forward to a family gathering in New York.”

How did you ring in the New Year? Let us know. ❖ **Class of 1944**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

46 I found a misplaced note (dated March 15, 2018) from **Priscilla Alden Clement**, thanking the alumni office for putting her in touch with a Cornellian who lives in her area. The title of the CAM message was “Different yet connected.” Priscilla said they had a lengthy phone conversation and found many “connections” from their years at Cornell and that they hope to meet face to face soon. In September, Priscilla answered some online form questions. “In my super retirement (retired from active retirement), the closest thing to work is getting up each day and doing usual chores. Then I work in our library reshelving books, do pool exercises, go food shopping once a week, and take a walk around our pond every morning.”

Priscilla still keeps a round-robin letter going—just three out of six still living. The most satisfaction she gets comes from getting news from her children, and from her faith. The first person she met at Cornell was **Sara McKissock Vick**, as she had already known her other roommate, **Virginia Dondero Pfundstein**, from high school. If she had a day in Ithaca, Priscilla would visit her luxurious room in Balch, which was provided for the president of WSGA. Then she would go to the Straight, where she waited tables for four years, then off to the COOP to buy a Cornell short-sleeved shirt!

Thank you, Priscilla, for your news. You are truly a faithful Cornellian and we love hearing from you! Online news is a convenient way to send your latest info. Your classmates really enjoy reading this column. Please send your news! I will repeat Paul’s mantra: “Thrive for ‘75! Make history on the Hill in 2021!” ❖ **Dorothy Taylor Prey**, 1 Baldwin Ave., #501, San Mateo, CA 94401; tel., (650) 342-1196; e-mail, dmprey@aol.com. Class website, www.classof46.alumni.cornell.edu.

Charles deProsse, MD ‘50 (Iowa City, IA) reports, “I have two main activities at present: attending adult education classes at three institutions of higher learning and reading for pleasure. No more biking, hiking, or mountain climbing! I am working hard at dealing with age-related infirmities. My single professional activity is in public health. I will attend my 43rd American Public Health Assn. annual meeting this fall. My most satisfaction these days is waking up to greet the morning. I miss

Ithaca. Having spent 28 months there as an undergrad, I returned in 1958 to spend 12 years in medical practice, then left to pursue academic medicine. I would spend a day in Ithaca visiting the old haunts that still exist and marveling at all the changes.”

William Weigle (Danville, KY) says he’s in an “OK” retirement home, where he enjoys frequent visits by his wife, Peg, and their many loyal friends. Bill plays bridge, but no longer plays golf, although he does reminisce over his two holes-in-one of bygone days. **Gordon and Eve Freyer Spencer ‘47** (San Diego, CA; gspencer48@hotmail.com) are in the independent living section of their San Diego continuing care facility, which, like Lois’s and mine, protects them from most of the serious problems that occur in the aging process. They enjoy their hiking program and occasional group expeditions.

The Three Big Red Musketeers from SRC in Pleasanton, CA, **Leonard Ladin ‘55**, **Ron Roach ‘60**, and **Paul Levine ‘46**, plus Leonard’s classmate **Les Patrick ‘55** from Sausalito, are readying an assault on Berkeley’s Zinck’s 2018 event on October 18, 2018. We expect to return with a treasure trove of Cornellian doings to share with you, gentle readers, in a future CAM issue.

Happy New Year, plus our annual reminder: If you have scrapbooks, diaries, letters, photographs, or mementos from the 1940s at Cornell, send them to Evan Earle, Director and University Archivist, Carl A. Kroch Library, Ithaca, NY 14853-5302; tel., (607) 255-3530; fax, (607) 255-9524; e-mail, efe4@cornell.edu. Your survivors will probably toss out such materials, but the university might very well display them. It’s better and more ecological to direct them to the university now. Evan advises they have lots of material from the really early days, but very little from the 1940s.

To list your e-mail address in your submissions, e-mail me at the below e-address. Include your name, city, and state. ❖ **Paul Levine**, 3273 Streamside Cir., #S-202, Pleasanton, CA 94588; tel., (925) 201-7575; e-mail, pblevine93@gmail.com. Class website, www.classof46.alumni.cornell.edu.

47 “I still live in a house on the farm of my grandson **Paul Fouts ‘95**,” writes **Shirley Buck Rabeler** (Cortland, NY). “Since I no longer drive, my local daughter, Sharon Fouts, is my helper. I am able to attend church and am a member of Cornell Women’s Club of Cortland County. My current connection to Cornell is with great-granddaughter **Julia Fouts ‘20**, Paul’s daughter, who is in her third year at Cornell, majoring in Animal Husbandry. She keeps busy with many things besides classes. My granddaughter **Julie Settle Adamchick ‘09**, DVM ‘14, is a fourth-generation Cornellian. She is currently studying for her doctor’s degree at U. of Minnesota.”

Stanley Reiter fondly recalls materials professor **Joseph Jeffrey ‘25**, MS ‘35, who had a great impact on him at Cornell. ❖ **Class of 1947**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

48 **Harriet Morel Oxman** (Sarasota, FL) occupies her time with travel and volunteering at the local library. Her Cornell education led her to become

principal at Erasmus Hall. From a very different location, **Louise Van Nederynen Atteridg** sends greetings to all her classmates from her home 8,000 feet up in the Colorado Rocky Mountains, where she and her late husband, **Paul ‘46**, BS ‘45, retired in the mid-1980s; he died five years ago. She is in good health and leads an active life in church and community activities, including 25 years volunteering at the visitor center at Rocky Mountain National Park (no more long hikes or skiing, though). At home she is a quilter and weaver as she gazes upon her magnificent mountains. She describes a great family life, seeing her son in Denver several times a year, plus trips to Houston and Seattle to spend time with her three daughters, 13 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren, though having great regrets that her two sons are deceased. As you might expect, she is blessed with many local friends—most of them the age of her kids. She also stays in touch with classmates **Pat Hoke Ruch** and **Mary Eleanor Wells Symons**, and, of course, **Silvia Kilbourne Hosie**, MNS ‘49.

Bart Holm writes from his home in West Grove, PA, that he stays active in his community, feels it’s important to stay involved with as many peers as possible, and enjoys the support and understanding of his dog (your correspondent can testify to that feeling as well). Looking back at his Cornell days, they included being drafted into the U.S. Army in WWII and then receiving a Civil Engineering degree, which determined his early career. On the non-academic side, Bart feels the whole college experience broadened his abilities in peer interaction and created lifelong friendships with **Bob Persons** and other brothers at Phi Kappa Psi. On the family side, son **Craig ‘76**, MBA ‘78, and grandchildren **Shannon ‘11**, BA ‘16, and **Spence ‘14** are all Cornellians.

Phyllis Flyer Kavett tackled the STEM programs at Cornell as a mathematics major and was in many mostly male classes, occasionally flustering the male professors when they lapsed into terminology they regretted—like describing a new curve in geometry as “like an inverted bra.” She was a pioneer in a field that later was to include many female students and more support programs enabling women to compete fully. As a war and post-war mathematician, she also remembers the further handicap to women of that era finding employment in competition with all the GIs coming home who received deserved preference in filling the job openings that were available. But she succeeded and spent nearly 60 years teaching mathematics and mathematics education from pre-K through college. She takes enjoyment in remembering the “firsts,” including being the first family member born in the US and to attend college. She was on NPR radio, published many journal articles, and, for diversity, operated a farm in Monmouth County, NJ, that bred sheep, beef cattle, Dalmatian dogs, etc. She was an early promoter of women’s causes, being the first woman chair of the academic department in the College of Education at Kean U.; first woman mayor of Howell, NJ; founding president of the New Jersey Assn. of Elected Women in Office; and professor emerita, mathematics. Among all this, she raised three children, now adults, and has six grown grandchildren.

Thomas Dolan graduated from Cornell with a degree in zoology and conservation, also serving in the American

Field Service in India and Burma, the “Forgotten War” during the ‘40s. He states that his college training was key to the positions he held throughout his career, giving him credibility and direction, as well as the scientific tools of his specialty. His personal life included a divorce in 1975 followed by marriage to the “most wonderful lady imaginable”; they had a cabin in the Montana mountains for 20 years and loved to fly-fish. He has been a widow for two years and lives in Lafayette Hill, PA, where he is working on a memoir, is on several zoological and environmental boards, and enjoys two large and close families.

I end with the thoughts of **Nancy Winslow Doyle**, whose note indicates she was at the 70th Reunion, stayed at the Statler Hotel with her daughter, and expects it to be her final one. She offers a very fine motto for us all: “Use your time wisely as it gets shorter. I am using every minute. Try to listen to everyone and realize their opinion comes from where they are in life and they need to believe whatever it is. It is not my place to change their mind. Life is a gift. I appreciate it.” Send news to:

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49 Congratulations, **Jack Gilbert!** Our class president has accepted the offer of a life membership on the Cornell University Council. When the University Board of Trustees convenes, the council becomes part of that group, Jack explains. Jack, who has moved to a “ranch house” in Ithaca, tells us that he is enjoying it very much; life is “very quiet.”

Jack Rupert, JD '51 (rup18129@aol.com), our new Reunion chairman, reports that he has moved to Kendal at Ithaca from his home in Ohio. Here, he says, he is closer to his three children. “Kendal,” he adds, “is an excellent place to be—an interesting group of people. There is very little political discussion other than criticism of President Trump. The university is similar to other universities in its left-wing orientation. I read the *Cornell Daily Sun* every day, and that’s the general position.” Jack writes poetry and, looking for “an organization concerned with one of my many interest groups,” was pleased to discover a poetry writing group in the community. He notes that while his poetry rhymes, “all the rest write free verse—no rhymes—which is messaging.” About ten members participated in the annual presentation of their own work recently. Jack notes that he doesn’t like to “just sit back reading.” He enjoys being actively involved in some of his many interests. He was able to bring most of his library, mostly reference works, with him when he moved to Ithaca.

Classmates, your doings are of great interest to each of us! Please send in your news. We should like to know how each one of you is spending your time. It would also be good to have your opinions on the state of the union! What are your ideas about life and the world around us? Have your interests and point of view changed over the years since we left the Hill? Do write or e-mail me with your opinions on any topic that interests you. ❖ **Dorothy Mulhoffer Solow**, 50 Grant St., Wellsboro, PA 16901; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com.

50 From our presidents, **Jim and Nancy Hubbard Brandt:** “It has been a regular class practice for the last several years to hold an annual dinner in each of the four years prior to a Reunion year in April at the Cornell Club in New York City. All classmates are invited, and, though most attendees are from the East Coast, classmates also attend from New England, the Midwest, and Colorado, to name a few. This year our annual class dinner will be held on Friday, April 26, and

we are exploring the possibility of having it at Cornell Tech on Roosevelt Island in NYC. We have already engaged Tom O’Handley, director of development at Cornell Tech, as our speaker. He will be the speaker whether we are at the Cornell Club or on the campus at Cornell Tech. As more arrangements are finalized, we shall be sending you the information. We hope more of you can make arrangements to attend this last dinner before our 2020 Reunion.”

Ames Filippone, MD '53 (Mantoloking, NJ) gave up surgery 18 years ago, but misses the challenges it posed. He enjoys living the life of an aged widower on the New Jersey shore and stays occupied with several unnamed hobbies. He took two 14-year-old granddaughters on a two-week Road Scholar tour for multi-generation families to Venice, Florence, and Rome. “They had an eye-opening time of it, though I must admit it was a strain to keep up with them on the four to six miles of walking each day.”

Earl MacArthur, EdD '71 (Morristown, NY) maintains a weed-free lawn and flower garden, and when his bad back permits, he enjoys golfing with his sons, grandsons, and great-grandsons. As he says, “One of the pleasures of living long.” Earl’s wife died in 2017, a day short of their 65th wedding anniversary. His greatest satisfaction has been watching his kids, then their kids, mature, succeed, and contribute to society. The first person he met at Cornell was **John Ross** in the queue to receive his ROTC uniform. If he had a day in Ithaca he’d visit all his old haunts, should they still exist—his fraternity, Seal and Serpent, Apt. 59F in married graduate student housing, and the Hasbrouck Apartments. And, should his stamina hold out, he’d walk the Ag campus.

It’s challenging to be a Cornellian out here in the Midwest. There are so few of us and there are two confusions. Cornell College is one. The other is the U. of Nebraska, which usurped our Big Red moniker. Moreover, it’s difficult to explain why, unlike other states, New York does not have a U. of New York with big-time Division One football and basketball teams. This involves trying to explain why Cornell is a hybrid with its Ivy League colleges integrated with the state’s statutory colleges. For example, Cornell’s seven Ivy sisters do not have colleges of agriculture, ecology, industrial and labor relations, and veterinary medicine. This distinction caused me to make some comparisons among the Ivy League institutions. In each case, I have listed the institutions in order of the statistic.

Current national ratings (*US News and World Report*): Princeton, 1; Harvard, 2; Yale, 3; Columbia, 5; Penn, 8; Dartmouth, 12; Brown, 14; Cornell, 16. Acceptance rates range from Harvard’s 5 percent to Cornell’s 13 percent. Student enrollments: Columbia, 25,000 (8,000 undergraduates, 17,000 graduates); Cornell, 23,000 (15,000/8,000); Penn, 22,000 (10,000/12,000); Harvard, 21,700 (6,700/15,000); Yale, 13,000 (5,800/7,200); Brown, 10,000 (7,000/3,000); Princeton, 8,250 (5,400/2,850); Dartmouth, 6,400 (4,400/2,000). Undergraduate tuitions are all mid-\$50,000s. However, Cornell has a range of tuitions for its master’s and doctoral programs. Most master’s and doctorates are \$29,500. Veterinary medicine for residents is \$36,966, and for nonresidents is \$52,892; Hotel is \$82,876; Law is \$184,000; and Johnson School Tech is \$102,652. Endowments in billions: Harvard 36, Yale 27, Princeton 23, Penn 12, Columbia 10, Cornell 6.8, Dartmouth 5, Brown 3.2. Harvard has over ten times the endowment of Brown. Cornell’s endowment appears disappointingly low.

Is any of this of importance? Probably not. It tells us nothing about the output of a university. What does a great university actually produce or contribute? What’s its value? How can it be measured? Those questions led

me to this edited re-run from my class column of July/August 2001: “We know that Cornell is a great university. We knew it when we were on the Hill. And we know it now. What makes a truly great university? Low admission rates? Percentage of full professors teaching students? Well-compensated faculty? Academic standing of faculty? Faculty publications? Faculty resources? Impressive endowment? Amount of budget for instruction? Student retention rate?”

Could it be that the best measure of a great university is none of these? That instead it’s the difference it makes in the lives of its students? And ultimately, the differences they make for a better world? How can such differences in contributions and accomplishments be defined and evaluated? On what basis would you claim Cornell to be a university of top rank? Proud to be a Cornellian? Tell us why and we’ll report it in our column.

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51 We’ve never heard directly from **Frederick Crow** (Hampton, VA), but recently Pi Kappa Alpha’s Megan Cook let us know that at the 2018 Int’l Convention, retired Air Force Colonel Frederick A. Crow (Beta Theta at Cornell) was inducted into Pi Kappa Alpha Order of West Range, established in 1986, which recognizes outstanding alumni for achievement in their careers, service to society, or service to the fraternity. This honor is bestowed every other year to a select group of men representing government, business, entertainment, sports, and other fields.

Frederick, who witnessed the Pearl Harbor attack as a teenager, enlisted in the US Army Reserve and dropped out of high school to enter the US Army Air Force’s Aviation Cadet program during the late stages of WWII. He was unable to complete his flight training until the war was over, so he was discharged and returned home to complete his high school education. Frederick’s service to the nation continued in college as a member of Cornell’s Reserve Officer’s Training Corps, and he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the US Air Force, earning his pilot wings in 1952. He graduated with a bachelor’s degree in English from Cornell.

He served as a fighter pilot and air controller at various bases between April 1953 and June 1964 and deployed with his unit to Europe in support of the Berlin crisis during that time. He completed the Army Command and General Staff College, then served on the staff of Headquarters Tactical Air Command at Langley Air Force Base before completing F-4 Combat Crew Training and serving with the 433rd Tactical Fighter Squadron.

On Easter 1967, Frederick’s aircraft was shot down while leading an airstrike over North Vietnam and, following his ejection, he was taken as a prisoner of war. He spent the next six years in captivity, three of them in solitary confinement. After his release in March 1973 and arrival at Andrews AFB in Maryland, he said: “We come to you from the prisons of North Vietnam. Our motto was ‘Unity Before Self.’ Our mission was to return with honor. We have accomplished our task. And here we are now in the shadow of our nation’s capital, fighting back tears of joy and gratitude. We have reaped the fruits of our faith, and trust in our God and Commander-in-Chief, our families, and all the people of this wonderful, wonderful country and world who have worked so hard and so long to bring us all home. We are indebted to you forever. America, we love you.”

Colonel Crow continued to serve until his retirement from the Air Force in 1981, and attended the National War College five months after his release. His personal decorations include the Silver Star (twice awarded), Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross (two awards), and the Prisoner of War Medal. Please send your news to: ♦ **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net.

52 Hard to believe that by the time you read this we will have been through Halloween, Thanksgiving, Chanukah, Christmas, and heaven knows what else. We will even be into 2019. I have not been completely devoid of narrative from you, but close. Fortunately, I have heard from our treasurer, **Dick Dye**, MPA '56 (Pleasantville, NY; dickdye@verizon.net). He writes, "Anita and I lead quiet but nevertheless busy lives. The highlight is keeping up with our growing and generally scattered family. First in that group is Anita's son, Javier, wife Arlene, and twin grandchildren, now 4, living in San Rafael, CA. Javier is an architect and Arlene is high in the staff of the largest HMO in Marin County, CA. Then, we have my daughter, Carolyn, her husband, Jon, and two grown grandsons. They live in Princeton, where Jon is the headmaster of the Hun School and Carolyn teaches at a private elementary school. Lastly, there is Rick, who is a senior software engineer, now working with an organization linking American consumers to super big space telescopes around the world. Rick lives the closest to us in New Milford, CT. The rest of our activities circle around our personal interests in classical music, Anita's book club, and my efforts over the course of each year to help recruit speakers for the Chappaqua, NY, Foreign Policy Discussion Group for its spring and fall series." Thank you, Dick.

Always nice to hear from someone not heard from before. **Richard Bergman**, MA '54 (New York, NY; write richardnyc@gmail.com) wrote, "Happy memories of the time when students could 'work their way through college.' Enjoying life in NYC, family visits, recording books for the blind, and performing in TV commercials and music videos. Send me a note if you care to reminisce at the Cornell Club some time, or to receive a link to my TV work."

Carr Ferguson, LLB '54 (mcfergs@earthlink.net) sent his news in with his dues. He and **Marian (Nelson)**, MA '54, are still thriving. He had been visiting his old New York law firm every week or so in summer and fall and teaching at USD law school when it is cold back East. He continues, "Marian and I are still enjoying every day together since we met 68 years ago. Walking and lawn bowling have replaced golf. Duplicate bridge seems to satisfy Marian's competitive appetite now, and I'm still doing a bit of barbershop singing." What gives satisfaction? "Family, of course: four beautiful daughters and their husbands who seem to enjoy our company, and the 11 grandchildren they've brought us, including five Cornellians, all graduated now, working, and, we hope, finding their own life companions. Our first two great-grandsons are as fascinating as were our daughters and grandchildren. We're still healthy enough to get to Cornell for graduations, Reunions, and TCAM meetings and are active in the affairs of some other schools and take classes in the fall. While our summer home on a lake in northwest Connecticut is where we want to be when the kids can be with us, we look forward to using our NYC apartment in the fall for opera, ballet, and theatre visits."

Dorothy Baczewski Waxman (New York, NY; dwaxman@msn.com) also sent in news with dues. She

wrote, "I am going to Vancouver for a Textile Society of America seminar in September. After a long career in fashion and design, I am now most interested in textiles and craft." **Joan Aten Beach** (joanabeach@gmail.com) wrote, "Happy, healthy, though not wealthy, and some wise. Living in Atlantis, FL, where **Sandy '51**, BCE '53, and I moved after being washed off Hypoluxo Island, FL, in the last big hurricane. Sandy died three years ago, dreaming of playing golf in heaven. Our daughter, **Diana Beach '78**, living in Seattle, WA, has started her own podiatry

I was one of three Cornellians in the audience who stood up to sing the Alma Mater." Before we were all 80, Steph set up a computer file titled "You know you are getting old when . . ." Here I share it: "You know you are getting old when: you are upset at the extra notes added to the traditional 365 of the Jenny McGraw Rag; the AARP begins sending mailings to your son; your granddaughter introduces you to her fiancé; you are the only person in your stamp club who has used V-Mail; you are the only person in the room who does remember Pearl Harbor;

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DOROTHY BACZEWSKI WAXMAN '52

service. Our third offspring is an oceanographer and works for the Navy in Washington. This is particularly interesting as we watch Hurricane Florence headed for the Outer Banks. At least it is not headed for us this time!" **Eli Manchester Jr.** writes, "I'm still in Cohasset, MA, most of the time and Fox Hill Retirement Community in Westwood, MA, some of the time. We were all set for the 65th Reunion until a month beforehand, when both daughters advised that they each had a senior graduating from Milton Academy the Friday of Reunion weekend. So much for Reunion." Eli hoped to get to TCAM weekend this past fall.

"Still here!" writes **Carol Singer Greenhaus** (Mamaroneck, NY, and Palm Beach, FL; carolgreenhaus@gmail.com), who is enjoying her and **Edwin '50's** expanding family. "Three daughters, six grandchildren, and seven (soon to be eight) great-grandchildren!" **Evelyn "Chris" Hoffmann Huffman** (Kansas City, MO) was "decluttering with great difficulty. The desperate attempt to get organized goes on and on. My desk is a pile of 'stuff.'" Sound familiar? Chris had been "seeking cooler weather on an island off the coast of Denmark. KC is very hot, especially this year." She planned to return to that island or any other island that's cool. She also planned to try a West Coast island last August and would welcome suggestions from any of you on cool islands. Chris's P.S. was, "How come the dues go to Iowa?" Anyone know?

In March, **Jean Brown Craig** (Gwynedd, PA; jeno1020@aol.com) wrote that she was "looking forward to family parties—wedding, advanced degrees, etc."—and that she was getting over a broken hip. In September, I learned from her daughter, Pam, that for three months Jean had fought an aggressive kidney and then lung cancer. Jean is, as of mid-October, at home at Foulke-ways at Gwynedd in palliative care.

Among students in recent Cornell's Adult University classes were **Charles Rodin**, **Nancy Radick** Lynk, and **Harold Tanner** at the Mohonk Mountain House conference on the 2018 midterm elections; **Shirley Sagen** Norton in the Ithaca class on the astronomical disc; **William Bain**, who was abroad in India; and **Judy Calhoun Schurman**, who sailed the Adriatic.

In late summer, **Stephen Tauber** e-mailed, "On August 18, the First Unitarian Universalist Society presented a chimes concert in Newton, MA. Of the four chimers (that's how they refer to themselves), three are Cornellians: **Robert Feldman '66**, PhD '75, **Catherine Jordan Longley-Cook '03**, MAT '05, and **Scott Silverstein '08**.

Nobel-prize-winning research during your graduate student days is being taught in seventh grade; your grandson asks why the sound on the landline is called a dial tone; the oldest member of the US Senate is younger than you are." Any additions from you? ♦ **Joan Boffa Gaul**, joangaul@mac.com. Class website, <http://www.classof52.alumni.cornell.edu>.

53 Longtime class correspondent **Jim Hanchett** is experiencing health issues, so a team of four classmates has volunteered to edit the class column. E-mail your news to 53news.cornell@gmail.com or contact any of the people listed at the end of this column.

I'm impressed to hear from **Roberta "Bobbie" Pesner Becker** (ogorbecker@aol.com) that after spending five weeks caring for three great-grandchildren, ages 5, 7, and 8, she is still "doing very well! I found amazing libraries and a shady playground," she reports, "and the kids dubbed my baked chicken 'amazing!' What more could I ask?" Regular Tai Chi for the past 11 years is one activity that keeps her fit. **Janice Button-Shafer** (jbuttonshafer@gmail.com), the second woman to receive Cornell's Engineering Physics degree, is delighted to report three generations of women physicists in her family. "My daughter, Christina, has been doing 'space physics' (our solar system) research at Caltech since 1996, and one of her daughters is majoring in physics at Washington U. in St. Louis." Janice has written a book, *Defying Death: My Twin Son's Lengthy Battle with Cancer*, about the battle her son **Charles '92** has fought against cancers of the head and throat, which have challenged him throughout most of his successful mechanical engineering career.

Ruth Burns Cowan (ruthcowan@aol.com) brings us up to date on her project as executive producer of the documentary film *Tribal Justice*. The film follows the work of two Tribal Court Chief Judges in California as they develop justice systems reflecting tribal values. "In the West justice means punishment," observes Ruth, "but in these courts justice means wellness—both for the people who have been injured and for those who have caused the injuries." Ruth was on hand for a November showing of the film at the Museum of the American Indian in D.C. The *Wall Street Journal* calls it "a lovely, bittersweet film about an intensely delicate subject." It is available on Google Play or as a download from the Apple App Store.

Bob Neff, JD '56's (princetoneff@aol.com) historical novel, *Uber Alles*, was featured at the American Library Assn.'s annual meeting in 2017. Now available from Amazon in paperback or Kindle formats, the book has been called "a riveting historical narrative" and "a testament to the life-affirming power and beauty of music." In his seven years on the Hill, Bob studied engineering, political science, and law, and his writing reflects a lifelong interest in writing, drawing, and jazz piano. He reports that his next book, a sequel titled *After All*, is nearing completion. **Joan Schultz** Petroske (joanpet36@optonline.com) reports a move from Manorville, NY, to Stony Brook, NY. Illness and hospitalization prevented her from attending Reunion.

Vic Wintriss (vic@wintrisstech.org) is the founder and chairman of the League of Amazing Programmers, a not-for-profit institution teaching the programming language Java to students from fifth grade through high school. More than 400 kids in his home city of San Diego attend weekly after-school classes in a long-term curriculum that can lead to professional certification. Vic reports, "Several grads have gone on to Cornell to study computer science." With a mission of "igniting young minds through programming," the organization welcomes volunteers and encourages other cities to copy its model. For more info, go to www.jointheleague.com. We received a letter from **Liren Zheng, PhD '97**, the Wason curator at the university's Kroch Library, thanking us for the Class of '53 Library Endowment funds used to purchase a significant volume about Confucius, one of East Asia's most widely revered historical figures. Entitled *Concise Companion to Confucius*, the book is edited by Prof. Paul Goldin of the U. of Pennsylvania and curates teachings from a team of distinguished scholars.

And now for an introduction to your new '53 class correspondents: **Jack Allen**, PhD '66 (jwallen@msu.edu) majored in Agricultural Economics and also holds MA and PhD degrees from Cornell. He directed marketing at the American Meat Inst. before joining the marketing faculty at Michigan State U.'s School of Business. As an emeritus professor, he joined MSU's USAID marketing team assisting small-scale vegetable growers in Latin America, Africa, and India. His wife, **Linda (Cone) '58**, graduated from the School of Hotel Administration and completed an MS in economics and doctoral coursework in management at Michigan State. **Jack Brophy** (johnbrophy@aol.com) applied his Mechanical Engineering knowledge working in heating and hospital equipment sales, selling his company in 2006. Married to the former Martine Maudet, a native of Cannes, he has lived in New Canaan, CT, for 25 years and is currently the facilitator of the library's memoir workshop. In 2001, Jack was instrumental in reviving the original Cayuga's Waiters of the Fifties, and the group performed annually at Reunions for 15 years until retiring in 2018. **Dick Halberstadt** (trh47@cornell.edu) is an Engineering Physics grad who earned a PhD in math at the U. of Cincinnati. Dick spent his career at Procter & Gamble. A lifetime resident of Cincinnati, he is married to **Peg (Jones) '56**. He has written and published an entertaining book, *The Adventures of the Cousins*, a collection of fantasies in which the main characters are his grandchildren and their new friend: a 16,000-pound dragon. **Caroline Mulford** Owens

(53news.cornell@gmail.com) is an A&S graduate who started her career in the advertising department of DuPont, took a break to establish a family, then followed an entrepreneurial route, building her own corporate communications company. Retiring in 2000, she and her late husband, Jim, a Yale, relocated from Westport, CT, to the shores of Sunset Lake in southern New Jersey. Please send your news to: ♦ **Caroline Mulford** Owens, 53news.cornell@gmail.com; **Dick Halberstadt**, trh47@cornell.edu; **Jack Brophy**, johnbrophy@aol.com; or **Jack Allen**, jwallen@msu.edu.

54 You've saved the date—June 6-9. You've made your hotel reservations at the Statler, which is class headquarters. Reunion details will be arriving in your mail this month. Now it's just five short months until the big event, our 65th Reunion. Why not take this time to contact old friends to see if they are coming and to encourage them if they're on the fence? Go to cornellconnect.cornell.edu to find classmate connections, and while you're there, update your own personal information and e-mail preferences. Problems? Call (607) 254-7013. And remember, your class website (www.classof54.alumni.cornell.edu) has complete, up-to-date Reunion information. Looking forward to seeing you in June!

"Not a lot has changed in the last years, though the family has been growing," says **Sandy Dreier** Kozinn (skozinn@optonline.net). "My 11 grandchildren have swelled to 17 with the addition of spouses among the older ones, and those married have expanded my joy with 19 great-grandchildren, all in Israel. I do try to visit annually, and spend the rest of the year memorizing names!"

Bob Lynk, DVM '61, writes that he and his wife, **Nancy (Radick) '52**, were looking forward to once again attending CAU's pre-election seminar at Mohonk (lower Hudson Valley in New York State), November 2-4, 2018. "**Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76**, has been conducting this seminar for many elections. I have been retired since

1998 (Delmar Animal Hospital) and am enjoying retirement. I have been doing watercolors and framing them since 1994 (www.robertlynk.com). I also take care of tickets for Cornell/RPI hockey here in Troy, NY, since 1986. I still bowl a couple times a week—of note, after a 19-year hiatus, last March 2018 at 85 years, four months, and three days, I bowled another 300 game. I would recommend joining a senior bowling league wherever you are. Conditions are great since smoking was eliminated several years ago. Bowling provides a great weekly activity—besides, we need more bowlers."

Anita Zicht Fial retired from her public relations agency about five years ago and is now living happily in New York City. "I've not only done some of the traveling I was not able to do when I was working, but happily find Manhattan to be a retiree's paradise—easy to get to theater, concerts, ballet, and more. And I love seeing my kids and grandkids more often. Life is better than I expected when I finally left my business. Hopefully good health will continue." **Evan Charney** (echarney@msn.com) says he's happily retired after "40 wonderful years" in pediatrics. He's now a full-time printmaker. To see some of his lovely work, go to: <https://evansart.smugmug.com>.

Hugh Schwartz (hughschwartz@aol.com) reports, "I recently finished writing *Producer and Organizational Decision-Making: Is Behavioral Economics Losing Its Way?* (My answer is yes, as evidenced by the fact that most of the enterprises of Jeff Bezos, Elon Musk, and Steve Jobs have not reflected the findings of behavioral economics, nor have those of many other producers and numerous organizations.)" The first person Hugh met on the Hill was **John Johnson**, who became one of his freshman-year roommates. If he had a day in Ithaca, Hugh would walk around campus to admire all the changes since 1950. He adds that his daughter, Laura, and her family are still in Sydney, Australia, where she is a nurse practitioner, her husband is an astrophysicist, and their son looks forward to starting kindergarten. Son Frederick is completing a course in Durham, NC, as a dental technician. "Maria Rosa, my wife, is a Uruguayan, retired from the World Bank, who is somehow managing to keep us all together." ♦ **Les Papenfus** Reed, lesliejreed@me.com. Class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu>. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

55 Well, here I am, settled in Portland, ME . . . and I like it very much! I moved here last spring so I have yet to deal with the winter weather, but I live in a cozy 55-plus community that suits me fine. Proximity to the water, a vibrant downtown, a gas fireplace, lobster, and someone else to shovel the snow were definite plus factors. My middle daughter, **Joanna Morris** Brinker '86, who's been a Mainer for 20-plus years, lives just a few miles away with her two girls, so I was encouraged by her positive reports. I trust that global warming will reach us, but I'll have to wait and see.

Now on to the mailbag. **David Berler**, MD '58, retired from medical practice and teaching in June of last year and is enjoying traveling, summers in Martha's Vineyard, family, golf, and tennis. Looking back, he remembers that the first person he met at Cornell was **David Hyman**. When asked, "What would you do if you had a day in Ithaca now?" he said he'd like to "walk the campus with my freshman granddaughter," who's studying in the Arts college and loves it, according to her grandfather. **Diane Rubinger** Roland reports that "retirement is lovely and busy." She's working on the library committee at Vi at La Jolla Village, playing bridge, and going to the theater. A recent milestone was "celebrating my 85th birthday with all the family and some friends."

