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THE BEST PLACE BY A DAM SITE
GOULD COLMAN

Once upon a time, Beebe Lake was a social center—home to ice skaters, water pageants, the Johnny Parson Club eatery, and a legendary toboggan slide. A history of the university's backyard pond, less famous than Cayuga but just as beloved, by Cornell's archivist emeritus.

PERCHANCE TO ... SLEEP
JAMES MAAS

Before the electric light, most people slept ten hours a night. But modern Americans have more to do and not enough time to do it, and they're sleeping less than ever. The result, says a psychology professor, is a nation of walking zombies at risk of accidents and health problems.

CURRENTS

A martyr, set to music. Plus: down on the flea farm, the bald facts, fluoride-free Ithaca, market maven Charles Lee, and the haiku of Spam.

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LETTERS

MATTERS
OF TASTE

REGARDING YOUR HOLIDAY MENU ("THE FEAST with the College Degree," November/December 1998): No turkey? No ham? No roast beef, or even goose? Are we celebrating the holidays in Australia, New Zealand, or Basque country? Or are we supposed to take it on the "lamb" to one of these places? And with, as they used to be known out here in God's country, an entree of "stinking woolies"! They may be good enough for you elite, effete lambykins in the East, but we in the real America want to preserve our holiday mythologies: tamales, chili, barbecue, and beer!

Harry Moore Jr. '49
Hemet, California

THE VALUE OF MONEY

IN "A MORE PERFECT UNION" (September/October 1998), ILR's Karin Ash is quoted as saying that "despite their pro-labor leanings, many students come from families where it is important to make money." Unfortunately, many Cornellians come from families that don't have money, so making money is not a career choice but a necessity. Many students have loans to pay off after graduation. I am surprised at the lack of good design, not to mention a stronger identification of the university which it represents.

Elizabeth Severinghaus Warner '50
Osterville, Massachusetts

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THE REAL NABOKOV

THE THREE-DAY NABOKOV FESTIVAL seems to have gotten it wrong (Currents, November/December 1998). Nabokov's Cornell legacy was his impact on his students (undergraduates at that!). It has been more than forty-five years, but I can visualize Goldwin Smith, the seats full and aisles overflowing with auditors. A lady with kerchief and boots, writing a single word, relevance never fully understood, on a rolling chalkboard. And then this seemingly small man, articulating, stimulating, exciting those kids about literature. That was a seminal event, never until then really appreciated. And, of course, it would not have been fitting for the celebration of Nabokov.

West Hartford, Connecticut

WHAT ABOUT BOB?

I ENJOYED BRAD HERZOG'S "HEY, Rookie" (November/December 1998), but I must point out an error. Herzog states that only once in the past quarter-century (Derrick Harmon in 1984) had a Cornell player been drafted by the NFL. In 1974, Bob Lally '74, was drafted by the Miami Dolphins.

Medford, New Jersey

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IN A NAME

ONE RESULT OF THE MAGNANIMOUS gift of $100 million to the Medical College by Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Weill '55 (From the Hill, July/August 1998) has been the renaming of the college in this, its one hundredth year. Known for 100 years as "Cornell University Medical College," it is now the "Joan and Sanford I. Weill College and Graduate School of Medical Sciences of Cornell University." Our college has long been one of the world's most prestigious institutions. It boasts thousands of loyal and proud alumni. Many of us are outraged at the giving away of the name, and have written to the dean and the president, and none of our letters have been answered. Anyone in agreement might want to write to Chairman Hunter Rawlings and Dean Jonathan Gordon.

Seattle, Washington

FOLLOW THE LEADERS

AS DESCRIBED BY PETER COY ("Can Leaders be Taught?" November/December 1998), the subject is complex. In my day, the 1940s to 1970s, there were wonderful minds that explored the modalities and techniques. Kurt Lewin, who taught at Cornell, was the father of social psychology in our country and a group dynamics theorist who discovered the "feedback" process, which led to the sensitivity-training movement and the National Training Laboratory at Bethel, Maine. I'd also recommend the British style of Group-Leadership-Membership developed by Rice and Turvey. There's much to learn from these techniques.

Sholom Bloom '42
West Hartford, Connecticut

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They may take human life and attempt to annihilate human honor,” Leo Frank '06 wrote while sitting in a prison cell in Atlanta, awaiting execution for a murder he did not commit, “but I am confident that the truth can not be strangled to death.” Frank wrote those words nearly eighty-five years ago, before his own murder made him the nation’s most famous Jewish martyr. Now, director Harold Prince has brought his life story to Manhattan’s Lincoln Center as a musical, Parade.

Frank was accused of the brutal killing of a teenage girl in the summer of 1913. At the time, he was a young mechanical engineer, raised in Brooklyn and recently graduated from Cornell, who had taken a job managing his uncle’s pencil factory in Atlanta. His background made him a scapegoat to wounded Confederate pride and the focus of a raging intolerance that briddled against his northern accent, mocked his education, and disparaged his alien religion.

The facts against him were few. Mary Phagan, a white, thirteen-year-old employee, had gone to the factory to pick up her pay on a hot Saturday afternoon. It was Confederate Memorial Day. Frank, the last person to admit seeing her alive, handed her a check shortly after noon. Her body was found the following morning in the factory basement—tortured, raped, and strangled. Frank was arrested two days later.

The four-month trial was held in a small courthouse packed with spectators and surrounded by a mob. The main witness was Jim Conley, a black sweeper employed at the factory, who testified that he had seen Frank struggling with the girl. Several employees also suggested that Frank had “indulged with familiarities” with women at the factory. Although Cornell professors and former classmates appeared at the trial as character witnesses, they accomplished little. Ten thousand angry mourners had viewed Mary Phagan’s corpse.

Local Atlanta papers vied with each other for readers by running sensational, often inaccurate stories that inflamed the populace. Tom Watson, publisher of Watson’s Jeffersonian Magazine, demanded the death of “the filthy, perverted Jew of New York,” and called for the boycott of all Jewish stores and businesses in Georgia. During the trial, crowds outside the courthouse chanted “Hang the Jew, or we’ll hang you,” and the judge warned Frank’s attorney that there was “danger of violence” if he was acquitted, and requested that Frank be absent when the verdict was read. Frank was found guilty and sentenced to hang.

The appeals lasted more than a year. “The question to be decided,” Frank wrote to Adolph Ochs, the publisher of the New York Times, on November 20, 1914, “is whether an unruly mob operating in an atmosphere of smoldering violence and prejudice, may... invade our courts and compel verdicts.” Oliver Wendell Holmes, vigorously dissenting from the Supreme Court’s decision not to review the case, wrote: “Mob law does not become due process of law by securing the assent of a terrorized jury.”

Frank lost every appeal, but his case
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began a national sensation. Mass meetings were held in Boston, Chicago, Minneapolis, and New York, and clemency petitions containing more than a million signatures were sent to Georgia Governor John Slaton. A hundred thousand personal letters also arrived, including messages from ten governors, eight senators, scores of congressmen, and the presidents of Cornell, Yale, and the University of Chicago.

There were also a thousand death threats if Slaton allowed Frank to live. Still, the night before Frank was scheduled to die, the governor acted. He had reviewed the case, as well as some new evidence, and concluded Frank was innocent. "Two thousand years ago another governor washed his hands of a case and turned over a Jew to a mob," Slaton later said. "That governor's name has been accursed for two thousand years. If today another Jew were lying in his grave because I had failed to do my duty...I would consider myself an assassin through cowardice." Frank's death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment and he was transferred to a rural prison camp. Three weeks later his throat was slashed by a fellow prisoner with a butcher knife, but he survived. A month later, on August 25, 1915, a mob calling itself the Knights of Mary Phagan stormed the prison just before midnight. They overpowered the guards, kidnapped Frank, drove him to Marietta, Georgia, and lynched him. Photos of his body, hanging from an oak tree, were taken and sold for many years as postcards in local stores.

Unfortunately, the new musical version of Frank's life and death seems destined to displease anyone familiar with actual events. The production, which opened in mid-December, focuses on the romance between Frank and his wife, concocting a fictional crusade in which she tries to convince Slaton to review the case. (Frank is played by Brent Carver, who won a Tony for Kiss of the Spider Woman.) The show begins and ends with a parade celebrating Confederate Memorial Day, complete with a one-legged, gray-coated veteran astride a white horse, and an old oak tree looms ominously over the stage during many of the catchy, carnival-inspired song and dance routines. Prince seems to be suggesting that the trial of Leo Frank was a community spectacle where the best and the worst elements of Southern society were on vivid display.

The musical overlooks one historical note. Several months after Frank's lynching, the Knights of Mary Phagan met again on a mountaintop near Atlanta and created the modern-day Ku Klux Klan. It also fails to mention another vital fact: seventy years after Frank's murder, an eye-witness to the crime came forward and identified Jim Conley, the man whose testimony had convicted Frank, as the actual killer of Mary Phagan. Frank's confidence in the irrepressible nature of truth was finally redeemed three years later, on March 11, 1986, when he was officially pardoned by the state of Georgia.

— Micah Fink '90

DEMON FLUORIDE

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MILE: YOU'RE IN ITHACA, A fluoride-free city. You want chemicals? Go see your doctor. We eschew fluoride. And not just because it's trendy to "subvert the dominant paradigm," as several local bumper stickers suggest. Ithacans were way ahead of the New Age public health curve when, in 1965, they voted to outlaw fluoridation. It remains a controversial decision and a perennial challenge for newcomers, who often see it as nothing short of devolution.

But keeping fluoride out of the municipal water supply may not be as backward for this forward-looking town as it sounds. Ask Lennart Krook. Krook avoided the earliest fluoride debates in Ithaca. But in 1973, the Cornell professor of veterinary pathology and Ithaca resident made a splash
by joining forces with the no-fluoride crowd. Krook is anything but a knee-jerk anti-authoritarian and his presence lent credibility to what, until that time, had been a debate steeped in emotions. Krook had published a scientific paper on fluoride and fluoride-induced diseases, and is still a member of the editorial board of Fluoride, a scientific journal of the International Society for Fluoride Research. Now a professor emeritus, Krook remains staunchly against fluoridation. He says the only difference between today and when he entered the fray twenty-five years ago "is there's a lot more evidence now to show that fluoride is toxic."

In a 1998 op-ed piece in the Ithaca Journal, Krook argued that artificial fluoridation does not reduce tooth decay and that fluoridation is not safe. If it's in the drinking water, he says, it also goes into the food supply through crop irrigation. He cited studies in the U.S., New Zealand, and Canada that found comparable tooth decay rates in non-fluoridated and fluoridated areas. What once sounded like the pipings of latter-day cranks are echoed by hundreds of researchers and lay-folk alike.

Scientists at the Environmental Protection Agency and the World Health Organization are calling for closer scrutiny of the fluoridation process. Fluoride has been linked to a range of ailments from mottled teeth (its most common side effect) to hip fractures, Attention Deficit Disorder, and Alzheimer's. While much of the research has been pooched by various dental associations and the media, there is plenty of legitimate evidence to suggest that those wild-eyed Ithacans weren't so deluded after all.