Donald Huene is still working as an orthopedic surgeon, doing consultations, and also racing thoroughbreds. In fact, "A horse in which I have an interest won a Grade 1 \$400,000 race!" Now widowed since his wife, **Annette (Spittal) '56**, died, Don keeps busy with 14 grandchildren. "I'm doing exactly what I want and being able to select the options that interest me most." **Joe Silverman** has been doing forensic psychiatry for the past seven years. He and Patricia relocated and downsized a year ago and are now living in a senior retirement village. Speaking of early friendships, the first person Joe met at Cornell was **Jules Weiss**, whom he remembers fondly. Joe enjoys keeping up with **Bob Tischler**, **Ginnie Robinson** Pumphrey, **Margy Doorty** Kerr Richenburg, **Dick Frank**, **Clive Usiskin**, and others. If Joe had a day in Ithaca, he'd visit his grandson, **Will Silverman '21**, whose parents are both alums, Class of '86 and '87. **Nancy Eisenberg** Grabow has relocated to New Jersey, where she'd like to connect with Cornellians in the area. She met **Fletcher Hock '53** at a Christmas party last year, and also passed on the unexpected sad news of **Axel Hochkoepler's** death.

We received a gracious letter from undergrad **Andrew Snyder '20**, who wrote, "I want to thank you all for the 50th Reunion scholarship from the Class of 1955. I am only the second person in my family to go to college, so it is appreciated. I decided to come to Cornell because of the many opportunities and unique experiences available here. I am interested in literature and English, and have been able to take many interesting courses, and I know a degree from here can go a long way. Someday I would like to work for the government or a news agency and make a difference in the world. Compared to the average Cornell student, my family is not that well off. This scholarship will help me pursue my academic interests and hopefully my long-term employment goals. Thank you again." It's so rewarding to know that we can help support these deserving young students.

Barbara Balsam Brown's first acquaintance on campus was **Helene Gellen Fried**. She also remembers making the acquaintance of **Len Brown** (a meaningful meeting for sure!) and **Lenny Zucker '54**. Her ideal day in Ithaca would include seeing the changes on campus, and she'd particularly like to check out Riskey. The first person I met freshman year was **Vera Steiner Simon**, who lived several doors down on my corridor in Dickson V. We immediately bonded on that first day, probably based on our love of Cornell songs and shared sense of humor. Vera had an interesting past, having been born in the Netherlands, and could speak fluent Dutch. When Germans marched through her home town during WWII, she remembered throwing stones at them. At Cornell, she played both field hockey and the ukulele. She and her future husband, **Joe**, became key figures in a fun-loving and trouble-making group on campus that included **Ralph deStefano** and **Len Oniskey**, among other questionable characters. Vera and Joe were proud that their daughter, **Leslie Simon Knibb '85**, and three sons, **Joe Simon '80**, **Wally Simon '82**, and **Ernie Simon '89**, chose Cornell. Also following family tradition are their grandchildren **Caroline Simon '14**, **Peter Simon '17**, **Taylor Knibb '20**, and **Jack Knibb '22**. Happy New Year! ❖ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancysavagepetrie@yahoo.com. Class website, classof55.alumni.cornell.edu.

56 From **Joe Henninger**, MBA '58 (Akron, OH): "As most of you know, we lost our beloved class president, **Ernie Stern**, on September 2, 2018. Words cannot define what Ernie meant to Cornell and to our class. The Class of '56 received many accolades over the decades. Ernie was instrumental in bringing about all of these. More importantly, he was an outstanding classmate, always happy to greet you with a smile and with concern about what was going on with your life. At our last Reunion in 2016, Ernie introduced the position of executive vice president for our class. I was honored to be chosen for this position, not expecting that Ernie would not be with us at our next Reunion in 2021. With your support and assistance, we will march on to our 65th. I have received many inquiries as to how we can honor Ernie's legacy in the foreseeable future. If you have any suggestions, please let me know at joesuehenn@aol.com."

Ralph Shapiro, MNS '57, retired and is spending half the year in Maine and the other half in NYC. He's learning piano jazz improvisation—a full-time job, he says. "Life is good." **Sharon Lee Babat** (Delray Beach, FL) retired from teaching in New Rochelle, NY, and volunteers reading at a school in Delray Beach. **Pat Brodie** and her husband of five years, **Ernie**, are living in Brookhaven, a retirement community in Lexington, MA, enjoying a very full life of new and old friends, concerts, lectures, bridge, etc. **Oliver**

Lednicer (Mount Kisco, NY) is a mediator for the New York Supreme Court commercial division.

Gordon Brown (Pittsford, NY) spends three summer months at their vacation home on Lake Memphremagog, Quebec. **Norma Leindenberg** MacLellan has moved from Hendersonville, NC, to Queenstown, MD, to be closer to her daughter. **Herbert Needleman** has been the town justice in Richmondville, NY, since 1985. **Allen Unger** (NYC) is still in the active practice of cardiology. He recently lectured to an international group of physicians on an update in atherosclerosis. **Barbara Rapoport** reported that she was on her annual visit in Paris.

Betsy Jennings Rutledge (Wilmette, IL) is actively involved with real estate investments as well as private investments. She sees her family, which now includes two great-grandchildren, often. **Judith York** Newman (NYC) arranged the display of architect Paul Rudolph's work at her gallery, Spaced: Gallery of Architecture. **Douglas Parker**, LLB '58, is now living in Ojai, CA. He has published a political commentary blog since 2013, RINOCracy.com, which has been described as a haven for Republicans in exile. **Charles Dorman** (Austin, TX) is in his seventh year teaching religious education to fourth graders. He recently went on a family cruise to Alaska—a nice break from the 45 days of over 100 degrees in Austin this past summer.

Bob Seidenberg and his wife, **Arlene (Sacks) '61**, met **Fred Stafford** and **Gerry Kleinbaum**, JD '58, for lunch at the Cornell Club. Also at the lunch was fellow Kappa Nu **Don Reiner**, who, I am sad to report, passed away suddenly later last year. I am also sad to report the death of our classmate **Chuck Rolles** (Carbondale, CO), who passed away in Aspen. He was a noted restaurateur, Cornell basketball star, and captain who held many scoring records. There have been memorials here in NYC for our **Steve Kittenplan** and **Bob Silman**, which I will report on in the next column. ❖ **Phyllis Bosworth**, Phylboz@aol.com.

57 There was quite a contingent of classmates at the memorial service for **Phil McIndoo** in September. Our president, **Betty Starr** King (who drove up from D.C.), sent word that **Ed** and **Adelaide Russell Vant** drove from northern New Jersey to the military cemetery near Princeton; **Bert Grunert** DeVries, **Dori Goudsmit** Albert, **Bill** and **Jan Charles Lutz** (just back from three weeks in Italy), **Stu Mackay** (flew in from Tucson), and **Kate Freyer**, our longtime class advisor, were also in attendance. The flag was folded and the bagpipes flared, and all agreed that Phil would have loved it.

Judy Richter Levy, LLB '59, survived a boat ride with **Tom** and **Shirley Besemer Itin**, BS '00, in front of their lakefront home in Orchard Lake, MI, although the outcome was in doubt for a while as Captain Tom tested the limits of the equipment and passengers as the swans that normally use the lake as a playground went inland for the afternoon. They attended the Michigan-Wisconsin football game the next day.

Sam Leadley, PhD '67, is enjoying slowing down, working part time as a dairy calf management consultant in Attica, NY. He and Esther have been in their retirement home for 34 years, surely a record of some sort. Four sons and 11 grandchildren, in addition to many community involvements, are keeping them both busy. **Bob Chatterton**, PhD '63, has retired from the faculty of the Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine, leaving Chicago in the winter months for a more suitable Ft. Lauderdale climate. **Paul Graf** "quietly" retired from Bangkok to Longmont, CO, 50 miles from Denver, and is enjoying the cultural offerings of the many universities in the region.

Bob Watts is "seriously practicing" retirement, but also involved in numerous activities in Portsmouth, RI, including serving on the board of the Appalachian Mountain Club's Trail Crew Assoc., a group for which Bob worked in summers during his Cornell years. **Lee Cornaire**, residing in his hometown of Bath, NY, regularly takes his four cats to two more-recent-than-'57 Cornell vets, **Sue Cole** Farmer, **DVM '85**, and **Guy Hammond '83**. On a social note, **Stephen de Got** and his wife separated about two years ago, and after some thought, he upgraded to divorce. He still runs a small securities broker dealer operation, headquartered in NYC.

On a personal note, your correspondent recently visited **Peter** and **Ann Blauvelt** as they were in the process of moving into a retirement complex outside Rochester, NY. They will keep their wonderful house on the shore of Lake Ontario for weekends and summers. ❖ **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

58 **Mary Moragne Cooke** sends news from Hawaii. She and her late husband, **Sam '59**, established Manoa Heritage Center in 1996. "It includes the only intact heiau (Hawaiian temple of worship) in Honolulu, surrounded by an outstanding native Hawaiian garden with many endangered plants, and our home, Kaulii, built in 1911 by Sam's grandparents. Recently we have completed a \$5 million visitor center for MHC and had the grand opening in April 2018. We are busy selling Sam's book, which is available online at manoaheritagecenter.org. It's a wonderful history of Hawaii as seen by the artists who came here, starting with Capt. James Cook, who discovered Hawaii in 1778."

Betty Fong-Zuzolo has retired from teaching, but still does some research with the physicists at CCNY. She also spends time at their house in Mt. Vernon, NY, especially in the garden. She writes, "Time is also spent with former students from NYU and CCNY at lunches and dinners, if they are located nearby. Many are professionals (MDs, DDSs, lawyers), and others are professors, CEOs, and researchers. We have 12 grand-nieces and nephews!" **Barbara Shelley** Cook is volunteering in church and the school library. She has three wonderful grandkids and would love to see any of her old Cornell friends. She lives in Lawrence, KS.

Herbert Goldman is busy in retirement dealing with paperwork of all kinds and starting to search for old long-lost friends. His family consists of two daughters, both MDs, a son with a PhD in evolutionary biology, and two grandkids. He writes, "I am starting to organize my life post-retirement to write earthshaking medical and political articles!" **Gerald Freedman** is busy investing in stocks and real estate. He does a lot of sculpting (clay and bronze) as well as biking, swimming, sailing, and golf. His travels include China, Alaska, India, and the Northwest Passage.

Bob Mayer keeps busy with golf, gardening, bridge, travel, grandchildren, wine, and senior audit courses at Penn. He had a great trip to the Balkans and Sicily last fall and spent a wonderful, fun time with **Bob '57** and **Audie Bard Bayer '59** last year in Asheville, NC. **Philip Getter** is planning on attending our 65th Reunion since he couldn't attend our 60th, as he went to his wife's 50th at Brandeis. He is busy with the theater and the arts and would love to be producing more Broadway shows and doing more traveling. **Woody Bliss** retired 25 years ago and continues to play a lot of bridge—he just made Life Master! He has been elected police commissioner in Weston, CT. He would love to see **Bill Bynum**.

Bob Hendricks, PhD '64, was still working at the time of this writing as a professor of materials science and

engineering at Virginia Tech, but he planned to retire at the end of 2018. He says, "It has been a great ride with 17 years in basic research at Oak Ridge National Lab, six years as a product manager in a high-tech startup (gaining an MBA along the way), and now 32 years on the faculty at VT. Science and research have been very good to Delores and me over the past 55 years, and in retirement we will move to Brooksbury Retirement Community in Peabody, MA, to be near our daughter and her family. This will be a major change in our lives and we hope to spend more time with my photography!" Send news to: ❖ **Janet Arps Jarvie**, janjarvie@gmail.com; **Dick Haggard**, richardhaggard11@gmail.com.

59 Steve Douglas, MD '63, professor of pediatrics at the U. of Pennsylvania's Perelman School of Medicine and chief of the immunology section at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), was honored in October with the bestowal of the Herman and Gertrude Silver Award, presented annually to individuals who have made significant contributions in the field of pediatric HIV and AIDS. In conjunction with the award, Steve presented the 2018 Silver lecture, "HIV/AIDS 2018 Virology and Immunology: Toward Durable Success," at CHOP on the current state of pediatric HIV/AIDS research and treatment. Since 1980, Steve has served in many leadership positions at Penn and CHOP. He is the author or coauthor on more than 500 publications, and the recipient of numerous awards. In 2017, CHOP held the Dr. Steven D. Douglas Symposium on Primary and Secondary Immunodeficiencies in his honor. Currently, the main focus of the research by Steve and his group is the investigation of the interaction between HIV, white blood cells, and molecules used by nerve cells to communicate with one another. "While many challenges remain, significant advances have been made in the 35 years since research began on pediatric HIV/AIDS. Using very powerful antiretroviral drugs, the transmission of HIV from mother to baby can be eliminated, and treatment with antiviral drugs can prevent new infections. Durable success is a goal that we hope to achieve by the identification, treatment, and virtual suppression of HIV," he says.

Alan Schechter, who also is still fully active in medical research, at NIH in Bethesda, MD, notes that Steve Douglas was the only classmate that he knew moderately well before they matriculated at Cornell. "Fortunately, in the last year or two we have resumed our friendship, which had been limited by being in different cities and in different fields." **Katy Boynton Payne**, renowned for her studies of humpback whale songs, is providing inspiration for Cornell composers. On October 19, "Cetus: Life After Life," a new composition by Music department senior lecturer Annie Lewandowski that integrates whales' voices with the Cornell Chimes, was performed from the top of McGraw Tower. Meanwhile, some three years ago Katy started learning to make violins as a student of Ithaca luthier Dylan Race. She has completed her first instrument and is into the second. She loves this new rhythmic, sweet-smelling amateur life! Her eight grandchildren, ages 5 through 25, all play string instruments at varying levels of competence, as do their parents.

The September 2018 *Reader's Digest* includes a harrowing yet inspiring story about a car crash in the mountains of Colorado that left a young woman in a coma—functionally decapitated as well as suffering from multiple fractures, bruises, and damage to major arteries. She soon came under the care of **Phil Yarnell**, a trauma neurologist since 1967, who helped see her through six months in hospitals before she moved back to her family's

home. The article comments: "The brain is a remarkable thing, Dr. Yarnell often says. If you keep exercising it, it can find all sorts of ways to work around its problems." Phil is cutting back on his practice, and informed us that **Abe Lieberman**, a nationally acclaimed neurologist specializing in Parkinson's disease, is retiring. Notes Phil: "We went to NYU Medical School together and trained at NYU-Bellevue in neurology. Abe has had a distinguished career at NYU, the U. of Miami, and the Barrows Neurological Inst. At the latter, he led the Muhammad Ali Center for many years, treating Parkinson's patients and furthering neurological knowledge."

"Abe was my freshman U-Hall neighbor," recalls **Ron Demer**. "We both worked for our meals at Alpha Delta Phi during our sophomore, junior, and senior years. I waited tables, he had the dirty job of scrubbing pots and pans, and we both were fed by Mrs. Greene, the cook who ran the kitchen with an iron hand. Abe's job could be done on his own schedule, so he was often in the kitchen at odd hours, which led to a lot of interaction with the brothers." Alpha Delt **Stan Lomax**, JD '62, says: "When I recall my Cornell experience, most of it centers around the fraternity and the ultra-fine people who inhabited the kitchen. Lots of deep conversations about anything. Many great times, and more real learning than in many of my classes."

Ron continues: "I last saw Abe in 1959 during senior week at Cornell, when we ran into each other at the granite bench at the top of Libe Slope that bears the inscription 'TO ALL LOVERS OF NATURE' and two lines of the 'Evening Song'; it is my favorite place on campus." In a recent e-mail, Abe told Ron that he and Ina have been married for 53 years. They have four children and ten grandchildren—the oldest a recent graduate from the U. of Colorado, the youngest in kindergarten.

As you prepare to attend our 60th Reunion (June 6-9) and consider a contribution to the university, don't forget the Class of '59 Scholarship Fund, whose book value in October was more than \$367,000. Since its 2004 inception, it has provided moneys to students for periods of two to four years each. This year, for the first time, we are able to help two students: **Jackson Booth '21** and **Ethan Kue '22**. BTW: class headquarters and lodgings for our 60th will be at Mews Hall, one of the newest residential buildings on campus, adjacent to the Appel Commons Community Center on North Campus. ❖ **Jenny Tesar**, jetesar@sbcglobal.net.

60 Bob Bell reports from Illinois, "I celebrated my 80th birthday with two big gatherings. The first was with friends at Olbrich Botanical Gardens in Madison, WI, where we have a house overlooking Lake Monona. The second was with family and friends at the historical museum in Oak Park, the town where we have lived since 1963. To celebrate in Madison, we did a mini-triathlon with friends and neighbors; in Oak Park we played pickleball. Travel highlights in 2018 have included a sibling reunion in Vail, an August trip to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, and an October week in Washington, DC, to do my 74th and last marathon with family members and friends. I am still in the architectural design business and do not plan to retire completely. For the last 14 years, I have also been a ski and snowboard instructor at Cascade Mountain in Portage, WI. I get great satisfaction from life with my wife, Ellie, our six kids, their spouses and partners, our 15 grandkids, friends, and neighbors."

"Upon reaching the age of 80 recently," says **Don Frei**, "my wife and I decided to retire from Wood Herron & Evans, an intellectual property law firm where I practiced since

graduating from Georgetown Law School in 1965. We have left Cincinnati and are now living in Lake Tahoe, NV, enjoying skiing, boating, and other activities." Another classmate who has left the workforce is **Walter Williamson**, who reports, "My wife, Karen, and I retired in summer 2017, she from the faculty at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai, me from the practice of law. We've had a great year—biking in the Dolomites last September, traveling in Andalusia in April and May, and otherwise spending time in our Columbia County home and our Manhattan apartment. We're still in vacation mode, but getting ready to settle down." Wally also planned to attend the Class of 1960 lunch at Sardi's that was held in October.

Those classmates still working full time include **James DeGroff**, MBA '61, who founded and continues as managing partner at Formulator Software, whose audience includes chemists and food technologists. "I'm still active on a daily basis," says Jim, "working with clients and prospects. Since our contacts are mostly by phone or internet, I can easily do my part with key accounts. My activities working with a wide range of technical formulators give me great satisfaction. My daughter Carolyn is the technical director, and grandson Mark is one of our support engineers. I don't travel much anymore, leaving that up to our staff. We also own real estate that I manage, though I would like to sell it and take more time for our family. With four grown children and eight grandchildren, Susan and I have an active family life. Luckily most of them live nearby here in New Jersey." The DeGroffs enjoy their lives in Clinton, NJ, which Jim describes as "a great community." Another classmate still professionally involved is **Linda Karp Blumenthal**, MS '61, of Columbus, OH. Although she retired from McGraw-Hill 15 years ago, she has been a freelance writer of science textbooks since then and admits, "I'm still working full time. Sadly, my husband, **Saul '57**, PhD '62, passed away suddenly in March. Although our three children and seven grandchildren are scattered around the country, they are all doing well."

Writing from Altadena, CA, **Faith Jackson** says, "I've been retired since 2014, but still find myself very busy using skills garnered in many years as a medical social worker and administrator at Kaiser Permanente Hospice. I have two teenaged grandsons and a daughter working on a PhD in special needs and employed as a teacher, all of them in Santa Cruz. I also do some pet-sitting (my veterinary interests having begun at Cornell in pre-vet studies) and caregiving, and I lead support groups in bereavement and spiritual journeys. Looking back, I'm amazed at all the trickle down from my Cornell years into my service, community, and outlook on life. Thank you to **Walfred Anderson, PhD '29**, and **Morris Bishop 1914**, PhD '26, in particular, and to Cornell for teaching me tolerance, generosity, and the ability to be a Democrat sharing a condo with a Republican!"

Sad news of the death of **Samuel Bodman** on September 7 in El Paso, TX, was announced by several major newspapers and former President George W. Bush, in whose cabinet he served as Secretary of Energy for four years; before that he was Deputy Secretary of both the Commerce and Treasury departments. Noteworthy is that during his time at Energy, Sam urged the White House to take stronger action to combat global warming, confident that climate change was largely human-induced; unfortunately, his advice was not pursued. Prior to his government service, having earned his PhD in chemical engineering at MIT, Sam was a professor there, moving on to leadership positions such as president and COO

of Fidelity Investments, then chairman and CEO of the Cabot Corp. Predeceased many years ago by his first wife, **Elizabeth (Little) '61**, Sam is survived by his wife, Diane, three children, two step-children, and numerous grandchildren. Send your news to: ❖ **Judy Bryant Wittenberg**, jw275@cornell.edu.

61 Scanning the input from all of you, there is a recurrent theme that seems associated with our traditional residences—namely, “downsizing.” We seem to recognize the labor for maintenance is getting out of hand, as well as facing a lifetime of accumulations that have lost their meaning. Perhaps we really don’t need to hang on to the kids’ homework from elementary school. We begin to focus on smaller, more efficient residences, with or without care facilities, and geography that puts us closer to our family roots.

Recently our class webmaster, **Larry Wheeler**, wrote, “As some of you may already be aware, we sold our house in Houston and have relocated to the Texas Hill Country. We are building a house in San Marcos, TX, in the Kissing Tree 55-plus development, and we will be residing in our condo on the Comal River in New Braunfels until the new house is completed. There were a number of reasons for the move, but we guess the main reason was a need for a new adventure. We probably also got pushed from last year’s Hurricane Harvey and the increasing traffic congestion in the big city. Our son and his family relocated from Houston to Brenham, TX, recently, so there was not much holding us in Houston.” Larry’s thoughts are similar to others’ in similar situations who have commented, and in a future column I may report on our own efforts to simplify our lives. At present, Susan and I are still in the “getting rid of stuff” phase. More to follow.

Barbara Braun writes, “Here’s an announcement of my solo show of 26 paintings at NYU’s Kimmel Galleries, ‘Reflections in Oil: Works by Barbara Braun,’ from October 4, 2018 to January 27, 2019.” From the press release for the exposition: “Braun, who majored in English Literature and minored in Art History at Cornell, is an art historian (PhD, Columbia 1977), author, and literary agent. She rediscovered an early love of painting eight years ago. Since then she has taken a variety of courses and workshops, focusing her work on abstract oil painting, and has exhibited often in Woodstock, NY, where she has a home. Her basic inclination is toward expressionist abstraction, incorporating figures and elements from the human and natural worlds. She is also keenly aware of current events, and finds herself drawn to abstract evocations of the plight of refugees and of African American men confronted by the police. This is her New York debut.”

A note also from **Edwin Burmeister**, MA '62: “A bit unusual, but I am an emeritus professor at two universities, research professor of economics emeritus at Duke U. and commonwealth professor of economics emeritus at the U. of Virginia. My wife, Marjorie McElroy, is still full-time, teaching and doing research at Duke. Her primary interest is in quantitative research using econometric methods. My spare time is now spent on two things. First, showing my golden retriever, Abby, in American Kennel Club conformation dog shows. She is now more than halfway toward winning her American Kennel Club Championship status. Secondly, I am constructing and enjoying the sound from a very high-end sound system with primarily McIntosh equipment. It has been a challenge to get everything working, including the streaming of extremely high-quality audio files. And

yes, I have reluctantly concluded that vinyl does indeed sound better—much cleaner than CDs, etc.”

Madeleine Fried Grossman wrote that she and **Ed '59**, along with classmates **Lewis**, MD '65, and **Anne Klein Rothman**, had a great trip to Australia last spring. “We are delighted to have two grandchildren in the Class of '21,” she writes. Setting a fast pace this past year, **John Sargent**, ME '67, and wife Laurie traveled to Japan (a Cornell trip), Italy (independent travel hooking up with a Cornell trip to Apulia, Italy), the Galápagos, and the Peruvian Andes, and recently to Scotland, Paris, Reims, Burgundy, and Alsace. In addition to their travels, John writes that he is doing ongoing research into mathematical modeling of the impact of hemodialysis treatment, which was recently published in an article (September

and vak-pak local foods for freezer meal kits that can be made locally by teens, retirees, and food pantry clients. I have developed the PowerPoint training materials to share, so healthy meals can be made from unsold local farm foods. Millions of pounds do not have a local processing market focused on freezing and vak-pak'n in spite of the fact that meat has been frozen and vak-pak'd since the 1960s. A memory of a meat processing class at Cornell inspired me to do vegetarian meals.” Anna lives in Kinderhook, NY. If she had a day in Ithaca, she would do a presentation to a Cornell class to teach students to do food processor HACCP plans, as well as to a class for folks in downtown Ithaca.

Pat Dunn Peck (patpeck2@verizon.net) of Sarasota Springs, NY, just completed the Camino de Santiago from

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EDWIN BURMEISTER '61

2018) on acid-base issues and optimization during dialysis treatment.

Lastly, a note from **Jay Treadwell**, Reunion co-chair at our 55th: “I have had a rather rare form of brain cancer for the last three years and, though it has taken me close to those three years to retire, I have managed to keep going. More and more of my time had been spent in visiting various medical offices and hospitals, but now the good news. While the cancer had spread from the brain to the lungs, it, under the miracle of immunotherapy, has been reduced 30 percent, so it looks like I will be able to help Cornell a little longer. When I was in the middle of this treatment I resolved to set goals one at a time and they have been compartmentalized thusly: go to Peggy’s family reunion in Point Clear, AL (now done); reach my 80th birthday (almost done); travel to Vermont to see friends; travel to the West Coast to see friends; go on a Scandinavian cruise; and don’t get out too far ahead of myself.”

Remember us in your thoughts. Your classmates want to hear from you. E-mails are quick and easy. Susan will produce the next edition in two months. Send us your news. ❖ **Doug Fuss**, dougout@attglobal.net; **Susan Williams** Stevens, sastevens61@gmail.com.

62 Happy 2019! Jan and **Marc Gerber** (marcjang@aol.com) retired to Naples, FL, in 2009. “We thought we would play golf and tennis, but shortly after moving here I discovered how much music was here with opportunities to play my trumpet. I hadn’t played my horn since the mid '90s. I was invited to a Dixieland jam session one Tuesday morning. That has mushroomed into a life of music, crowding out the golf and tennis. I play on average more than ten times a week in Dixieland bands, a '40s big band, and assorted dance bands, and in a military band. I am loving my dream. The Big Red Band was a huge part of my life at Cornell. We have two daughters and five grandchildren. One grandson is at Cornell studying Civil Engineering like his grandpa. His younger sister hopes to attend Cornell next year. My family and my music give me great satisfaction.”

From **Anna Boese** Dawson (hometownfoods12106@gmail.com): “I have been using my 1,400-sq.-ft. NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets-inspected kitchen to freeze

Tui to Santiago, Spain: “90 miles of walking up hills and down, along streams, through wooded areas and small hamlets and cities, in six days!” Pat is doing a lot of volunteer work, primarily with genealogy and history groups and 4-H, and enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, two sets of twins aged 6 and 9. When **Jim Dierks** (dierks66@frontiernet.net) and **Skip Wilder** were talking at our 40th Reunion, they discovered they both found relief from northern winters on Longboat Key, FL. Fast forward some years and Skip found fellow '62 Mechanical Engineer **Bill Kobernusz**, ME '64, lurking in the area, too. Then it was Jim’s turn: visiting the Mote Marine Aquarium he recognized another '62 ME, **Mike Bommer**. “Must have been something in their studies at Upson Hall that drove all of us to the same part of the Sunshine State. The guys get together from time to time for lunch and try not to talk about prelims!”

Jane Brody Engquist (janeengquist@juno.com) writes, “I’m more than delighted to report that my twin grandsons, **Tomas Engquist '22** and **Stefan Engquist '22**, are continuing a three-generation Cornell legacy (grandma Jane and great-grandpa **Sidney Brody '31**), Tomas in A&S and Stefan in ILR. I came to Ithaca in August to help them move into their freshman digs. What luxurious accommodations! Almost enticed me to return to college, though I’m still writing the weekly “Personal Health” column in the *New York Times*. My column on getting the right amount of sleep to succeed in college ran the same mid-August week and went viral among families of incoming freshmen throughout the country!”

Enjoying Cornell’s Adult University classes in Ithaca last summer were **Robert '60**, MS '66, and **Helen Tintle McAfos**, who studied 1968, and **Samuel '61**, MD '66, and **Judith Shapiro Greenblatt**, who learned about the history of Brooklyn. Off campus, the McAfooses also attended Mohonk, as did **Patricia Brown** Gemeinhardt. **David Major '61** and **Evelyn Eskin** explored the Smithsonian, and **Mui Ho**, BACh '66, traveled to India. The Galápagos were the destination for both Jane Brody Engquist and **Stephen Ashley**, MBA '64. Check out this year’s schedule at cau.cornell.edu.

It’s a new year—start it by sending a few lines to bring your classmates up to date! ❖ **Jan McClayton** Crites, jmc50@cornell.edu.

63 President's Corner: "One of the challenges of senior living is the identification of primary sources, not only for current events, but also for scholarly perspectives on our ever more rapidly changing world—historically, contemporaneously, and prospectively. As Cornell alumni, I especially call (or recall) your attention to a primary source, and option, for the lifelong pursuit of scholarly works: the Cornell University Press (CUP). As a bonus, since opening its doors CUP has been

professional life. See the spring edition of the *Human Ecology* magazine for the full article.

Debra Willen Stern "spends time playing bridge and continues to guide high school students who are in the process of applying to college. I'm having fun in both activities. One of them, from time to time, touches others in important ways, changing the course of life, here and there. I am a Bronze Life Master in bridge. My husband, David, is semi-retired, but still cares for the frail elderly

own dining room, and a large gathering area. Nearby parking and frequent university-provided bus service up the hill assure that mobility will not be a problem. Activities planned by both our Reunion committee and the university will provide both learning and entertainment opportunities. Special class events will be posted on our class website (<http://www.cornell1964.org>) as plans are firmed up. For those who have attended previous Reunions, you know the breadth of these activities. For those who have never attended a Reunion, you will not be disappointed. So make plans now to come to campus June 6-9."

It already sounds terrific. Now here's news from fellow classmates who I hope we'll see in June. **Dennis Sweeney** is retired and recently moved from Connecticut to Greensboro, NC. Dennis's departure from the North meant he no longer is a volunteer with the Rye, NY, Fire Dept., a post he held for 47 years. He writes that he volunteers with his local church and keeps busy reorganizing a lifetime's accumulation of "everything," but that he also enjoys "sitting on the porch each morning to watch everyone rushing to work." He's looking forward to our 55th Reunion. **Michael "Tim" Graves** is retired, but still lives in Fairport, NY, with wife Suzanne, where he enjoys photography, attending veterans' gatherings, and attending their grandchildren's concerts, plays, and sporting events, the last including their youngest granddaughter who is on a traveling lacrosse team. Tim writes that Prof. Walter LaFeber had the greatest effect on him while at Cornell, a feeling shared by classmate **Robert Ross**, MBA '66.

Michael "Tree" Smith last September attended a Class of '64 Phi Gam reunion in Wolfeboro, NH. He writes of the get-together, "Eleven of the remaining 16 in our class were there. A highlight was taking the cog railway ride up Mount Washington." Tree and wife **Linda (Dyer), MPS '04**, who still call Anchorage, AK, home, "then went to Pittsburgh to begin a 334-mile bike ride from there to Washington, DC, on the Great Allegheny Passage Rails-to-Trails route and then onto the old Chesapeake & Ohio (C&O) Canal Path.

Physician **Susan Schifter** Labarthe, BS Nurs '67, has been quite active as well. From her home in Montpelier, VT, she writes, "I retired, i.e., started drawing pension, a year or so ago, but continue working part time in primary care at the V.A. (hospital) in White River Junction, VT. It's given me time to get back to the gym after several years as a budding chair potato. I keep busy by singing tenor in the Onion River Chorus, coordinating volunteer cooks from my church for the local homeless shelter, meditating with my two meditation groups, and riding my new eBike to church and for most local errands—if it's not too hot, or too rainy, or too cold. Also reading lots and lots of science fiction and going daily down the internet rabbit hole. I generally get to San Francisco around Christmas to catch up on the grandson (and his parents, of course) and see my Vermont son and wife more often as they're just nine miles up the road." Susie adds, "I'm looking forward to Reunion and hope to see many friends there. I may go on a pilgrimage to the places I lived in 1968-71 (Seneca Street and Jacksonville) while back in town for my ex to finish up his degree."

David Evans reports he's recovering from prostate cancer and expects a clean bill of health this month. He strongly recommends that all men get PSA tests. David is president and CEO of Direct Proposal Resources LLC. He and wife Sherry live in Reston, VA. If he makes it to Ithaca, he'd like to walk around campus and Collegetown and visit his fraternity (Phi Sigma Kappa). **Alexandra "Sandy" Kressel** Sussman is in an assisted living facility

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a source of financial aid for students with previous training in the printing trades. Students have been paid for typesetting and for the operation of presses that print textbooks, pamphlets, a weekly student journal, and official university publications.

"According to Wikipedia, 'Today, the Cornell University Press is one of the country's largest university presses. It produces approximately 150 nonfiction titles each year in various disciplines, including anthropology, Asian studies, biological sciences, classics, history, industrial relations, literary criticism and theory, natural history, philosophy, politics and international relations, veterinary science, and women's studies. Although the press has been subsidized by the university for most of its history, it is now largely dependent on book sales to finance its operations.' May the options and opportunities offered by CUP bring you much mind-expanding pleasure from now until our next opportunity to share those experiences in person. See: www.cornellpress.cornell.edu/ordering. **Dick Clark**."