Ithacans who oppose fluoridation include not only the usual suspects who froth at the mouth at the least hint of injustice, but single moms and scientists as well. But while today's activists may insist that fluoridation equals mass medication and violates Freedom of Choice, they are not likely to circulate illustrated fliers of fluoride depicted as rat poison, complete with rodents in various states of expiration. That tactic, employed by the more radical anti-fluoridationists of the Sixties and Seventies, was deemed necessary to fight the pro-fluoride "propagandists."

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Instead, they are more apt to point out that there are plenty of places to get fluoride without putting it into drinking water. Fluoride tablets are cheap and easy to get. It's in toothpaste. And the issue isn't the sole domain of New Age purists. Even in such all-American blue-collar cities as Allentown, Pennsylvania, fluoridation is a controversial issue.

That doesn't mean the government hasn't spiked Ithaca's water supply. Run a bath here, and your house smells like a municipal swimming pool. We might spare the fluoride, but we are liberal to a fault with chlorine.

— Franklin Crawford

FLEA FARM

They say there's a market for everything, you just have to know how to sell it. Jay and Marian Schott Georgi and their daughter Ann are filling one small (tiny, actually) niche raising and selling fleas to pharmaceutical and pesticide companies. "There's complete disbelief when I tell people that I'm a flea keeper," says Ann Georgi Leonard '78. "Then they start with the jokes."

FleaData Inc., located in a small farmhouse outside Ithaca, is the only place in the country that raises the bloodsucking, myopic, wingless arthropods commercially. The Georgis have converted most of their living space into a vast nursery. The floors have been stripped of carpets and covered with linoleum. Plastic boxes with racks, looking like see-through ovens, sit on counters. Extra refrigerators and freezers stand in corners. Shelves hold reference books and back issues of Flea News.

The Georgis, parasitologists, worked in the Vet college for twenty-five years. They met at Cornell, where they both earned DVM degrees, his in 1951 and hers in 1952; Jay also earned a PhD in veterinary medicine on the Hill in 1962. Both did research on schistosomiasis, a blood disease, and Jay wrote the standard text on parasitology used by thousands of vet students. When Jay's National Institutes of Health grant ran out a decade ago, they decided to go into business for themselves.

While working at Cornell, Jay Georgi had developed a piece of equipment called the "artificial system and method for raising fleas," Patent Number 5,103,289, nicknamed the artificial dog. A clear plastic box with a motor mounted inside, the dog is actually an incubator that keeps fleas and their food—blood—at the right temperature and humidity, accommodating as many fleas as 104 canines could.

"Watching a flea feed is a beautiful thing," says Jay, now a professor emeritus of microbiology and immunology. "They take their mouth parts, which are horizontal, and squeeze them vertically to make a perfect feeding tube. They can draw blood better than a nurse in a hospital."

Some 1,350 species of flea exist throughout the world, and FleaData raises the cat flea (Ctenocephalus felis), a North American species that is hardy and aggressive; it will attack almost anything. An infestation can be a homeowner's nightmare and a gold mine for exterminators, since fleas can live from fourteen days to two years depending on environmental conditions. Tens of thousands can lurk in draperies or carpets just waiting for a warm body to pass by.

The Georgis can raise 12,000 fleas a day, and because of the changes that occur in any rapidly breeding population, they periodically need to replenish their stock. They can always get the local strain of Ctenocephalus felis by taking a comb to their cat, Chicken. But occasionally they go beyond the local gene pool and obtain specimens from other parts of the country. Different genes bring different characteristics. For example, Ann Leonard discovered that a strain of cat flea from California was so lazy she had to build wire mesh hammocks in their cages so they could just lie back and feed. Some Texas stock, by contrast, were stronger, meaner, and more
agile than their New York cousins.

Pesticide and pharmaceutical companies buy FleaData's products for research in their efforts to create chemicals that will control or eradicate them, or sprays and lotions to allay human discomfort. Recently, a British entomologist wrote that Western Europe and parts of the United States are in the midst of an epidemic, and if all the world's fleas were taken together, they would probably weigh more than its people. In the past decade, the Georgis have contributed to that number by raising and selling tens of millions to companies around the world. Fresh, frozen, young, old—all shipped via Federal Express as far away as Europe, Asia, and Australia.

The entire life cycle, from egg to larva to pupa to adult, is about fourteen days. They're raised in tiny, two-inch-diameter cages (like petri dishes with tight-fitting lids) and live in a mixture of sanitized Caribbean beach sand and ground dry dog food that gives the larvae essential minerals and vitamins. Adults feed on cow's blood that Jay gets from a local butcher. The blood, treated with sodium citrate to keep it from clotting, is kept in plastic jugs in the refrigerator.

The cages are placed in the artificial dog, where the temperature stays a balmy 100 to 102 degrees Fahrenheit. Leonard changes the blood daily and cleans the cages (which hold between 200 and 300 fleas each) every other day, using another Jay Georgi invention, the flea separator. Leonard's job is to keep them happy. "They really are delicate creatures," she says. Fleas respond to motion; when Leonard blows on a petri dish, they go wild, jumping up and down. Although those who have just been fed jump about six inches, hungry ones will jump higher. The Guinness Book of World Records lists a thirty-four-inch jump by one Ctenocephalus felis.

Leonard uses a small vacuum hose with a retrofitted nozzle to suck up fleas when she needs to move them to clean their cages; one heaping nozzle-full holds about 280 to 300. The flea farmers can figure out how many they've actually collected by weighing the cages (an unfed adult weighs .00035 grams; if they've eaten, that number goes up to .00080) and doing the math.

"Whether it's for transporting them or for dealing with escapes," Leonard says, "the vacuum cleaner is your best friend in this business."

In its best year, FleaData grossed $130,000, but its annual income is generally closer to $60,000. The largest order to date was for 400 grams of frozen fleas (that's more than a million) to study the proteins in their saliva that cause itching. It took a year to fill the order—raising the fleas, counting them into Ziploc bags, and popping them in the freezer. "That," says Leonard, "is how we terminate them."

— Rachel Dickinson
IT DOESN'T TAKE A ROCKET SCIENTIST TO SEE THE INHERENT BEAUTY OF SPAM. Or maybe it does. John Nagamichi Cho, PhD '93, studied the polar mesosphere using rockets and radar when he was at Cornell. A few years ago, something akin to a space-time anomaly flashed across his computer screen. The phenomenon was Spam-ku, haiku whose sole subject matter was that much-maligned meat product, Spam. On the Internet, Cho found postings for various Spam-ku contests, and decided to create a Web site to unite them. “After that, it was like the movie Field of Dreams,” says Cho, a researcher at MIT. “I built an archive and the Spam-ku arrived—over 11,000 and counting.”

Since June 1995, Cho has been receiving a steady stream of about ten entries per day.

He recently gathered the crème de la Spam under the title Spam-ku: Tranquil Reflections on Luncheon Loaf, and HarperCollins ate it up, publishing the paperback in October. The New Times calls it “Clever, funny . . . profound.” The Chicago Tribune hails it as “evidence of a . . . haiku renaissance.”

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IT DOESN'T TAKE A ROCKET SCIENTIST TO SEE THE INHERENT BEAUTY OF SPAM. Or maybe it does. John Nagamichi Cho, PhD '93, studied the polar mesosphere using rockets and radar when he was at Cornell. A few years ago, something akin to a space-time anomaly flashed across his computer screen. The phenomenon was Spam-ku, haiku whose sole subject matter was that much-maligned meat product, Spam. On the Internet, Cho found postings for various Spam-ku contests, and decided to create a Web site to unite them. “After that, it was like the movie Field of Dreams,” says Cho, a researcher at MIT. “I built an archive and the Spam-ku arrived—over 11,000 and counting.”

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T HIS TOUCH-SCREEN perch in the Parker Center for Investment Research, Charles Lee can view the world. Or its markets, at least, which are flitting up and down in sixteenth-of-a-second increments on the digital boards in front of him. From what he can see in the red and yellow numbers, the world looks overvalued these days, and investors appear itching to put a bullet in the eight-year bull market. "You've loaded the gun," says Lee. "It's just a matter of who's going to pull the trigger."

He's been wrong before. But the forty-one-year-old Lee, who taught at the University of Michigan and was a visiting economist at the New York Stock Exchange before coming to Cornell to lead the Johnson school's new center, has built an impressive record of being right. The center (a one-of-a-kind convergence of research facility, trading room, and arena for some of the school's best to manage a stock fund, the Cayuga MBA Fund LLC, backed with more than $1 million of investors' money) is Lee's proving ground. It gives students and researchers the latest tools and real-time access to market data so they can test hunches on the fly before the markets leave them behind. "Investment," he says, "doesn't really wait for anyone."

The center, or the promise of it, is a major reason Lee returned to Cornell, where he'd earned an MBA in 1989 and a doctorate in management a year later. Just four months after his arrival at the University of Michigan, where he received the fastest tenure in its business school's history, Lee found himself in a private jet bound for Dartmouth College, where officials pledged to build him a facility much like Parker. It was an offer that he could refuse only after Thomas Dyckman, the Johnson school's dean at the time, matched Dartmouth's pitch and promised to get the Parker Center up and running. That was in the beginning of 1997. Now, the center has been seeded with $940,000 in equipment and $1.5 million in annual software licenses, most of which was donated.

With the center open in the business school's new home in Sage Hall,
Lee and his colleagues have a high-powered platform at their command to observe the global gyrations investors face every day. There’s the usual computer fireworks: thirty flat-screen monitors, mini-tower PCs bulked up with dual-400 megahertz processors, giant Trans-Lux tickers at the head of the room. But the technology is a waste without the people to understand how to analyze the data from Bloomberg, First Call, and Market Guide, among others, Lee says. (The center’s benefactor, Jeffrey Parker, MBA ’70, is the founder of First Call as well as managing director of Private Equity Investments and CEO of CCBN, which provides Internet-based investment services.) “The thing we’re studying is pretty slippery,” says Lee. “Frankly, there’s still a lot we don’t know.”

Divining market direction means more than picking numbers apart. It means understanding people, and Lee has made a career of it. “He is a very sensitive person,” Dyckman says. “He picks up on how other people feel and what is of concern to them.” He also understands patience; he’s a fly-fisherman, used to spending time standing in frigid water to get results (his success is evinced by the lacquered trout in his office). He also credits his spiritual side in predicting investor behavior. “I have an acute awareness of the fallibility of man,” says Lee, who is active in a local Chinese church and has a certificate in Bible studies. That internal antenna is important when trying to understand the stock market, which doesn’t always work the way it’s supposed to. When he began studying investor behavior, and tried to figure out why the models aren’t always right, people considered him a “heretic.”

Basic economics holds that if all investors are privy to all the same information, then they should all act in a fiscally rational way. Yet people don’t do that; hence, the current boom. Eight years of gravity-defying investment have been partly driven by “momentum trading,” in which investors watch
THE BALD TRUTH

REACHED THIRTY IN AUGUST.
That's my age and the number of hairs left on my head. And I blame Ezra Cornell. He started it. I arrived on the Hill as a wide-eyed freshman with a full head of hair. Four years later, I sat through Commencement on a cloudless afternoon, twirling my cap in my hands as I pondered my future. In the process, the top of my head got sunburned. The evidence is purely circumstantial, and most of it has since been washed down the shower drain, but there is a cause and effect in there somewhere.

I'm not alone, of course. Almost half of all men begin losing their hair by their thirties. A good many of you probably read the previous sentence without realizing that your hand has made its way to your scalp in a nervous attempt at reassurance. A good many more of you have already experienced androgenetic alopecia, the clinical name for male pattern baldness. But while misery loves company, I loved my hair. You could say I grew attached to it. If only the opposite were true.

I don't remember the first time I noticed my hairline retreating. I do recall, however, the first day I felt a raindrop hit a part of my head that I had no idea was exposed to weather conditions, the first time I had a fear of overhead lighting, the first time I began to identify with the George Costanzas of the world. Not that there's anything wrong with that. There are fates far worse than the onset of baldness, but few are more prevalent and more predictable. It is the very notion of inevitability that evokes such terror. It is a receding hairline, an ongoing phenomenon. The catch-22 of it all is that stress is reportedly a major cause of baldness, which is a bit like being told while misery loves company, I loved my hair. You could say I grew attached to it. If only the opposite were true.

So instead of worrying, I rationalize. By considering great men in history with receding hairlines: Shakespeare, Franklin, Rockne, Homer Simpson. By listening to sympathetic voices ("Grass doesn't grow on busy streets," says Mom, as she pats my superhighway). And by carefully choosing my psychological buttresses. "Because male fertility is less tied to age, male attractiveness doesn't decline as early or as precipitously as female attractiveness," claims Cindy Hazan, a professor of human development at Cornell. "Baldness is usually a maturity cue that, under some circumstances, can actually increase a male's attractiveness—especially if it's associated with other qualities that females find appealing, like high social status and material resources."

I'm feeling better already... until Hazan continues: "However, both sexes generally avoid potential mates who appear to be in poor health. Baldness in very young men (who typically haven't yet achieved a high social standing or acquired much wealth) can signal illness or disease—something that would detract from their appeal." Oh.
People try to comfort me. If I only had a nickel (or, better yet, a follicle) for every time I’ve heard, “It’s okay. You have the face for it.” The compliment always rings hollow. Of course, it doesn’t help that baldness seems to be one of the last conditions yet to be protected by political correctness. When was the last time you heard somebody described as involuntarily glabrous or follically challenged?

People use their hair as an emotional indicator. If you’re confused, you run your fingers through it; contemplative, you twirl it. Me? I’m left to consider ways to battle the disappearing act. In ancient Egypt, men covered their heads with animal fat. In Greece, Hippocrates tried a potion of beetroot, horseradish, spices, opium, and pigeon droppings. In colonial times, wigs worked wonders. Today, the solutions are often aesthetic, sometimes prosthetic, occasionally pathetic.

Dr. Marc Avram has devoted his life to it. Director of the Cosmetic Surgery Unit at New York Hospital–Cornell Medical Center, he specializes in the clinical aspects of hair loss and is currently writing a book on hair transplantation. In his research, he has seen how hair loss can result in low self-esteem. He feels my pain. “To slowly see it all go in the wrong direction can really weigh on you,” he says. “Some people, it affects the way they deal with society, to the point where they won’t go out without a hat or won’t go on a date. Most people say, ‘Well, it bothers me, and I guess if there’s a way to fix this in a very natural way, then let’s do it.’”

Natural, of course, is a matter of opinion. I examine the methods: Hair pieces? “The advantage is it’s not surgery,” says Avram. “The disadvantage is there’s ongoing maintenance. You have to get it cleaned every month.” Weaves? They tend to look better on TV, probably because in the “after” photos the subject has had his teeth whitened, his skin bronzed, and a couple of babes superglued to his hips. How about hair-in-a-can, the spray-paint-your-scalp method? “It can look great. It’s a very cheap, easy solution to hair loss,” says Avram. “But if it rains, it’s not good.”

Then there’s surgery. One option is scalp reduction—cutting out bald skin. No thanks. The other, far more common, is hair transplantation, the transfer of hair from the back of the scalp to the front. Some 200,000 of these procedures are performed each year, but the cost ranges from $2,500 to $8,000 and is not covered by insurance. Financially and philosophically, I just can’t get myself to do it.

Finally, of course, there are the two most dramatic advancements in the battle of the bald—Rogaine and Propecia. The former is an over-the-counter, spray-on medication made from the antihypertension drug minoxidil. The latter is a pill (chemical name: finasteride) that costs as much as $60 a month. Both may slow down hair loss or, in some cases, even grow new hair. Both must be used indefinitely. If you don’t use it, you lose it. Most important, both work best on men in the early stages of male pattern baldness. I am not in the early stages.

So I consider the growing acceptance of hair transplantation, the recent “miracle” hair-loss medications, the remarkable and ever-increasing number of young men who use them, and the fact that there is a point in one’s chrome-domeness when one has—medically, socially, and psychologically—missed the prevention boat entirely, and I come to this conclusion: not only will I be bald, I will be the last bald man on earth.

Then I’ll be really special.

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UNDERGRAD EFFORT

$400 MILLION PLAN

AT HIS STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY ADDRESS DURING TRUSTEE-COUNCIL WEEKEND IN OCTOBER, PRESIDENT RAWLINGS ANNOUNCED A TEN-YEAR, $400 MILLION EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION ON THE HILL. THE PLAN INCLUDES:

- THE $65 MILLION CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION PROJECT ALREADY UNDER WAY ON NORTH CAMPUS, WHERE ALL FRESHMEN WILL LIVE BY 2001.
- IMPROVEMENTS TO WEST CAMPUS, INCLUDING THE CREATION OF SEVERAL "LIVING-LEARNING HOUSES" DESIGNED TO ATTRACTION UPPERCLASSMEN.
- A $200 MILLION CAMPAIGN FOR SCHOLARSHIP ENDOYMEN; THE UNIVERSITY HAS RECEIVED A $50 MILLION CHALLENGE GRANT FOR THE EFFORT, AND $70.2 MILLION OF THE REMAINING $150 MILLION HAS BEEN RAISED SO FAR. "CORNELL WILL OFFER A UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE EXPERIENCE," RAWLINGS SAID. "RESEARCH-ORIENTED BUT EDUCATIONALLY GROUNDED, INTELLECTUALLY FOCUSED AND RESIDENTIALLY BASED, FACULTY DRIVEN BUT STUDENT-CENTERED AND AFFORDABLE."

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JERRY COMBEE, PHD '73, INAUGURATED PRESIDENT OF JAMESTOWN COLLEGE.

THOMAS MURPHY '45, ELECTED BOARD CHAIRMAN OF SAVE THE CHILDREN.

STEPHEN ENGLAND, MD '86, PEDIATRIC ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON AT SHRINERS' HOSPITAL, APPOINTED A 1998-99 WHITE HOUSE FELLOW.

ANN COULSTON, MNS '72, ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN DIETETIC ASSOCIATION.
SITTING IN: IN NOVEMBER, STUDENTS OCCUPIED GOLDWIN SMITH TO PROTEST THE HUMANITIES REPORT

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The events coincided with several other contentious debates on campus relating to racial or ethnic issues:

- Protests over a Humanities Council report that considered consolidating Cornell's ethnic studies programs. Some students and faculty regarded the proposal as a threat to the programs' autonomy.
- Concern about a long-time vacancy of the directorship of the Latino Studies Program.
- Objections from the Latino community, on the fifth anniversary of the Day Hall takeover, that the university hadn't done enough to address its needs. In 1993, students occupied the building for four days, demanding the creation of a Latino program house and more resources for Latino studies, among other things.

In November, the Humanities Report sparked a week-long sit-in in Goldwin Smith Hall by students calling for the entire document to be scrapped; in the end, the sections of the report concerning the ethnic studies programs were withdrawn. And in December, Arts college officials announced the appointment of Rutgers professor Pedro Cabán as LSP director beginning in the 1999-2000 academic year. Cabán's hiring didn't end the controversy, however. After his appointment was announced, a group of students and faculty objected to Cabán on the grounds that he isn't qualified. (He had been considered for the job in 1996 but rejected because of his lack of scholarship; he has since published a book.) But Arts college dean Phil Lewis and senior associate dean Biddy Martin stressed Cabán had been unanimously endorsed by the search committee.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

LEADERS FROM community colleges in New York and nine other states came to campus in November for the inaugural meeting of the Institute for Community College Development. The organization, based at Cornell, will study educational, social, and financial issues facing the colleges, which serve 11 million students nationwide.

BELIEVED AUTHOR

ADDRESSING A NEARLY full Bailey Hall in November, novelist Toni Morrison, MFA '55, called Cornell "a proactive site to float a few thoughts" she had thus far expressed only in fiction. The 1993 Nobel laureate and author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning Beloved returned to the Hill as an A. D. White professor-at-large. In her talk, she lamented the degradation of privacy caused by the electronic media, but called fiction a way to "contradict the authority of the visual."

“Under Dr. Cabán's leadership,” they said in a statement, “we hope it will be possible to overcome the conflicts among participants in the program that have contributed to the problems we are experiencing this year and to establish plans for the program’s future.”
Bakery waste is more efficient for feeding beef cattle than traditional corn-based products, reports animal science graduate student Pablo Guiroy. Tasters found no difference in tenderness between bakery-fed and corn-fed cattle.

Materials science professor Arthur Ruoff and his team have disproved a theory that gaseous hydrogen could be converted to its metallic state if exposed to pressure similar to that at the Earth's center.

Food science professor Joe Regenstein '65, MS '66, has proposed that kosher food meeting the requirements of Moslems, vegans, and others be specially labeled, thus broadening the market for kosher foods.

The likelihood of an American child living in poverty has increased, says human development and family studies professor James Garbarino, PhD '73. Poorer children are at greater risk of abuse, academic failure, and poisoning from pollution.

Food science professor Joseph Hotchkiss and researcher Nilda de Fatima Ferreira Soares, PhD '98, have developed a cellulose-acetate lining for the inside of grapefruit juice containers that helps prevent bitterness in the acidic juice.

A judge's decision was expected in late December on a lawsuit seeking to block the university's planned $55 million Lake Source Cooling project. The suit, in Tompkins County Court, was brought by ten members of the Cayuga Lake Defense Fund against several parties involved in the project, including Cornell, the Town of Ithaca, and the Ithaca City School District. All major permits for the project had been issued when the case was filed in September; the suit seeks to overturn those approvals on the grounds that the review process was improperly conducted.

Lake Source Cooling, in the works since 1994, seeks to reduce energy consumption by using deep water from Cayuga Lake to cool campus labs and offices. While the lawsuit has been pending, university engineers have been continuing work in anticipation of breaking ground late this winter. "We're moving right along," said project manager Lanny Joyce '81, "and expect the suit to be dismissed."

Cornell received several large grants and gifts over the past few months, including:
- $10 million for the Cornell-led Power Systems Engineering Research Center to study ways to minimize failures in electrical and communications systems.
- $2.25 million from the National Science Foundation for twelve graduate fellowships in nonlinear systems.
- $1.5 million from the NSF's Distributed Intelligence Initiative to support a project at the Theory Center on atomic-level defects in materials.
- $3 million from Anheuser-Busch for the Hotel school's professional development program, which has been renamed in the company's honor.
BATTLING BINGES
DEATH SPARKS ACTIVISM

Alcohol has been named as a major factor in the death of a freshman who fell into Fall Creek Gorge in November. David Wasdyke, an eighteen-year-old ILR student from Melrose, Massachusetts, was last seen at a fraternity party at 3 a.m. on November 7; his body was found later that day with a blood alcohol level more than twice the legal standard for intoxication and a false ID card in his pocket.