John Kennedy, MBA '65, writes that he is "kept busy by my young wife, golf, community, church involvement, and travel. Our 22nd grandchild arrived last February. The Marylou Kennedy Research Professorship was inaugurated in July 2017 at the U. of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor, MI." **Herb Friedman** and his wife, Wendy Drexler, live in Belmont, MA. Herb retired in June 2017 after 44 years as an attorney specializing in adoption law. "I am now tutoring English at a local community center with foreign-origin students, taking courses, and staying active by swimming and exercising. Wendy and I traveled to Portugal in April, where I reviewed my Portuguese, which I utilized on a consulting experience in the Amazon when I was a graduate student." Herb and Wendy visited Newfoundland in June for a poetry seminar that Wendy attended.

Classmate **Rae Messer** Reilly was featured in the spring issue of *Human Ecology* magazine. Rae's husband, Pete, passed away in November 2017. Before he died they made decisions on organizations they would like to leave money to. Rae made a generous gift of \$200,000 to the Cornell Costume and Textile Collection, a collection administered by the Dept. of Fiber Science and Apparel Design. "Rae started out in retail and the home sewing industry in New York City before ending up at Iowa State U.'s textile and clothing department as an Extension specialist in textiles and clothing—a role she held for 18 years." **Alexander "Sandy" Williams**, MPA '63, received the Sloan Alumni Assn. 2018 Alumni Achievement Award. The Sloan Program in Health Administration falls under the College of Human Ecology. Sandy had three intertwining careers in health, wellness, and medicine throughout his

as a geriatrician in private practice." **Madeleine Leston Meehan** leads "a charmed life between the Caribbean and Eastern Long Island enjoying music and friends. Visual artists never retire," she says. **Doris Grayson Kitson** spends her time in New York City visiting family, playing tennis, and checking museums on the West Coast. "My grandson is a college freshman and has his own radio show of electronic music. Prof. Doug Dowd had the greatest impact on me at Cornell."

Judi Gottfried Ruttenberg: "I'm living with my husband, Neil, in the Maryland suburbs of D.C. I have three adult children, and my granddaughter just started her senior year at the U. of Miami. I've been happily retired for seven years, just hanging out and occasionally doing some volunteer proofreading. Before retiring I worked for almost 30 years in the IT field, first as a programmer and then as a project leader. I worked for the 2010 Census, but I'm not sure if I want to work for the 2020 Census. For fun, I go to the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival for two weeks every year—my 19th Jazzfest this year."

From **Joe Brennan**: "After earlier visiting the Coliseum in Rome, Chichen Itza in Mexico, Christ the Redeemer in Rio, Machu Picchu in Peru, and the Great Wall of China, I took my 17-year-old granddaughter (Mia) in the last year to Japan (Hiroshima), India (Taj Mahal), and Nepal (Mt. Everest). I have only one more destination, Petra, that I am planning during my upcoming tour of Israel, Jordan, and Egypt, in order to complete my bucket list of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World. I'll celebrate my 81st birthday in September with my 82-year-old girlfriend (always liked older women!)." Send news to: ❖ **Nancy Bierds** Icke, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, icke63@gmail.com. Class website, classof63.alumni.cornell.edu.

64 Happy New Year! And it's a very special year because it's Reunion time for our class. Preparations are already under way for our 55th the weekend of June 6-9, so read about them here, then start making plans to attend (I'm already scoping out airfares).

Last September, class president **Bruce Wagner**, ME '66, Reunion chair **Carolyn Stewart** Whitman, and Reunion food chair **Susan Mair** Holden were on campus for Reunion Kickoff weekend. Carolyn wrote of the weekend, "The sessions covered everything from understanding New York State legalities around serving and transporting liquor, to budgeting, housing, and childcare options (we were exempt from attending that session!). We have reached the stage where we get special consideration for on-campus housing. As a result, we will be housed in one of the new West Campus dorms—Alice Cook House. This is an air-conditioned building, with elevators, our

in Albany, NY, due to several falls. Sandy reports she recently had a third grandchild, a boy, and that her hobbies are coloring books and chorus. Lastly, **Ira Herbst**, who has never been in this column, writes that he's still a professor of mathematics at the U. of Virginia in Charlottesville, plus he now has a meditation practice (mindfulness). (Seems to me those two subjects would go well together.)

That's it for now. Reunion's coming, so please send me news in addition to blocking out that weekend in June for a return to Ithaca. ♦ **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont64@comcast.net. Class website, www.cornell1964.org. Class Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cornell1964>.

65 Nicole Librandi, MA '72 (Bristol, VT; nicole librandi2@gmail.com) notes that retirement gives both her and husband Bill Brown time for various activities—especially travel, including to visit their son in New Zealand; hiking in the Italian Dolomites; gathering with Bill's Columbia fraternity brothers in the Southwest; and celebrating a milestone birthday with their son and his family in North Carolina. Nikki and Bill love Vermont life, teaching Italian and managing projects for the Vermont Italian Cultural Assn., volunteering in various local organizations, following the growth spurts of their three grandchildren, gardening, doing photography and interior design, cross-country skiing, and absorbing the cultural life of Middlebury and Burlington.

Judith Gleicher Seiff (Falls Church, VA; seiff@verizon.net) reports on herself and spouse Hank: "We continue to enjoy living in the very busy Washington, DC, suburbs and spend some quiet time at our cabin in West Virginia. We are both active volunteers, focusing on organizations and programs serving the needs of senior adults. When younger, the focus was on youth and families. Now we recognize the need to strengthen services for those of us choosing to remain in our area and age in place. Judy tends to be involved in governance, creating and helping to launch new organizations, serving on boards and doing some advocacy when needed. Hank is the hands-on person who enjoys working one on one helping folks with computers and with projects they can no longer do, participating in soup caravans, etc. While these activities keep us busy, we find lots of time for cruises and other travel." As of this writing, they were planning a cross-country trip to the West Coast and spending time with children and grandchildren in Winnipeg on the way home. "Having decided to give up our 16-year-old Miata, we opted for a more practical set of wheels for this trip: a convertible with a trunk. Our kids think we are a bit crazy, but our new Mustang seems like a perfect ride for this time of year! We will leave the SUV behind!" Judy is grateful for the regular contacts with grandchildren who live nearby and the others by technology. On the early days at Cornell: "I remember feeling so awed by the two VPs on my corridor in Dickson 6. They made everyone feel so welcome and taught us so much about life at Cornell. They were great role models and I decided early on that I wanted to follow in their footsteps and was fortunate to do so in Dickson 6 my junior year."

Susan Rogers McCullough (Susanmc@frontiernet.net) reported that 22 Pi Phi's and their spouses had a mini-reunion, this time in the Pacific Northwest, in and near Olympic National Park. The group has had many such gatherings throughout the country, and even on a cruise in Europe, through the years. Susan notes that **Andrea Shulman** Williams and **Cindy Booth** Ware have always

been the spark plugs and often the trip planners for these events. **Richard Dayton** (Daytonrg@mchsi.com) serves as chaplain with the State Patrol and local police department. He and spouse Gloria are involved with two African families and a sight-impaired friend, helping integrate them into the community. Their grandson is now a college freshman and chemistry major, with a year's college credit already under his belt through local college attendance and AP courses while still in high school! Richard and Gloria love horticulture, exercise, reading, music, and interacting with neighbors. Richard fondly remembers freshman physics professor Dr. Bob Cotts.

Frank McGuire (Boston, MA) continues in his busy architectural practice in Greater Boston and Cape Cod and nearby islands. He regards the Cornell AAP program as "still the best," and attributes his professional success to his education at Cornell. He serves the Beacon Hill Civic Assn. on its architecture committee, and is chair of the house and club life committees of the Somerset Club of Boston. He and wife Deborah Hanley are looking forward to daughter Amanda's wedding. Frank's mother, Emily Sneed McGuire, turned 102 in February 2018 and is the oldest living member of the Lee family of Virginia. Frank is also looking forward to giving an address in Italian at the wedding of his goddaughter in Rome. **Lawrence Revery** is still practicing law, living in the Ithaca area.

Alfred Center (ac222@cornell.edu) lives with spouse **Ingrid (Berlin) '66** in Ithaca. He continues as professor of practice in the Robert Frederick Smith School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering at Cornell. He has been spending more time as associate director of the Master of Engineering program and less teaching undergraduate courses. He has developed and begun teaching a professional development course for the ME students, which should improve their ability to succeed in today's business environment. (Al notes that about 90 percent of the ME class is composed of non-US citizens.) He also spends much time individually mentoring candidates for graduate degrees. In summer 2018 he and Ingrid attended an LM Montgomery conference in PEI and participated in a Cornell's Adult University tour of Denmark and Norway.

Last but not least, we are proud to inform you that the **Joseph E. Ryan** Award for an outstanding lineman in the football game against Harvard, in memory of our beloved Joe, was presented to left tackle **Henry Stillwell '19** (Richmond, VA) for his efforts in the October 6, 2018 28-24 win over Harvard. Send your news to: ♦ **Stephen Appell**, bigred1965@aol.com; **Joan Hens** Johnson, joanipat@gmail.com.

66 Steve Herman (mintracs@aol.com) "almost" retired, but now serves as chief of thoracic surgery at Hackensack U. Medical Center in Mountainside, NJ. He is also founding faculty at the new Hackensack Meridian/Seton Hall U. School of Medicine. Steve and wife Jacqui's daughter, **Rebecca '11**, graduated last year from New York College of Podiatric Medicine and is a resident in foot and ankle surgery at SUNY Downstate College of Medicine. Their son, **Andrew '08**, is now an attorney at the Willkie Farr & Gallagher law firm in NYC.

Judy Lovell Wagner, PhD '72 (junkjudy@yahoo.com) attended Cornell's Adult University in July. She took a course on human genomics and DNA testing with Prof. Chip Aquadro, visited the Cornell teaching dairy farm, and took her first trip to the observatory, where she saw the moons of Saturn and met interesting fellow students. Food in the North Campus cafeteria was "great," but, unlike our fall '62 semester, she came home not one pound heavier! **Daniel McGowan** (Geneva, NY; mcgowan

daniel45@gmail.com) has been "hosting a weekly silent vigil to protest the lack of due process and fair treatment at Hobart and William Smith Colleges."

Gary Schoener (grschoener@aol.com) is a clinical psychologist working for the nonprofit Walk-in Counseling Center in Minneapolis, MN. He directs the institute for consultation and training. The center is almost 50 years old and provides free counseling to individuals and families by volunteers who are mental health professionals. Gary also does private forensic work, testifying in a variety of cases involving sexual abuse by persons in positions of trust. Gary's wife, V. Katherine Gray, is CEO of Sage Health Management Solutions. They attended the Western & Southern Open, a tennis tournament in Cincinnati, which was won many years ago by the late Cornell Coach Eddie Moylan. Gary was a tennis and squash player at Cornell.

Joe Polacco (polaccoj@missouri.edu) retired in January 2008 from the biochem department at the U. of Missouri. Since then, he has spent two years in Brazil as a visiting professor, and later (in 2014) spent another three months at the ag school of the State U. of São Paulo in Piracicaba. His second visit was very rewarding for the science, culture, and interactions with students. By then, his Portuguese was good enough to give three seminars in that language. Back home, Joe is part time at UM, where he teaches a section for seniors on problems-based learning. While science has been a large part of his life, he now writes in the non-science genre; he published a memoir on growing up in Brooklyn, instigated by his mother's passing. Trips home to see her reconnected him with the "hood, the idiom, the culture, and the famiglia." *Vina: A Brooklyn Memoir* can be found on the web. Joe is now writing a second book on family history. He admits his writing training was limited to two semesters of freshman English. Joe and second wife Nancy Malugani have a blended family of three kids each and nine grandkids. They enjoy living in Columbia, MO, and Joe says he is becoming more "small-townish," even as the city grows.

Lawrence Rubenstein (LSR23@cornell.com) remains very active with Cornell activities. He is regional co-chair with wife **Fran (Stern) '70** for the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN), with nine local communities and approximately 350 CAAAN representatives. They are also members of the board of the Cornell Alumni Assn. of Westchester (NY), and he is a member of Cornell University Council. His life changed with the arrival of his two grandchildren, the great joy of his life. For the past eight years, Larry has volunteered at the New Rochelle elementary school his children attended, helping in the classroom and working one-on-one with kids "new" to the English language. Larry and Fran get to Ithaca at least once a year for meetings. They love to walk around campus and walk the gorge at Treman State Park.

Arnie Berger, PhD '71, did a three-month sabbatical last summer at the U. of Sydney, Australia. He went to work on a book and to consult with colleagues in the faculty of engineering and information technologies and at the U. of Southern Australia, where a group is doing the same research he is. Arnie says it was a wonderful experience living in a "sort of" different culture. They lived in Potts Point, up the hill from the Harbor and famous Opera House. They took five long-weekend trips, including snorkeling the Great Barrier Reef, hiking the rim of King's Canyon, and walking around Ayres Rock (now called Uluru). Arnie signed a book contract and wrote a paper with his colleague—a successful and enjoyable adventure.

Cheryl Pelavin (cheryl.pelavin@gmail.com) has departed Manhattan and lives closer to nature, something she has always wanted to do. Her joy these days comes from her wildlife photography. She travels as far as she has the guts to go and edits her images carefully, reliving every second with the wild things. **E.J. Phillippi** (ephillippi@msn.com) continues to work as a consultant for the FAA on air traffic operations. He and wife Maria Sasso recently visited Alaska including the Alaska Railroad, Denali, the Arctic, and a small-boat cruise through southeast Alaska. He learned about the fishing industry and Tlingit culture. He enjoys the violin and lap swimming. If he went back to campus, he would show his wife McGraw Tower and the Arts Quad. ❖ **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com; **Pete Salinger**, petersalinger95@gmail.com; **Deanne Gebel** Gitner, deanne.gitner@gmail.com.

67 **Mary Steinmetz** Cassidy (Elloree, SC; cassidy mary3@gmail.com) points out that the quote used in a recent Class Notes solicitation e-mail was not from W.B. Yeats after all, as many internet sources suggest. She writes, "As a retired English professor who fell in love with W.B. Yeats when I was 16 and have studied and enjoyed him ever since, I feel compelled to point out that he did not say the quote ascribed to him. If you check you will find that it might be traceable to Edgar Guest, but definitely not Yeats. No, I have not become curmudgeon in my old age, but I must defend my beloved poet. Otherwise, I am enjoying retirement greatly." **Tom Loane**, MBA '68 (Valley Forge, PA; tloane@comcast.net) retired in December 2017 and reports that "wife Nancy and I circumnavigated the globe on the *Viking Sun's* first world cruise, leaving in December and returning in May."

Jan Garden Castro (Brooklyn, NY; jancastro1@gmail.com) writes, "I'm still contributing editor for *Sculpture* magazine. Look for my Cristina Iglesias interview and Huma Bhabha review in the October issue. I am also a freelance writer for artist essays, memoirs, and art news. My son and his family and my Mom, 97, are all in St. Louis. I love to visit. What Cornellians in NYC are in the arts? I contribute to several poetry groups and have many friends in the arts." Who did she meet at Cornell? "It's not who was first but whose memory still shines: **Joe Bruchac '64** for befriending a freshman, Archie Ammons for letting me take his poetry seminar, Mr. Encyk for assigning me to read all of Henry James and James Joyce, the kind of quiet banjo player **Harry Chapin '64**, and the poets who'd meet at Noyes Lodge and who kidnapped Allan Kaprow from his own (scripted) happening in a garbage dump! Who recalls any of that?" And if she had a free day in Ithaca: "I'd love to find out if any gorges and nature are left, to walk around the lake, to participate in a poetry reading, and to visit the seedy bar where an old Surrealist named Arthur Adamov hung out."

Martin Gold (New York, NY) reports on his retiring after 45 years of practice: "At the very end of June, Sidley Austin LLP had a party for me. Almost immediately after retirement we took off for Australia. I had been invited to teach at the U. of New South Wales Law School. We lived in a little house in Sydney, on a quiet street in the area called Surrey Hills. During the other weeks, we traveled around as much of the continent as we were able, including the Great Barrier Reef, Darwin, Ayers Rock, Tasmania, and a road trip from Adelaide to Melbourne, including a wonderful less-visited place called Kangaroo Island. We're now back home, in the Hot Apple and Ridgefield, CT. I may be retiring from practice, but I am not retiring; I will continue to teach law courses,

one course each semester at Columbia, and hopefully add to my list of a dozen and a half professional articles and one book, a list which hasn't seen any additions for some time."

Steven Platt, ME '68 (Warren, VT; steve@stevenplatt.com) reports: "I retired from IBM's semiconductor division in December 2005. Now I ski in the winter and teach soaring and give glider rides at Sugarbush Soaring in the summer. I passed the technician, general, and extra FCC amateur radio license exams last fall and set up my first 'ham' radio station. Over the past ten months I have made radio contacts all over the world." Steven gets the most satisfaction from "'working' at Sugarbush Soaring as a flight instructor teaching young adults how to fly, writing a column, 'Glider Aerodynamics Puzzler,' for *Soaring* magazine, and visiting with the grandkids." As for a day in Ithaca, he'd "visit Phillips Hall, the Arts Quad, the Straight, and the old fraternity."

Elizabeth "Libby" Roth (Palo Alto, CA; ERoth@gcalaw.com) is "finding that my employment law expertise is in high demand these days in a new way. Confidential investigations are requested frequently when employers become aware of incidents. It's an interesting time in my area of law." **Avram Chetron** (avram.chetron@gmail.com), Bert Chetron during our days on the Hill, writes, "I live in Ashland, OR, equidistant from Portland and San Francisco, not close to anything except some beautiful sparsely populated countryside and wild and scenic rivers. I've done some river running recently, including a trip on the seldom-run Owyhee River in the southeast corner of Oregon. Since retiring from teaching, I've become involved in a lot of music, vocal, choral, and instrumental. I take great pleasure in singing and guitar playing and have found many venues to do so. I've also taught classes at a local OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Inst.) here in Ashland, particularly about literature of the West."

Lois Thetford (Seattle, WA; loist@uw.edu) writes: "I teach master's-level physician assistants at the second oldest program in the US, MEDEX Northwest, at the U. of Washington. I teach maternal and child health and a class on homelessness. I work with students from all health sciences to work with homeless camps and tiny house villages. Jean Rietschel, my partner of 42 years, is about to retire from being a Superior Court Judge. We'll be doing some traveling in the coming year." ❖ **Richard Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, derhoff@yahoo.com.

68 **Bob Tuttle**, MBA '72 (btuttle@dekaresearch.com) and his wife, Lynn, live on Marco Island, FL, where Bob works part time managing a commercial real estate portfolio. Most of his time is spent as co-chair of the board of FIRST Robotics, a nonprofit that engages over 550,000 kids in after-school robotics teams, exposing them to potential STEM careers. Over 200 Fortune 500 companies support FIRST as several of their chairmen/CEOs serve on FIRST's board.

Elizabeth "Betsy" Cadbury (betsycadbury@yahoo.com) and her husband, Arthur Borrer, live in Pittsfield, NH. Betsy has retired from teaching, but is still active in singing groups and now has more time for travel, gardening, reading, and volunteering at the National Audubon Society's camp on Hog Island in Bremen, ME, and at Aryaloka Buddhist Center in New Market, NH. Betsy is following the path toward eventual ordination as a "Mitra" in the Triratna Buddhist Order, which involves attending retreats and maintaining a daily meditation practice, in addition to extensive studies.

Susan Mascette Brandt (susanmbrandt@gmail.com) and her husband, William, moved to Sharon, MA, from Rochester, NY, to live within minutes of their two sons and their families, which include three fabulous grandchildren. Susan loudly proclaims, "Grandparenting sure beats practicing law." She credits professors Andrew Hacker, Walter Berns, and Walter LaFerber as having the greatest impact on her while at Cornell. **Ken Hurd** (kenhurd@keha.com) and his wife, Pam, live in a very large dual-use home/studio in Lincoln, MA. Loving their neighborhood but facing the typical reasons for downsizing both their living space and the downstairs 1,750-sq.-ft. studio, they spent some time looking for a new dwelling. Unsuccessful at finding a suitable replacement, Ken decided to remodel the studio using about two-thirds of the space for a rental. You can read about Ken's project online: <https://realestate.boston.com/style/2018/08/22/empty-nesters-transform-Lincoln-studio-into-rental/>.

Mark Belnick (mab3468@gmail.com) and his wife, Randy, live in Greenwich, CT, and he is now in his 13th year as a visiting lecturer in politics at Princeton U., teaching courses in constitutional interpretation and civil liberties. Mark says that while he loves the staff and students at Princeton, he will always love and miss Cornell. Of course these days he gets his greatest enjoyment from his six grandchildren. **Carol Cormano** Kiczek (Carol@Kiczek.com) and her husband, Alexander, live in Kansas City, MO. Last year they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary along with 20 family members in New Orleans, and Carol and Alexander went to Hungary, Austria, and the Czech Republic. Carol gets her greatest pleasure from her five grandchildren. **Helen Karel** Dorman (Karel@gmail.com) still works as a real estate broker in northern Westchester, though she and Neal live in NYC. They do find time for a great deal of traveling and have recently toured India. Helen hopes there will be some future Cornellians among her five grandchildren.

I enjoy hearing from you, either through our *Alumni Magazine* solicitations or when you write directly to me: ❖ **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net.

69 Hope you all enjoyed the holidays and are hunkered down for the winter. Please note that we have a long lead for our class column and it might be some time before your submissions are published, but they will eventually be included. Several classmates took advantage of the classes offered at Cornell's Adult University, including **Charles Cook**, **Ted Hudson**, and **Bruce Yukelson**. And a couple of our classmates, **Nancy Karch** and **Janet West** Wood, participated in 2018 Cornell study tours.

Philip Griswold writes to tell us he is "semi-retired in the desert of Sun City, AZ, with wife Maggie of 46 great years. I'm still involved in college teaching, now one course at Arizona State U. I continue my volunteer work with the Sun City Posse, a local community patrol and assistance nonprofit. I stay fit with daily cycling or swimming. Our travels took us to Italy for three weeks last year. This year it has been to the mountains of Arizona and to islands of Puget Sound to vacation with my daughter and son. I don't know whether the Theta Chi chapter was ever restored; I was always saddened by the circumstances."

Gloria Jacobsen Lang enjoys asking Cornellians for gifts to Cornell. Keep up the good work, Gloria! **Ron Gidron** is living in Madrid with wife Lourdes. They spend time in their beachfront flat in his wife's hometown and enjoy their "large and beautiful family (four children and six grandchildren)." He became a singer-songwriter while still working in marketing. He creates original music and

shares it via Spotify. **Rick Spiewak**, ME '70, and wife Judy recently moved from Massachusetts to Maryland to be closer to family. He changed jobs in November 2017 and is currently the developer for a website used by the Dept. of Defense personnel to access their Mass Transportation Benefits.

Happy to hear from **Seth Bramson**, who is an adjunct professor of history and the historian in residence at Barry U. in Miami Shores, FL. His 31st book (he is America's single-most-published Florida history book author), the history of the Florida East Coast Railway in color, is the first-ever complete history of that famous line in color. The company historian of the FEC, he is "number one in a field of one," the only person in the country who bears that official title with an American railroad. Recently elected president of the Miami Pioneers and Natives of Dade (MP/NOD) historical society, Seth adds that to his presidency of the Miami Memorabilia Collector Club, and he warmly invites any Cornellians in greater Miami or South Florida with an interest in history to contact him for information on those two groups. At present, besides teaching at Barry U. and at the Nova Southeastern U. Lifelong Learning Inst., he isn't doing much except being in the process of writing five more Florida history books simultaneously. You can check out Seth by going to Amazon.com, putting his name on the search line, and hitting enter—and then sit back and enjoy what comes up.

John Babbitt recently reconnected with **Ron Klaus** and his wife, **Nan (Shreve) '68**, who are living in Ireland. John hopes to attend our 50th—his first Reunion. We hope so too, John. **Barry Passer**, BS '72, is living in Ithaca and retired after 30 years of mechanical engineering at NCR in Ithaca, with eight patents in receipt printing and coding. He is now in this 17th year of teaching science, math, and technology in area middle and high schools. He still finds time to play tennis every day (weather permitting) at the Cornell Faculty Tennis Club clay courts in the gorge, and walk his dog in the Cornell Botanic Gardens. He also enjoys hiking up and down Buttermilk gorge a few times a year.

Save the date: 50th Reunion, June 6-9, 2019! Plans for our Reunion are well under way, thanks to the hard-working reunion committee—and they can use some help. **Jon Kaplan**, MD '74, is looking for classmates to help contact affinity groups. Please contact Jon at jonkaplan7@gmail.com if you can roll up your sleeves and send some postcards to a specific group (postcards, mailing labels, and postage supplied by our class). Cornell Fund reps Jay Noyes and Lee Pillsbury are hard at work as well on our class gift. Please note that any gift from a classmate from now until June 30, 2019, will be counted toward our Reunion gift, so get out those credit cards and checkbooks!

Check out our website for updates on Reunion, www.cornell69.org, and make plans now to attend our 50th! Please continue to send your news to: ❖ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl048@gmail.com.

70 Our next Cornell Class of '70 "Party Weekend" will be taking place in Ithaca in 17 months! I am pleased to announce that our Reunion chairs, **Sally Anne Levine**, JD '73, and **Cathy Hogan**, BS '00, have been busy making plans for our Big Red 50th Reunion, June 4-7, 2020. If you are interested in helping with Reunion, have suggestions for programming, or have ideas, questions, or comments, please e-mail Sally and Cathy at Cornell70Reunion50@gmail.com.

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David and **Suzanne Grisez** Martin continue to live in Cranbury, NJ. As always, their family and friends bring them the most happiness in their lives. For the past 25 years, Suzanne (suzannegmartin@gmail.com) has had her own healthcare consulting business. She has cut back to working three days a week and has two to three big clients a year, which works well for her. Suzanne and David did a lot of traveling this year, the highlight of which was a Baltic cruise. Her daughter and family recently moved to Riverside, CT, and they are in the middle of a major house renovation, so Suzanne has been helping out.

In July 2018, Suzanne and her two grandchildren were joined by a good friend and spent a fabulous week in Ithaca at CAU (Cornell's Adult University). The grown-ups took a wonderful course entitled "1968" with Prof. Sid Tarrow. Maddie, 7, was enrolled in the science program, and Xavier, 4, enjoyed the "around the world" program. They lived in a student dorm and ate in student dining halls, along with lots of high school students on campus studying and participating in sports camps. This was an experience in itself. She would highly recommend CAU and plans to return next summer. The first person Suzanne met at Cornell was **Margo Williams** Pollak. They were roommates for three of the four years as undergrads. In late September 2018, Margo and Suzanne took a birthday celebration trip to Savannah and Hilton Head. They especially enjoyed spa and beach time and had great weather.

Wordsmith **Fred Piscop** (Bellmore, NY; tihazwa@aol.com) recently created five crosswords that will appear in

the movie *Crossword Mystery*, scheduled to premiere on the Hallmark Channel in early 2019. Although **John Macionis** (macionis@kenyon.edu) retired from teaching at Kenyon College in 2013, he continues to author and revise a number of textbooks (<http://TheSociologyPage.com>). He spends summer and early fall at his place on Lake George. John is active in a number of nonprofits dealing with the environment and affordable healthcare. He reports that he has been single for five years, which he says is both challenging and enjoyable. He finds it very satisfying to work at finding ways to make a difference in the world. Early on during our freshman year, John connected with **Richard Barron**, with whom he played in a motley group called the Dirty Old Band, and he continues to enjoy getting together with Richard. During a recent visit to Ithaca and Cornell, John enjoyed going to the Johnson Museum and walking the campus, which included crossing the gorge on the Suspension Bridge.

Ellen Saltonstall has three grown children and three grandchildren. Her youngest graduated from Cornell, and she says it was a thrill to return to campus while he was there. Ellen teaches yoga, anatomy, and Bodymind Ballwork, a self-awareness and release technique. She has also published four books: *Yoga for Arthritis*, *Yoga for Osteoporosis*, *Anatomy and Yoga*, and *The Bodymind Ballwork Method*. Family and work bring great satisfaction to her life. Should she have a day to be in Ithaca, Ellen would walk through campus and go to a lecture or concert.

As we approach the 50th anniversary of our graduation from our beloved Cornell, I have decided to retire from my decades-long role as class correspondent for Cornell's Legendary Class of 1970. It has been quite a run and I have totally enjoyed getting to know so many of our classmates through the news they have shared for the class column in *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. I deeply

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appreciate the amazing opportunity you all extended to me. Now the Class of '70 is looking for a new correspondent to take over right after our 50th Reunion in June 2020. Thank you, and I look forward to seeing many of you in Ithaca for our very special party weekend. ❖
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71 Peter Benjamin (pbenjaminlaw@gmail.com) checks in with this update: "I am working 60 percent as the advocacy coordinator for Community Legal, which serves the five counties of Central and Western Massachusetts. This job allows me to be involved in the law without representing my own clients or having to appear in court—I just dispense wisdom to other lawyers. The other 40 percent of me is retired and devoted to playing hockey, being a docent at several museums, reading aloud on the radio for the blind and in schools for children, and preparing tax returns for low-income seniors. My daughter, **Natalie '02**, is in Davis, CA, with our two grandchildren, and son Max, who had been living in Guatemala for several years, is currently also in California. As my wife is also semi-retired (she has no day job, but maintains a part-time counseling practice), we have the flexibility to visit our children regularly. I'm grateful for my volunteer work and my family, and above all for having the good health to be able to enjoy things."

A fellow attorney, **Marc Cohen** (mscohen@loeb.com), reports that he remains a partner at Loeb & Loeb, specializing in public-sector litigation on behalf of California, Delaware, and the City of Los Angeles. He serves in the California State Military Reserve, where he was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the Legal Support Command and is the Deputy Chief of Cyber Law. Marc would love to return to campus, visit the library, and have lunch with Prof. Walter LaFeber.

"I'm in my 28th year as a volunteer EMT," writes **Gilda Klein Linden** (GKL14@cornell.edu), "and I have been taking a master gardener course through the Cornell Extension Service of Rockland County, NY." Gilda has traveled to all seven continents and recently visited Egypt. Her youngest son, **Eric '02**, lives in London. Emeritus trustee **Ken Goldman** (kgoldman@hillspire.com) checks in from California: "I am working for a major family office as president, having finished my CFO career at Yahoo last year, and I am still on five public boards and a few non-profits as an active investor. I'm having fun with my hobbies, kite-boarding in Hawaii, skiing in Montana at Yellowstone, golfing, and traveling."

Stella Mayhew Ardire (wcs.dancer@hotmail.com) says she's still working as an RN, but hopes to retire soon. And, as you might surmise from her e-mail address, she's still dancing—country, swing, and ballroom. She enjoys spending time with her daughter, Meredith, and grandson Alden, as well as "taking walks around my neighborhood in Sun City, AZ, in the early morning, when only the rabbits and an occasional coyote are out." **Roger Gans** is busy in his new position as an assistant professor of advertising, public relations, and integrated marketing communications at the U. of Texas, Arlington.

Stepping away from academia, **Richard Scherr** (rscherrx@gmail.com) has retired from the faculty of the Pratt Inst. School of Architecture. He lives in Kingston, NY, where he is now devoted to making sculpture full time. In March 2018, Richard had a solo show at WAAM (Woodstock Artists Assn. and Museum), and later in the year he had two works in the Radius50 show at the Magazzino museum in Cold Spring, NY. **Richard Warshauer** (richard.m.warshauer@gmail.com) reports that

he was once again the co-leader of a Lower Manhattan historical walking tour in October. It was the 31st annual tour sponsored by the Museum of American Finance.

Pete Saunders, ME '72 (petesaunders1949@gmail.com) would love to come back to campus to walk around the Arts and Engineering quads, visit the Straight, see his old fraternity house (ZBT), and maybe go out to Tremans State Park. Pete continues to enjoy his retirement from the US Navy. "Cindy and I do a lot of traveling," he writes. "In 2018, we spent seven weeks in Palm Springs and SoCal; three weeks in Okinawa—our son, **David '01**, currently a major in the Marines, is stationed there; four weeks on a photo safari tour in South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia, and Botswana; and three weeks visiting family and friends in Cape Cod, Boston, and Maine. As I write this, we are getting ready for a West Coast cruise out of Seattle, and shortly after we return from that we'll be headed to China (Shanghai, Xian, Beijing) for three weeks. And none of that includes the time we spend in our summer cabin in the Deschutes National Forest in Central Oregon. Life is good!"