Wasdyke’s death—which follows a similar incident in 1997, in which a young man died in Cascadilla Gorge while visiting a Cornell student—prompted the university to step up its efforts against alcohol abuse. Those include an interactive presentation called “Alcohol 101” and a multimedia campaign, introduced last fall, that emphasizes the potential consequences of excessive drinking. The campaign is part of the three-year Binge Drinking Project, a collaboration with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and the Center for Science in the Public Interest.

TRUSTEES’ TRUSTEE

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This much I know. Matthew Arnold was a nineteenth-century English poet, and Matthew Arnold was full of it. I know this because I am here on a hill by a lake, pursuing the perfect, and I am in a sour mood.

Sure, show me twenty-seven up and twenty-seven down for a perfect game at the old ballpark, or twelve straight strikes for a perfect 300, or a perfect par-five, and I’ll be in seventh heaven. But when the perfect number is 4.3, and it’s a grade point average at an Ivy League outpost known for making its students struggle and sweat—and I was once one
of them—I'm perfectly ornery. Isn't envy ugly?

I've been sent on an excursion to find what I had always thought to be an academic impossibility—the perfect Cornell student. Better than excellent. A-plusses down the line. I accept the mission, but I can already feel my self-esteem perched like a lone tray at the crest of Libe Slope in February.

The quest includes questions: How does one achieve a better-than-an-A average, and why? What makes these people tick? Before commencing my search, I consult the psychological literature, thinking maybe it's something these superstudents would do. I discover that in 1968, researchers defined the "GPA perspective" as students and teachers giving greater importance to the grade point average than to critical learning or understanding the material, and that it was a product of "the grade-oriented academic environment in which they live." In 1988, a follow-up study confirmed that "students a) avoid classes that interest them if it threatens their GPA, b) do the minimum necessary for the GPA they want, and c) calculate the ways in which the various aspects of the university contribute to their 'making the grade.'" But in 1998, researchers have concluded that the perspective is fostered before college and that it involves "sacrificing health, personal relationships, hobbies, and other interests."

I fully expect the A-plussers on my agenda to maintain this imperfect perspective and suffer these imperfect side effects. Part of me—the part that couldn't even reach 4.3 if it were a 30-yard dash standard—sort of hopes so.

Saddled with these preconceptions, I look into the notion of perfectionism. The dictionary defines it as "an extreme or excessive striving for perfection, as in one's work." Perfection, in turn, is "an unsurpassable degree of accuracy or excellence." Returning to the psychologists, I find that they have hypothesized three types (nonperfectionists, healthy perfectionists, and dysfunctional perfectionists) and three major "dimensions" of perfectionism (self-oriented, other-oriented, and socially-prescribed).

I give a call to university registrar David Yeh, and he begins to comb through the databases to see if, indeed, he can locate a 4.3 on the Hill. Meanwhile, I canvass a list of near-perfect Cornellians. Let the search begin.
ANT TO BE INTIMIDATED? HOW about starting your day by meeting a slightly manic pre-med varsity athlete with a double major in nutritional sciences and human biology, a minor in gerontology, six straight appearances on the Dean’s List, and the highest GPA in the College of Human Ecology—a cumulative 4.07. And to top it all off, her name is Best. “When I first got here, my commitment was to play a sport at Cornell,” explains Sara Best ’99, her voice carrying through Schoellkopf House. “Academics weren’t a priority. Okay, academics were a priority. But it wasn’t like they were the only priority.”

She was a straight-A student and a three-sport athlete in high school who arrived on the Hill with the intention of playing volleyball but quickly switched to crew. “Everyone said, ‘You can’t play a sport at Cornell and get As.’ So I came here, and I’m like, ‘I’m going to do this,’” she says. “I guess that was my goal, to show everyone. So I kind of just dived into everything and forced myself to survive.”

The first semester on the Hill can be daunting to anyone. Students are adapting to a new environment, unfamiliar routines, harder course work. Best was no different. “My first semester was my worst one,” she explains.

“‘Oh, really?’ I say, feigning compassion. ‘What was your grade point average?’”

“A 3.97,” she deadpans. “Then I was really scared because spring semester was racing season for crew. I was like, ‘Oh my God! I’m never going to survive. I’m never going to be able to do well!’”

She got a 4.05.

“People say I kind of cry wolf a lot,” she admits. “I’ll come back and say I did so bad on that exam…”

“And then you’ll get a 97.”

“Right. That kind of thing.”

I tell her that’s the very definition of irritating. She shrugs.

“I never think I’m doing well until the grades come through.”

On that note, I ask her if she considers herself a perfectionist, and she doesn’t hesitate. “Yeah. Definitely. I can’t hand something in if I don’t think I gave one hundred percent. I just can’t do it.”

Indeed, she’s the kind of person who, after becoming aware of the number of Spanish-speaking patients in New York area hospitals, followed her freshman year with a three-week summer pediatric internship in Guatemala, where she took a Spanish class in medical kind of drive that puts behind a Best received in such dreaded courses as Chemistry and Physics 101 as a sophomore, when she compiled a 4.2 GPA. It’s the kind of relentless focus that made her sleep two to three hours a night from October through March as a junior, while she studied for her MCATS and still surpassed a 4.0. And it’s what allows her, as a senior, to juggle Monday or Friday interviews at some seventeen medical schools around the East, while competing as one of Cornell’s top student-athletes.

“I feel like this semester I’ve been at a disadvantage because I haven’t been able to go to class. I’m the kind of person who has to go to class all the time,” she tells me. “And I’m a morning person, too. I try to schedule all my classes in the morning to get it all over with early.”

I tell her I was just the opposite. In my undergraduate days, I was like Roseanne—not much class, and much more successful in prime time.

Want to be within spitting distance of a 4.3? Here’s the Best system: Keep a very, very detailed daily planner. Start the year by recording every birthday, holiday, and exam. End each day by making a tomorrow to-do list. Don’t sleep until the to-dos are just about done. Indeed, don’t sleep much at all. Learn, in a freshman nutrition class, that athletes need less sleep and rationalize that to an extreme. Try to know the material for an exam two weeks before the test, and then commence hard-core one week before. Eat at least a banana and three Don’t be exactly sure why.

Don’t wear sneakers. Don’t bother with if you like, but don’t be the chair. Sacrifice your love life.

But I feel like those girls

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people tell you to slow down, don’t.

“Everyone says that to me, but I just keep wanting to do more,” Best admits. “People always tell me: You do too much. You’re psycho. You’re crazy. But I don’t know . . .”

“You know,” I tell her, “you don’t have to be stressed all the time. Life doesn’t have to be about that.”

“Yeah,” she says, “but if I want to do everything that makes me happy, I have to be stressed.”

THE BOY SCOUT

“A SCOUT,” SAYS JEREMY KUBICA ’01, “IS TRUSTWORTHY, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.” Smart, too. And modest.

I’m at the Gun Hill apartments below University Avenue, talking to a sophomore engineer who says he finished second in his high school class and then adds, “The person who finished first was very bright.” He tells me his GPA is “4.18 or something” and says, “I really don’t follow it that closely.” I ask him if he enrolled at Cornell expecting a parade of A-plusses. He shakes his head vehemently. “No. No. I wanted to pass. I pretty much figured I was going to be competing against a bunch of valedictorians from various high schools, and it was going to take a lot of work to stay afloat,” he says. “So when I got my first grades back, I was like, Oh my God!”

Those grades included an A-minus, an A, and two A-plusses. In the spring, he improved to one A and four A-plusses. The success, he says, may be partly attributable to his
days as an Eagle Scout and the fact that he was a senior patrol leader by ninth grade. You learn to manage things. Or perhaps it's the discipline he got from running track for four years in high school and his freshman year in college—sprints, pole vaults, miles, long hurdles, short hurdles. Or it could be that he'd already set his academic hurdles high back home in Rhode Island. "In high school, I treated my coursework more like people do in college. I didn't realize that until I got here," says Kubica. "So it just carried over."

Whatever the reason, there doesn't seem to be anything unique about Kubica's routine. He doesn't keep a daily planner. He's not particularly organized. He goes out most weekends, if not out late. He even has a girlfriend. So what's his secret? "I guess I just try to actively learn, to figure out what problems mean beyond just equations," he says. "I try to keep myself on top of things as I go along, not so much as far as finishing up everything that's assigned, but knowing the material. If you study a little bit..."

"I DON'T LIKE GIVING A-PLUSES," SAYS PSYCHOLOGY PROFESSOR DAVID DUNNING. "I GIVE MAYBE TWO OR THREE A YEAR." BUT FRED GOULDIN IN ENGINEERING HAS NO AVERTION TO AWARDING A 4.3. "IF THAT'S THE GRADE," HE SAYS, "THAT'S THE GRADE."
over a week, you learn a lot more than if you study a lot in one night.”

I close the interrogation by asking Kubica the same question I asked Sara Best: Are you a perfectionist? “Probably. Probably too much so,” he says and then pauses. “Not in all things, though . . . probably in academics . . . and I worked hard at track.” He pauses again and laughs. “Okay, so maybe I am.”

MAKING THE GRADE

I PAUSE HERE TO CONSIDER THE A-PLUS, AND I WONDER: A student can graduate with a better-than-an-A GPA on the Hill, but is the Hill unique? I make a few phone calls to faraway places like Palo Alto and Ann Arbor and discover that the answer may be yes. Stanford doesn’t officially figure its students’ grade point averages or class ranks; neither does Princeton. Brown doesn’t compute GPAs either and doesn’t even give any pluses and minuses, just A, B, C, and incomplete. Penn and Michigan use a system similar to Cornell’s—from 3.3 for a B-plus, 3.7 for an A-minus, 4.0 for an A. The big difference: an A-plus as a Quaker or a Wolverine is still only a 4.0.

Finally, I call Cambridge, Massachusetts, where a fellow named Thurston explains Harvard’s convoluted fifteen-point scale to me. “An A equals fifteen points,” he says, “and an A-minus is fourteen. Then you skip thirteen. A B-plus is twelve, a B is eleven, a B-minus is ten, skip nine, a C-plus is eight, a C is seven, and so on.”

“So where’s the A-plus?” I ask.

“An A, for us, is a perfect grade,” explains Senior Associate Registrar Thurston Smith. “I’ve been here fifteen years, and I think I’ve seen two students graduate with a perfect fifteen.”

Cornell, however, offers points to recognize A-plus performance. So in theory, one can achieve a Big Red 4.3. But what about in practice? Are professors ultimately reluctant to hand out the ultimate grade?

“I don’t like giving A-plusses,” says David Dunning, an associate professor of psychology who teaches psychology and law to some 250 undergrads. “I only give out maybe two or three a year—at most four.” Apparently, his grading system, like his class, is part psychology and part law. But perhaps it’s a matter of perspective. Over at the Sibley School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Professor Fred Gouldin directs an experimental lab in fluid mechanics and heat transfer. His students must crunch the right numbers, but they are also graded on how they analyze and understand the information. Usually, four or five of them analyze and understand it to the tune of an A-plus, a mark Gouldin has no aversion to awarding. “If that’s the grade,” he says, “that’s the grade.”