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72 Elias Savada reports: "I am still self-employed, doing copyright research out of my Bethesda, MD, home. I've also helped finance a half-dozen films, most recently Penny Lane's *The Pain of Others*, a study of people suffering from Morgellons disease. I've invested in a craft brewery, Rocket Frog Brewing, in Sterling, VA, three miles north of Dulles Airport. Also on tap, a new edition of *Dark Carnival*, the 1995 biography of film director Tod Browning that I co-wrote with David Skal, through Centipede Press. When I'm not reviewing movies (www.rottentomatoes.com/critic/elias-savada/movies/), I'm usually researching some of the 30,000-plus people on my family tree."

Jerry Schulz recently wrote a book titled *Managing the New Tools in K-12 Teaching and Learning: How Technology Can Enable School Improvement*, published by Rowman & Littlefield. His book provides guidance to K-12 school leaders on how they can work in both a top-down and bottom-up way to use technology to bring about transformation in the learning process. After graduating from Cornell, Jerry worked as a teacher for six years for the Chicago Public Schools before moving into information systems work. He retired several years ago from the Milwaukee Public Schools. In addition to writing, he now works as an adjunct instructor at several colleges. **John Hill**, MRP '76, has been teaching courses in economics and financial markets in the School of Management at Marist College. He felt that textbooks had little information on the latest Fintech developments, so he wrote a textbook of his own: *Fintech and the Remaking of Financial Institutions*, published by Academic Press in May 2017.

Steven Seifert is the 2018 recipient of the Presidential Merit Award of the American Academy of Clinical Toxicology. He is still working full time as a professor at the U. of New Mexico School of Medicine, and as medical director of the New Mexico Poison and Drug Information Center. Since 2017, he has also served as editor-in-chief of *Clinical Toxicology*, published by Taylor & Francis. "Retirement is not yet on my radar," he says. Though Steven's professional work is very satisfying, he also enjoys playing jazz tenor sax with his musical combo. "I

took it up about nine years ago and it's an experiment in progress to see whether desire and hard work can overcome a dearth of talent and skill," he says.

Zig Malowicki retired in May after 41 years working at the House of the Good Shepherd in Utica, NY, the last 30 years as assistant executive director. Zig and wife Ruth have enjoyed spending time with their eight children this summer, and Zig says he certainly doesn't miss the 24/7 administrative headaches of running an organization. **Reggie Haseltine** is semi-retired, doing online teaching for a few colleges. He and his wife enjoy traveling, especially cruises and grandkid activities, and Reggie trains for and runs new and favorite half-marathons. **Paul Stupinski** has been retired since 2016. His time is occupied with volunteer work, reading, and lots of outdoor activities including biking, kayaking, sailing, and hiking. His son, **Jack '10**, MD '16, is a second-year surgical resident in Tucson, AZ.

Clifford Hendry is retired in Pittsburgh, and first and foremost he is enjoying his family. His three adult children also live in Pittsburgh and they have produced nine grandchildren. Cliff helps his family as much as he can, and also does volunteer work as a tutor for first graders to assist them in improving reading skills. He says he never realized there would be so much thanks and appreciation for this work. When he is not helping others, Cliff takes exercise classes every day, doing spinning, yoga, Zumba, and circuit training.

From **Gary Sesser**: "On June 30 we attended classmate **Rich Johnston's** wedding in Boston, along with **Peter Bartfeld**, **Bruce Gelber**, and **Hal Belodoff**. Rich's brother **Peter Johnston '75** also attended. The ceremony was officiated by Maura Healy, Attorney General of Massachusetts. Rich has served as a senior legal advisor to the Massachusetts Attorney General for the past two years, after a distinguished career as a litigator with Wilmer Hale." On a more personal note, Gary and wife Rachel became grandparents again on Labor Day. Their son **Benjamin Sesser '06** and his wife, Elizabeth, had a baby boy, Asher Chalfen, and everyone is doing well. ❖ **Gary Rubin**, glr34@cornell.edu; **Alex Barna**, ab478@cornell.edu.

73 Class of '73 representation at September's Homecoming included **Marty Slye Sherman**, MPS '75 (mjs Sherman73@gmail.com), **Paul Cashman**, **Mark Clemente**, MPS '77, **Susan Murphy**, PhD '94, **Karen Broten Sieburgh**, **Ron** and **Lorraine Palmatier Skalko**, and **Carl Ferrentino**, ME '74. Marty really enjoys having a place to call home in Ithaca, where there is always something going on, calling it her "southern home," because New Hampshire is now her permanent residence. Her Ithaca recent activities include hosting class officers and Reunion chairs at a pre-Reunion dinner and attending a Wynton Marsalis concert with **Joan Spielholz**, BS '81.

Charles Camisa (drcamisa@gmail.com) is still practicing dermatology in southwest Florida. He could not make it to Reunion, so he took a CAU course last summer instead. Bike the Finger Lakes was challenging for novices like him, he says, but it was fun nevertheless—a great learning experience, the best part being his fellow bikers. Eleven "students" and two leaders rode to the three main falls around Ithaca and the trails around Cayuga Lake, including a stop at the refurbished Purity ice cream parlor downtown.

On October 4-5, the Cornell Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) president and class president Paul Cashman (pcashman21@verizon.net) served as Cornell's delegate

to the installation of Harvard's 29th president, Lawrence S. Bacow (my Harvard Law School classmate!). When Paul received Cornell's e-mail asking him to do so, he was sure he was being pranked, but calls to friends in Alumni Affairs confirmed the offer was legit. He discovered it is common practice for colleges and universities to send alumni, faculty, or staff to represent them at such occasions.

Paul's main responsibility was to march in the academic procession, for which Cornell provided the doctoral gown, hood, and mortarboard. When he showed up Friday morning to stow the regalia, he met **Tara Benedict '01** of the Harvard Marshals' Office, who admits to being very conflicted when she goes to Harvard-Cornell hockey games. (I can relate!) Paul had expected to be the "belle of the ball" in his brilliant red robe, but the robes, far from being uniformly black, came in brilliant hues of blue, canary yellow, gray, green, orange, and, of course, crimson, and were accessorized with pins, medallions, chains of office, leopard head insignia, and even an ermine cape. Because they were lined up in order of the founding year of their institution, he expected to be well in the back, but Cornell was 95th in seniority out of 215 participating academic institutions. While awaiting the procession's start, Paul spied Carolyn "Biddy" Martin, former Cornell provost (now president of Amherst College) and got a picture with her and Mohsen Mostafavi, former dean of the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning (now dean of Harvard's Graduate School of Design).

As a former Big Red Band member, Paul was unimpressed by the Harvard band, but found the overall ceremony very impressive and moving, and he was glad to be a humble part of it. Paul's guest was his wife, Jane, who said she would attend if there was free cake. Jane's favorite was the Bacow family roll cake, a family recipe handed down over generations, which you can find online at the Shalom Boston website.

Eliot Greenwald (eliot.greenwald@verizon.net) and his wife, Anita, were proud to attend son Michael's wedding to Maddie Friedman at Artifacts Events in Chicago on October 7. Other Cornellians in attendance were **Sam Silverman**, **Bruce Zangwill**, **Larry Medwin**, PhD '79, **Ellie Hertzberg '75**, and Eliot's brothers, **Marc '81** and **Bruce**, director of the pediatric intensive care unit at Weill Cornell Medicine. **Bruce Jentleson**, PhD '83 (bwj7@duke.edu) writes that his latest book, *The Peacemakers: Leadership Lessons from Twentieth-Century Statesmanship*, was published in April by W.W. Norton. He has been giving book talks in many cities as well as on YouTube and C-SPAN.

Sheila Kojm, MILR '75 (boston_kojm@yahoo.com), my friend since Mary Donlon dorm freshman year, and **Louis Stuhl**, PhD '78, happily announce the marriage of daughter **Emma Stuhl '10** to Andy Wood in Starksboro, VT, on September 2. **Larry Taylor** (larrytaylor@aziotics.com) has founded a venture capital fund for Agricultural Technology Acceleration called the Yield Lab Asia Pacific. It will be based in Singapore to serve the entire Asia market. Larry requests that if you have experience in this space, please look them up.

Mitch Weiss (bnbstories@icloud.com), of Ithaca's Beauty and the Beast Storytellers, received a Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor Award from the American Library Assn. and the Aesop Prize from the American Folklore Society for *Noodleheads See the Future*, a graphic novel for early readers. The book was co-written with his wife, Martha Hamilton, and Tedd Arnold, the renowned best-selling author/illustrator of the Fly Guy series. It is the second in the Noodlehead series, which

takes its inspiration from world folktales about fools. The third, *Noodleheads Find Something Fishy*, was published in September to glowing reviews. Mitch and Martha, who had a stint as a reference librarian in Olin Library, have made their living as full-time professional storytellers for almost 40 years.

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74 As mentioned previously, we had THREE classmates recognized as Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Awardees in 2018: **C. Morton Bishop III**, **Dale Lazar**, JD '77, and **Randy Rosenberg**. They were honored at a well-attended Statler dinner on the eve of Homecoming, which included all three previous '74 awardees: **John Alexander**, MBA '76, **John Foote**, and **Kristen Rupert**.

Homecoming also featured a classes of the '70s tailgate before the feisty game with Yale. (You can correctly assume which class managed that.) Notably, **Walter Scott**, MPS '83, cooked to perfection the burgers and dogs on his personal gas grill. In other news, **Betsy Beach** recently accomplished a lifetime goal by hiking all 48 mountains in the White Mountains of New Hampshire that are over 4,000 feet. She hiked peak #48 (Mt. Isolation, which, as the name implies, is not easily accessible) on August 25 with a "support team" of five hiking friends. She joins the nearly 14,000 people who have hiked the NH48 since the Four Thousand Footer Club was formed in 1957. Betsy also reports that in November 2017, she and husband Bob Simmons bought a house in Newburyport, MA, where they intend to live full time starting this year, after they sell their house in Chelmsford, MA. Betsy is looking forward to Reunion this summer, where she can sit back and let others do all the work! (She was on our Reunion team for the past two Reunions.)

Craig Esposito reports that he has been keeping busy in retirement with public service. He serves on the board of education and the Democratic town committee for the town of Stonington, CT, and is chair of the regional LEARN board of education. In his spare time, he rides his bike about 500 miles a month, and reviews and publishes occasional research articles on education and psychology. **Charles Shapiro** retired as professor emeritus of agronomy and horticulture from the U. of Nebraska in January 2018. He still has several students and projects he is finishing up, so he expects to keep putting in some effort for another year or so. At the same time, he is taking this opportunity to decompress from the hectic academic life, and to pay attention to delayed maintenance at home, and within himself, so there has been more fitness center time and introspection. He says he gets the most satisfaction from working through the "to do" list, a nice dinner with his spouse and friends, a good book, physical activity, and helping others where needed.

Marianne Stein Kah retired from the oil industry, joined a corporate board, and is working as an adjunct senior research scholar at Columbia U.'s Center on Global Energy Policy. She and her husband, **Jeff Coe**, are in the process of moving from Houston, TX, to Santa Fe, NM. **Walter Howard**, ME '76, is also looking forward to Reunion next spring. Spouse **Nancy (Baldini) '75** and sons **Brian '04** and **Scott '09** are being encouraged to attend, but son Warren and Lauren have the two grandchildren in tow, so who knows! According to Walter's older sister,

he "failed retirement" and is now CEO of Next Hydrogen. He says perhaps they can help Cornell if it really intends to go "off the grid."

Andrew Peck retired as a US Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of New York after 23 years, and joined the law firm DLA Piper in New York, where he does arbitration, mediation, and litigation. **Lynda Majors** has spent the last four years opposing the Mountain Valley Pipeline in Southwest Virginia with a coalition of other individuals from other affected counties in Virginia and West Virginia. However, "in spite of our best efforts," she writes, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission did permit the pipeline.

Donald Koch reports the birth of his first grandchild, Henry Joseph LeDuc. Donald has been partially retired since last July, so he took up tennis again, even though "everyone thinks it's weird to start playing tennis again after 30 years." When not on the court, he finds time for chores, gym, reading the *New York Times*, and goofing off. He hopes to get up to Reunion this summer. **Art Leonard** has joined the board of directors of TENET Vocal Artists, a group of musicians specializing in music from the medieval period through the baroque period. While a Cornell undergrad, Art reviewed classical concerts for the *Cornell Daily Sun*. He says, "Some things never change!" **Marsha Feinman** Byrnes checked in from Lexington, MA.

By the way, you never know where you will meet a fellow classmate. In addition to Cornell activities, your humble scribe is also active in the D.C. chapter of the National Railway Historical Society. One recent Saturday we met to paint the exteriors of a couple of the chapter's private railroad cars, and I discovered that the member with the paintbrush next to me was **Carol Williams** Roach. She is still selling her railroad book collection on Amazon and has now joined the Cornell Club of Washington. She also is considering Reunion.

We have one correction from our Sept/Oct column. **Raymond Kase Jr.** now lives in Eden, UT. A final note: We often receive submissions for this column where the writers are eager to hear from "lost" classmates. The fastest solution is to use the CornellConnect website (cornellconnect.cornell.edu). Just put in your netID and password and you can find almost anyone who ever went to Cornell. ♡ **Jim Schoonmaker**, js378@cornell.edu; **Lucy Babcox** Morris, lucmor1433@gmail.com.

75 This fall I attended several Cornell events. Not only are they fun and informative, but I get to see classmates and other alums. I was at the Cornell Club-New York in September to hear from former Ambassador to Bulgaria James Pardew. Joining me were **John Morehouse '72**, **Mary Ellen Howe '76**, MBA '77, and **Louise Belevich**, MBA '76. Louise (louise@lbelevichconsulting.com) recently went to Iceland with six friends from the Cornell Johnson School that she met in Nepal several years ago on a Cornell Leadership Trek.

I also attended Homecoming for the first time in 25 years. After attending a Chimes concert to celebrate 150 years on campus, the classes of the '70s hosted a pregame tailgate on a glorious Ithaca fall day with late summer weather. A few there from our class were **Robert Weinberg** and wife **Kathy (Coleman) '74**, JD '77, and **Bill Martin** and wife Nancy. Bill (bb03227@nycap.rr.com) lives in Pittsford, NY, where he retired from First Pioneer Farm Credit after 44 years and is now helping care for two granddaughters. He is also busy probating estates, repairing homes and cars, and doing stage crew.

After the game, DU was celebrating 150 years on the Cornell campus. Fellow class columnist **Joan Pease** was there, as well as **Mark and Ting Magill Kamon, LuJohn Rossi, Jack** and **Debbie Brewster**, and **John '73**, ME '74, and **Debbie McCoy Paxton**, BS Nurs '77. Mark and Ting (cmkamon@gmail.com) are enjoying a fast-paced retirement, spending time with their three married children and six grandchildren. Each family is within a reasonable drive, which makes visiting easy. Mark is president of DU's alumni, which keeps him involved with the undergrads, mentoring their development as well as helping oversee a multi-million-dollar renovation to the DU house. He works locally with SCORE, advising entrepreneurs on starting and growing their businesses. Ting sings in a 100-voice chorale and the church choir, volunteers, displays her quilts at an art gallery, and teaches quilting at the county detention center. "Free" time is spent taking adult classes at Washington College, golfing, boating, kayaking, and hanging with friends. The next big commitment is knocking down and designing/building a new home on the waterfront on their beautiful Sasfras River. Debbie Paxton (paxfam5@aol.com) shares that she and Jay attended a mini-reunion in May hosted by **Marc and Margie Curtis-Cohen** at their home near Philadelphia. Class of '75 attendees included **Cliff** and **Linda Davis, Rich**, MBA '76, and **Kim Marin, Bob** and **Lisa Wolfert, Mike** and **Merys Cohen Mechlin '76, Gary and Dale Brodsky Bernstein '76**, and **Ann Ashbery** and husband Russ Powell. Debbie just retired as the nurse specialist/mental health advisor for the Marines' Wounded Warrior Regiment on September 30. She and Jay are looking forward to traveling together and spending more time with family and long-lasting friends.

Spending time at DU reminded me of a very special person who sadly passed away the week after Homecoming. **John Halloran** majored in Agricultural Economics, started on the champion lightweight football team, and was one of the funniest and wittiest people I've ever known. John was also warm, compassionate, and down-to-earth. He was married to classmate **Leslie Hudson** and was a professor and Extension economist at the U. of Hawaii agricultural and resource economics department, and later a research economist for the USDA. John will be missed by so many of his DU brothers, and by me.

In early October, I attended the wedding of Claire and **Bob Brennan's** daughter Kaitlyn to Tom Sanders. I have been thrilled to see Bob's other children wed—Shane to Jess, Meghan to Max—and to spend time with life partners Michael and Meghan. The next generation continues to grow with Shane and Jess's son Pierson joining brother Anderson, 3, in May. I was able to share the wedding with Noreen and **Rory Sadoff** (rnlcs@aol.com). Noreen tells me (since Rory won't!) that Rory retired after 35 years as chairman of dental medicine and oral surgery at Nassau U. Medical Center—with many wonderful send-offs all summer long across the US. Noreen is still working as an RN at the local middle school. Older son Zach is a doctor of physical therapy living in Park City, UT; Luke has a master's in psychology from King's College in the UK and hopes to stay across the pond for a doctorate; youngest, daughter Rory Jr., plans a western migration for grad school this winter. Overall the Sadoffs are too blessed to be stressed.

Since Rory went to my high school in Levittown, NY, I thought I would share a tidbit from another MacArthur/Cornell connection. **Robert Reich**, ME '76 (resdreich@comcast.net) writes from Kennett Square, PA, where he and wife Beth live. He retired in 2017 as the DuPont corporate manager of global environmental stewardship

after 41 years with the company. His retirement is filled with art and community service, including serving on the board of the Tamani World Children Project (<http://tamaniworldchildrenproject.org/home/>), ESL tutoring, adult bible teaching, and daily fitness.

I was reading the last *Alumni Magazine* and noticed an article on Reunion 2018 that mentioned that New York State Supreme Court Justice **Debra James**, JD '78, gave the Olin Lecture, Daily More Useful: My Life in Public Service. Our 45th Reunion is less than two years away! If you would like to get involved in a small or large way, please contact me and I will point you in the right direction. And send news! We'll share it in our upcoming columns.

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76 *Border Crossings* is **Thaddeus Rutkowski's** first full-length collection of poetry. Per the book's site on Amazon, "The 'crossings' of the title are both geographical and psychological. In some of the poems, the speaker travels from one country to another; in others, he moves from one state of mind to another. His topics range from his rural childhood and Asian heritage to his adult life in New York City to his relation (throughout his journeys) to people, animals, and nature. All of these short, first-person poems shed light on these topics through vivid, accessible language. Thaddeus strikes chords describing experiences we've all had."

Kenneth Kleinman is proud to say that his youngest son has recently started at the Dyson School, Class of '22. This gives him opportunities to visit the Hill numerous times, for move-in day, Homecoming, and Parents' Weekend. His son is living in Donlon, which isn't an experience Kenneth had, but it means he doesn't have to trek up Libe Slope every day! **Mike Briggs** is the president and CEO of USNY Bank in Geneva, NY. Sharlene and Mike have three children, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. He writes that he enjoys living on Keuka Lake near Penn Yan, NY.

After receiving his PhD in plant breeding at U. of Wisconsin, Madison, **Bruce Reisch** returned to Cornell and has been a member of the faculty in Horticulture and Plant Breeding ever since. He is happily working on the genetics of grapevines and developing improved wine and table grape varieties for New York and beyond. Bruce and **Kim (Stone) '84** have three grown-up children all living, working, and loving life in Boston. "They love to travel as much as we do!" he writes. Bruce and Kim will be downsizing this year to a much smaller home, on over an acre, but still staying in Geneva, NY. **David Short** has been appointed by President Trump to serve in his administration as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Aviation and Int'l Affairs. He was sworn into office on July 24, 2018.

After a career as a partner and head of the intellectual property litigation practice at the law firm of Debevoise & Plimpton, **Bruce Keller** joined the Dept. of Justice as an Assistant US Attorney for the District of New Jersey, where he currently serves as special counsel to the US Attorney. **Steven Kratzer**, PhD '84, writes that he retired earlier this year. Now he is busy volunteering for several organizations, and traveling with wife **Karen (Smith) '87**. He is enjoying giving back to his community. When Steven returns to campus for reunions, he likes to visit the gardens along Tower Road. Send news to: ❖ **Lisa Diamant**, Ljdiamant@verizon.net; **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, krinsk54@gmail.com; **Pat Relf** Hanavan, patrelf1@gmail.com.

77 As I write this, I am in the midst of the first months of retirement, filled with travel to northern Italy, home renovations, volunteering, and looking forward to new adventures! I am not alone in this. **Tom Windmuller** writes that he and his wife, Cathy Overly, are happily enjoying retirement near Geneva, Switzerland. Tom is doing some teaching, consulting, and board work while also volunteering in the community. He and his wife are able to make frequent visits to the US, in part to visit their son who is currently a junior at Cornell. They are hoping winter brings lots of snow and opportunities to enjoy alpine skiing.

At the same time, several of our classmates are still enjoying and thriving in their professions, along with spending time with their families, traveling, and engaging in other fun activities. **Jone Sampson** writes that she was promoted to full professor in the molecular and medical genetics department at Oregon Health & Science U. (OHSU), and is currently the director of clinical cancer genetics for the Knight Cancer Center in Portland, OR. Jone's three daughters are quite accomplished as well. Her oldest is a third-year medical student at Nova Southeastern U. (NSUCOM), while her youngest just finished an internship in the Gambia and is a junior at the U. of Puget Sound. Her middle daughter is in the corps at San Francisco Ballet.

Diane Freedman, MAT '78, spent last summer traveling to Northern California, where she spent part of the time staying with **Cindy Soffen** Cooper '76 and her husband in their beautiful home in Half Moon Bay. She also visited several other places "without specific Cornell connections" including Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, the Catskill Mountains, and mid-Maine. Diane writes that she is still a professor of literature at the U. of New Hampshire, with no immediate plans to retire. In the fall, she briefly traveled to Germany for an academic and creative conference on the meaning of gardens. Next year she plans to write a sequel "of sorts" to her most recent collection of poems and essays, *Midlife with Thoreau: Poems, Essays, Journals* (Hiraeth, 2015). Diane also reports proudly that her nephew, **Jeremy Freedman '22**, is a first-year student in Cornell's College of Engineering.

Ben Miller (Redwood, CA) recently left a wonderful position at Boston Scientific to get away from too much stress and a job that was shifting away from the creative work he is passionate about. He reports, "I miss the great team, but love getting back to full-time database development, and working with two smaller companies where I can have a big impact." Ben recently went to Hawaii to vacation with his wife, Cathy, two grown daughters, and family, and his ex-wife and her husband. He writes, "It feels great to have forged strong relationships that work for the modern world." If he had a day to spend in Ithaca, Ben would visit Riskey, drop in on a Cornell Glee Club rehearsal, and visit his old family home in Slaterville Springs.

John Speese III writes from North Augusta, SC, where he lives with his wife, Sherri. He has been a freelance translator since 2004, going full time with that in 2006. John's son, a U. of Georgia graduate, was married in October 2018. If he had the opportunity to be in Ithaca for a day, John would spend it on campus, mostly at Beebe Lake and Fall Creek Gorge.

Rochelle Goldstein Schaevitz earned her MFA in May 2018 from the New Academy of Art, a graduate school in Tribeca, NY, started by Andy Warhol. She writes that she and husband **Mark '76**, BArch '77, are also new grandparents. Their first grandchild was born recently to their daughter **Jessica Schaevitz** Deacon '08. In addition to enjoying the baby and the rest of her family, Rochelle

enjoys her art, friends, and traveling. If she had a day to spend at Cornell, she would listen to a good lecture, go to the bird sanctuary, and visit the art museum.

I hope everyone had a healthy and happy holiday season and that you are wintering well. We enjoy hearing from you and having the opportunity to share your stories with our fellow classmates. Please keep all of your news and views coming in via the online news form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>. Or send your news directly to either of us at: ♦ **Mary Flynn**, maryflynn1@me.com; or **Howie Eisen**, heisen@drexelmed.edu.

78 Blissful retirement appears to be the theme of this issue—something we've all likely contemplated, if not already arrived at as of late.

Forty years after starting law school in August 1978, **Stephen Kesselman**, JD '81, retired from private practice. He is in regular contact with his ZBT brothers, including **Bill Sternberg**, **Ron Frier**, and **Brian Ochs**. Stepping down after nine years as a department chair brought **Eric Cotts** "a period of rapture, replete with bike riding and unadulterated study." He writes that his older child started a poetry class, so it looks like he'll start writing again, while the younger child gave up trying to stay away from academia and took a postdoc position. Eric and his wife enjoy walking the dog in the woods, but he admits, "The most satisfaction is more material based: we purchased some magic chairs for our screen porch, rocking easy chairs. Staring at the big old hickory trees feels good."

Karen Wilk Rubin happily retired in June from public health and clinical nutrition after 38 years as a registered dietitian. The past 20 were at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in Hollywood, FL. "I'm having fun in the sun!" says Karen. "I love the freedom, including getting up and going to sleep whenever I want!" Also retired is **Leah Minemier MacLeod**, MS '83, who says she's becoming proficient in family logistics. With her husband, **Don '77**, BS '81, now working at UCLA, the women in the family are in the Bay Area and the men are in Orange County. "Not ideal," says Leah, "but we're dealing with it." Laughing and loving her family, pets, friends, and the weirdness of life brings Leah the greatest satisfaction these days. Were she to visit Ithaca, she would visit friends in Dryden, Lansing, Oswego, and Ithaca.

Pat Reilly recently retired from AT&T Labs after more than 34 years. She is planning to step up her volunteer work, which already includes several volunteer positions for Cornell, while also spending more time in the gym and traveling. Pat is thrilled that both daughters are gainfully employed and living nearby in New Jersey. **Gary Smotrich** is thinking about bidding farewell to New Jersey, where he has had a plastic surgery practice for 30 years. He also practices in Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard, where the family has a home. Gary's older son Danny is a senior in aerospace engineering at Georgia Tech, and Jonny is a freshman in marine biology at Coastal Carolina. Flying his airplane provides Gary with great fulfillment. He would spend a day in Ithaca walking around campus, taking his old tour guide route.

Cynthia Kubas now works for Servier Pharmaceuticals, a French firm that purchased Shire Oncology. She took a romantic Danube cruise from Germany to Hungary in August, and reports, "Budapest is just beautiful!" Cynthia recently celebrated birthdays with classmates **Mary Bowler** Jones in New Jersey and **Susanne Solomon** in Ithaca. **Susan Kearing** was looking forward to becoming a great-aunt for the first time; her own great-aunt is now 104 years old! Susan thoroughly enjoyed a get-together

at Indian Ladder Farm hosted by the Cornell Club of Albany in June: "Everyone was so enthusiastic!"

A few of our classmates immersed themselves in a summer Cornell's Adult University (CAU) class on campus last July or joined a study tour to destinations around the world in 2018. These non-credit courses, designed and led by some of Cornell's most gifted faculty, allow alums to continue learning and pursue their passions in good company. **George Paul Thacker** participated in the Personal Essay: A Writing Workshop, **David Levine** studied What Your Genes Can Tell You and Why It Matters, and **Leslee Moore** got a peek Inside the Smithsonian with Curators and Conservators. If you'd like to learn more about CAU, visit www.cau.cornell.edu.

For those of you in more northern climes, stay safe and warm this winter. To everyone: share your news with us by writing to: ♦ **Ilene Shub** Lefland, ilene.lefland@gmail.com; or **Cindy Fuller**, cindy@cindylfuller.com.

79 A big Reunion celebration—our 40th Reunion!—is coming up quickly. Please be sure to save the dates: Thursday, June 6 to Sunday, June 9, 2019. Now is the time to start reaching out to friends and making plans to "Return to the Hill." Think about tracking down those buddies from your freshman/upperclass dorms, your apartments in Collegetown, and your sororities and fraternities. Use social media to locate the friends with whom you played intramural sports, acted beside in campus plays, practiced on the athletic fields, shared homework tips in study groups, and partied all night long. Reunion is definitely a time where the old adage holds true: "The more the merrier!"

We heard from **Bolivar Arboleda**, who is planning on being at Reunion. Bolivar shared that the American College of Surgeons published an article he had written on how a group of Puerto Rican physicians went about helping others after hurricanes Irma and Maria in September 2017. He wrote that since the hurricanes, the residents of the island have all been in reconstruction mode. Bolivar is actively engaged in his medical practice, yet definitely enjoys traveling with his wife, Diana Margarita, and playing with their two grandkids.

Kathryn Gleason and her husband, Jeffrey Zorn, are full-time residents in Ithaca, where Kathryn has had a wonderful career teaching Landscape Architecture and Archaeology at Cornell, where she is a full professor. Kathryn's mother and sister also live in Ithaca, and a favorite family pastime is investigating family history in the region, as well as in Ireland, England, and the Channel Islands. Kathryn and Jeffrey have a son, Noah, who is a college freshman. Kathryn remembers fondly her freshman year at Balch Hall and her friendship with **Laura**

Jensen Broe, the first person she met on the Hill. Responding to the question, "What gives you the most satisfaction in your career?" Kathryn wrote: "Directing an archaeological dig at the Casa della Regina Carolina at Pompeii with my colleague Prof. Caitlin Barrett and lots of great Cornell students. It is time to pass on the baton, and there are terrific students interested in what the ancient landscape can tell us about the changing environment and cultural resiliency."

Judy Wyman Kelly and her husband, John, live in West Hartford, CT. Judy teaches history at the U. of Hartford. She dedicates her time to working with immigrants and refugees, and she is the co-chair of the West Hartford Human Rights Commission. Judy and John's older daughter is attending college in Southern California. Judy has fond memories of Cornell and recalls that the first person she met on campus was **Laura MacPhail**.

Bob Mateus writes that he continues to "provide SanDisk semiconductor storage products to the masses." Bob has been with SanDisk for 15 years and travels frequently to Asia, including such cities as Taipei and Saigon. He has daughters in college in San Francisco and Berkeley, and he gets great satisfaction supporting his daughters in their college and athletic endeavors. When asked, "What would you do if you had a day in Ithaca?" Bob responded: "Play squash and tennis and then go out to the lake for a Pinesburger!" The first person Bob met at Cornell was **Douglas Leland Wright '81**.

Our "snail-mail" news and our "online" news from all of you is running low. Please send us updates that we can share. And please make plans for being in Ithaca, June 6-9, 2019! Feel free to write to any of your correspondents at: ♦ **Cindy Ahlgren** Shea, cindy.shea@sothebys.com; **Kathy Zappia** Gould, Kathy.Gould57@gmail.com; **Linda Moses**, lindakmoses@gmail.com.

80 Our 40th Reunion is next year. You should dig out your yearbook and review your classmates' pictures. Nobody you meet will even vaguely resemble their senior photos, but it will keep you busy for a few hours until it's time for the early bird special.

Leslie MacKenzie Vasbinder shares with us the news that classmate **Alan Dunn**, of Johns Creek, GA, has won multiple rounds of the television quiz show "Jeopardy!" Alan has watched the program for more than 50 years, since the reign of host Art Fleming. Alan is a software development manager; he is quoted in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* as saying that he "belongs to a tribe of nerds." This correspondent (**Dik Saalfeld**) plays the home version of "Jeopardy!" with his wife: "They're causing a nauseating odor in the hall closet." "What are Dik's bowling shoes?!" Conversation in our



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household isn't reminiscent of the Algonquin Round Table, but it's rarely dull.

Jill Holtzman Leichter, formerly of Dunedin, New Zealand, moved back to Ithaca a few years ago. She is an editor and publisher at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. She remembers that the first person she met at Cornell was **Eve Pranis**. In answer to the generic Class Notes question, "What would you do if you had a day in Ithaca?" she joyfully replies, "I have them all the time!"

'Susan Scarf Merrell's second novel, Shirley, is being made into a feature film.'

STEVEN BARRE '81

Dan Simpkins, ME '81, and spouse Irene live in Bethesda, MD. Dan said that if he had a day in Ithaca, he would "stop at the Johnson Museum to take in an exhibit." He would then "take a walk over the suspension bridge to North Campus, skirt Beebe Lake, and stroll to the Cornell Botanic Gardens (formerly the Cornell Plantations) to watch the sunset." Dan sold Hillcrest Labs, pioneer of SmartTV. Fellow classmate **Dave Karlin** was with him at Hillcrest. Dan adds, "We have both started new ventures! Dave is a consultant, and I'm the founder of a tech startup. My daughter, **Nina '19**, just started her senior year. She is an Art History major with a minor in Information Science. She is looking for an interesting job at the intersection of art and technology; if anyone is looking for a superstar with that background, give a shout!" Dan is attempting to learn bridge and golf. He says, "I also have a great time on the Engineering college council working on new approaches to engineering education, and I'm thoroughly enjoying giving back to Cornell through my work on the council."

Tom Miller, PhD '90, says he has been teaching structural engineering at Oregon State for nearly 30 years. His wife, Annette, teaches band at Santiam Christian and Albany Christian schools. Daughter Erin teaches junior high school music in Renton, WA, and daughter Kristin just graduated from Western Oregon U. with a degree in exercise science and dance. Tom says, "The best part of my job is working with student groups and getting to know the students informally outside of class." We asked him about traveling from the Pacific Northwest to Ithaca for a day, and he responded that "it sounds crazy, but it would be in the winter, to see a Big Red hockey game!"