Comparing the responses of the two professors, I feel like the psychologists in Annie Hall who ask about the frequency of a couple’s sexual intimacy. “How often?” ask the shrinks. Woody Allen: “Hardly ever. Two or three times a week.” Diane Keaton: “Constantly! Two or three times a week!”

Surmising that an A-plus is harder to come by in more subjective fields, I turn to Ciriacco Arroyo, the Hinchliff professor of Hispanic studies and comparative literature. He has been awarding grades since the days when students wrote “groovy” essays, yet he can only remember a handful of A-plusses over the years. “An A is already supposed to be ‘excellent,’” he says, “and a B is still ‘very good.’”

But that brings up a third question: does it really matter? Sure, there’s a chasm between a 4.2 and a 3.2. But what about a 4.2 and 3.9? Does it make any difference if a student, angling for graduate school or a job, has crossed an imaginary line between unequivocal excellence and virtual perfection? The consensus seems to be, probably not. “At a certain point, outstanding is outstanding,” says Judy Jensvold, senior associate director for health careers at the University Career Center. “Whether people are at 3.8, 3.9, or 4.0 and above, I don’t see a lot of different things happening to them.” She points to a chart that shows the percentage of students accepted to medical school within various GPA categories. The highest category is “3.9 plus.” Dating back to 1994, 95 percent of students with a 3.9 or better have been accepted, compared to 93 percent of students with GPAs between 3.6 and 3.89, 61 percent between 3.2 and 3.59, and just 15 percent of applicants with an average below 3.2. This suggests that, at least in the pursuit of the stethoscope, there may be a bigger difference between an A-minus and a B-plus than between an A-minus and an A-plus.

What about Wall Street? Ken Fried ’91, a vice president at Goldman, Sachs and Company, has been recruiting on Cornell’s campus for five years. “Historically, and in general, we interview people with a 3.5 GPA or better,” he says. “But if someone has a 3.2 and has various other outstanding qualifications, we’ll probably interview them, too.”

“But what about the A-plus students?” I ask Fried who, as an old fraternity brother of mine, is a big reason why I wasn’t one of them. “I just went through 200 resumes two weeks ago,” he replies, “and I remember one person had a 4.0. No one was higher than that.” I can only conclude that some people are too smart to make big money. As I return to my search for the 4.3, I decide to adopt that as my personal rationalization.

4.24 IN THREE

IKE KUBICA, BEN LUK HAD MODEST EXPECTATIONS when he got to Ithaca. “Before I came here,” he says, “I thought if I could do above the mean that’s very good.” Luk’s standards have changed. Also a sophomore engineer, he took twenty credits of classes in his first semester, receiving three A-plusses and one A. He scheduled twenty-four credits the next semester. This time, it was four A-plusses and one A. Now he’s shouldering a twenty-five-credit load—four computer science classes, Math 294, Physics 214, Architecture 131, and Psych 101. He plans to graduate in three years, while maintaining his 4.24 average.

I ask him the worst grade he’s received at Cornell, and he tells me that in Math 293 last year he got stuck on one question during the second prelim and wound up with only an 84.

“But you still got an A-plus in the class,” I point out. “How did you do that?”

His answer is matter-of-fact. “I got a 100 on the final.”

Funny thing is, 84 was Luk’s cumulative grade during secondary school in Hong Kong. It was enough to rank him first in his class of 230 students. But education is different there.
No homework, no prelims, just finals. The exams are harder, he says. The daily grind is easier.

There, too, Luk was good enough to be a starting forward on the basketball team. Here, he’s limited to intramurals. But one lesson carries over from sports to academics, Hong Kong natives he lives with in a cluster of three apartments plan to graduate in three years, too. Their social circle is small; their capacity for study is huge. So Luk studies too, though he claims to procrastinate. “This may be a shortcoming,” he says.

Besides competitiveness, Luk gives two reasons for his performance that I don’t hear anywhere else. One is a sort of inverse peer pressure. He’d actually like to go out more, to have more of the social life he’d imagined when he first considered attending an American university, but all ten of the fellow Hong Kong natives he lives with in a cluster of three apartments plan to graduate in three years, too. Their social circle is small; their capacity for study is huge. So Luk studies too, though he claims to procrastinate. “This may be a shortcoming,” he says.

The other reason for his effort can be found in the Chinese-language Bible on the table in front of him. Luk’s Christian faith means the familiar one day of rest each week (in Luk’s case, it’s on Fridays, when he takes a breather and attends fellowship), and it also means striving for perfection. “If God gave me the ability to do that, then I can try my best,” he says, “and put it in His hands.”

PERSISTENCE PAYS

I WALK INTO TONY CUADRA’S ROOM AT SHELDON COURT, and the Smashing Pumpkins are playing on the stereo. An Austin Powers poster rests on one wall, Reservoir Dogs on another. Cuadra seems to be every bit your typical college student—except that he’s a double major in electrical engineering and computer science who is a junior after just one year on the Hill, he’s planning on graduating in three years, and his 4.25 GPA is tops in his engineering class.

The son of Cuban immigrants who moved to Miami as teenagers, Cuadra spent his eleventh- and twelfth-grade years in the School for Advanced Studies at Miami-Dade Community College. That meant half his courses were at the college level, and he received an associate of arts degree a month before he earned his high school diploma. It also meant he entered Cornell with fifty-eight credits.

He was the third engineer in a row I had encountered in my search for academic perfection, which might come as a surprise to some. But as Cuadra points out to me about math and science, “If you get the right answers, you’re going to get an A-plus. It’s not up to the professor to decide.”

Indeed, Cuadra, Luk, Kubica, and Best had one thing in common—all had received their lowest grades in their writing classes. (Often, the classes represented their only non-A-plusses.) Editing a paper isn’t the same as rechecking a problem set, which is why Cuadra’s key test-taking strategy revolves around simple persistence. “You have to not make any stupid mistakes,” he explains. “So I end up going through a test two or three times if I have the time. I just stay until the last minute, no matter when I finish. Even if I think it’s ridiculously easy, I’ll stay and keep checking it until they force me to give them the test.”

Cuadra debunked one finding of the “GPA perspective” researchers—that students avoid classes that interest them if it threatens their average. “I’ve taken the classes that I think are the best to learn what I need to know. And I’ll try to get an A-plus in them,” he says. “If I can’t get an A-plus in that course, but maybe I would have in another course, I’m not going to regret taking the harder course.”

He works hard for his grades, though, and that means sacrifices. He rarely goes out on Saturdays, doesn’t have time for a girlfriend, has hardly touched his beloved guitar. When I ask him if he could work far less diligently and still pull, say, an A-minus average, he says, yeah, he probably could. But then he tells me this: “At career fairs, they’ve told me they’re taking my resume and putting it in a separate pile. They say, ‘Oh, we’re going to hang on to this one.’ And I know that’s just from looking at my GPA.”

He shrugs, and I’m thinking: maybe the researchers have been looking at the GPA perspective from the wrong side of the interview table.

CLARK’S CRUSADE

HIKE OVER TO BALCH HALL, WHERE I STAND IN the archway and take stock of what I’ve found so far. All right, maybe these aren’t the one-dimensional grade-mongers I’d imagined. Maybe there’s more to them than numbers, and I’m the one mired in the “GPA perspective.” It could be that perfection is a suitable goal after all, scorned only by the hopelessly imperfect.

It all crystallizes when the last subject of my quest appears and some digits (4.26 GPA) are replaced by dreams. Heather Clark is a junior in the College of Agriculture from Canton, New York, and she wants to change the world.

She always wanted to be an architect, but not your ordinary architect. Clark is an environmental crusader whose goals have evolved from designing buildings to creating environmentally sound communities. So she transferred from Rice University’s School of Architecture into the Ag school, where she’s a general studies major focusing on ecology, natural resources, architecture, and city and regional planning.

Clark is also an environmental artist, making sculptures out of trash found on railroad tracks or old juice box containers, and painting with leftover house paint collected from neighbors. She’s a vegan, avoiding meat, dairy products, and leather. She’s an activist who formed Cornell Students for Composting and spearheaded a successful campaign to install energy-efficient shower heads throughout Balch. She’s a member of Cornell Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, who refused to dissect a fetal pig and a squid in two basic biology courses. She still got the best grade in each class, a pair of A-plusses. In all, her first full year on the Hill yielded seven A-plusses and an A.

“I don’t really care about that at all. I want to learn the stuff because I think it’s so important. My goal is so important to me and I’m really driven towards it, so everything I learn I learn to the best of my abilities,” she says. “I’m really so into the classes a lot deeper than they require. It turns out you get an A-
plus for that. My views are more extreme than most people's. The veganism, the dissection thing, the environmentalism—all that stuff people tend to take less seriously. But maybe if I get good grades, those ideas can be more accepted.”

Not that Clark doesn’t have her own strategies for getting the grades. She treats her mind the way a world-class athlete treats her body. She’s had single rooms the past two years, and she always sleeps from 11:30 to 8 a.m., weekends included. Only rarely is that schedule disrupted—for the occasional Bob Dylan concert or late-night phone call. She always tries to keep two weeks ahead of her assignments, creates schedules four days in advance, uses flashcards to study for exams. She doesn’t go to parties, strictly avoids caffeine, and eschews television and movies during the school year. “I spend most of my time working,” she says, “but when I do have time to relax I’d rather not do something passive. I’d rather interact with people.”

I mention the notion of striving for perfection, and get a near-flawless response. “Perfect is a relative term. It depends what you’re perfect in,” she says. “I want to make perfect solutions. I want to make utopias. That’s what my dream is all about.”

Not long after talking to Clark, I receive word from the university registrar that his own search has revealed not a single 4.3 GPA on campus at the moment. Nobody, I’m told, is perfect. But there’s no harm in trying.

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THE BEST PLACE BY A DAM SITE

BY GOULD COLMAN

IT BEGAN AS A HUMBLE POND AND GREW TO BE THE SOCIAL CENTER OF CAMPUS. AFTER DECADES OF PAGEANTS AND PARTIES, BEEBE AIN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE, BUT THE MEMORIES ENDURE.
EEBE LAKE, THE TWENTIETH CENTURY, AND CORNELL

Hockey reached Ithaca in quick succession. But in the case of Beebe Lake, only the designation “lake” was new. On his 1871 map of the Cornell campus, Professor Albert Prentiss called the area “Beebe’s Pond” because when Ezra Cornell had created it in 1838 by damming Fall Creek, Cornell was employed by Jeremiah Beebe. Beebe owned flour and plaster mills downstream and Beebe’s Pond stored spring’s abundant water for gradual release to power those mills as stream flow declined in summer. According to a biography by Alonzo Cornell, True and Firm, his father’s reservoir impounded twenty acres of “surplus” water. Without Beebe Dam, that water would have gone downstream without being productive.