When I read that **Russell Hargrave**, BS '81, "started a drone company called Aero Drone Corp.," I pictured him putting together little whirly toys in his garage, but it turns out to be a company that uses technology "to capture aerial data driving economic, environmental, and public safety solutions." The company has a 6,000-sq.-ft. campus, with over nine miles of outdoor flight testing grounds. The company uses a fleet of drones for aerial inspections, agricultural planning, security, and photography. If dropped in Ithaca for a day, he would "explore every square inch of the campus again!" He has two 12-year-old children, and derives satisfaction from spending time with them and his wife, Stephanie. The contemporary chamber music group, Ensemble for These Times, featuring our own **Nanette Cooper-McGuinness**, celebrated its tenth anniversary by winning a Gold Medal in the 2018 Global Music Awards. The group's new season features classical music by Hollywood composers

exiled by, or lost in, the Holocaust, as well as new music inspired by film noir.

Gail Wechsler writes that she is the library director of the Law Library Assn. of St. Louis. "I am responsible for all the operations of the Civil Courts Law Library in downtown St. Louis, a public and membership law library. We serve everyone from judges to those who cannot afford an attorney and need legal research assistance. I have implemented a robust monthly continuing legal

education program, expanded services to our members, and enhanced our web presence, among other things. My husband, **Bob Cropf '81**, and I are the proud parents of Jeremy, creative arts director at PBS Seattle and winner of multiple Emmy Awards, and Hannah, an art student at Cornish College of the Arts. I also enjoy work as a volunteer leader at a nonprofit focused on gun violence prevention, and as a board member at Bravely, which assists women recovering from life on the streets."

You can turn on your hearing aids again—the election cycle is over! We have a nice respite until the next one starts on—let me check my calendar . . . oh no. ♦ **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25@cornell.edu; **Leona Barsky**, leona barsky@aol.com; **Dana Jerrard**, dej24@cornell.edu.

81 Coming soon to a theater near you: **Susan Scarf Merrell's** second novel, *Shirley*, is being made into a feature film starring Elisabeth Moss ("Mad Men," "The Handmaid's Tale") and Michael Stuhlbarg (*Call Me by Your Name*), and directed by Josephine Decker (*Madeline's Madeline*). The 2014 novel is about a grad student and his wife who move in with famed horror author Shirley Jackson, played by Moss, and her Bennington College professor husband, played by Stuhlbarg, in the hopes of starting a new life. Instead, they find themselves fodder for a psycho-drama. Can't wait to see the movie!

Kevin McCarthy (mccarthykev@me.com) writes that he and his family recently moved to the St. Louis area. Also in the area, **Bob Cropf** (robert.cropf@slu.edu) is professor of political science at Saint Louis U. "The same job for 27 years! But still love it!" He and wife **Gail Wechsler '80** met on a cold February day at the Straight in 1979 and celebrated 33 years of marriage in August. His mom still lives in Ithaca, and he returns to campus every time he visits. "The campus has been transformed but still looks terrific!" He keeps in touch with Ecology House roommate **Aaron Stern '80** as well as **Pete Rosenblum**, who lived down the hall.

Lois Lupica and husband **Tom Sather '80** have moved to Denver, CO, but will soon spend four months in Melbourne, Australia, where a Fulbright Award will allow Lois to conduct comparative and qualitative analysis of access to civil justice in Australia. Her older child, Noah, is in his third year at Brown Medical School. Younger son **Jesse Lupica '18**, ME '18, just graduated from Cornell and moved to Redwood City, CA, to start a job at Facebook as a software engineer. In addition to her accomplishments as a professor of law, Lois's talents include encaustic painting, a process that uses heat to fuse pigments with hot wax. See www.lrlupica.com for a display of her beautiful encaustic work.

In his bankruptcy law practice, **Ted Araujo** (taraujo@bodowlaw.com) is also focused on access-to-justice issues, and in May he received an award from the National Assn. of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys (NACBA)—the Hammes-Shulman Award, recognizing significant legislative and advocacy contributions at the state and national levels. Ted's particular emphasis has been on trying to bring student loans within the protection of the bankruptcy laws. However, he proudly reports that son **Robert Araujo '15** has no loans "so there is no conflict of interest!" After graduation Ted spent two years as assistant university counsel at Cornell and then joined the Marine Corps. He lives in Manlius, NY, and often sees **Anthony Boyadjis**, JD '84, who just got his Tesla delivered!

Susan Glenn Joseph (susan.joseph1786@gmail.com) writes that she recently switched careers after spending most of her professional life as an in-house attorney and general counsel. She became interested in blockchain technology four years ago, and since then has been working as a consultant on blockchain as it applies to insurance, financial institutions, identity, supply chain, digital rights, real estate, tokenization, and regulatory technology issues. She was the first executive director of ID2020, a UN initiative using blockchain to provide identity to the world's population. In May, she was named the North American representative for B3i, a blockchain startup formed by the global insurance industry to explore the use of distributed ledger technologies for the benefit of all stakeholders in the industry's value chain. She also started a not-for-profit, Diversity in Blockchain, with five co-founders to encourage diversity in the industry. Her twin daughters graduated from Cornell a year ago and are both happily employed in their fields. Her husband, Leon, is teaching middle school math at an inner-city school. For Susan, "helping others learn and understand how digital tools can help them, and working on inclusion and humanitarian causes" is what gives her the most satisfaction in life these days. If she had a day in Ithaca, she would tour the campus, go to the Ithaca Farmers Market, eat ice cream at Purity (mocha chip!), walk around Beebe Lake, go to one of the state parks, and walk around the Plantations (now the Botanic Gardens).

Franny Osman (frannyola@gmail.com) has been active on town transportation, disability, and select boards, with a focus on improving public transit in the west-suburban Boston area. She and husband **Bill Freeman, MS '81**, live in a cohousing neighborhood in Acton, MA, where she enjoys writing and also swimming in nearby Walden Pond. Her kids are now 21, 25, and 28. At Cornell, **Roz Kennedy Kenworthy, MAT '70**, and her Risley friends had the greatest impact on her.

Our best wishes for the New Year! All three of us live in South Florida, and this is the perfect time of year to visit the region—let us know if you will be in the area. Many thanks for your updates. Please keep sending us news! ♦ **Steven Barre**, sbarre@aol.com; **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net; **Tanis MacKay**-Bell, TanisMBell@gmail.com.

82 A wonderful gathering of D.C. area Tri-Delts that they know about—"Sorry if we missed anyone!"—was hosted by **Denise DeConcini** and **Bob Ramin**, MBA '85, in their Silver Spring, MD, home last July. We were so happy that **Wendy Raymond** and her husband, Dave Backus, were also visiting the area. Joining us for fun, food, drink, and looking at old photos of our young selves—as Denise said, "Always a sobering experience at this point"—were Chris and **Michele Daniels** Koch, Phil and **Catherine Cull** Chatfield, Joe and **Jann**

Hoopes Cassady, and **George and Yvonne Swink Coyle**. Denise is a pediatrician in Silver Spring and Bob does fundraising consulting for nonprofits. Their daughter, **Peggy Ramin '12**, is in her final year of law school at U. of Maryland, and son **Danny '15** lives in D.C. and works as a research assistant at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

I was also so fortunate to enjoy a great catch-up dinner with **Rick Eno** and **Steve Crump** during Steve's trip to his company's office in Lexington, MA, from Basel, Switzerland. As part of our dinner deal, I asked them to submit news, especially as Steve is our former class correspondent! Rick reported that he and wife Courtney got together with **Andy** and Carolyn **Bjork** at their home in Newport, RI. Carolyn's dad, **Bob Crump '59**, also joined them. If it all sounds familiar, Carolyn is Steve Crump's sister!

Rick recently wrapped up his time as CEO of a renewable chemicals company and is currently working with clean technology startups in the Boston area. He "also serves as an unpaid Uber driver for his two daughters, ages 10 and 13. The family keeps busy mountain biking in the summer and skiing in the winter. This year marks the point when sailing becomes a year-round sport as they prepare for the frostbite racing season in Boston Harbor." He adds, "Look for us as you land at Logan Airport in February." Rick regularly keeps up with **Chris Gardner**. Chris and wife Lynn live in Ojai, CA, where they are busy remodeling and renting properties. They are hard to keep up with, having recently returned from Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, and preparing for their next trip to Costa Rica.

During his visit, Steve was able to catch up with his brother-in-law, Andy Bjork. Andy and Carolyn live in Newport, RI, but recently purchased a classic place in the historic district of Charleston, SC. Steve reports, "They're making their typically tasteful upgrades before having it move-in ready by the end of the year. On behalf of Andy, he invites any interested classmates to visit." Steve also mentioned that his two oldest daughters (with wife **Lisa Mummery Crump**), **Lindsey '10** and **Erica '11**, are both living and working in San Diego. He notes that, for many reasons, it's great having them so close to each other, but he especially appreciates how it facilitates his and Lisa's visits to see both of them. "A sort of one-stop shopping for parents."

We received a news form from **Scott Irgang**, who recently became director of labor relations for the Broadway League, a multi-employer association that represents the theater owners, producers, and general managers of Broadway. Scott exclaimed, "Labor Relations + Broadway = A dream come true!" **Henry Herz** submitted his news online and wrote that he is using his industrial engineering education to provide process improvement consulting to San Diego firms. And "on a completely different note," he writes children's books. His most recent three are *Alice's Magic Garden* (Familius), *How the Squid Got Two Long Arms* (Pelican Publishing), and *Good Egg and Bad Apple* (Schiffer Publishing). More details can be viewed at: <http://www.henryherz.com>.

Attending Cornell's Adult University last summer were **Donna Tobin**, who attended the wines course with **Abby Nash '75**, and **Richard Zweig**, who biked the Finger Lakes with Rob Cook and the Cornell Outdoor Education staff. These non-credit courses are designed and led by Cornell's faculty and offer alumni the ability to continue to enjoy courses as adult learners.

Terry Kilmer Oosterom and **Teri Williams** Harvey and husband Dave hosted their annual Homecoming gathering on the Hill combined with the Class of 1981.

Juliet Kolm Gibbs, **Mark and Melissa Duncan Fernau '83**, **Miriam Akabas**, and **Greg Busby** were in attendance with Glee Club and Chorus friends. Teri reported they were disappointed that due to the Ithaca weather, the fireworks and laser show were cancelled. I wonder what the weather in Ithaca is like now! **Nina Kondo**, nmk22@cornell.edu; **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu; **Doug Skalka**, dsalka@nplmlaw.com.

83 It's hard to beat a glorious fall in Ithaca. Town and gown events are some of the many reasons to trek back to Ithaca, including, but not limited to, Homecoming. As I write this column, the Apple Harvest Festival had a flourishing weekend, the restored "Tommy" plane had a successful flight, the immensely indulgent public library book sale is in full swing, and the increasingly popular Wizarding Weekend sees out October. As well, there are many activities on the Hill to keep students and alumni intellectually occupied.

Our classmates are equally engaged. Congratulations to my sorority sister **Susan Wasserman** Guerin, who was the opening speaker for the Hotel school's Dean's Distinguished Lecture Series and was joined by her son, **James '15**, and her daughter, **Cassie '18**. Susan says it was wonderful to be back at school, speaking, doing roundtables, and having wonderful meals with graduate and undergraduate students and professors.

Dinah Lawrence Godwin is an assistant professor in the pediatrics department at Baylor College of Medicine, and her clinical work focuses on families of children with developmental disabilities. Her home was flooded during Hurricane Harvey, and she and her husband have been elevating and rebuilding their house since then. Her older daughter, Anna, was married in January. Classmate **Lisa Esposito Kok** and friend **Stephanie Costic** Henson '82, MBA '85, joined in the celebrations.

Dr. **Terry Sky Glendening** sustained a life-altering traumatic brain injury last year. She is determined to recover and to return to a productive life. She urges her classmates to "take time to appreciate one's life and the magnificence of the mysterious universe in which we live. Be sure to have a plan in place so things go smoothly in case you become debilitated or deceased. Update your will; make sure people know the location of important papers; prepare for the continued care of your loved ones, be they two-legged, four-legged, or otherwise. Live each day mindful of the legacy you will leave behind when you 'graduate' to the next phase of existence. Most of all, consider the words of Bob Marley: "Don't worry about a thing, 'cause every little thing is gonna be alright."

Sherrie Nachman sounds like she has a great job as a travel writer, focusing on family travel for Forbes. She's been able to travel all over the world with her twin boys. Classmates interested in reading her pieces can access <https://www.forbes.com/sites/sherrienachman>. Sherrie says she would love to hear about all of our favorite trips. When asked what she would do if she had a day in Ithaca, Sherrie replied that she would "walk around campus and be surprised by how much it has changed, but be thrilled that it is still so gloriously beautiful."

Lisa Kok and husband **George '82** proudly convey that their daughter, **Pippa '22**, is a freshman in the Animal Science major in CALS. "We are now a completely Cornellian family—she makes four. Her only sibling, **Nicholas '16**, graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. I have no more Cornellians to give Cornell (until my kids get started on grandchildren). We are looking forward to the Homecomings and Parents' Weekends (and surprise road trip visits?) we will have over the next four years."

Michael LaChapelle and his wife, Peggy, are enjoying visiting their sons, **James '18**, in New York City, and **Dan '16**, in Austin. James works at Lazard at 30 Rock, and Dan is undertaking a PhD in aerospace engineering at the U. of Texas, Austin. The LaChapelles see Michael's Chi Phi fraternity brother **Geoff Morris '82** and his wife, Stephanie, regularly. They all live close by in Fairport, NY.

Sean Killoy sent us an update that he has moved to southwest Colorado and has been a volunteer lecturer in engineering and design at a local school. He was asked to come back as director of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Math) programs at a public charter school. Additionally, he develops courses and courseware for the Defense Acquisition U. He enjoys seeing his two children and two grandchildren back East when he has the opportunity. He finds working with young students both amazing and refreshing. He says, "It is incredibly rewarding to see them light up with a passion for engineering, investigation, and innovation." He returns to Ithaca on a regular basis and makes a point of visiting "his bridge." Together with other members of the Cornell student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Class of '83 designed and built the suspension bridge that spans Fall Creek at Flat Rock.

Corrections Dept.: Our apologies to **Scott Boltwood**, whose news appeared in our July/August 2018 column under the wrong name. Here is his entry in its entirety: Scott Boltwood reported that his third book has just been published by Palgrave Macmillan, a graduate-level textbook on the career of Irish playwright Brian Friel. He is also working on a new project for Syracuse University Press. Scott loves cooking for his family, while very slowly working toward his black belt in aikido. If Scott had a day in Ithaca, he would walk from North Campus to the Arts Quad to Collegetown and eat at the Souvlaki House and watch the sunset. If he was lucky, he would do it on Dragon Day! Send news to: **Kim Todd**, kt5@cornell.edu; **Jon Felice**, jbfelice.com; **Tom Helf**, tomhelf@aol.com; **Stewart Glickman**, stewartglickman@gmail.com.

84 We recently had a class council call to review upcoming events for our class. I'm sure many of you were at the hockey game at the Garden over Thanksgiving weekend. The planning for this event that **Lindsay Liotta** Forness and **Joanne Restivo** Jensen did for our class's benefit is wonderful. We all owe them our thanks.

Reunion planning was the big topic of our call. Joanne, **Tim Donahoe**, and **Scott Sidman**, BS '02, have been working hard to plan for a wonderful Reunion. There will truly be something for everyone. We will be housed in the comfortable, modern, and AIR CONDITIONED townhouses! We can look forward to dinner at Moakley House alongside the golf course, a barbecue with water sports by the shores of Beebe Lake, cocktails and dinner at the Memorial Room Terrace and Okenshields, and Sunday brunch on North Campus at RPCC. I think many will agree that no one does college brunch better than Cornell Catering! There will be so much more, including concerts, lectures, tours, tent parties, and simply hanging out to reminisce. Come join us June 6-9 for our 35th Reunion. Call your college roommates and housemates and fraternity/sorority siblings and encourage them to attend with you.

On to class news. We heard from **Sylvia Santiago**. She worked for many years with the Cornell mentoring program in Puerto Rico. She writes, "I have not been back to the Cornell campus since 1985. I have finally made a stop in this crazy worklife that we live, and this

September 2018 I will be flying to New York and driving up as I used to, to revive one of the greatest memories that I have endured and cherished, which is to have the honor to study and create knowledge foundations as a student at Cornell." I look forward to hearing how her return to Cornell went!

Bill Lyndon '82, BS '84, reports that his company, Corsair Innovations, has been "working on making breathable, comfortable, more effective anti-concussion impact energy absorption material for all helmeted sports and other protective equipment. It minimizes the risk of concussion damage by handling dangerous rotational hits more effectively." They currently supply companies that make baseball and soccer headgear and are seeking to partner with more companies who want to improve their helmets and body protection equipment. His company was one of five winners of the NFL Under Armour Head Health Challenge III grants in 2015 and, he adds, "the NFL Head Health Challenge IV awarded Corsair a \$168K Head Health Technology grant to further develop and test our energy absorption material, Fiber Energy Absorption Material (FEAM)."

Lee Bender writes, "I have been very busy with promoting US-Israel relations: I am the co-president of the Zionist Organization of America, Philadelphia chapter, co-author of a book on anti-Israel media bias (*Pressing Israel: Media Bias Exposed From A-Z*), and co-developer of a website, <http://www.factsonisrael.com>, where I have posted dozens of my articles, videos, and factual analyses, and I am involved in lobbying, writing, and educating. I am also the longtime scholarship chairman and board member of the Cornell Club of Greater Philadelphia. I keep up with a bunch of my fraternity brothers: **Larry Lazar**, **Matt Siegal**, **Charles Oppenheim**, **Steve Nachman**, **Tom Allon**, **Phil George**, and **Jim Mandell**, MD '92. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming 35th Reunion in June 2019."

Elizabeth Thomson Plageman writes, "After 30 years as a science writer at MIT, I'm now a freelance science writer and publicist. I'm enjoying it thoroughly, writing about everything from gravitational waves (the subject of last year's Nobel Prize) to the discovery of new 'smart' materials that could cut the costs of flying. Clients include MIT, Texas A&M, various startups, and the U. of California, Davis. For examples of what I do, see my LinkedIn profile (Elizabeth Thomson). I'm always looking for new clients!"

Lastly, **Marcy Dubroff** is "running a nonprofit for STEM educators based in Lancaster, PA. The POGIL Project seeks to improve teaching and learning by fostering an inclusive, transformative community of reflective educators who design, implement, assess, and study learner-centered environments." Her son just graduated from Franklin and Marshall and is in Indonesia as a Fulbright Scholar teaching English. Her youngest is at F&M in her freshman year and is playing on the varsity tennis team. Between work and her return to graduate school for her master's, she found time to get together in NYC with some *Cornell Sun* photo alumni including **Melissa Beisheim** Benno '88, **Bob Geoghegan**, **Mark Seliger** '83, **Jon Barkey** '87, **Jim Leynse** '89, **Cheryl Yasuda-Rieve** '85, DVM '89, **Dave Bock** '85, **Carlo Luri**, and **Mike Goldmann** '86, DVM '97. They had so much fun that they plan to get together again.

Please send us your news. We look forward to seeing you in person at Reunion 2019! ❖ **Catherine** "Kitty" **Cantwell**, catherinecantwell@gmail.com; and **Janet Insardi**, insardij@hotmail.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

85 Hello, fellow alums! As I write this in mid-October, summer is over and family is back to school, college, work, and enjoying the crisp air and fall colors—and I've got some news from fellow classmates to share. We are heading into our 34th year out of Cornell and many of you are sending your children off to college, Cornell included. I am not sure how the years passed so quickly, but time flies when you're having fun!

Bill Gorlin, ME '86 (Briarcliff Manor, NY) is very happy with his career as an entertainment engineer. In June, he was named "Engineer of the Year" by the New York State Society of Professional Engineers (NYSSPE) at their annual conference in Saratoga! **Susan Kittenplan** writes in from her home in NYC with sad news. Her father, **Stephen Kittenplan** '56, passed away in August. Her father, she writes, "always said that going to Cornell changed his life. He was so devoted to the school that he wrote his class column for more than 50 years and was made a lifetime member of the Cornell Council. He loved that **Amy Kittenplan** Hubbard '88 and I went to Cornell, really enjoyed getting to know our classmates, and tried to visit as often as possible while we were there. My mom, Amy (youngest sister), Betsey, and I were very blessed to have him as the 'rose among the thorns,' as he liked to call himself." So sorry for your loss, Susan.

Sarah Willens Kass (Washington, DC) recently retired from classroom teaching with "nary a regret after almost 30 years of teaching English and ESOL." Now she volunteers at Children's National Medical Center, playing with patients and holding babies in the NICU. In addition, she is mentoring a high school junior under the auspices of the RISE-DC program, helping her to achieve her dream of attending college. Maybe she can end up at Cornell. Sarah also recently went back to Ithaca to celebrate Prof. Dan Schwarz's 50th anniversary of inspiring students and building community at Cornell.

Lynne Buchanan Cordary (Potomac Falls, VA) writes that she started a new role at Asurion as senior product manager. She has been with the company for 13 years and enjoys the change from senior project manager. Lynn also writes that she is the VP of education for the Sterling (VA) Toastmasters Club, and is volunteering as the area director for Toastmasters District 29, Division E, Area 55. She is also planting native milkweed in her yard to help nature hatch butterflies. When Lynn is in Ithaca, she always tries to stop at a few of her favorite spots—Buttermilk Falls, Handwork, Moosewood, and Purity for some bittersweet ice cream!

Jonathan Miller is a criminal defense attorney who travels around the State of New Mexico. He is also a novelist and author of the award-winning *Rattlesnake Lawyer* series. His 12th novel, *Rattlesnake & Son*, comes out this fall. Jonathan took his mom to her 60th Reunion at Cornell last June. She said that the graduate assistant in her Government class was a woman named **Ruth Bader** '54. Hmmm. That name sounds familiar!

Kim Lawson Murphy (Brentwood, TN) received a joint call from **Krista Kallio** and **Andrea Gottehrer** Brett recently. The call was a long time coming. "Krista was visiting Colorado on vacation with her family and met up with Andrea," says Kim. "Then they called me! It had been years since we had been in contact. We realized that Krista's son, **Sam** '20, and my daughter **Aislinn** '19 are both at Cornell now."

In August, **Leslie Nydick**, **Michael Smith**, **Virginia** "Ginny" **Scarola**, **Tara Shuman** Gonzalez, **Adriane Simmons**, **Sue Fiero** Colbert '84, **Brigitte Siefinger** Gouchoe '84, and I (**Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett) descended upon Ithaca for the weekend to attend the 50th

anniversary of the North Forty. **Tracey Nichol** Austin, an Ithaca native, met us there. **Cathy Caliguire Marrero** '84 and her Cornell hubby, **Mike** '82, were there too, and it was just like old times! Dancing! Singing! And ending up eating PMPs at the end of the night. We also visited the Ithaca Farmers Market and tried to find our way around the new campus. Some new buildings, we felt, just don't fit in with the old ivy architecture, but change always happens.

Hoping all 1985ers are enjoying turning 55. Seems like just yesterday we were walking into freshman orientation and finding our way around campus. Now we get lost because nothing looks the same. And, sadly, all our old haunts are closed or burned down. The Nines is yet another casualty in Collegetown. Hoping the Souvlaki House, Ruloff's, and Collegetown Bagels can weather the storm and be there 'til I return next. If you have any news or are looking for an old college friend, please send information to: ❖ **Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett, cornett0667@comcast.net.

86 Happy New Year, dear classmates. **Emily Sawers Berlinghof** and her spouse, **Todd** '85, wrote of their life in Chicago (although who knows if they feel the same way by the time this winter issue of CAM arrives). While Emily's vocation continues to involve staging and selling homes, she has a new avocation. She is serving as marketing communications coordinator for Evanston Scholars, a foundation set up to help first-generation students prepare for and succeed in college. Emily has been a mentor with the program for five years. When not working, Emily and Todd enjoy spending time with family and friends including **Greg Destefano** '85, **Keith Olson**, **Scott Fowkes** '85, and **Andy McGaan** '83, JD '86.

Mark Brandt and his wife, Kathryn, are the lucky grandparents of two wee ones who live near them in northern Ohio. Mark is in the wealth management practice of Northern Trust. When he wrote, he was about to compete in his tenth Ironman Triathlon. He does more than compete; he is currently ranked in the top 120 in the world for his age group and strives to finish the year in the top 50 worldwide. If Mark had a day in Ithaca, he would like to walk campus among the trees, reminiscing with friends like **Dave Johnson**. Also missing the lovely trees of Ithaca (and its gorges) is **Sabine Campbell Hyland**, who was recently promoted to Professor of World Christianity at the U. of St. Andrews. She and her husband, **William**, PhD '92, are now permanent residents of Scotland, where they love to walk along the coast in their village.

My Alpha Gamma Delta sister **Irene Hendricks** is working as a VP of HR for Guardian Life. "I have responsibility for HR for mergers and acquisitions," she writes. Irene and her husband, **Steve Eno** '84, are experiencing their own family transformation as their older daughter, Caroline, recently started studying at the U. of Wisconsin, Madison. If she had a day in Ithaca, Irene says she would eat pizza at the Nines. Sadly, the establishment closed its doors last October.

Luckily, **Alice Kimm** DID dine at the Nines when two of her children participated in a Cornell/Hobart squash tournament last fall. While she enjoyed the culinary diversion, she regrets not having time to visit the new architecture building by OMA, nor the Morphosis building (Bill & Melinda Gates Hall). She is an architect in Los Angeles, at a 20-plus-year-old architectural design firm that she owns with her husband, John Friedman. The two appear to have an exciting professional life. "We have

interesting commissions ranging from a creative office campus for a major entertainment network, a support center that serves the Los Angeles homeless population, and a public park, to single family and multifamily residential work." Alice recently decided to give up teaching entirely to focus solely on the practice and her family. Their oldest is a high school senior and will be applying to Cornell, their middle child just started high school, and their youngest recently started seventh grade. Together, they moved into a new (yet unfinished) house that they designed and built themselves.

I find it amazing when I read that some of you are grandparents, while I am still the mother of high schoolers. Also witnessing life changes are **Brian and Susan Stiff Parmelee '87** of San Clemente, CA, who just witnessed the marriage of their middle son in July. As their children have grown, the two took the opportunity to downsize their home. That may be giving Brian more time to spend playing with his rock cover band. He is working as a VP at JAMS, the largest private provider of mediation and arbitration in the world, while Susan is running a non-profit providing counseling and wellness resources to local teens. Brian regularly sees **Eric Hage**, his freshman-year roommate. **Julie Bick Weed** was the inspiration for me to learn a new word: apronym. I discovered my new vocabulary word (which means a person's name that is regarded as amusingly appropriate to their occupation) upon learning that Julie writes about the legal marijuana industry for *Forbes*. In addition, Julie writes for the *New York Times*, mostly about the travel industry. You can find her at <http://www.JulieWeed.net>.

This column for January was written as summer still has a hold on Atlanta. My summer was highlighted by a wonderful trip to Ljubljana, Slovenia, with the AlpAdria and Eastern Europe Chapter of the Cornell Hotel Society. I recommend that you add this often-overlooked country to your itinerary someday soon. No matter where you travel, remember to write your class correspondents so we can share your news in future columns. ♦ **Toby Goldsmith**, toby.goldsmith@gmail.com; **Lori Spydell Wagner**, mwagner@maiwealth.com; **Nancy Keates**, nancy.keates@wsj.com.

87 Happy New Year to the Class of 1987! **Karen Lootens** Odden's second novel, *A Dangerous Duet*, was published in November by Harper Collins. The book is a Victorian mystery set in a Soho music hall that has ties to the London underworld. Karen's first novel, *A Lady in Smoke*, was a *USA Today* bestseller. **Michael Millette's** son **George '22** is a freshman in the College of Engineering.

John Rosenberg has a new job with Transfer Enterprises Inc. and is still doing interior architecture in Connecticut. **Chris Olsen** has been working since November 2016 as a litigation services counsel at Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, in the Los Angeles/Century office. In June 2018 he participated for the first time and completed the AIDS/LifeCycle, a seven-day, 545-mile bike ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles. The event benefits the Los Angeles LGBT Center and the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. Chris raised more than \$4,500 and was recognized for his efforts by the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, a daily newspaper that focuses on the local legal community. He plans to participate in the 2019 event.

Jeffrey Handelman, MPA '92, celebrated his 25th anniversary at the New York State School Boards Assn., where he oversees human resources and administration. He says that he and his wife are getting used to being empty nesters. His daughter is a freshman at Binghamton

U. and his son is a junior at the U. of Vermont. **Jill Barnett Kaufman** is a psychotherapist, divorce coach, and divorce mediator. Jill's son is a freshman at U. of Michigan, so she too is an empty nester. **Richard Rotmistrovsky**, DVM '91, works as a veterinarian in Scottsdale, AZ. He says he has taken up ballroom dancing and travels yearly to Argentina to pursue Argentine tango.

Jill Israeloff Gross was named associate dean for Academic Affairs at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law

meeting with her longtime faculty advisor and current member of the Board of Trustees, **Mariana Wolfner '74**. Her husband, **Russell Ruthen**, and classmates **Deena Berton**, MBA '89, and **Stephen Odio** visited the *Cornell Daily Sun's* new home in Ithaca. Russell started teaching physics, and Geetanjali has been active in organized medicine as well as running a busy practice. Their oldest son, Neil, is studying at Oberlin College, having landed an internship at Weill Cornell's Englander Inst. for Precision

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at Pace U., where she has been a professor for 19 years. **Rachel Wagner** wrote that her last day as an owner of Wagner Zaun Architecture was September 28. She founded Wagner Zaun with Doug Zaun in fall 2005. Rachel had been fully employed in the field of architecture since 1987. She said that after 30 years of managing and maintaining a business, designing, researching, and teaching, she is taking a break from full-time employment to explore other pursuits.

Amit Batabyal did research instead of teaching this fall. Amit is an economics professor at the Rochester Inst. of Technology. His daughter, **Sanjana '18**, graduated from CALS last spring. **Stacey Neuhofer** Silberzweig attended a great program on ancient grains given by Mark Sorrells, a professor of Plant Breeding and Genetics at CALS, at the Cornell Club in NYC on September 15. **Shari Brasner** introduced Prof. Sorrells. Stacey enjoyed catching up with classmates **Lisa Cocchi**, **Rosemarie Cryan**, **Gabriel Boyar**, and **Jeff Cohen** at the event. ♦ **Liz Brown**, etb29@cornell.edu; **Lisa Griffin**, lag77@cornell.edu; **Whitney Weinstein** Goodman, wwg5@cornell.edu.

88 Happy New Year, Class of '88! This is **Aliza Stein** Angelchik, part of the triumvirate of class correspondents, having learned about this opportunity back at Reunion last June from fellow class correspondent **Debbie Kaplan** Gershenson. I hope you all are having a good year so far. I am personally looking forward to contributing to the class correspondence and hearing from classmates.

I thought I'd first provide an update about myself. I've been running my own marketing strategy and research consulting firm for almost two decades, focusing on pharmaceuticals and biotech. I've been fortunate to have a wide array of clients, keeping busy over the last few decades and traveling a fair amount, both domestically and internationally. My husband, Paul, is a plastic surgeon and we have three active boys. Josh is an analyst at Oppenheimer in the Big Apple; Kai is getting ready for middle school and heavy into Tae Kwan Do and math; and Jacob, a big chess enthusiast, is in elementary school.

At Reunion (which I went to with close friend **Laura Bloch**) I bumped into many classmates I haven't seen in forever (which was awesome!) including **Geetanjali Akerkar-Ruthen**, MD '93. She writes that 2018 has been a wonderful year and that it was fun heading back to Ithaca to celebrate our 30th Reunion. She enjoyed

Medicine. Twin sons Avi and Amar are sophomores in high school. They were fortunate to travel to Tanzania this summer and witness the natural beauty of that country. They didn't see President Obama, who was in Tanzania at the same time, but they did ride a hot air balloon over the Serengeti!

We heard from **Victor Seidel**, who says he enjoyed our 30th with friends and fellow classmates **Peter Lee**, **Steve Santisi**, **Bruce Kruger**, ME '89, **Steven Chartier**, and **Tobe Mellman** Rubin, MD '92. Among the highlights for Victor was visiting their old house on Linden Avenue, marching with the Big Red Band for the Arts Quad concert, and running together in the Reunion 5K. He thought the campus looked as stunning as ever, and the main Reunion dinner venues on Beebe Lake and at the Straight were spectacular. Victor also enjoyed meeting up with his uncle **Daniel Seidel '58**, who was back for his 60th Reunion.

Jessica Wang reports that she's a member of the history faculty at the U. of British Columbia, and is currently enjoying a fellowship year at Harvard U.'s Warren Center for Studies in American History. She says she has open-ended research time, good company, and a Harvard library card—what could be better?

Genise Reid sounds like she's staying busy! She says that lately she's been writing niche devotional guides and small-group studies for faith-based organizations. A few of her books are available on Amazon.com (search "Genise Reid" in the books department). She is nearing her 20th wedding anniversary to Leon and never tires of explaining that her maiden name is Reid and her married name is also Reid. She notes that someday she might try to find out the statistical probability of same-last-name marriages. What gives her the most satisfaction these days is her hobby as a live-sound engineer.

Suzanne Taylor e-mails that she received a Master of Law degree in civil litigation and dispute resolution from Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto. Unfortunately, before she could follow through on plans to open a mediation firm, her partner was diagnosed with a brain tumor and she took the retirement path instead. She continued as a hockey writer covering the Buffalo Sabres for a few years, but has now retired from that as well. In 2006 she decided to get over a decades-long fear of flying that began with a particularly bad flight from Newark to Ithaca, and which had kept her from going on vacation for 17 years. She started with a trip to India

to build at the Jimmy Carter Work Project there, and has been traveling and following Jimmy Carter ever since, including becoming very involved in the Carter Center, President Carter's foundation in Atlanta.

Tracey Boss is a pediatric neuro-optometrist. She has been living in Maryland for two years and has two lovely children. **Jennifer Dell**-Ernstrom e-mails that her parents are selling the family farm, so their family focal point will shift from the Finger Lakes to Bucks County, PA. Check out the following if you'd like to know more: <https://4490-county-road-6-trumansburg-newyork.com/>. And last but not least, **Daniel Cavicchi** contributes that he began serving as interim provost of Rhode Island School of Design in June 2018. This marks his 22nd year at RISD, where he has held various positions, including professor of history, philosophy, and the social sciences; dean of liberal arts; and associate provost.

That's all for my first column—thanks for reading! Please continue to let us know what's new and exciting in your life! You can send in your "hellos" and stories using the online news form at: <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>, or write to any of us at the addresses below. Until next time! ♦ **Aliza Stein** Angelchik, aangelchik@sonorusbrand.com; **Andréa Meadow** Danziger, alm46@cornell.edu; **Debbie Kaplan** Gershenson, dag97@cornell.edu.

89 Ah, we are only a few short months away from that glorious celebration of time passing—Reunion! If this is not already on your calendar (June 6-9, 2019), I strongly encourage you to mark it down and start googling flights, maps, hotels, or dorms—the newly refurbished Robert Purcell Union for us this time! As a proud attendee for each of the '89er five-year get-togethers, I can attest to the fun, fascination, and—get this—*relaxation* of Cornell Reunion. Yes, I just used the words "relaxation" and "Cornell" in the same sentence.

Gone are the days of 1,000-word essays, formula sheets, 200-page reading assignments, prelims, and—the most terrible, chest-tightening, stomach churning of all—finals. Once you're there, they don't so much as ask you to write down your name, let alone an essay. (You get a lanyard and a personalized button and never have to pick up a pen. Hand-to-heart, it's the truth.) And, for those of you who may have had a car on campus back in the day (I get giddy and a bit light-headed at the mere thought of this one), you can park all over the place! No permits! Plus, the food is, without exception, excellent, and they encourage you to hang out and drink beer on the Arts Quad. (I am not making this up!) Our co-chairs, **Carol Borack** Copenhaver (cabcope@hotmail.com), **Debbie Schaffel** (cornelian89@yahoo.com), and **Dave**

Scher (david_scher@yahoo.com), have been taking all their years of experience putting these together to create a fantastic weekend (dinners at the Botanic Gardens and Beebe Lake, among other things). They are happy to take on any helpers, so get inspired and reach out to them!

Many of our fellow '89ers are hitting career strides and facing empty nests. **Emily Farnham** Mastrianni is currently president of Mann Wireless. She writes, "We provide in-building signal enhancement system design, installation, and integration services (we make your cell phones and two-way radios work inside). My oldest daughter graduated from Wesleyan and is a Spanish teacher in Connecticut. My middle daughter, **Grace '20**, is a current junior at Cornell in the College of Human Ecology; she is also rowing with the women's crew team. My youngest daughter is still in high school, so she's unsure of where she will land!" Emily says that the first friend she made at Cornell was **Jinny Van Deusen**, whom she met at the freshman orientation BBQ on the Baker Quad. "We see each other regularly and are both looking forward to our 30th Reunion in 2019!"

Jim Loi writes, "In 2017 I retired from the State Dept. after 22 years of service. That career took me and my family to Romania, South Africa, China, and Singapore, as well as on domestic assignments that included the White House under Presidents Obama and Bush. I am now partner and COO of the Asia Group, a D.C.-based strategic advisory firm that advises US companies in their business in Asia. My older daughter is a junior at Bowdoin. Daughter number two is a freshman at the U. of Puget Sound. My son is a sophomore in high school." While Jim says he looks back fondly on hikes in the falls, pizza at the Nines, and Dunbars (RIP), at present what he enjoys most is "watching my children transition into adulthood."

Grace Manchise Couture and husband Brian became empty nesters when they sent their youngest off to Boston College last August. They recently relocated from Connecticut to California, where Grace is talent acquisition partner for CVS Health and Brian is environmental manager at SONGS (San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station). As for Cornell, Grace writes that the first person she met was **Cathy Rauscher** Gianchandani, "who became my apartment-mate junior and senior year." And if Grace had a day to spend at Cornell? She would walk the campus, go to the bookstore, and visit the gorges. **Gerry Haddad** and his wife dropped off their daughters at Cornell this past August: senior **Amelia Haddad '19** and sophomore **Genna Haddad '21**. While there, they "had dinner with **Antoinette Romanelli** Buckley '90 in Ithaca, who was also dropping off her sophomore daughter. We recently had dinner in NYC with my freshman-year roommate, **Doug Beal**, who had just moved back to the US after 21 years abroad."

I have to add my own name to the list of the empty nesters. My older son is a sophomore at American U. in Washington, DC, which he thoroughly loves. My younger son is a high school senior and going through the application process. Toward that end, my husband and I have done "several" (ahem) college tours, two of which provided me with mini-reunions. When we went by way of Pittsburgh, we had dinner with fellow freshman-year Lyon Hall alum **Lisa Spellman** Porter and her son, and our trek to New Jersey allowed for a meal with my honorary roommate from freshman year, **Vaishali Trivedi** Bhatt, and her husband, who have already sent both of their boys off to college.

And that high school graduation that is looming for my son will occur just a few days before the Class of '89 30th Reunion. I plan to arrive on campus excited for the

fun—but with a large box of tissues in hand. Send your news to: ♦ **Kris Borovicka** Gerig, kgerig@columbus.rr.com; **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, ac98@cornell.edu; **Lauren Kidder** McGarry, laurenkiddermcgarry@gmail.com; **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com.

90 As Allan reported in the last column, former class president and Reunion chair **Carolyn DeWilde Casswell** passed away last summer after a long and brave battle with breast cancer. I cannot remember exactly when it was she told the class council about her illness, but I remember being concerned because it had been detected at an advanced stage. During the many years that followed, I served as a class officer with her and never ceased to be amazed by Carolyn. She always stayed positive, energetic, and completely passionate about all things Cornell.

Carolyn's dedication to Cornell was evident to everyone who knew her. Former class president **Jeff Goldstein** shared his memories of her: "I met Carolyn the first night of freshman year in Mary Donlon Hall. Little did I know how much she would contribute to Cornell experiences for me and for many others for many years to come. While in school, she was a force to be reckoned with: a fierce crew competitor, president of her sorority, and, of course, a great student. After Cornell, she continued to give back so much to the university and our class. I know because I followed Carolyn into every office she held with the Cornell Club of Washington and our class, and I was able to see the huge impact she had. I will always miss her terribly, but every memory of Cornell brings back memories of Carolyn, and every memory brings a smile."

Class Reunion chair **Elinor Langfelder** Schwind was among several classmates present at Alpha Phi sorority during Homecoming weekend. "A beautiful and poignant memorial service for Carolyn was held in the Alpha Phi garden. The house corporation dedicated a lovely stone bench among the mums that Carolyn enjoyed planting at the house each year. The ceremony included moving tributes from Carolyn's husband, **Bill '89**, MBA '01, members of her family, officers of the Alpha Phi house corporation board, and numerous Alpha Phi sisters, including **Annett Inacker** Trail and **Sharin Skolnik**." I am glad to hear that Carolyn's spirit will continue to live on at a place that was special to her at Cornell.

My heart also goes out to former class correspondent **Tamiko Toland**, her husband, **Ian Hayward '05**, and older son Aidan on the passing of her younger son, Colin, last March. Diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor just before he turned 2, Colin taught me so much about fully living life one day at a time. He always kept his sense of humor through many complicated surgeries, medical procedures, long hospitalizations, the recovery process, and rehabilitation. Through Tamiko and Ian's updates, it was heartwarming to see how the Cornell hockey team, the Ithaca Police Dept., and the Ithaca community rallied around Colin during his ups and downs. Mayor **Svante Myrick '09** declared September 12 Colin Hayward Toland Day after he was sworn in as an officer of the Ithaca Police Dept. He was eventually promoted to the rank of lieutenant. Two officers drove down to St. Jude's in Memphis during Colin's last stay there.

Colin was not a figurehead police officer. He went on patrol on the Commons, attended SWAT training, and did many things that police officers do. His dream to become a police officer came after his sixth brain surgery and a series of 30 radiation treatments at St. Jude's in 2016. "I came back from my hospital, and I really wanted to help people, so I thought it would be a great idea to become



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a police officer." Colin's rare cancer (anaplastic ependymoma) had wrapped itself around his cerebellum, which controls balance and motor skills. Colin had to re-learn how to walk and speak following some of the early surgeries and he decided that he wanted to give some love back after so many people had cared for and about him.

Colin's Facebook page acknowledged the special relationships that he formed with people wherever he went: "Not only did Colin have the incredible experience of getting sworn in to the department, but he has continued his involvement with the department in ongoing training and community policing work. We are all so proud of Colin's determination and positive spirit, as well as the many officers who have embraced Colin, particularly Chief Barber, to whom Colin reported directly until the chief's retirement in March 2017. Colin gave everybody a scare when he ended up in the ICU with a viral brain infection while on vacation in California. However, while he was in California, he received a badge and ID from the LAPD, became an honorary member of the Orange, CA, PD at the rank of chief, and became a member of the California Highway Patrol air support team. On March 17, 2018, Lieutenant Colin passed away due to progression of the disease. He knew he was well loved and that he had helped make the world a better place. Please carry Colin's spirit with you in life. Find opportunities to help others, even in small ways. Keep joy and light in your heart, as these will light the darkest pathways." ❖ **Rose Tanasugarn**, nt28@cornell.edu; **Allan Rousselle**, agr2@cornell.edu.

91 While we all enjoy reminiscing about Cornell, some of our classmates are lucky enough to spend time there. **Pat Breznay** Frank recently announced, "I am very happy to report that I was able to enjoy freshman orientation this August by dropping my daughter off to be part of the Cornell Class of 2022."

Other classmates continue to enjoy college life while working on various campuses. **Lisa Dale** is now teaching at Columbia U. in the undergraduate sustainable development program. "This is a relatively new job for me. I've been here a year and hope to stay indefinitely!" Her research includes a look at the policy elements of wildfire and public lands management in the American West, with a focus on climate change adaptation in Sub-Saharan Africa. Lisa's older son is living in Berlin, where he is working as a photojournalist and studying German. Her younger son is at Brooklyn College and preparing to study abroad in Spain for the year. Lisa remembers one of the first people she met freshman year was **Jenny Harris**, who is still a close friend of hers today. They live near one another in NYC and see each other often.

Andrew Hostetler is an associate professor and associate chair in the psychology department at the U. of Massachusetts, Lowell. He gets the most satisfaction from his community work and research with older adults. The first person he met at Cornell was **Neil Gladstone '90**. If Andrew had a day to spend in Ithaca he would start with an early morning hike at either Cascadilla Gorge, Six Mile Creek Gorge, or Buttermilk Falls State Park, followed by an afternoon wine tasting and lunch on Seneca Lake, "appetizers" (meaning food samples) at Wegmans, and then dinner and drinks on the Commons. Now that sounds like a perfect Ithaca day!

Also in Massachusetts, **Jana Pompadur** Kierstead has been working for Harvard Business School for almost 20 years now. She is currently executive director of both the MBA and doctoral programs. Jana recently joined the boards of the Museum of Science, Boston and Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital-Needham. Jana lives in Needham,

MA, with her husband, Tim, and her three children, Olivia, 17, Alana, 15, and Lane, 12. In her free time you can find her in the stands watching her daughters play high school volleyball or cheering for her son on the soccer field or basketball court. While on the Harvard campus, Jana gets to spend time with classmate **David Roberts**. David has served as the dean for external education at Harvard Medical School since 2014. He completed his internal medicine training at Massachusetts General Hospital and a pulmonary and critical care fellowship in the Harvard Combined Program. Building his career as a pulmonologist at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, much of David's work has focused on the intersection of medicine and medical education, earning him a national reputation as a highly collaborative and innovative medical educator.

William Wechsler wrote in from Bethesda, MD, noting that he recently joined the Atlantic Council to lead the think tank's work on the Middle East. **Sara Weaver** stated, "I am thriving in the Bay Area in California, following graduating from Fuqua School of Business in 2000. I'm advising companies on commercial strategies, including marketing/sales/customer service, and am focused on digital health and medical device industries." **Robert Spencer**, PhD '97, is still enjoying his work at Intel in Oregon and shared, "My older daughter started her freshman year at Colby College in Maine and our other daughter is a sophomore in high school." If Robert were back in Ithaca for the day, he would bike around campus and get pizza in Collegetown.

On the entrepreneurial side of things, a few of our classmates have started their own businesses. **Jeffrey Pease '89**, MBA '91, wrote, "In 2016, after two CMO roles, I struck out on my own. Message Mechanics helps companies create and communicate clear stories that sell." Jeffrey moved four years ago from San Francisco to NYC with his wife, Cynthia, and "wonder dog" Grady. He recently created a new training program called "Presenting to the Attention Challenged" and he is enjoying rolling it out. Jeffrey remembers "two Davids, Prof. David Dunning in Psychology and Prof. David BenDaniel at the Johnson School, who had the most long-term impact on my life." **Meagan Heaney** Wise and her husband, John, recently launched their own barbecue sauce company called the Palmetto Sauce Co. They currently offer two different styles of sauces based on John's family recipes and regional style sauces from South Carolina. "We are having a blast learning about all aspects of the food merchandising business and are incredibly grateful for all of the support from our family and friends." For more information and to order, check out their website: www.thepalmetto-sauceco.com. I can promise you that once you try their sauces you may never buy another brand!

Please remember to drop us a note and share what you have been doing. We love hearing from you! Online news can be submitted at <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/> or feel free to contact one of us at: ❖ **Lori Attanasio** Woodring, lori.woodring@yahoo.com; **Joe Marraccino**, joemarraccino@msn.com; **J. Tim Vanini**, lavanooche@icloud.com; or **Wendy Milks** Coburn, wmilkscoburn@me.com.

92 Happy New Year! Thinking back to this past summer as we wrapped up our college visits for our rising high school senior, we attended the (required by our family) Cornell information session and tour. At the College of Human Ecology, posters featuring classmate **Terry Horner**, PhD '98, greeted us. What a kick!

Thank you so much to all of the classmates who completed online news forms. **Karen Paese** wrote that she

has not been back to campus since graduation. Maybe she'll visit when her sons, Diego and Mateo, start looking at college, as they are both in high school now. They are both very involved in Boy Scouts, and Diego earned Eagle Scout last year with Mateo soon to follow in his footsteps. If she had a day in Ithaca, she would walk as much of the campus as possible. She writes, "I have great memories of West Campus, the Slope, marching through the bookstore playing the xylophone with the Big Red Band, practicing the bells when I tried out to play the chimes in the clock tower, etc." She also thinks she would relax at the lake to reflect on her memories of good times with **Bonni Kowalke**, **Sarah Cho Kim**, **Gretchen Verner '93**, **Dwayne** and **Kimberley Smith Narayan**, and **Michelle Noble** Calupca. Karen is currently a director with Gilead Sciences in California and is starting to spend more time volunteering in the Latino and LGBTQ+ communities in anticipation of days to come when she is retired and an empty nester. Good for you, Karen!

Someone who's definitely been back to campus is **Richard Rehmann**, because he's lucky enough to have a child who's a student at Cornell. His son, **Jack '22**, started in the Engineering college. Maybe he'll be a civil engineer like his dad, who is the president of ARH Assocs. in New Jersey. Richard married fellow 1992 classmate **Linda (Campbell)**. Another classmate couple is **Brian** and **Karen Pearse Apgar**. Karen wrote that she recently earned her doctorate (EdD) in educational leadership. She is working two jobs: part time at her local school district (where she's a school psychologist and serves as the coordinator of school psychological services) and part time as an adjunct professor of education at the U. of Portland.

Tyrone Yang is doing cool work. He is practicing on his own as an architect and healthy building design consultant in the Boston and D.C. areas. He collaborates with larger architecture firms and building owners to design healthy workspaces and also help with WELL Building Standard and FitWel certifications. **Brett Ainsworth** is a co-owner/publisher of a weekly independent newspaper and is also chairman of the New Jersey Press Assn. Brett and his wife, Susan, purchased the *Retrospect* in 1999. Since then he has served as the fifth publisher of the paid weekly, which was founded in 1902. Poet and composer **Dylan Willoughby**, MFA '95, published a limited-edition letterpress book of poetry that is bound by hand.

Some of our classmates immersed themselves in a summer Cornell's Adult University class on campus last July. **Philip Hsia**, MBA '99, played golf, and **Anita Lee**, JD '98, visited the '60s. These non-credit courses, designed and led by some of Cornell's most gifted faculty, allow alums to enjoy the educational life of our university in the company of other adult learners. They also offer study tours to destinations around the world. If you would like to read more about CAU, visit www.cau.cornell.edu.

Lastly, I just had a great phone call with a current student who interviewed me about my career for a Communications class in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS, or as we used to call it, the Ag school). She found me on CUeLINKs (Learning, Informing, Networking = Knowledge Sharing), Cornell's new university-wide platform for connecting students with alumni to get the most out of the powerful Cornell community. Join more than 1,000 alumni already signed up by visiting <https://cuelinks.cornell.edu>.

Please keep the news coming! E-mail us or use the online form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>. Thanks! ❖ **Jean Kintisch**, jmk226@cornell.edu; **Lois Duffy** Castellano, LKD2@cornell.edu.

93 A very happy 2019 to you! We received a note about **Brandon Bankowski**, who has been hard at work changing the lives of families all over the world. He is a board-certified reproductive endocrinologist with extensive experience in IVF, egg donation, surrogacy, and genomics, and is a practicing partner at Oregon Reproductive Medicine (ORM). He received his MD from Georgetown U. and completed his residency in gynecology and obstetrics and sub-specialty training in assisted reproductive technology at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. Brandon also received a master's degree in public health from the Bloomberg School of Public Health. In 2005, he joined ORM, which has one of the highest pregnancy success rates in the US, and it was his vision that led to the formation of ORM Genomics, an industry-leading reproductive genomics program and in-house genetics laboratory. "We are the interface between the genetics world and the future world; our ability to eliminate disease and influence success is astounding," he says.

Brandon travels the world to speak about LBGQT parenting and meet prospective LBGQT parents, and is considered one of the most experienced physicians helping LBGQT parents build their families through donor-egg surrogacy in the US. Recently he authored an original study on the link between specific periodontal bacteria and recurrent pregnancy loss, and has joint-published two scientific papers: "Validation of next-generation sequencing for comprehensive chromosome screening of embryos" (Reproductive BioMedicine Online, Volume 31, Issue 6, December 2015); and "Germine gene therapy: making the case for embryonic mitochondrial modification" (*Medical Laboratory Observer*, May 24, 2015).

Abraham Kang was recently on campus recruiting for Samsung at Cornell. He spoke to several groups including the Society of Women in Mathematics, the National Society of Black Engineers, the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, the Society of Women Engineers, Under-Represented Minorities in Computing, and the Information Science Student Assn. on how to prepare for jobs in Silicon Valley as well as an "Introduction to Deep Learning with Feed Forward Neural Networks." He mentors more than 30 students. Based on all of the students and faculty he's recently encountered, Abe believes that the future is bright for Cornell. **Scott Jackson** changed jobs last June. After three years as Connecticut Commissioner of the Dept. of Labor, he became the Commissioner of Revenue Services for the state. He and his wife, Mandi, are raising two great boys, Max and Eli, who are attending Scott's childhood school.

Jackie Ling writes fiction from her home in Santa Monica. She's raising three boys and spends her time writing fiction and traveling. If she were back in Ithaca she would love to visit the vineyards and go for a hike.

Michael Riskind is the founder and CEO of Highwood Estate Capital LLC, a third-party marketing and placement agency. He raises capital for entrepreneurs, hedge funds, and real estate developers. He and his wife, Sheri, and three children recently moved to Delray Beach, FL.

Juliette Boone, MMH '97, is still working in the executive search field with a focus on hospitality—and loving every minute of it. Last year, as she prepared to take down the greeting cards she received over the winter holidays, she took a moment to pause and think about the senders of those cards, realizing that 40 percent of the greetings received were related in some way to Cornell: old friends from undergraduate and graduate school days and new Cornell friends she had made through professional relationships and alumni associations. She feels fortunate to have had the gift of visiting with her

many Cornell friends. Juliette continues to find her work rewarding, and increasingly receives tremendous satisfaction from her volunteer endeavors with Colorado Knowledge Bowl and the Optimist Club, among other non-for-profit organizations. "It's a gift to be able to give back to my local community."

After three years of planning, **Steve Cohen** is proud to announce the release of his graphic novel, *The Millionaires' Magician*. If you like comics, or magic, or both, then this is for you! The graphic novel weaves together magic, danger, mystery, and martial arts into a memorable and breathtaking read. Great work, Steve! Congratulations to **Michael Dougherty** (mtdonline@yahoo.com), who was sworn in as District Attorney of Boulder last spring. **Laura Murray**, if you're reading this, Michael would love to hear from you. **Kimberley Powell** Sendelbach writes that her five children are growing fast. She is proud of her oldest son, **Luke '19**, who is on the Cornell lightweight men's crew team.

Holt McGee (holt@mcgeefg.com) is busy balancing work, travel, and home life. He and his wife keep active chasing around their toddler, Cecilia Carole. **Cooper Schraudenbach**, if you are reading this, Holt would love to hear from you! **Atul Aggarwal** (Aggarwal.rar@gmail.com) tells us he is working as a radiologist. He has started looking at colleges with his daughter and hopes Cornell makes the list. In his spare time, he sails and teaches radiology at university. Atul would like to hear from **Olive Thomas**. Send your news to: ❖ **Theresa Flores**, taf6@cornell.edu; **Mia Blackler**, miablackler@yahoo.com; or **Melissa Hart Moss**, melimoss@yahoo.com.

94 What would you do if you had a day in Ithaca? **Mike Golden** says he'd climb to the top of the Slope and relive Slope Day. For the last 16 years, Mike has been based in Shanghai, where he owns and manages a brand consultancy and communications agency that helps multinational companies with their China marketing (www.brandigo.com). He and his wife, Xiao Ping, are the proud parents of a "lovely 7-year-old daughter—girl scout, bilingual in Chinese and English, swimmer, and violinist." Says Mike, "Working with my wife to develop our own marketing agency in China has been absolutely thrilling, and it all goes back to my early days as an East Asian Studies major at Cornell! We have a blast every day, and Shanghai is an amazing city." In answer to our question, "Who was the first person you met at Cornell?" Mike said, "My roommate **Glenn Adamson**, who is now an accomplished art historian, curator, and theorist in NYC."

The first person I met at Cornell was **Kirstyn Cassavechia Smith**, who lives with husband **Steve** in Rochester, NY. In the fall, they went on an epic trip to Italy, touching on Milan, Rome, Venice, Bologna, Assisi, and, most poignantly, Monteleone di Puglia, the village of Steve's ancestors. Wrote Kirstyn, "I loved all the local markets in the towns—so much food, so fresh, so many neat wares. We loved the little hidden parts of Venice, the back alleys and the canal. And I loved remembering so much of the Italian I learned in college and had forgotten."

What would **Melissa Dills** Boglioli do if she had a day in Ithaca? "Stroll through campus and grab an ice cream cone at the Dairy Bar! I'd walk through College-town and also the Commons." Melissa also wrote that her son attended Cornell's Summer College in 2018, following in father **James's** footsteps. James attended in the summer of 1989. And now for the news from Oklahoma: **Kevin Matthews**, a senior attorney at WPX Energy, has won the James C. Lang Mentoring Award from the Tulsa County Bar Assn. Kevin is the president

of the Cornell Club of Oklahoma and also teaches continuing legal education classes through the U. of Tulsa College of Law. Congratulations, Kevin!

Mary Kate Conroy Gutierrez updates us from Maryland: "My husband, **Ramiro**, was promoted to Captain in the US Navy. Ramiro serves as an infectious disease physician, and has now been in the Navy for 24 years. He and I are looking forward to the 25th Reunion. He missed the 20th because he was out on a deployment, but we are planning on going together this June." Mary Kate herself is a team lead at Intellor Group, an event services company specializing in large capacity audio and web conferencing. "Other than that, I try to juggle the kids' stuff without dropping too many balls; we have a high school senior, a middle schooler, and an elementary kiddo."

And thank you, Mary Kate, for reminding all of us about our 25th Reunion! Mark your calendars for June 6-9, 2019. ❖ **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com; **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasyluk, dmp5@cornell.edu; **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jar1229@yahoo.com.

95 Are you a member of our Cornell Class of 1995 page on Facebook (<http://bit.ly/CU95FB>)? If you're not already, you'll want to join this month! Not only will we be posting information about our 25th Reunion (June 4-7, 2020!), but January 1 marks the launch date of our new weekly Cornell-based trivia contest, where you can test your knowledge of our alma mater and happenings while we were on campus back in the day, and win cool prizes, including discounts to Reunion!

Tiffany Willoughby-Herard is an associate professor of African American studies at the U. of California, Irvine. Her courses focus on black political thought, the material conditions of knowledge production, black radical movements, and race/gender consciousness and queer and trans politics internationally. Her family recently returned from living in South Africa for a year from 2017-18. She has two sons, Salim, 10, and Solomon, 9. Tiffany says that in her free time, she enjoys creative writing and poetry, and she has "even begun a novel." She remembers the amazing student journals and literary magazines published at Cornell: "I have had the opportunity to be part of the editorial board and published in student-led and administered refereed journals and literary magazines now for the last 30 years of my life." When asked what she would do if she were to return to Cornell, she replied: "I would put on my sneakers and just walk around the place. I have yet to be able to attend a Reunion, but I would love to make an annual trip with my family because it was such a powerful time in orienting my ship and encouraging me to expect more out of my life. Learning to be in solidarity with the earth happened in a really deep and profound way by walking through those gorges. The Cayuga people be praised all day and every day for the incredible beauty that they lived with and marked as sacred."

Sanjoy Biswas reports that he met up with **Greg Salgueiro**, **Mike Skorich**, and **James Whitaker** in Nashville at the end of June. They had a great time exploring the honkytonks, the Country Music Hall of Fame, and the Grand Ole Opry. **Chris Golgert** had to miss the mini-reunion, unfortunately, as he was busy with regional soccer championships for his kids. **Scott Jessop** reports that he retired from the Army as a Lieutenant Colonel after 28 years of service and accepted a position at Lockheed Martin in Syracuse. He says he is very proud of his daughter, Carolyn, who completed an eight-week internship at the Boyce Thompson Inst. at Cornell. Carolyn, a high school senior, is considering attending Cornell.

Chris Hill sells Lely robotic milkers and designs barn layouts to make sure they will work well for both the farmers and their cows. "It is very rewarding, since we can often completely change a farmer's lifestyle, providing them flexibility to spend more time with their family and friends." His daughters are in first and third grades. "They are at a fun age, starting to develop independence but still looking up to me and my wife." In their free time, they do a lot of hiking in the summer and skiing in the winter. "It is fun to watch our girls progress to larger and more difficult trails in both cases." If he were back at Cornell, he said he would stop in Morrison Hall and say hi to his professors who are still there, before going to Acacia to "see how things are going there."

Lisa Michelli Dyal reports that after working as a full-time teacher and advisor for the past ten years, she is making a career pivot to full-time advising so that she "can follow one of my passions of working with international students." She and husband Kevin are considering a move, possibly to Portland, OR. She says her church life gives her energy and focus, and she enjoys writing, reading, and making pottery in her free time. If she were to return to Cornell, she would "go swimming in the gorges with my husband and maybe some friends."

Let us know what is going on in your world! ♦ **Scott Lajoie**, scottlajoie@hotmail.com; **Alison Torrillo** French, atorrillo@aol.com; Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

96 Erica Siegel Henning, MPA '97's twins just turned 10 and now officially have a groundbreaking mom! Erica recently joined ApexOne Investment Partners (a privately held real estate investment firm focused on value-added workforce and student housing assets across the US) as the firm's first female partner. **Mick Merritt** is working back in healthcare management consulting after moving from NYC to Philadelphia because his husband, **Dale He, MBA '12**, relocated for work. They are now the proud fathers of 1-year-old twins (a boy and a girl). Even though they no longer get much sleep, they love being dads.

Jacqueline Krueger is an assistant professor at Olive-Harvey College, one of the City Colleges of Chicago, resuming her full-time teaching course load after taking a sabbatical over the last academic year. During this time, she completed a research project focused on increasing the success of black and Latino students in introductory biology courses. Jacqueline and her spouse, Matthew Dudley, now have a son, Maxwell, who was born in April 2017. Max is named after the famous Maxwell Street in Chicago, the birthplace of Chicago Blues! These days, Jacqueline most enjoys spending time with family and learning about genomics and personalized medicine, a topic she studied this summer at Cornell's Adult University through a course taught by Prof. Charles "Chip" Aquadro. **Johnny Diaz** and his wife, Ursula, are OUR stars of Beverly Hills 90210! They've moved there recently, where Johnny is a board-certified plastic surgeon. Adding to their joy and excitement, they have a 1-year-old daughter.

Also building our Cornell family is **Christopher Pariot**, who now has a 1-year-old daughter too! Along with Evelyn Grace, his wife, Debra, and his children Ryan Christopher, 2, and Olivia Reese, 12, he has moved to Franklin Lakes, NJ. He is presently the managing director and CAO of global institutional equities for Morgan Stanley. Christopher is grateful for much in his life, including his friends, family, and the opportunity to return to Ithaca twice a year to recruit the next generation of talented Cornellians. Send

news to: ♦ **Lee Hendelman**, LeeH1818@hotmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

97 Happy New Year, classmates! **Jonas Chartock** (jonaschartock@gmail.com) recently stepped down as CEO of Leading Educators, the national education nonprofit that he founded. He's now building an independent strategic consulting business. In even bigger news, Jonas reported, "I adopted a son, Mosiah, in December. He is now 4 years old." Raising his son in a community of close New Orleans friends—including **Jonel Daphnis '98**—brings Jonas the most satisfaction these days. Send your news to: ♦ **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu; or **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

'It's never too late to take a semester abroad!'

LAURA KAUDERER BATTEN '99

98 Happy New Year! Many of us had the opportunity to return to campus for our 20th Reunion, officially in June and unofficially all year round! Along with their children, Patty and **David Haro** and **Steven** and **Tamara Baker Gutierrez** visited Cornell during the summer, taking in all the natural beauty of the Cornell Botanic Gardens, partaking in campus walking tours, and gorge swimming. David is currently a sales engineer with Drawbridge Inc., and when he isn't working, he is spending time with Patty and their two boys, Jonas and Liam. Steven and Tamara live in the greater Cleveland area, where Steven is an associate professor of integrated media and Tamara is a pediatrician.

In October, lifelong friends and Alpha Phi sisters tackled their old haunts, beers, and cookies to bond over old times and make new memories. This gathering included **Soo Yi** Thompson, **Kara Kownacki** Radcliffe, MBA '04, **Anne Savage** Malenfant, ME '99, **Megan O'Brien**, **Alice Tromble** Fagin, **Elizabeth Gelfand** Miller, **Toni Stabile** Weiss, **Reba McCutcheon '96**, and **Laura Rossier '99**. Soo writes, "I bought a house in Pittsburgh a month ago and I'm still living out of a suitcase—except for the kitchen." Alice started a new job *locum tenens*, or "travel surgeon-ing" as she put it. Congratulations and good luck to you all and to our very own **Michelle Vaeth**, who assumed her position as Cornell's new associate vice president for Alumni Affairs back in June 2018. In an announcement by the university, Michelle stated, "Cornell is lifelong. You're on campus for a certain number of years, but you're a Cornellian for life. The connections you make after your student experience are incredibly enriching."

Former class correspondent **Molly Darnieder** Bracken shared, "After two careers in luxury hospitality, my husband, Bill, and I started a nonprofit five years ago, and I'm proud to say that we are now upcycling food that would otherwise have gone to waste (from restaurants, hotels, grocery stores, etc.) to feed 3,000-plus meals per week to those in need in Orange County, CA. We partner with local organizations already serving a population in need, and come alongside them to provide tasty and nutritious meals with Betsy, our food truck. We also recently moved into a 9,000-sq.-ft. kitchen that will allow us to increase production of food to package and

send out. I continue to do health and fitness coaching, and keep track of our son, Luke, who is the light of our lives. We are so blessed!"