The present Beebe Dam, designed by Frank Washburn 1883 and erected in 1897 downstream of and directly adjacent to Ezra’s structure by contractor Ira Shaler 1884, is higher, thicker, longer, and made with concrete instead of the stone that Ezra had employed. Just below the dam, the university’s five-story hydraulic laboratory was built into the face of Fall Creek gorge in 1898 in twelfth-century Florentine style with stone that matched the gorge in color. The laboratory has been an unstabilized ruin since the 1960s, but when new, with Beebe Lake holding about 53 million gallons of water, Cornell was among the finest places in the United States for studying what moving water could accomplish. However, water run-off from about 120 square miles of south-central New York State immediately began to
In the waning weeks of the school year, the lake would warm up enough to attract throngs of bathers. Viola Henry Mullane '35 remembers going there every few days in her black one-piece suit and cap. "The lake would be lined with swimmers, who'd go out to the bridge and under the dam, which was not legal. The lake was clean and deep and lots of fun. I don't have pictures of it, but I have pictures in my mind."

When Beebe was newly a lake, John T. Parson, who taught mechanical drawing in Engineering from 1895 to 1938, could hardly wait for ice of skating thickness before shoveling snow from its surface. He established a snow removal subscription fund, so Beebe's cleared ice would be attractive to skaters. By early January 1900, hundreds of skaters could be seen gliding about its surface on a single afternoon. Seeking pleasure the modern way, some were skating first and paying later, or perhaps not at all.

Professor Parson became Cornell hockey's first patron by reserving a section of ice for the rink and encouraging Cornellians to form a team. By 1905 hockey fans were skating directly to the games. The predictability of the current hockey schedules was unknown in the days when an unseasonable thaw could cancel a game on short notice.
Don Layton '29 and his childhood sweetheart (now Joyce Porter Layton '30) went on skating dates at the lake, which he says seemed to thaw just in time to cancel a hockey game. "The toboggan slide was tremendous. It was probably not much of anything, but then it seemed like an amazing thing, because we'd never been on an airplane."

UT SKATERS ALONE DID not transform Beebe Lake into Cornell's principal winter gymnasium. By 1905 students, faculty, President Jacob Gould Schurman, and Ithacans could reach its icy surface at up to fifty miles an hour by sliding down one of two carefully iced troughs on toboggans that had been reinforced for that purpose. The Toboggan Slide stood immediately east of the Hydraulic Laboratory along the lake's south shore, and a lodge that housed those toboggans, located near the slide's upper end, featured a fireplace which converted chilled adventurers into convivial companions.

Nevertheless, around 1940, thrills, spills, and the sense of community associated with tobogganing on Beebe Lake ended abruptly when the slide was demolished, ostensibly to avoid the expense of needed repairs, although risk from litigation when toboggans went awry and injuries occurred was surely an incentive. No "Friends of the Slide" protested its demise. By then, watching movies at the Near, the Far, and the Armpit (what Cornellian would refer to these Ithaca theaters as Strand, State, and Temple?) had become popular; vicari
The best times were when the lake was forsaken by Cornell students. We preferred evenings and mornings before the sunbathers came to lie atop the bridge, seeking tans. A foppish pursuit, we thought. We roamed the woods like Indians, seeking out grassy dells where, from behind trees, we could observe billing and cooing, the way of a man with a maid. In winter, we’d talk owners of toboggans into letting us ride with them down the great slide, packed with ice cut from the lake. We’d skate on the lake and play hockey among ourselves while the Cornell team played at the west end on a rink cleared by a horse-drawn wooden plow.

We’d watch the fun on Spring Day when fraternities and other organizations put outlandishly decorated watercraft on the lake and went about splashing each other and drinking beer. According to legend, Mox and his confederates once drained Beebe Lake on the eve of Spring Day, leaving the boats resting in the mud. Draining the lake, I suppose, might have bordered on juvenile delinquency. Our friend Jim Eisenburg, the campus cop, probably would have seen it that way. But he might have been indulgent with us; we’d often see and talk with him in evenings when we’d ride our bikes around the lake to patronize Louie’s Lunch.

One of my family’s favorite photographs shows me at age three standing ankle-deep and smiling in Beebe Lake, with the deserted bridge in the background, on the morning my little brother was born.

— John “Monk” Masterman ’50
A few times each semester, history major Phyllis Haight Grummon '73 would go down behind Noyes Lodge, get a canoe, and tour the lake's flora and fauna. "It was so relaxing and fun," says Grummon, now the mother of triplets. "It was such a break from everything. It just took you away. You were immediately off-campus."

ous thrills obtained for pocket change were beginning to displace adventures that required skill and physical exertion. Toboggan Lodge survives, however, and a photograph mounted above its fireplace informs visitors about its prior purpose. The trim, single-story building located next to a parking lot above Beebe Lake now houses the offices of nine university auditors.

As early as 1906, Beebe Lake ice provided the stage for undergraduate pageants. During the Junior Week Ice Carnival that year, costumed skaters whirled around a sizable rink (200 by 150 feet) to the stirring music of Patsy Conway's famous Ithaca band. And Beebe Lake ice was not used solely for recreation in the early years. While skaters were skating and tobogganers descending onto the lake's western end, a crew from the College of Agriculture was harvesting ice at its eastern end that in warmer seasons would cool milk from the university's dairy cows.

With the spring melt, other waterborne activities took over. The Women's Boating Club was founded in 1897, and women rowers were given the benefit of advice from Cornell's famed crew coach, Charles Courtney. While he was perhaps tyrannical about training, he was not sexist. The Women's Boat House appears midway along the lake's south bank on a 1914 campus map. The structure was damaged by fire in the 1920s, and by the time a 1931 campus map was printed it had been demolished. If Beebe Lake had remained deep enough for boats, the boat house might well have been restored. Swimming, however, required a much smaller area of deep water and remained a popular summer sport at the east end of Beebe Lake. Brave swimmers enjoyed entering the lake by diving from the stone bridge erected in 1932 with a bequest from Henry Sackett 1875. For the 1933 Spring Day duck race—the time a visiting Mallard beat the enrolled domestic contestants—the recently dredged lake was at its best.

Many Beebe Lake skaters, tobogganers, boaters, swimmers, and miscellaneous revelers were able to relax in pleasant surroundings, warm in winter, cool in summer, availing themselves of coffee, soft drinks, and hamburgers when in 1922 the university erected a two-story, house-sized facility near the dam's north end. The athletic department was in charge; there was a warming room with a fireplace in the base-
ment to serve skaters in winter, while upstairs anyone could enjoy a rustic sort of eatery that was cooled in the summer by open casement windows overlooking Beebe Lake and its varied happenings. It was named the Johnny Parson Club to honor Beebe Lake’s patron saint, but most everyone called it Japes or “the best place to eat on campus by a dam site.”

To many former soldiers on campus, Japes resembled chalets seen in wartime Bavaria. Yet the kitchen and the seating area that helped make Japes delightfully bucolic and serviceable to a generation of Cornellians were hardly economically efficient. In 1958, when skating at Cornell moved under cover at Lynah Rink, the powers that be decided to raze the upper structure rather than repair it. Noyes Lodge, a more efficient (if somewhat sterile) eatery had been erected a few feet to the south and west, and has since been converted to the Language Learning Center. Robert Purcell Union currently wears the mantle as the campus gathering and eating spot north of Fall Creek.

Japes’s truncated basement became an Outing Club meeting room and storage space for canoes. On university maps it is still listed as Japes, or with its longer name, The Johnny Parson Outing Center. Alumni returning for reunions are able to rent canoes to paddle the lake for old times’ sake.

Beebe Lake water still fulfills utilitarian functions for the university. Ice is no longer harvested, but since it was built in 1967, the Chilled Water Treatment Plant, near Toboggan Lodge, has made use of the lake’s water to cool Clark Hall and adjacent buildings. This small closed-loop system exchanging building heat for lake-water coolness is, while increasing the comfort level in a few university buildings, contributing in part to Beebe Lake’s problems. The somewhat warmer water at the west end of the lake promotes the growth of some plants, which are further encouraged by nutrients washing in from upstream farms and septic tanks. The university’s planned and much-debated Lake Source Cooling Project is a far larger system utilizing far colder water from the bottom of a much larger lake—Cayuga—to cool many more buildings on the Hill.

Electricity production is another matter, though. After moving 1,700 feet downstream through a large pipe, water from Beebe Lake reaches the generating station below the Suspension Bridge with the force of the significant head of 144 feet, with enough energy to provide about 2 percent of the electricity the university currently requires. In the 1880s, however, Frank Washburn had larger ambitions. He designed the Beebe Lake dam to support a ten-foot addition, an elevation that would have tripled the lake’s capacity and complemented other parts of the university’s Fall Creek Water Power Development Project. Cornell officials acquired 667.25 acres under and along Fall Creek to support this project, mostly from 1903 to 1913. One 1903 purchase of thirty-seven acres for $5,500 is noteworthy because the transaction with the estate of Ezra Cornell’s son, Franklin, included Beebe Lake itself. In the end, the Fall Creek Water Power Development Project did not achieve its goals, however, in large part because Fall Creek kept on turning water into mud everywhere its progress was halted, especially in Beebe Lake.

HE ERA WRITER who suggested calling the new body of water Crystal Lake in 1898 didn’t understand about silt. Fall Creek had been steadily dropping dirt and debris in the fifty years since Ezra’s building crew placed the last stone in Beebe’s Dam. By 1897, when the new dam was built, Beebe’s Pond had become an island lying between two branches of the creek. While the new dam obliterated that island, it did not do away with its cause. So, by 1930 Fall Creek had almost returned to its 1897 condition. University authorities then reversed nature’s course by dredging 100,000 cubic yards of accumulated soil and debris. (Think of 800 ten-wheel dump trucks.) Five years later, the Great Flood of 1935 brought soil, sizable boulders, and tree trunks that again reduced much of the water capacity. The flood also caused extensive damage to the dam (the present top tier is post-flood construction).

Beebe Lake has been dredged at least twice during four subsequent decades, although not as extensively as in 1930. Yet when the last Spring Day highjinks took place during the early 1960s, jousters who were dislodged from floats could stand in water only knee-deep; and before the 1970s had passed, small islands were contributing to a swamp-like character that suggested that the name “lake” was mostly embellishment. What to do?

Dredging had become expensive and Department of Environmental Conservation regulations restrictive, but Cornell University had a deal with F.R. Newman ’12, the principal patron of its outdoor spaces and a generous giver within. According to the late Bob Kane ’34, Cornell’s longtime director of athletics, the university told Newman that if he would build a women’s gymnasium on Beebe’s north bank, Cornell would take care of the lake.

Newman did his part, and honored his wife, Helen, in the process. The university reshaped Beebe Lake rather than removing the fill, and when breadth was exchanged for depth, the Class of 1966 Beach emerged along the north shore and an island, yet to be named, appeared at the eastern extreme. In 1988, Beebe Lake’s “restoration” was celebrated with five hours of fun for 200 people who had contributed to the project. The event also celebrated the 150th anniversary of what Ezra Cornell had done there, with a floating birthday cake that released a barrage of balloons.

But what should be done when another island appears—as it will around 2020, unless another 1935-sized flood leaves debris that builds it even faster? Ending the need for Beebe Lake’s Chilled Water Plant and efforts to control nutrient run-off upstream will not end soil erosion along Fall Creek. Letting nature take its course will make the area known as Beebe Lake a candidate for the name Beebe Swamp and, eventually, Beebe Parking Lot. And what Cornellian would willingly accept that trade-off?

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SOMEONE ONCE DEFINED A professor as one who talks in other people's sleep. I compound the situation: I lecture about sleep. For thirty-four years I have taught introductory psychology at Cornell. Undergraduates are among the most sleep-deprived members of the population, so it's not surprising that the topic would hold a particular fascination for those awake enough to listen.