Jennifer Bambach Oskar welcomed a new baby girl, Evelyn Grace, on November 10, 2017. Big brothers, 11 and 12, are thrilled with their baby sister and are busy with school and soccer. **Kelly DiNardo** is an author, journalist, and yoga instructor with a passion for travel. She writes regularly about travel, health, wellness, and women's issues. Her book *Living the Sutras* came out in June, and she owns Past Tense Yoga Studio in Washington, DC. **Alberlyne Harris** married James Woods Jr. on July 1, 2017, and they started a new production company called Quartermain Media LLC.

Way to go, #Classof1998, changing the world and making it better! We would like to hear from you! You

can access the online news form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/> or you can e-mail: ♦ **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, udj1@cornell.edu.

99 Another year is down and we are just months from Reunion, June 6-9. The comforts of Mary Donlon Hall await you! **Sheyna Horowitz** (sqhorowitz@gmail.com) and **Dave Sandoval** (dave_sandoval@hotmail.com) are your co-chairs. Reach out to them if you have ideas or questions or want to volunteer. And please join our Facebook page, "Cornell University Class of 1999."

Now, on to our classmates. **Laura Kauderer** Batten (Ithaca, NY) writes of her year living in Cambridge, England, during the sabbatical of her husband, Chris, a Cornell professor. They have two daughters. While in Cambridge, she said, it was great spending time with fellow '99er **Justin DeKoszmovszky**, MBA '06, and his family. "It was an amazing experience living overseas—it's never too late to take a semester abroad!" Laura works for Cornell as director of corporate and foundation relations for the Computing and Information Science department and is looking forward to hosting old friends for the 20th Reunion. **Kelwin Harris**, a city planner in Chicago, also had his year abroad as a 2017-18 Marshall Memorial Fellow with the German Marshall Fund of the US. He took the year, he said, to learn how European cities solve similar challenges to those in Chicago. Stops included Berlin, London, Barcelona, Bucharest, and Brussels.

Eris Sims, in Baltimore, MD, has become the chief of staff for the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People. Previously she had been the senior director of events planning for the organization. **Rachel Erlich** Erback (Arlington, MA) is working at Foundation Medicine in Cambridge. She says her work is at the intersection of biology, medicine, and technology. She invites other Cornellians to meet for coffee if you're in the area. Rachel has two little girls, ages 3 and 1. "I love bringing the whole family to Ithaca!" she says. **Tien Lee** writes from South Australia. "I was trained as an electrical engineer at Cornell, but am now an endocrinologist and diabetologist." Tien is completing a PhD on stress hyperglycemia, with scholarships from the National Health and Medical Research Centre (Australia) and the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (Australia) Kincaid-Smith.

To add your news to an upcoming column, please contact either of us at: ❖ **Melanie West**, melaniegraycewest@gmail.com; or **Heather Hollidge** Madland, hmadland@gmail.com.

00 I have a solid crop of updates to share this month. Sit back and enjoy the news from our classmates!

Alex Iglecia reports that he and wife Beth recently relocated to San Francisco. “We returned to the Bay Area after a year in Hawaii and a year on the move, when I helped my dad pass on from this life, followed by some adventures through Boston, MA, and then back to California by train.” Alex’s professional life is focused on executive embodiment coaching, legacy and life clarity, retreat design and facilitation, and speaking. He says this

Alycia Green Kantor, **Scott Leibowitz**, **Michael Finamore '99**, and **Kevin Rubinstein '04**. Sasha is currently a clinical psychologist in private practice in NYC, specializing in treating children, adolescents, and adults with anxiety, and Michael is a veterinarian. They live in Brooklyn with their puppy, Tonks, and two cats, Harley and Roscoe. **Howard Katzenberg** recently became the CFO of Better, a NYC-based company making homeownership more accessible and affordable. He, wife Annie, and their three energetic boys moved to Scarsdale, NY, last year and are enjoying their new community. Howard reports that he enjoys spending time with his family and seeing Bruce Springsteen cover bands.

Jen Bartos McGowan’s update made me smile. She reports, “I started an online boutique called Jetty Betty (www.jettybettyshop.com) for women who need to look

at restaurants in the process, something I’m passionate about,” he writes from the NYC area. “If anyone likes what I’m up to and wants to collaborate, feel free to reach out to me! I’m always looking for people interested in joining our mission to help people find the best-tasting food at restaurants!”

In other exciting career news, **Jason Adler** chimes in from the middle of producing *The Bellmen*, a feature film based on his experiences working in the hotel business after college. “We are shooting at the Loews Ventana Canyon Resort in Tucson, AZ, thanks to an intro made by fellow classmate **Michael Palmeri**,” he writes. “We have an amazing cast, which includes Thomas Lennon and Kelen Coleman. Feel free to reach out with any questions. I’m excited to show an audience the hilarious and fun world inside a hotel. Stay tuned!” Can’t wait to see it, Jason—and we wish you a happy reunion and wrap party with your wife, twin toddlers, and newborn son, too!

Did you raise a glass to our alma mater on Zinck’s Night in October? It’s always fun to scroll through #cuZincks images of alumni celebrating all over the world. For our class, **Salil Gupte** and I sipped from steins in Seattle, and **Michael**, MPA ’02, and **Susan Mueller Hanson**, ME ’02, clinked champagne flutes in Harrogate, England. Check out our class Facebook page for photos; we haven’t aged too badly since those Ruloff’s days, right?

Some of us haven’t strayed too far from those happy days on the Hill, physically as well as in spirit. That includes **Christa Cavallaro** Glazier, winner of Cornell’s New York State Hometown Alumni Award, which recognizes Cornell graduates who have returned to their home counties to start or enhance a business or nonprofit and who regularly volunteer and make an impact in their communities. Christa is vice president of communications and marketing for the Onondaga County-based CenterState Corp. for Economic Opportunity. At the Syracuse ceremony last summer, Cornell VP for university relations Joel Malina said, “Christa, Cornell is proud to recognize alumni like you.” Your classmates are too! She selected InterFaith Works’ Center for New Americans to be the recipient of a \$1,000 contribution Cornell will make in her name. “I am truly grateful to Cornell for this opportunity to give back to an organization that is having such a significant impact on people’s lives here,” she said.

Last but not least, kudos to **Lora Epstein** and **Sarah Binder** Mehta, Class of 2001 Annual Fund representatives, who organized a successful NYC alumni event featuring trustee **Liz Everett** Krisberg ’97 in October. Special thanks to Sarah for hosting in her apartment building!

So much else will have happened between the time I’m writing this column (late October) and the time it runs—if only class correspondents had crystal balls! In lieu of that, I’ll go ahead and assume we had a great time seeing each other in NYC in November, at the Cornell vs. Columbia football game, the **Sy Katz** ’31 Parade, and the “Frozen Apple” Cornell vs. Harvard hockey game at MSG. Check out the next edition of this magazine for more specific updates on all that and more! In the meantime, please keep sending me your news, visit our website (www.classof01.alumni.cornell.edu), like our Facebook page, and follow us on Twitter (@Cornell2001). ❖ **Nicole Neroulias** Gupte, NicoleMN6@gmail.com.

02 My suspicion is many of you have already attended your 20-year high school reunions. How was it? Mine is next week and I am equally ecstatic and offended. How dare this milestone creep up on us now? Then again, it will be a treat to get some of those faces up close and see what vibes come rushing back

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work is both satisfying and epic. “Deep work with amazing, smart, talented visionaries, manifesting miracles with what matters to them the most.” Like many of us, if he found himself back in Ithaca, Alex would walk slowly and spend some time taking in the gorges.

Way back in 1996 during our freshman year, I lived next door to two awesome gals and we had a lot of good times in the Class of ’28. I’m pleased to share that they both welcomed sons in April. **Amanda Waack** Kempf became a mom to Clark. Amanda’s husband, Steve, manages a metal finishing plant in Interlaken, and Amanda does some consulting work but mostly enjoys time with the little guy. **Sarah Zornetzer** Soto and husband Daniel also welcomed a son, Rafael. He joins big brothers Adrian (human) and Watson (canine). The family lives in Northern Virginia, where Sarah continues her genetic counseling career.

Two pieces of news arrived from overseas. First, **Arriel Atienza** was promoted to the rank of Commander in the US Navy in September at Camp Courtney, Okinawa, Japan. Arriel is a family physician, serving with III Marine Expeditionary Force, US Marine Corps Forces, Pacific. Second, **Sulaiman Al-Rubaie** shared that he recently moved back to Kuwait from Dubai to head the private equity function of Global Investment House, having been promoted through the ranks to CEO of the asset management/investment banking firm. He and spouse Nour Al Hudaid have two daughters, 4 and 1. What brings him satisfaction in life these days? Sulaiman says, “Always being the designated Ken every time I join my girls in their Barbies play, and expanding Global’s businesses and assisting in selling 69.5 percent stake in the firm.” A little work, a little play. A good combo, I think. Sulaiman also reports that he recently reconnected with **Ishan Saksena**, the first person he met at Cornell. “Truly wonderful to see him after such a long time. He’s done fantastically well and is successfully heading an investments firm in the UK.”

Sasha Aschenbrand married Michael Izen at Barn on Bridge in Collegeville, PA, on September 23, 2018. Fellow Cornellians **Rory Halperin** and **Christina Shwreb** Finamore served as bridesmaids, and **Rachel Aschenbrand**-Robinson ’02 was matron of honor. Also in attendance were **Vinay** and **Lukshmi Kamat Puttanniah**, MD ’04,

like they have their stuff together while they’re getting it ALL done EVERY DAY. Activewear, athleisure, party, and beach (always beach), online only.” Jen says she is using everything she learned both in the classroom and on the Quad to build her online business. She and husband Brendan have three children, and she is slowly brainwashing them that Cornell is the best college ever. If she had a day to spend in Ithaca, Jen says she would “enjoy watching the streakers on Slope Day, drink Long Island iced teas at Clubhouse, dance like nobody’s watching at Alpha Delt After Hours, and sit in the window at Ruloff’s.” Sounds like a pretty great day to me. Thanks for writing, everyone! Send me updates anytime. ❖ **Christine Jensen** Weld, ckj1@cornell.edu.

01 Welcome to 2019, classmates! What’s your New Year’s resolution? Does it relate to something you did at Cornell? Are there classmates who could help you or cheer you on? Let us know!

Two years ago, my resolution was to get on “Jeopardy!” **Peggy Imboden** Salsbury shares this goal, and gave me some great advice on what to expect at the regional audition, plus a trivia app to help me bone up on my weaker categories (the four C’s: college football, cocktails, chemistry, and cars). By the time you read this, I’ll have appeared on the show; I hope I’ve made Cornell proud—and that Peggy gets the call next!

Looking back, 2018 was a banner year for our class: new babies, business ventures, homes, honors, and more! **Gilberto Rivera** moved from California to Chesapeake, VA, to join xTuple as a senior software engineer. “The pace is better here; there’s less of that pressure,” he told the *Hamptons Road Business Journal*. “If you’re looking for a work/life balance, you’re probably not going to find that in Silicon Valley.” His wife works remotely for Oracle as they raise their 3-year-old son, Sidney Thomas.

Up the road in Washington, DC, **Phil Bradley** and his wife, Erin, welcomed son Aiden Harvey in May. Congrats! Not to be outdone, **Garrett Lang** now has three babies: twin daughters Elora and Alia—“the most adorable things in the world”—and PlateRate.com. “Starting my own company is something I’ve wanted to do for years, and I think I’ll be able to help people find better-tasting food

upon eyeing an old study partner, biology class neighbor, field hockey co-captain, and of course crush or two . . . or 12. Even without my 1988 Oldsmobile custom cruiser station wagon and its "0 to 60 in 15 minutes" bumper sticker, my nostalgia-filled soul will thoroughly goose-bump my way through the open bar evening planned.

After six years with the Row, **Amanda Teitler** is the director of product development for accessories. She travels to Italy frequently and hopes to relocate to Firenze (Florence for us laypersons) soon. "I enjoy my job very much. I work with talented artisans all over the world and am very fortunate to work on luxury, sustainable products," she relayed. Her first classmate meetings on the Hill were with **Sue Arrow** and **James Jaeger** at Low Rise 9. If she had a day in Ithaca, she would go to a Cornell hockey game, which she regretfully never attended when living there. Then, a trip to Wegmans (obvi). I would recommend allowing no less than two hours for the latter.

Megan Fee Torrance, MBA '93, wrote in from her new home in Ann Arbor, MI, where she is the CEO of TorranceLearning, a custom learning design and development firm focusing on corporate training initiatives. They just celebrated their 16th year in business and were named to the Michigan 50 Companies to Watch this year. Her entire team headed to Lansing for a black tie event to receive the award together. Also happening in Megan's life: a 16-year-old daughter named Emily playing the saxophone, raising multiple species of tarantulas and cockroaches, and loving all things science. I believe I too am raising some cockroaches in my home, though admittedly not on purpose. This summer Megan completed hiking the Waterloo-Pinckney Trail in bits and pieces of day hikes. "Next summer's plan is to do a solo through-hike of the trail. I'm also learning to keep bees (and my cool). It's fascinating to learn about their life cycle up close and personal. I put my hive right smack in the middle of my vegetable garden this year!" Holy cow, Megan, you are a warrior!

Out West in Sunnyvale, CA, we have **Jonathan Lu**, who co-founded Wheelhouse Partners, a PE firm that resuscitates venture capital-backed startups in Silicon Valley that fell victim to the hype cycle of venture growth. Jonathan and team turn them into responsible and profitable businesses. He has two girls, Daniela, 4, who fearlessly attends her ninja warrior classes, and Maya, 1. If Jonathan managed to get back to Ithaca now, he "would hike Taughannock in the morning, tour the vineyards along Route 89 in the afternoon, and take his old mentor **Al Center '65**, ME '66, and his wife, **Ingrid (Berlin) '66**, out to dinner." Excellent itinerary, Jonathan!

Sasha Alick lives with her husband, Wayne Lindstrom, in Irving, TX. There she is faculty in the epilepsy division of the neurology and neurotherapeutics department of the U. of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas. Her life is full of clinical work, academic endeavors, and research, as well as balancing life as a wife to a radiologist and mom to two wonderful kids now 5 and 2 years old. Above all, spending time with her family and balancing that with intellectual challenges at work gives Sasha the most satisfaction.

Jason Wyatt and his wife, Beth, reside in Red Bank, NJ, where Jason has run his own trusts and estates law firm called Bennett & Wyatt LLC for the past two years. "My wife and I have a 3-year-old daughter, Joy, and recently welcomed our second daughter, June, in August. Both love when I sing Cornell fight songs as lullabies." Good thinking! Jason loves it when Joy says "please" and "thank you" without being prompted or requests that her father "teach her more golf stuff!" His day in Ithaca

would consist of breakfast and coffee at CTB, 18 holes at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Course, a buffet lunch at Collegetown institution Sangam Indian Cuisine, walking around campus and checking out his old digs at 705 East Buffalo St., then dinner and beer tasting at Ithaca Beer Co., followed by a nightcap in Collegetown.

And with that, folks, I bid you adieu until next time—but not before I shamelessly squeeze in my own prideful update. I had a healthy baby boy in April! The night before I was induced we threw out all of the names on our carefully crafted list and impulsively decided to name him Wyatt. It's working for us. When he was a mere 8 weeks old, **Jeremy Lang '00** and I took him and our 4-year-old daughter, Izzy, for our annual family summer excursion up to Cornell, where my husband and I had our first experience at the (now completely modernized) Dairy Bar. It was so delicious, I almost forgot how long it's been since I slept for more than three consecutive hours. Send me your news at: ❖ **Carolyn Deckinger** Lang, cmd35@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

03 Greetings, fellow Cornellians! As always, our classmates are up to great things. **Daniel Luzer** shared, "On June 29, 2018, I had the pleasure of attending a party at the Cornell Club in New York to celebrate **Gideon Simpson** earning tenure at Drexel U. Other Cornellians in attendance included classmates **Molly McDowell**, **David Markus**, **Matthew Peller**, JD '06, and **Justin Peters**, as well as **Catherine Simpson-Bueker '96**, **Theodora Kouris '05**, **Daria Sikorski '12**, and **David Simpson '60**, the party's host." Congratulations to Gideon! Daniel also had the pleasure of catching up with classmates **Luke Collin** and **Heather Schroeder** at Reunion.

Elissa Downs, a Human Ecology graduate, physician, and assistant professor in pediatric gastroenterology at the U. of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital, wrote, "I was recently married to Dr. Dustin Oehler at our home in Inver Grove Heights, MN, on September 8, 2018." Congratulations!

Our mini-feature series returns this month. I recently caught up with classmates **K-T Varley** and **Jay Gertz**, who are both fellow Utahns and assistant professors at the U. of Utah. They say, "We moved to Utah about five years ago and love it. Our two dogs, Titan and Orion, probably like it even more. We bought a camping trailer when we moved and like to camp in the Uinta and Wasatch mountains in the summer and visit the Red Rock Desert in the spring and fall. We both enjoy hiking and took up mountain biking when we moved here. We don't do everything together . . . K-T loves gardening and Jay likes to ski."

The couple met after a prelim. They reminisced: "We were both freshmen in an upper-level math course, and we were walking out of our first prelim exam in a daze, each terrified that we had failed. A mutual friend (**Robby Marangell**) was also at the exam and introduced us. We went back to Jay and Robby's dorm, Low Rise 6, to lament our failure together. We ended up going to a rush party at Beta Theta Pi that evening and had a great time. We have rallied through our failures and celebrated our successes together ever since. Even though we met as freshmen, we didn't get married for ten years. When we graduated from Cornell we moved to St. Louis, MO, to attend graduate school at Washington U. In 2008, when we were finishing our PhD research, we took a vacation to Zion National Park, where Jay proposed. After receiving our PhDs in Computational Biology in 2009, we moved to Huntsville, AL, for our postdoctoral fellowship. Even

though we had traveled all over the country we knew we wanted to get married at Cornell. In 2010 we tied the knot in Sage Chapel, had a cocktail hour on the Arts Quad, and had a science-themed reception in Trillium Dining Hall. A perfect marriage between Arts (Jay) and Ag (K-T). We were thrilled to share our special day with our college roommates, **Heidi Feigenbaum '02** and **Justin Meyer '04**, who are both college professors too."

These days, K-T runs a breast cancer research lab that "uses genomics and bioinformatics to discover genomic changes in breast cancer that explain differences in treatment response and survival among patients. We are working to translate these discoveries into new clinical tests to enable early detection of cancer, predict prognosis, and choose the most effective treatment for each patient." Jay says, "I run a uterine cancer and breast cancer research lab. My research team studies the role of hormones in uterine and breast cancer. We have a particular interest in estrogens, which drive growth in most uterine and breast tumors, and are looking for ways to block the actions of estrogens in these tumors. Our recent study about the impact of hormones on uterine cancer was recently featured on the local news."

K-T and Jay have many wonderful memories of Cornell and Ithaca, including "Jay's deep-friend specials while working at Louie's Lunch Truck, picnics by Beebe Lake, the bells chiming 'Here Comes the Sun,' Slope Day, all you can eat buffets at Robert Purcell Union, playing Led Zeppelin on the jukebox in the Ivy Room, watching *Dr. Strangelove* in the Willard Straight Theatre, and Friday nights at the Chapter House in Collegetown."

If you know someone who should be profiled in our mini-feature series, please let us know. We look forward to hearing about the great things you're up to! Wishing you the best. ❖ **Candace Lee** Chow, cjl24@cornell.edu; and **Jon Schoenberg**, jrs55@cornell.edu.

04 Hi all! We hope you'll continue to share the news in your lives with our class. What would you do if you had one day in Ithaca?

Nicole Savageau is a veterinarian living in Austin, TX. If she could spend a day in Ithaca she would go hiking and wine tasting and would visit the Cornell Dairy Bar! **Kendra James** is currently senior legal counsel at the Financial Times Limited. She was recently named Rising Star In-House Counsel of the Year by Legal Business. She enjoys balancing the job that she loves with time spent with family and friends. Kendra lives in London with her partner, sports journalist Jonathan Fordham, and their 18-month-old son. If she could spend one day in Ithaca, she would visit a local winery, followed by sailing on Cayuga Lake or splashing in the gorge (if it's a hot day).

John Sorrell shared that he is the director of business development for SmartAsset, a financial technology company that provides the web's best personal finance advice. He previously worked for the tech startups Outbrain and Bidtellect. John graduated in 2011 with distinction from the London School of Economics with a master's in philosophy of science. He lives in Red Bank, NJ, with wife Elaine Driscoll and two dogs, Sienna and Milo. They especially enjoy exploring the New York City area, hiking, skiing, and golfing.

Christine Hum, MBA '11, currently works in change management at Disney. She enjoys living in New York City, but is trying to devise peaceful meditation techniques for her commute through Times Square during rush hour. If she could spend one day in Ithaca, she would visit the lakeside farmer's market and the Carriage House Cafe for their blueberry Brie French toast.

We hope to see you on campus at Reunion in 2019. You may send news or comments to me at: ❖ **Jessi Petrosino**, jessi.petrosino@ey.com.

05 I really enjoyed the latest prompt in our Class Notes call for updates: “A Day in Ithaca.” Most of us do not get back to Ithaca that often, so the closest thing we can do is imagine a day there. This made me realize how much I took certain things for granted while a student. I enjoy running now, but I never ran in college, so one of the first things I would do is run through campus to see familiar sites and areas I’ve never explored before. Then I’d grab breakfast at CTB, people-watch on the Arts Quad or in Libe Cafe, and grab lunch at the Terrace while doing the *Cornell Daily Sun* crossword puzzle. Then I’d indulge myself with ice cream from the Dairy Bar and try to attend some sort of campus event (Pao Bhanga?). I’d end the day taking in the views from Libe Slope before wandering down to Short Stop for a hot sandwich. A lovely trip down memory lane.

And now updates from our classmates: **Josh Saul** covers corporate finance for *Bloomberg News*. His wife, **Tess Millard ‘06**, is an interior designer who works in the beauty industry across the US. They live in downtown Manhattan and spend their weekends rebuilding an old houseboat in Montauk. Josh writes, “Our favorite things to do are sea kayaking in Alaska and surfing in Montauk!” If he had a day in Ithaca, Josh would go for a run through campus and up through the Orchards, have lunch at the Nines, walk around Collegetown, and then see a movie that night at Cornell Cinema. Sounds like a dream.

Shada El-Sharif recently took on the role of director of the Jordan Environmental Fund, which has a mandate to advance green growth and sustainable development in Jordan through projects and partnerships. On her day in Ithaca, Shada said she would “get a Mexican bagel at CTB, try the latest flavor at the Dairy Bar, look for professors that might still remember me, watch the sunset from the Slope, and take a nap at A.D. White!” Congratulations to **Ben** and **Gwendolyn Doyle Herbert**, who celebrated their one-year anniversary this year! They didn’t meet while at Cornell, but were put in contact by another Cornellian at our 10th Reunion. Send your news to: ❖ **Michelle Wong**, mrw29@cornell.edu; **Hilary Johnson-King**, haj4@cornell.edu; or **Johnny Chen**, jc362@cornell.edu.

06 Hello, Class of 2006. Happy New Year! We have a lot of news to celebrate this month. **Shamika Pryce** lives in Los Angeles and works as a development executive at Universal Pictures. What would she do if she had a day in Ithaca? “CTB, obviously.” **John Rawlins III** works at the corporate headquarters of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., the oldest black intercollegiate fraternity in the world, which was founded at Cornell. In June 2018, the Cornell Black Alumni Assn. elected John to serve as its president for a term running from 2018 to 2021. John enjoys singing and songwriting, and would have so many people to catch up with if he went back to Ithaca because he lived there for eight years after graduation.

Michael Marshak is an assistant professor in the chemistry department at the U. of Colorado, Boulder, and has been there since August 2015. Michael enjoys hiking—and through-hiked the Pacific Crest Trail in 2012. Is Rulloff’s still hosting Monday night karaoke? If so, Michael would love to go back. Otherwise he’d probably cycle around Cayuga if he had a day in Ithaca. **Vincent Kitaratragam**, ME ‘07, and his snack company, Dang, has recently launched a new product, Dang Bar. It has

16 grams of plant-based fat, 12 grams of protein, eight grams of fiber, and four grams of net carbs, and Vincent says it tastes dang delicious! Follow Vincent’s company at [@dangfoods](https://dangfoods.com) on Instagram.

Shoshanna Lenski and her husband, **Sam Firke**, live in Ann Arbor, MI, and welcomed their third child, Ezra Emmanuel, on June 24, 2018. (No, their Ezra is not named for Ezra Cornell, but they will be saving the May/June *Cornell Alumni Magazine* issue bearing the words “Thanx Ezra” on the cover for his baby scrapbook.) **Anne Robinson** and spouse David Gestaut welcomed their first child in early 2017. Anne works as an independent contract clinical research associate, monitoring and auditing clinical trials in oncology. Anne and David spend much of their “free” time running after their son as he tears through the house (and the cupboards). Anne enjoys spending time with family, soaking up the outdoors on hikes, walks, and bike and ski trips, cooking new recipes and types of cuisine, and visiting the many beautiful and interesting places within the Pacific Northwest where she lives, such as the San Juan Islands. If she had a day in Ithaca, she would go for a hike, stand on one of the many beautiful bridges and let the wind hit her face, and visit the Arts & Sciences campus, the libraries, the Botanic Gardens, and downtown Ithaca (hopefully grabbing a mate latte and movie while there). She’d cap the night off with a cocktail at Stella’s—this is hypothetical, anyway, right?

Shanah Einzig Segal and her spouse Amotz welcomed their first son in November 2018. Shanah works in private practice as a clinical psychologist in NYC, and would love to show her husband and son everything she loves about Ithaca and say hi to her former professors.

Bethany Marmillo and **Ronald Rohde** married in Dallas, TX, in 2017. He is a corporate attorney and she works for Fossil brands. Bethany and Ronald recently welcomed a daughter, Violet. (Ed. note: I wish I could post pictures with this column because Ms. Violet is darn cute! Then again, aren’t all Big Red babies?) **Riki Cullingford** and Christopher Smith married at a ceremony in the Shenandoah Valley on May 27, 2018, surrounded by several Cornellians as guests. Riki lives in Derwood, MD.

Jessica Elias is an elementary school instructional coach working with teachers to improve student outcomes at PS 527 in Manhattan. Jessica and Brennan Lodge married at Battery Gardens in Manhattan with the Statue of Liberty framing them in the background. They had many friends from the Cornell Class of 2006 in attendance, including three bridesmaids: **Annie Soderstrom**, **Arielle Redfern**, and **Michelle Fernandes. J DeMeo** and Lin Wang married in May 2018. J recently completed his service to the US Air Force and is now working in the private sector in Hawaii. If he had a day in Ithaca, J would be sure to eat a Lindsey sandwich at Collegetown Bagels, walk the Botanic Gardens, and eat ice cream at the Dairy Bar.

What’s new with you? New job? Wedding? Big move? Let us know. We love to hear from you. ❖ **Tory Lauterbach**, VML8@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

07 Happy New Year, Class of 2007! I’ve never been big into making resolutions, but it does always feel great to have a fresh start, maybe do some cleaning and, of course, check in with my fellow classmates.

As of October 8, 2018, we have a newly published author in our class. **Mark Rice**’s new book is *Making Machu Picchu: The Politics of Tourism in Twentieth Century Peru*. Having myself followed Hiram Bingham’s footsteps on the Inca Trail several years ago, I know I am

looking forward to learning how this amazing site has transformed the economy and culture of modern day Peru. Congrats, Mark, on this amazing accomplishment! You can find more information about this book here: <https://www.uncpress.org/book/9781469643533/making-machu-picchu/>. Mark is working as an assistant professor of history at Baruch College in Manhattan. **Robyn Ellerbrock**, DVM ‘12, is also an assistant professor. She recently moved from the Midwest to Athens, GA, to work at the U. of Georgia.

Some wonderful updates and memories came in from **Kalina Black** in Queens. She recently took a position providing therapeutic support at a psychotherapy practice, which focuses on patients who are struggling with racial healing, gender identity, workplace and school-related issues, relationships and intimacy, and bouts of anxiety and depression. Very important work! She fondly remembers her COSEP roommate, **Maria Jaramillo**, and their connections, which followed them from their Cornell years and beyond. Kalina would love to bring her kindergarten-aged daughter to Cornell to share the “gorges” views around campus. Bring me with you!

Lastly, **Matthew Larson**, just took over as president and CEO at Our-Hometown.com, a software development company focusing on supporting local journalism. He is also remembering his former roommate, **Aaron Gonzalez ‘08**, from his time in JAMS. Matthew is recently married!

How did you ring in the New Year? Do you have any January traditions with fellow Cornellians? Let me know. Looking forward to sharing more exciting stories with everyone! Please feel free to reach out to me or submit online. ❖ **Samantha Feibush** Wolf, srf29@cornell.edu. Online news form, <https://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

08 Happy 2019! As we bid adieu to 2018, we hope you had a year full of milestones and joys, as well as a fabulous return to the Hill for our 10th Reunion in June.

From the news rolling in, it seems that late 2017 and 2018 were a time in which many of our classmates welcomed future members of the Class of 2040. In December 2017, **Mackenzie Snyder** Kesner and husband Jason welcomed their son, Royce Ian. Mackenzie, Jason, and Royce call Edina, MN, home and, after receiving her MBA from the U. of Minnesota Carlson School of Management, Mackenzie is a product manager with Midcontinent. In November 2017, my neighbors in Park Slope, Brooklyn, **Nicole Silver** and Jeremy Kohansimeh, were joined by a new addition, Noah Jordan. Nicole is VP of marketing at Button, a partnerships platform for mobile commerce in New York.

Also in November 2017, Kavi Avery entered the world full of Big Red pride and instantly adored by his mom and dad, Cornellian couple **Garima Malhotra** and **Sameer Mittal ‘07**. Garima and Sameer recently moved from New York to Philadelphia, where Sameer is a pediatric urology fellow at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and Garima continues to practice law as a litigator at Hogan Lovells. And in August 2018, **Joshua** and **Ilana Sclar Krieger** of Newton, MA, welcomed Ari Jacob, whom Ilana and Josh are already indoctrinating with a love of all things Boston, including the Red Sox. Ilana does digital strategy and innovation at CVS Health, and Josh is an assistant professor of business administration in the entrepreneurial management unit at Harvard Business School after receiving his PhD from MIT Sloan School of Management.

This year has also been a whirlwind of classmate weddings. **David Kiferbaum**, JD ‘11, married Lauren Palmor on May 6, 2018 in Berkeley, CA, a wedding I had

the honor of taking part in as a witness to their ketubah, the Jewish wedding contract. I had the chance to catch up with many Cornellians at that wedding, which took place underneath a redwood grove; the reception was in the Art Deco-inspired Berkeley City Club. Many of David's Sigma Alpha Mu brothers were in attendance, including **Justin Weitz '07**, **Joshua Goldman '07**, **Daniel Bushansky '06**, BS '05 (and wife **Jessica (Itzkowitz) '06**), **Daniel Fine '10**, **David Fine '07**, **Ron Wexler**, BS '07, and David's actual and fraternity brother, **Joseph Kiferbaum '10**, MBA '11. David, who has worked at Google for the past few years in a legal capacity, recently started a new role as a business development manager in Google Photos at Google in Silicon Valley. He also writes in that if he had a day in Ithaca, he would spend it at the Ithaca Farmers Market (me too!).

Just six days later, I had the pleasure of celebrating the wedding of **Lance Polivy** to Meredith Milstein at the Brooklyn Museum in New York, where I had the chance to dance the night away again with Joshua Goldman, as well as countless Cornellians, including **Scott Rosenthal** and wife Sarah Molinoff, **C.G.** and **Rosemarie Fang McClure**, **Rob Yackee**, **Brian Polivy '10**, and **Jack Polivy '14**. Lance and Meredith, a devoted Columbia alumna and fan, have a good-spirited Big Red and Columbia Lion rivalry, evidenced by the crest that adorned their wedding invitations and programs. Lance, Scott, and I get to catch up fairly often, as we are all currently associates at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, a law firm in New York, together with **Roman Goldburt**, BS '07.

Some additional news roundups: **Gretchen Freihofer** writes in that she recently received her MBA from Babson College in Boston and started a new job as director of client operations at Freebird, a mobile flight rebooking startup in Cambridge, MA. She urges classmates to check them out at <http://www.getfreebird.com>. **Ashley Vining** Byrne writes that she "recently began [her] own jewelry design business, working from home" and is doing "contract work with other jewelers while also producing [her] own jewelry lines." Ashley, who got married in May 2016 and had a son in March 2017, is grateful that she has an occupation that allows her to be home with her son while still providing for her family. **Jeffrey Palmer** writes that he left active duty in the Marine Corps in June 2018 after eight years of service and has made a home for himself in Philadelphia. He is now an assistant district attorney in the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office in their Family Violence Sexual Assault Unit, where he prosecutes sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse, and child sexual exploitation. He is still serving in the Marine Corps Reserve as the Rule of Law Officer for Second Civil Affairs Group.