Although we spend nearly one-third of our lives sleeping, most of us know little about the incredibly varied activity that occurs during the course of each night, and its effect on the quality of life. I, too, was one of the uninformed until 1969, when I made a short film on a scientist-physician who was able to detect and capture dreams as they occur during sleep. Documenting the work of the pioneer researcher William Dement, director of the Sleep Laboratory at Stanford, changed the direction of my own career. It took only one night, thirty years ago, and I was hooked.

It was 1:30 a.m. At midnight a college student had gone to bed in the sleep lab with electrodes taped to his face and scalp. A polygraph continuously recorded the sleeper's eye movements and brain waves, sketching a physiological symphony of the night on a paper trail that would be a mile long by morning. Before the student fell asleep his brain waves had been fast, the polygraph pens moving vigorously. Thirty minutes after sleep's onset, the waves were slower and the eye movements had all but ceased, indicating deep sleep. But now, ninety minutes later, the pens began to move once again. The sleeper's brain was very active and his eyes were...
daring back and forth, as if scanning the environment. Was he awake? Definitely not. The researcher aroused his volunteer and asked, “What was going through your mind just now?” The first of the night’s several dreams was reported.

This rhythmic pattern of sleep and dreaming repeated itself every ninety minutes throughout the night. There were periods of movement and periods of quiescence, periods of dreaming and periods of total unconsciousness, as well as dramatic changes in body temperature, respiration, heart rate, and genital activity. Observing an all-night sleep recording session was an awakening for me. Before this night I had regarded sleep as a waste of time, little more than a period of unconscious inactivity, occasionally punctuated by a dream usually forgotten by breakfast.

Seeing firsthand the complexity of a sleeper’s journey through the night, and intrigued by Dement’s experiments, I began to ponder the same questions posed by dedicated sleep researchers. Why not let the brain coast in neutral to provide a period of maximal rest? Do the different brain stages and rhythms of sleep determine how you think, remember, plan, perform, and feel during the other two-thirds of your life when you’re awake? If so, how much sleep do you need to function optimally?

The 1953 discovery that rapid eye movements and specific changes in brain-wave activity signaled the likelihood that dreaming was occurring gave us a key to unlocking the cognitive mysteries of the night, and stimulated research on all aspects of sleep. Within the last four decades sleep research has gone from being practically nonexistent to occupying the full attention of more than a thousand physiologists, psychologists, and physicians. Brain scientists have been able to prove that sleep is not a passive state, but rather an elaborate activity with its own positive functions. Sleep is a necessity, not a luxury. Recent studies of the neurological, chemical, and electrical activity of the sleeping brain show that even minimal sleep loss can have profound detrimental effects on mood, cognition, performance, productivity, communication skills, accident rates, and general health, including the gastrointestinal system, cardiovascular function, and immune system.

Given the role of sleep in determining daytime functioning, most alarming is the current extent of sleep deprivation in our society. At least 50 percent of the American adult population is chronically sleep-deprived, and it’s getting worse by the decade. This trend can be found throughout the industrialized world. If we don’t get adequate sleep, our quality of life, if not life itself, is jeopardized.

How much sleep do you get? Ask this question and you’ll hear some interesting answers. Thomas Edison slept three or four hours at night, regarding sleep as a waste of time, a heritage from our cave days. President Clinton grabs five to six hours. Janis Joplin never wanted to sleep for fear she might miss a good party. Martha Stewart sleeps only four to five hours each night. Jay Leno manages five hours, and the millions of Americans who stay up to watch his late-night TV show won’t get much more. Then there’s Albert Einstein, who claimed he needed ten hours of sleep to function well. Calvin Coolidge demanded eleven. Nighttime sleep wasn’t adequate for Lyndon Johnson, Ronald Reagan, or Winston Churchill. They took naps (incidentally, so did Edison). As Reagan joked to members of the press, “No matter what time it is, wake me up, even if it’s in the middle of a cabinet meeting.”

In today’s frenetic society people who sleep six hours or less are regarded as tough, competitive, and ambitious. If you say you need lots of sleep, you run the risk of being perceived as one who lacks what it takes to be successful. Maybe you’ll be regarded as lazy. However, if you’re getting less than eight hours of sleep each night, including weekends—or if you fall asleep instantly or need an alarm clock to wake up—you are sleep-deprived. According to sleep experts, if you want to be fully alert, in a good mood, mentally sharp, creative, and energetic all day long, you might need to spend at least one-third of your life sleeping. Over an average lifetime that’s a commitment of nearly twenty-four years in bed.

BEFORE EDISON INVENTED the electric light in 1879, most people slept ten hours a night, a duration researchers have discovered is ideal for optimal performance. When activity was no longer limited by natural light, sleep habits changed. Over the next century we gradually reduced our total sleep time by 20 percent, to eight hours per night. Recent studies indicate that Americans now average seven hours per night, approximately two and a half hours less than ideal. One third of our population is sleeping less than six hours each night. Yet, in just the last twenty years we have added 158 hours to our annual working and commuting time, the equivalent of a full month of working hours. According to Dement, working mothers with young children have added 241 hours to their work and commuting schedules since 1969. We now live in a twenty-four-hour society, a rat race where sleep is not valued. With heavy demands of work, house-
MANY PEOPLE THINK THAT soon after going to bed we slowly fall into deep sleep, remain there for some time, perhaps have an occasional dream, and then move gradually toward lighter sleep and awakening. This is far from what actually happens. Lying in bed, your fast, low-voltage beta brain waves indicate wakefulness. Tired and ready for sleep, you soon shut your eyes and begin your night’s slumber. Your brain waves become slower in frequency, higher in voltage, and more regular. These alpha waves look like the teeth of a comb and delineate a relaxed, less tense, yet wakeful state.

After several minutes in the alpha stage, your breathing rate begins to slow, as do your brain waves. You are now entering Stage 1 sleep, a transitional stage of light sleep marked by slower theta brain waves. In this twilight zone, heart rate is lowered and stabilized, and breathing becomes shallow and regular. This stage can last from ten seconds to ten minutes and is sometimes accompanied by fleeting visual imagery, so-called “hypnagogic hallucinations.” Because the skeletal muscles suddenly relax, you might experience a sensation of falling, causing you to awake momentarily with a start.

People aroused during theta-wave Stage 1 sleep often report they were only half asleep. Indeed, it’s possible to maintain an awareness of your environment and respond somewhat quickly in this stage. You then move on to Stage 2 sleep, when theta waves are intermingled with the appearance of K-complex (single, high-amplitude) waves and sleep spindles, whose pattern resembles the spindle on a loom. J. Allan Hobson and Wilse Webb of the University of Florida found that people stop moving in bed about seven-and-a-half minutes before sleep spindles appear. The lack of movement reduces muscle tension and brainstem stimulation via muscle nerves, thereby helping to induce sleep. Sleep researchers have decided that Stage 2 sleep, which lasts ten to twenty minutes, marks the beginning of actual sleep. At this moment we become actively disengaged from our environment, blind and deaf to most outside stimulation. Nearly all people aroused from this stage report they were indeed asleep.

It’s now perhaps twenty to thirty minutes since you first closed your eyes. You begin to enter Stage 3 sleep, a combination of theta and delta (very-low-frequency, high-voltage) brain waves. Soon, the theta waves disappear altogether. You have now arrived at Stage 4, the deepest phase of sleep, marked only by delta waves. If you’re awakened by an alarm or telephone call you’ll feel mentally groggy for several minutes.

In delta sleep, muscle relaxation is complete, blood pressure...
hold chores, parenting and family responsibilities, and a desire for social life, exercise, and recreation, four out of every ten of us are cutting back on sleep to gain time for what seems more important or interesting.

This can be extremely costly, and dangerous. Stop sleeping altogether and you will die. Large periods of sleep deprivation, as often occur in brainwashing of war captives or cult members, “can cause even heroically patriotic citizens to denounce their own nations and ideals, to sign patently false declarations, and to join political movements that have been lifelong anathemas to them,” notes J. Allan Hobson, professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. People who go without sleep for five to ten days become irrational, paranoid, confused, and even hallucinatory.

Few of us are subjected to such extreme sleep loss. But most of us, consciously or unconsciously, occasionally if not chronically, deprive ourselves or others of adequate sleep. Some statistics:

• 30 percent of high school and college students fall asleep in class at least once a week.

• 31 percent of all drivers have fallen asleep at the wheel at least once in their lifetime. The National Sleep Foundation reports that each year at least 100,000 highway accidents and 1,500 fatalities are due to falling asleep at the wheel, costing American society more than $30 billion annually.

• Fatigue is the number-one factor that impairs pilots, according to the National Transportation Safety Board. In the PBS television documentary *Sleep Alert*, a Boeing 747 captain noted: “It is not unusual for me to fall asleep in the cockpit, wake up twenty minutes later and find the other two crew members totally asleep.”

• 20 percent of all employees work at night and suffer disproportionately from drowsiness, gastrointestinal and cardiovascular problems, infertility, depression, and accidents. Fifty-six percent of shift workers fall asleep on the job at least once a week. The *Wall Street Journal* reported that $70 billion is lost per year in productivity, accidents, and health costs as a result of workers’ inability to adjust to late-night schedules. The nu-
clear accidents at Chernobyl and Three Mile Island occurred in the early-morning hours, during one of two periods in the twenty-four-hour day when we are most fatigued.

- Medical residents and interns can work more than 130 hours per week in shifts of twelve to sixty hours, and every other night they are on call. They may be responsible for the care of forty to sixty patients. Sometimes fatal mistakes are made.

- 49 percent of American adults suffered from insomnia or other sleep-related disorders in 1995, a 15 percent increase since 1991, according to a Gallup poll. Thirty million Americans suffer from sleep apnea, or temporary cessation of breathing, a potentially life-threatening disorder. Still, 95 percent of people with sleep disorders are undiagnosed and untreated.

- The direct costs of sleep disorders and sleep deprivation for 1990 were estimated at $15.9 billion. Indirect costs, in terms of productivity and accidents, were said to be $150 billion.

EVEN THOUGH HALF OF American adults have trouble sleeping, physicians rarely ask their patients how they sleep. Less than 1 percent of case histories taken by doctors during routine physical examinations even mention sleep. The topic is rarely taught and, until recently, has not been part of the medical school curriculum. Not until 1996 did the American Medical Association recognize sleep medicine as a specialty. For centuries, sleep was regarded as a quiet inert state that evolved to ensure survival. Dreaming was not considered part of sleep; dreams were thought to be messages sent to the sleeper from the gods, or as journeys of the soul to distant lands. Thus sleep was perceived as a state of minimal body and brain activity, the very opposite of wakefulness.

It seems so simple and reasonable; two completely opposite, yet reinforcing states of existence every twenty-four hours. Although this "active state vs. passive state" notion provides a common-sense and therefore widely accepted definition of wakefulness and sleep, it is inaccurate. Sleep is a diverse, complex series of stages that make important contributions to our daytime functioning. The various stages of sleep we experience each night as our senses disengage from the environment are delineated by significant changes in brain waves, muscle activity, eye movements, body temperature, respiration, heart rate, hormonal activity, and even genital arousal. The overall level of neural activity drops by only 10 percent during sleep. In fact, the "sleeping" brain is often significantly more active than the "awake" brain.