Congratulations and best wishes to all on your fabulous milestones! Stay tuned for news of great upcoming class events via Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/CornellClass2008>), Twitter (<https://twitter.com/bigred2008>), and Instagram (<https://instagram.com/bigred2008/>). Please send us updates of both the major life change and arcane day-to-day life variety! Running three miles a day? A marathon? Globe-trotting or just moved across town? We'd love to hear from you and give you your 15 minutes of Cornell fame! ♦ **Elana Beale**, erb26@cornell.edu; and **Libby Boymel**, lkb24@cornell.edu.

09 With another change of season comes great news from our classmates! As the years pass, updates from our dear classmates across the country (and globe) warm my heart—and hopefully yours, too, as our class council makes preparations for our 10th Reunion!

Congratulations to **Bennett** and **Rachel Quigley Gerli**, who welcomed their first child, Tate Anderson, on August 16. A notable shower gift was a rocking chair that once belonged to Ezra Cornell, an heirloom from friends who have had it in their family for generations. Rachel and Bennett hope this bodes well for Tate's future chances of matriculation! **Adam** and **Alyssa Ehrlich Kressel** also welcomed a baby boy in June 2018, named Jared Finn. They are looking forward to his first visit to Cornell in June 2019 for Mommy and Daddy's 10th Reunion. Adam and Alyssa met in Mary Donlon Hall as freshman-year neighbors.

We are also happy to hear from **Joshua Navarro** in Denver, CO, where he oversees the global recruitment operations team for Western Union (which was, in part, founded by Ezra Cornell!). This role allows Joshua to be a practitioner of the valuable human resources knowledge he learned as an IRL student, while also overseeing and partnering with team members throughout the world. And a heartfelt congratulations to **Allison Rienecker**, the newly appointed associate to the Eckert Seammons Richmond office and litigation division. She concentrates her practice on civil litigation in the areas of premises liability, commercial litigation, product liability defense, and personal injury. Prior to entering private practice, Allison served as a judicial law clerk to the Hon. Steven C. McCallum of Chesterfield County Circuit Court in Virginia. Before attending law school, she worked as a civil engineer for the New York City Dept. of Transportation on bridge reconstruction projects.

Hope to see you all in June for our 10th! Cannot believe it has been that long. Warmest wishes, and please do not forget to share your news! Your devoted correspondent: ♦ **Rebecca Robbins**, Robbins.Reb@gmail.com.

10 While chimes rang in Ithaca, wedding bells rang this summer for many Cornellians. **Jeff Bowser** and **Emily Farina** were wed in New York City in June. Only three months later, they relocated from New York and are now happy residents of San Diego. **Nicole Herz Beale**, husband **Nick '07**, and daughter Blake also recently relocated to the San Diego area, where Nicole runs the events and sponsorships team for the *San Diego Union-Tribune*.

In July, **T.J. Hohanadel** exchanged vows with his wife, Nicole, at the same venue as the Bowsers in New York. Many of T.J.'s former teammates from the Cornell football team were on hand to join in the festivities. The Cornell basketball team also had a reason to celebrate this summer, when **Ryan Wittman** married wife Demi. Many members of Cornell's first "Sweet 16" basketball team were suited up, this time in tuxedos, for a slam-dunk wedding. **Brittani Jackson** James had a July wedding with husband Steve. Both Brittani and Steve are doctors, with Brittani passing her family medicine boards in April.

Chris Bentley and wife Laura were married in Chicago, among Cornellians of several graduating classes. In attendance at the wedding was **Stephan Spilkowitz**, who in September was elected as district leader, Westchester Democratic Committee member elect for Ward 8 District 13 in Yonkers. **Alina O'Brien** and **Shawn Butte** got married where it all began and where we all share a common bond: in Ithaca, NY. The wedding took place at the Ithaca Farmer's Market, with dessert from the Dairy Bar and plenty of Cornellians celebrating the affair. Attendees included alumni class president **Tory Hooker** Waxman, who welcomed a beautiful baby daughter into the world this year with husband Mike, as well as **Mack** and **Caroline King O'Connell**, who were there with their daughter.

Rachel Derman Moore and her family, including their firstborn—new big brother Levi—welcomed baby girl Amelia Rose in August. **Amanda Greenbaum** and husband Jason were married in New Hampshire in October with Cornell friends from across the country in attendance. The second season of **Jordan Andino's** Food Network show, "Late Night Eats," returned this October—Jordan continues to make a name for himself in the culinary world. For two years in a row, Class of 2010 Cornellians have been honored by *Civil + Structural Engineer* magazine as "Rising Stars in Civil Engineering." Last year, **Heather Reed**, PhD '14, was selected for the honor. This year, **Jeffrey Katz** was named to the list.

Lastly, on a somber note, our class remembers our good friend **Ben Neighbor**, who died while on a business trip in Bangalore, India, in June. Ben was a gentle giant—kind and smart—who protected his teammates on the football field and his friends and family off it. He will be greatly missed. ♦ **Jeff Katz**, jak232@cornell.edu; **Amar Kelkar**, ahk24@cornell.edu; **Michelle Sun**, michellejsun@gmail.com.

11 Congratulations are in order for many members of the Class of 2011, in both their professional and personal lives. **Kate Tucci** appeared on an episode of "Jeopardy!" this year and placed second after a very close game. In addition, Kate has also jumped head first into a return to her roots with a career change: after five seasons on the production staff of "American Idol," she is now an educator at the Los Angeles Zoo. If that wasn't enough, Kate got married in October. While her new husband is not a Cornellian, he spent quite a bit of time on campus visiting Kate throughout her four years at Cornell.

Jayson Jones is recently engaged and planning a wedding for summer 2019. He's currently the assistant director of clinical education and innovation at the McSilver Inst. at NYU Silver School of Social Work. He trains behavioral health professionals in evidence-based practices, teaches undergraduate and graduate students, and works on projects related to addressing poverty and inequality. In addition to his work at NYU he created and hosted a podcast series called "Black Boys and Men: Changing the Narrative," which can be found on most major podcast platforms.

David Byun, BS '10, and **Melissa Kim** were married in August. Classmate **Samantha Jayawickrama** introduced the couple two years after they all graduated. David graduated from Weill Cornell in 2017, and Melissa graduated from Boston U. School of Law in 2016. They are currently living in New York City. **Sarah Dressel** was named the chairperson of the New York Apple Assn. board of directors. She is the first woman ever to hold this position.

Many congratulations to each of you on the new jobs, weddings, and academic accomplishments! ♦ **Dara Perl**, dmp229@cornell.edu; **Siva Iyer**, si74@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

12 **Jess Cisco**, MBA '17, recently started working on his new venture: <http://www.ActiveLeading.com>. He is currently doing consulting/freelance work in process improvement and leadership development, and is pivoting the company into a new business model. "I am using what I learned at Johnson and concepts from the business model canvas to test out different ideas until I ultimately find an exciting business model with potential. Then, the fun of really growing my company will begin!" Look for more news from him in 2019.



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Aside from work, Jess and his wife, Jen, have a number of trips abroad planned. They recently visited Singapore and have upcoming trips to Switzerland, Germany, and Australia coming up later in 2018. He is quite focused on growing his company and keeping himself healthy and fit. Jess says he gets the most satisfaction when he is able to, through his work, contribute meaningfully to others' lives, helping them to reach their potential, achieve a goal, or grow in some way important to that person. He remembers his time at Cornell fondly, noting that **Rick Adie '75** was among the first people he met. "He remains among the most influential people I had the pleasure of knowing during my time at Cornell." Jess still lives in Ithaca, where he enjoys some time with his friends, mountain biking, and touring the local breweries or restaurants.

Rachael Kermis is in her last year of family medicine residency and acting as chief resident and fur-mom to her Sheepadoodle, Watson. She has also been staying actively involved as the resident representative on the board of directors for Louisiana's family medicine academy. After residency, she is staying in Baton Rouge to have an outpatient clinic and to teach part time with the residency. Her focus will be expanding sexual health resources for her patients and implementing preventive health measures. Send news to: ❖ **Peggy Ramin**, mar335@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

13 We have some very interesting news to report this month. First, **Olly Wang** says hello from China, where he is doing well.

Sefra Alexander, MAT '13, is a fellow at the Crop Trust that oversees the World Seed Banking Network including the Global Seed Vault in Svalbard (part of the Norwegian islands). As part of her fellowship, Sefra is conducting impact assessment research of the taro crop through the lens of ethnobotanics in Fiji! As the self-proclaimed Seed Huntress, Sefra is on the hunt to preserve the biodiversity of fields and forests, especially following natural disasters. She is reminded that we humans are "people of the 'pinch,'" meaning that we live in a pinch in time when we can either stand by and watch the genetic erosion of our flora, or step in as stewards and caretakers. She is also the hostess for the podcast "SpartanUP!," promoting the international obstacle course racing company. Sefra travels the globe running through mountains with some of the world's most elite athletes. One race, the Death Race, sets the record for the world's longest barbed wire crawl. She says that the first person she met at Cornell was the Carya Ovata, a hickory tree in the MacDaniels Nut Grove. If Sefra had one more day in Ithaca, she would go seed collecting with the Primitive Pursuits.

Jonathan Lee just finished medical school at SUNY Upstate and started his vascular surgery residency at Mount Sinai Hospital. He is grateful to Cornell for its excellent educational experience. He looks forward to seeing what Cornell does for his brother, who is a junior in the Applied Economics and Management program, and hopefully his sister too, who is applying to Cornell next year!

As always, I want to hear what you've been up to since graduating so that YOU can be featured in our columns! E-mail me with news. ❖ **Rachael Schuman**, RASchuman@gmail.com.

14 Happy New Year, classmates! We hope you all had a fun holiday season, and we look forward to seeing many of you in Ithaca at our class's 5th Reunion this June! **Kelsey Gatto** Peoples, BS '13, graduated with her MS in nutrition and food science in 2016

and now works as a clinical registered dietitian nutritionist at a top hospital in New Jersey. She also started her own private practice, the Peoples Plate LLC, to offer more in-depth outpatient education and counseling both in person and virtually through video conferencing. In November 2017, Kelsey married Philip, a fellow New Jersey native.

Exactly one year after their engagement at Beebe Lake, **Ryan and Paige Kulling Larkin** were married on September 29, 2018 at Cornell, with a ceremony at Sage Chapel and a reception at the Statler Hotel. Paige and Ryan timed their wedding to occur during Ithaca's Apple Harvest Festival: a nostalgic favorite for both of them. Class of 2014 wedding party members included **Timothy Healy, Lauren Taylor, and Ruth-Anne Langan**. Among numerous Cornell alumni from several years, other Class of 2014 guests included **Katherine Owsiany, Collin Meier, Parvez Ahmed Garcia, Nathaniel Root, Andrew Newman, David Li, Larry Rosenzweig, MPS '16, Narayanan Sadagopan, and Michael Freund**. Paige and Ryan will be celebrating their honeymoon in Tahiti and Moorea this winter. Paige finished her PhD in experimental pathology at the U. of Virginia in May 2018 and is currently a clinical microbiology fellow at UCLA. Ryan is an award-winning independent producer in Los Angeles who is currently developing his first feature-length film. Please keep us updated with all of the exciting happenings in your lives! ❖ **Samantha Lapahn**, srl76@cornell.edu; **Tejal Thakkar**, tdt42@cornell.edu.

15 Greetings, classmates! Now that the holiday craze has settled, please take a moment to send us your news. How did you ring in the New Year? ❖ **Haley Velasco**, hav9@cornell.edu; **Ariel Cooper**, alc258@cornell.edu. Online news form: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

16 Hello again, classmates! As winter is now settled in, we can imagine our beautiful Cornell campus filled with snow. With a little distance, it's easy to remember how pretty the snow looks on the statues of Ezra Cornell and A.D. White . . . It's also easy to forget the early sashes to campus in heavy winter boots! While forgetting the trials of winter may be easy, please do not forget to send in news!

We heard from classmate **Laura Bach**, who began serving in the Peace Corps in Uganda in November 2016. Laura works at Arua Hill Public School, where she has lived and taught for the last two years. For her final project, she is raising money to bring 20 computers to the school. Best of luck to you, Laura! **Alexander Krakoski** (alex.krakoski@gmail.com) writes, "I am now working with a boutique venture capital firm called Dot Capital (www.dotcapital.com). I'd like to connect with entrepreneurial alumni that would like to work together."

Chloe Chung (cgc63@cornell.edu) started at UCLA School of Law this year and plans to graduate in spring 2021. "Prior to that I tutored underprivileged children in Southern California and then worked as a litigation paralegal at Kirby McInerney LLP, a securities and anti-trust firm specializing in class action litigation in NYC." If she had a day in Ithaca, Chloe would walk around campus, eat at CTB, grab a drink at Loco or Ruloff's, have late night pizza at CTP, hike the falls, go swimming, and tan at flat rock.

Sincere thanks to all of our classmates who shared their latest updates with us. We would love to include more in our next column, so please do not hesitate to write! ❖ **Meghan McCormick**, mcm324@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

ALUMNI DEATHS

1930s

- '38—Elizabeth Burgess Benedict, Commerce Township, MI, September 8, 2016
'39—Bernard S. Livingston, New Rochelle, NY, May 24, 2018
'39 BS Ag, JD '48—Robert E. Lull, Corning, NY, July 15, 2018

1940s

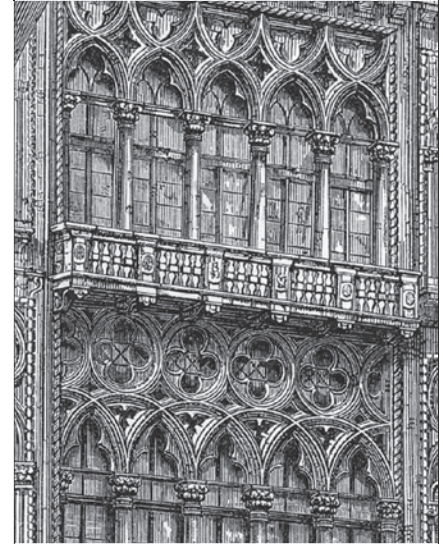
- '40 MA—Mary Harman Ficken, Roseville, MN, June 26, 2018
'41 BA, MD '44—Howard S. Dunbar, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, January 1, 2014
'41 BA—Evelyn Wahl Krems, Marina Del Rey, CA, June 26, 2018
'41 BS Ag—John H. Osborn, Medford, NJ, July 12, 2018
'42 BA—Edward J. Schadler, Montclair, NJ, April 21, 2018
'42-43 GR—Samuel Weisbard, Chicago, IL, May 6, 2017
'43 BArch—W. McNeill Baker, Towson, MD, June 5, 2018
'43 BME—Norman R. Bergrun, Los Altos Hills, CA, July 1, 2018
'43 BA, MS '48—William H. Chambers, Los Alamos, NM, July 16, 2018
'43 BS HE—Jean Short Elling, Indianola, WA, June 10, 2018
'43 BS Ag, DVM '45—Harry Radcliffe, Ormond Beach, FL, June 21, 2018
'43 BS, B Chem E '47—Allen L. Spafford, Sun Valley, ID, June 17, 2018
'44 BA—Henry G. Bates, Homestead, FL, May 31, 2018
'44-45 SP Ag—Gerard J. Pfundstein, Orlando, FL, February 22, 2015
'44 BS, BCE '47—Morton A. Siegler, Sarasota, FL, June 11, 2018
'44 BA—Carl C. Teipel Jr., Sylvania, OH, July 8, 2018
'45 MA, PhD '49—Eleanor Goltz Huzar-Granger, Golden Valley, MN, May 7, 2018
'45 BA—Geraldine Dunn Jennings, Gaithersburg, MD, July 6, 2018
'45 BME, MBA '48—William D. Knauss, Sarasota, FL, June 18, 2018
'46, BME '45, MME '50—Henry J. Gieseler, Sarasota, FL, July 7, 2017
'46 BS HE—Charlotte Cooper Gill, Hurley, NY, June 29, 2018
'46, BS Ag '50—Paul C. Girolamo, Hobe Sound, FL, July 8, 2018
'46, BCE '49, MCE '51—Gabriel V. Pesce, Port Hueneme, CA, July 6, 2018
'46 BS Nurs—Thalia Hicock Scoville, West Cornwall, CT, June 12, 2018
'46, PhD '60—Barry D. Valentine, Columbus, OH, July 1, 2018
'47, B Chem E '48—Daniel W. Brown, Candler, NC, July 5, 2018
'47 MA—Lily Marker Hoffman, Fairfield, IL, June 27, 2018
'48 BS HE—Marilyn Creason Dilles, Corvallis, OR, April 30, 2018
'48 MEd—Pearl Breitmaier Isenberg, Silver Spring, MD, June 7, 2018
'48 BA—Carleton B. Quinby Jr., Marion, NC, June 6, 2017
'48 BCE—Richard F. Rundell, Hudson, OH, July 4, 2018

- '49 JD—Kenneth B. Bowen, Northampton, MA, September 22, 2015
'49 BS Ag—Dolores R. Hoffman, Irvine, CA, February 21, 2017
'49 BS HE—Nancy Knipe Lemons, Cedar Falls, IA, June 30, 2018
'49 BA—Helen Beck Rankin, Traverse City, MI, June 26, 2018

1950s

- '50 MD—Jean Abel Cramer, Flemington, NJ, May 17, 2018
'50 BS HE, PhD '84—Jane Wigsten McGonigal Crispell, Ithaca, NY, July 10, 2018
'50 BS Ag—Paul J. Everts, Plantation, FL, June 17, 2018
'50 PhD—John D. Mollard, Regina, SK, September 13, 2017
'50 BA—Mary Mapes Phillips, Cobleskill, NY, July 9, 2018
'50 B Chem E—Henry W. Schiessl, Huntsville, AL, July 1, 2018
'50 BS Ag—Percy F. Tompkins, Saratoga Springs, NY, May 25, 2018
'51-58 GR—Donald L. Bowers, Richmond, VA, June 18, 2018
'51 MD—Emil Neibert, South Orange, NJ, May 11, 2013
'51 BA—Marjorie Tucker Sablow, Hartsdale, NY, June 29, 2018
'52 BS Hotel—John W. Hendriksen, Virginia Beach, VA, June 25, 2018
'52 PhD—Kenneth J. MacKenzie Jr., Greenville, SC, June 24, 2018
'52 B Chem E—Arthur D. Seibel, Glen Mills, PA, March 11, 2018
'52 BS Ag—LaVerne A. Sikkema, Holland, MI, July 13, 2018
'52 BS HE—Barbara Schlang Sonnenfeldt, Port Washington, NY, July 9, 2018
'53 BS Hotel—Lilyan H. Affinito, New York City, June 29, 2018
'53 BS Ag, MD '62—Frank H. Brunstetter, Brooklyn, NY, April 11, 2014
'53 BS Hotel—Harry B. Coyle Jr., Pearland, TX, July 14, 2018
'53 BS Ag—Francis W. Crossen, Phoenix, AZ, April 1, 2018
'53, BEE '55—Richard E. Kenyon, Lowell, MA, June 25, 2018
'53—Bruce E. Meyer, Preble, NY, July 5, 2018
'53 MS—Jean Evans Osterheld, North Little Rock, AR, July 12, 2018
'54 BS Nurs—Catherine Lagonegro Castellino, Elmira, NY, July 13, 2018
'54 BS Ag—Philip D. Chase, Port Jervis, NY, May 9, 2018
'54 BS Hotel—John C. Cini, Potomac, MD, July 4, 2018
'54—Arnold M. Cope, Loudon, TN, June 26, 2018
'54 BS ILR—William R. Fene, Durant, OK, July 20, 2018
'54 BA, MFS '55—Stefan S. Frank, Medford, NJ, July 17, 2018
'54 MS Ag—Robert G. Gilpin Jr., Waterbury, VT, June 20, 2018
'54 MD—Richard J. Homrighausen, Lafayette, CA, February 20, 2018

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'54—Charles W. Platt,
Otego, NY, July 6, 2018

'54 MD—Saul L. Sanders,
Pompton Plains, NJ, July 5, 2018

'54 MS—Alexander Scriabine,
Guilford, CT, June 25, 2013

'54 BS ILR—Jack T. Wright,
Meadville, PA, July 7, 2018

'55—Robert J. Carr,
Sarasota, FL, July 2, 2018

'55—David Chelimer,
Seattle, WA, April 26, 2018

'55 PhD—William J. Craven,
Ridgewood, NJ, June 21, 2018

'55 BA—Phillip S. Harvey,
Wilmington, DE, June 6, 2018

'55—Robert H. Reeder,
Chautauqua, NY, July 17, 2018

'55 BA—John D. Rowland,
Racine, WI, July 23, 2018

'55, BME '56—Peter M. Schluter,
Little Silver, NJ, June 22, 2018

'55—Morton Spivack,
Bronx, NY, June 26, 2018

'55, BS HE '54—Betsy Borst Stanton,
Bryn Mawr, PA, July 12, 2018

'56 BA—Marilyn Weiss Chelimer,
Seattle, WA, July 22, 2018

'56 BEE—Eugene D. Conroy,
Gladwyne, PA, July 1, 2018

'56 BEE—William R. Laidlaw,
Geneseo, NY, July 23, 2018

'56—Susan McIntosh Lloyd,
Rutland, VT, July 2, 2018

'56 MS Ag, PhD '59—Concepcion Valera Peters,
San Jose, CA, June 16, 2018

'56 BS Ag, MBA '57—William C. Ramsgard,
Baldwinsville, NY, July 13, 2018

'56 DVM—Stephen H. Schwirck,
Skillman, NJ, October 19, 2017

'56 BA—James A. Yates,
Lemoyne, PA, July 17, 2018

'57 BA—Nina Zippin Baym,
Urbana, IL, June 15, 2018

'57-61 SP Ag—David R. Bray,
Gainesville, FL, June 1, 2018

'57 MS, PhD '58—Richard R. Gutekunst,
Gainesville, FL, July 7, 2018

'57 BA—David S. Hirsch,
New York City, June 20, 2018

'57 BS HE—Eleonore Grassl Ineson,
Williamsburg, VA, July 7, 2018

'57 LLB—Frank J. Lasch,
Loudonville, NY, May 16, 2018

'57 BA—Marilyn Way Merryweather,
Akron, OH, July 17, 2018

'57—George E. Spofford III,
Fort Lauderdale, FL, July 20, 2018

'57, BME '59—Peter B. Weeks,
New Cumberland, PA, June 20, 2018

'57, BArch '58—Donald E. Wudtke,
Sonoma, CA, June 15, 2018

'58—George E. Alotrico,
Big Timber, MT, June 29, 2018

'58, B Chem E '59—Alan T. Bowes,
Mountainside, NJ, July 11, 2018

'58 BS Hotel—John K. Daniel,
Myrtle Beach, SC, February 7, 2018

'58 BA—G. William Rau Jr.,
Sarasota, FL, April 17, 2018

'58 BA—Richard Sindell,
Seattle, WA, June 16, 2018

'59—Granville J. Allen,
Reno, NV, April 30, 2018

'59—Barry E. Collins,
Walnut Creek, CA, June 1, 2018

'59 PhD—John W. Donovan,
El Cerrito, CA, December 27, 2016

'59 MS HE—E. Irene Downey,
Peoria, IL, July 12, 2018

'59 BS Hotel, PhD '71—William J. Morgan Jr.,
Largo, FL, June 16, 2018

'59 BA—Beverly Hall Severance,
Jefferson City, MO, July 1, 2018

'59 BA—Jane Taubert Wiegand,
Attleboro, MA, July 17, 2018

1960s

'60 MD—Frederick A. Flatow Jr.,
Guilford, CT, February 25, 2018

'60 BA—Julie Gentle Jackson,
Trumansburg, NY, June 26, 2018

'60—Bradford S. Koles,
Amelia, VA, May 25, 2018

'60 MS, PhD '62—George Kovatch,
Cummaquid, MA, June 15, 2018

'60 BS Hotel—William J. Murray Jr.,
Colchester, VT, July 13, 2018

'61 MA—Ronald V. Ellis,
Cambridge, WI, July 6, 2018

'61—Lynne Conner Gillen,
Ocean City, MD, July 5, 2017

'61 BFA—Dana B. Lawrence,
Universal City, TX, January 14, 2015

'61 BA—Barbara Merrifield Williams,
Ithaca, NY, June 24, 2018

'62 BA—Arthur W. Brill,
New York City, June 28, 2018

'62, B Chem E '63, PhD '66—Stephen A. Wald,
Indianola, WA, May 24, 2018

'63 BS Ag, MBA '64—James M. Lillis Jr.,
Southport, CT, July 4, 2018

'63 BA—Carol Mills Lucas,
Bethesda, MD, July 29, 2016

'63 LLB—M. Richard Meyers,
Palm Beach Gardens, FL, January 29, 2018

'63 PhD—Herbert P. Phillips,
San Francisco, CA, May 22, 2018

'63 MD—Joel E. Winker,
Rutherfordton, NC, July 6, 2017

'64 MEd—Laurie Semple Reed,
Chesterland, OH, September 15, 2017

'65 JD—Paul R. Callaway,
Rochester, NY, May 4, 2018

'65 MD—Joseph C. Fratantoni,
Rockville, MD, May 6, 2015

'65 BA—George D. Greenberg,
Washington, DC, July 14, 2018

'65 MS Mat—Thomas F. Kane,
Berkeley, CA, June 1, 2018

'65, BA '67—Jeffrey A. Kurland,
Pennsylvania Furnace, PA, July 11, 2018

'65 BS Hotel—Philip G. Richter,
Las Vegas, NV, November 23, 2017

'66 JD—Jerry G. Berka,
Brightwaters, NY, July 27, 2018

'66 BS Hotel—George W. Wire,
Trabuco Canyon, CA, February 21, 2018

'67—Charles F. Woodcock,
Cape Coral, FL, November 23, 2017

'68 BS Hotel—Jeffrey H. French,
Redmond, WA, March 5, 2018

'68—Robert L. Greenspun,
Alexandria, VA, July 2, 2018

'68, BS Ag '69—Owen S. McCoy,
Rock Hall, MD, July 5, 2018

'69, BA '70—Joan B. Green,
Durango, CO, June 22, 2018

'69 PhD—Stephen F. Peterson,
Aiken, SC, July 2, 2018

1970s

'71 MBA—Lester W. Berger,
Woodland Park, NJ, June 11, 2017

'71 PhD—Travis L. Houser,
Salt Lake City, UT, May 18, 2018

'72 BS Ag—Joseph L. Hayes,
Gainesville, TX, June 23, 2018

'72 MD—Daniel L. Leary Jr.,
Newburyport, MA, July 6, 2018

'72 BS Ag—Merrick M. Reed,
Adams Center, NY, July 15, 2018

'73 BS Nurs—Jill Simandi Regan,
Westfield, MA, June 28, 2018

'74 MBA—Jeffrey D. Biel,
Daniel Island, SC, May 26, 2018

'74 MA, PhD '76—Sister Mary Colleen Dillon,
Park Hills, KY, November 28, 2015

'74 MArch—Larry A. Doll,
Austin, TX, July 21, 2018

'74 PhD—Gladys Styles Johnston,
Scottsdale, AZ, June 20, 2018

'75 BA—Mark J. Hausknecht,
Houston, TX, July 20, 2018

'75 BS Ag—Matthew Naab,
New Haven, CT, July 19, 2018

'75 BA—James T. Patnode,
Lake Milton, OH, March 23, 2018

'75 JD—Bradford A. Penney,
Springfield, VA, April 14, 2017

'76 BS ILR—David E. Jones,
Atlanta, GA, June 20, 2018

'77 BS Ag—Chris Coupe,
Freeville, NY, July 4, 2018

'77 MPA—Janet S. Sledge,
Houston, TX, July 13, 2018

'78 MS Chem E—Frank S. Panebianco,
Houston, TX, June 22, 2018

'79 BEE—Thomas A. Skrobala,
Basking Ridge, NJ, January 13, 2017

1980s

'80 BS ILR—Martin W. Elson,
Cleveland, OH, June 24, 2018

'85, BS HE '84—Shari Fuller Rogers,
Webster, NY, June 22, 2018

1990s

'91 BA—Steven R. Webb,
Alexandria, VA, July 12, 2018

'94 BS ILR—Christopher J. Molinaro,
Chatham, NJ, June 18, 2018

2000s

'03 BCE—Richard B. Jones II,
Sacramento, CA, November 4, 2017

'09 BS Ag—Jonathan C. Luoto,
Cardiff, CA, July 7, 2018

2010s

'10 BA—Benjamin J. Neighbor,
Dallas, TX, June 3, 2018

'14—Sanya K. Hashmi,
Holmdel, NJ, February 3, 2014

'15 MBA—Brian M. Horton,
Great Neck, NY, October 25, 2017

'18 BA—Amy Pape Neish,
Groton, NY, July 8, 2018

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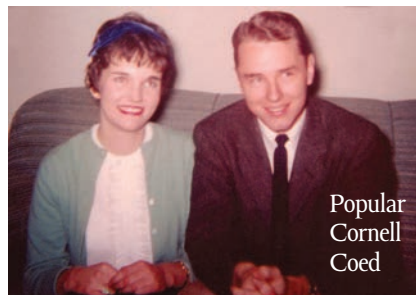
Amelia Johnson Alexander '59

My very special and beloved wife, Amelia Johnson Alexander '59 (known by all as "Melie"), entered the arms of God in late April 2018, after an extremely tough couple of years battling health setbacks. Many will remember her charming grace, her dazzling smile, and that fun-loving laugh, all of which stayed with her through the end. All four of our children were with her when she slipped away peacefully. The joys and riches of our 62 years of friendship and 56 years of marriage are my treasures on earth. Take a moment to share with me any special memory you may have of Melie at fla0918@aol.com.

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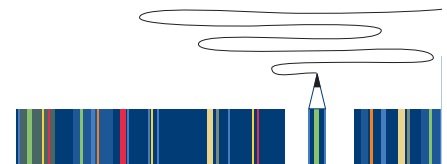
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Star Turn

Rediscovered on Betacam, a 'lost' lecture by Carl Sagan still resonates

In October 2017, to mark the fortieth anniversary of NASA's Voyager mission, the University assembled an expert panel in Bailey Hall. Among them was Carl Sagan's widow, Ann Druyan, who'd served as creative director of the Voyager Interstellar Message Project. "In my memory, Carl's last perfect public day was in this auditorium," she observed at one point, going on to describe a lecture the famed astronomer gave during a two-day symposium on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday. "In my recollection—and I attended every one of his talks for twenty years—this was the greatest one he ever gave."

The lecture in question was delivered in November 1994, two years before Sagan died from complications of a blood cancer. For decades, it was thought to be lost—until a happy coincidence returned it to public view. Druyan's reminiscence at the Voyager event rang a bell for a University Relations staffer, who remembered having come across a Sony Betacam recording of the lecture years earlier while doing research for another project. "When I heard someone had found the tape, I couldn't believe it," says astronomy professor Lisa Kaltenecker, director of the Cornell-based Carl Sagan Institute. "I thought, This can't be real." The lecture was posted to YouTube last November—timed to celebrate what would have been Sagan's eighty-fourth birthday—and garnered more than 55,000 views in its first month. "A new Sagan video, twenty years later," noted one commenter. "It's like Christmas." Said another: "Everyone on the planet should see this."

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Sagan discussed our species' tendency to cling to chauvinistic beliefs, from the idea that humans are the greatest form of life on Earth to our conviction that our planet lies at the center of the universe. (In actuality, he noted, we live in the "galactic boondocks.") This parochial way of thinking, Sagan observed, comes from "the same psychic wellsprings that say that our gender, or our ethnic group, or our particular melanin content in the skin . . . is important and central, and all those alternative ways of being human are somehow less central, less



important, less worthy than we are."

Viewing the lecture for the first time, Kaltenecker says she was struck by how relevant Sagan's subject matter remains, two decades later—and how approachable he seemed. "He was so relaxed, making jokes and laughing," she says. "My favorite part was the question and answer portion. He was just as eloquent as he was during his talk." Sagan fielded all manner of queries, from his views on animal testing and the existence of God to his opinion of astrology and clairvoyance to the likelihood that aliens had visited our planet. "He didn't take anyone down, or say, 'You really shouldn't believe that,'" she observes. "He took people seriously."

Sagan closed the talk with an arresting image taken by *Voyager 1*: from more than 37 billion miles away, Earth appears a mere marble. "It's a pale blue dot," he said, employing a phrase that has since become inextricably linked to his legacy. "That's where we are. The aggregate of all our joy and suffering . . . every creator and destroyer of civilizations, every king and peasant, every young couple in love, every hopeful child . . . every saint and sinner in the history of our species lived there. To me, this picture underscores our responsibility to deal more kindly with one another and to preserve and cherish the pale blue dot, the only home we've ever known." ■

— Alexandra Bond '12

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