We knew very little about sleep until 1929, when Hans Berger, a German psychiatrist, used small electrodes attached to the scalp to record the continuous electrical activity of the human brain. The brainwave recordings, called electroencephalograms, or EEGs, indicated distinctive changes in the brain's neural activity between sleep and wakefulness. The brain waves of the waking state were fast in frequency (cycles per second) and low in amplitude (microwatts of electrical discharge of brain neurons). By contrast, Berger noted that the sleeping brain was characterized by low-frequency, high-amplitude brain waves, indicating a substantial decline in neural activity. But he was unaware that sleep was not a uniform state. Six years later, researchers at Harvard discovered that sleep was divided into several distinct EEG levels, or stages, that unfold within an hour from drowsiness to shallow sleep to deep sleep. Because sleep recordings were stopped after an hour or so and not made continuously throughout the night, Berger and other scientists had failed to discover remarkable changes in brain activity that take place sometime after the appearance of deep sleep.

In 1951 Eugene Aserinsky, a graduate student in the sleep laboratory at the University of Chicago, set out to study the slow eye movements that accompany the onset of sleep. He detected these rolling movements by observing the shifting bulges of the cornea under sleeping infants' thin eyelids. In the course of his observations Aserinsky made a remarkable discovery: at various times during sleep the infants' eyes vigorously darted back and forth, up and down. These rapid eye movements appeared similar to those observed in the waking state. Were the eye movements merely muscle twitches? Or were the infants scanning mental images in their sleep—were they dreaming? Did the sleeping brain suddenly become very active right in the middle of the night? How often and for how long did this activity occur?

In a series of now-classic experiments Aserinsky, Dement, and their mentor, Nathaniel Kleitman, began to unlock the mysteries of the night. They attached small recording electrodes to the faces of adult volunteers and found that at different times during the night the slow rolling movements seen at the onset of sleep were absent altogether or dramatically changed to very active, rapid movements. Sleeping subjects were awakened during the periods of rapid eye movements (called REMs) and asked, "Was anything going through your mind?" The typical response was "Yes, I was having a dream." When subjects were asked the same question
during nonrapid-eye-movement (NREM) periods, dreaming was reported much less frequently. Dreaming can occur in all stages of sleep, although dreams occur most frequently in REM sleep and are usually more vivid and emotional than dreams in other sleep stages.

During REM sleep brain synapses are automatically activated. There is intensive random firing of neuronal pathways that hold experiences and information. It is likely that dreams are the products of such stimulation, causing us to recall prior events, anticipate new ventures, or weave the familiar with the strange. Some dreams may be meaningful, the result of stimulation of neural circuits holding ideas and memories of importance to our psyche. Other dreams are harder to analyze and might be meaningless. It's possible that they are formed from unconnected ideas and memories stimulated by chance in the course of REM sleep activation.

The reorganization of neural networks during REM sleep is perhaps responsible for those occasions when we solve problems in our dreams. Many artists, musicians, and scientists claim to have done some of their most creative thinking during sleep, although such claims are often anecdotal, not scientific. The sewing machine, the periodic chart of the chemical elements, and the two characters Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde were all said to have been conceived in dreams. Friedrich August Kekule von Stradonitz claimed he discovered the molecular structure of benzene, the benzene ring, in his dreams. In a lecture to colleagues he concluded, "Let us learn to dream, gentlemen, and then perhaps we shall learn the truth."

But dreaming is not the most important function of REM sleep. Often referred to as "paradoxical" sleep because it is more like wakefulness than sleep in terms of vigorous brain-wave activity, REM sleep is essential for preparing the mind for peak daytime performance. The intensive firing of neurons spreading upward from the brain stem is thought to be responsible for aiding memory storage and retrieval as well as for reorganizing and categorizing information. The fact that the brain needs REM sleep is illustrated by what is called the "REM rebound" effect. That is, when you follow several nights of too little sleep with a longer sleep, REM sleep will appear more frequently and for longer periods of time.

Each of us maintains a personal sleep bank account. Any sleep you get is an asset; any hour of wakefulness is a debt. Contrary to popular belief, a sleep debt does not dissipate by itself over time, and it's cumulative. A one-hour sleep loss every night for an entire week is equivalent to having pulled an all-nighter. Many busy executives mistakenly assume they are good sleepers because they fall asleep immediately when they get into bed, or when they're on an airplane. This is a sure indication of sleep deprivation; the well-rested person takes fifteen to twenty minutes to fall asleep. (Think how ridiculous it would sound to brag about being a good eater because you devour meals the instant they are put in front of you.)

By far the majority of us are significantly sleep-deprived, yet remain ignorant of how it affects our mood, performance, and behavior. We often surmise we are doing just fine. Why? Because we feel alert as long as we're engaged in vigorous, interesting, challenging, and stimulating tasks. But we excuse any drowsiness we feel after a low dose of alcohol, or if we're in a warm room, or listening to a dull lecture, or attending a boring meeting. But none of these events cause sleepiness. Such situations simply unmask the physiological sleepiness already in your body.

Even though most of us think we are doing okay, we might be carrying around years of accumulated sleep debt. We slowly habituate ourselves to a low level of alertness, thinking that how we feel now is normal. The truth is that most of us are functioning at a level far from optimal, far from the level of alertness that enables us to be energetic, wide awake, happy, creative, productive, motivated, and healthy human beings. "Blessings on him that first invented sleep," Cervantes wrote. "It covers a man thought and all, like a cloak; it is meat for the hungry, drink for the thirsty, heat for the cold, and cold for the hot. It is the current coin that purchases cheaply all the pleasures of the world, and the balance that sets even king and shepherd, fool and sage."
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How They Fared

Nobody wanted it to end that way, least of all Pete Mangurian. Fresh out of ten seasons as an assistant coach in the National Football League, Cornell's twenty-third head football coach wanted to end his first season with an Ivy League Championship for his team, which hasn't won the title since 1990. But injuries, a young offensive line (one junior, three sophomores, a freshman), missed opportunities, and a punishing losing streak against Ivy League competitors left the gridders with a disappointing 4-6 record over-all. Worse still was the 1-6 Ivy standing, the weakest showing in twenty-one years.

But those numbers do not tell the story of a season that Mangurian says will set a foundation for coming years. Most important, he says, was instilling in players a sense of identity as a team that never quits, playing hard until the end. "It's not something that's built on flash or glitz, but something that's consistent. Yeah, we wanted to win, but we also wanted to play hard and be consistent and I think we did that."

Cornell began the season with a 4-2 record, sweeping its three nonleague opponents. But it was the four straight Ivy League losses capping the season—including the 35-21 season-ending loss to first-place Pennsylvania—that ultimately summed up the year. Going into the season as the only Ivy League team to finish in the top four in six of the past eight years, it ended by tying seventh.

It's now a team that has to rebuild. Although its offensive and defensive lines will be another year wiser, this was the last season for senior quarterback Mike Hood, ranked second on Cornell's all-time leading passing yardage list with a career total of 3,406 through the air. A dozen other seniors, including linebacker John Hanson (the team's all-time tackle leader with 135 tackles this season and 530 career) and strong safety Tom Nunes (second leading tackler in 1998 with 119), also closed out their collegiate careers.

But Mangurian, who took a trip to Superbowl XXIV while an assistant coach with the Denver Broncos in 1989, has a taste for winning. And next season, which opens September 18 at Princeton, is a clean slate. "The record is disappointing, but it's a second thought. It really is," Mangurian says. "The foundation is there. And the goal is still the same. The goal is still to win every game."

Cross Country. The team had justifiably high hopes going into the NCAA Division I Women's Cross Country Championships in Lawrence, Kansas, in November. Earlier that month, the women harriers took first place at the 1998 Heptagonal Cross Country Championships (the eight Ivy League schools plus the U.S. Naval Academy). But in November's NCAA meet, they landed thirtieth in an elite thirty-one-team field. Their strong showing in meets throughout the season, including a first-place finish overall at the Paul Short Invitational and a second-place showing at the ECAC championships, put them twenty-third in the nation. Coach Lou Duesing's men's team finished 2-2-the best team finish of the season was a win over Army and a second-place showing at the William and Mary Invitational.

Soccer. The men closed out their sea-
SPORTS

ALL IVY HONORS Breaking Cornell’s all-time tackles record earned Cornell senior and Big Red linebacker John Hanson a spot on the football All-Ivy First Team. Senior strong safety Tom Nunes, senior halfback Deon Harris, and sophomore wide receiver Joe Splendorio all earned spots on the All-Ivy Second Team, and senior linebacker Nate Fischer earned All-Ivy Honorable Mention.

WINNING RUN Junior Emily Germano led the Big Red women harriers to a first-place finish at the 1998 Heptagonal championships at Van Cortlandt Park in New York City on October 30. Germano improved upon her third-place showing in 1997 by finishing second overall with a time of 17:45.7, behind top finisher Ariana Kelly of Yale at 17:40.9. The Big Red’s win was its first since 1993 and fourth in school history. Cornell senior Miranda Kaye took fifth place in 18:06 and sophomore Meredith Freimer placed tenth in 18:22.3. Germano and Kaye both earned All-Ivy First Team honors, while Freimer earned All-Ivy Second Team standing.

FROM D.C. TO WORLD CUP Former Big Red lacrosse and soccer star Bruce Arena ’73, who led D.C. United to three straight Major League Soccer Cup championships, was selected head coach of the U.S. National Team in October. He will replace Steve Sampson, who resigned after the United States 1998 World Cup first-round defeat in France. The 2002 World Cup is scheduled to take place in South Korea and Japan.

SKATING CIRCLES Two skaters were honored by the ECAC in November after a weekend sweep of Harvard and Brown. Freshman center David Koziere of Terrace, British Columbia, was named Rookie of the Week after scoring his first career hat trick in the Big Red’s 7-2 win at Harvard. Sophomore goalie Ian Burt of London, Ontario, was named Goalie of the Week, stopping 48 of 51 shots on goal in the Harvard and Brown (3-1) wins. Coach Mike Schafer’s squad started the season 4-0 before losing its first game, against Vermont.
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Class Notes

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When Dr. C. R. "Keeze" Roberts, DVM, long-time class president, wrote in October 1998, he had perused the most recent class list and noted that "there are only 20 members still living and I think it is actually fewer than that. I will check and advise you about that later."

"In the last [September/October] issue of Cornell Magazine you had an article about my wife and I planning to celebrate our 75th wedding anniversary. It was also suggested that following its completion I advise you as to what happened.

"The family reunion went off as planned on June 18, 19, and 20, '98, at Smith Mountain Lake in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. Every single person showed up, from all over the US, making 29 of us in all. All progeny of my wife's and my marriage (including spouses, of course) were on hand. The ages ranged from great-grandson Evan Wainwright, 2, to Grandpa Keeze, 97 (98 in October). We had the most glorious time anyone could imagine. Cousins meeting cousins for the first time and 18-year-old great-grandchildren in college serving as role models for those only 9 years old.

"We had a golf match with hats declaring it as the 'Doc Roberts Open' and prizes for every occasion. Each family was required to put on a 'skit' and you never heard so much laughter in your life. With a party boat and two jet skis all the folks were well entertained. It was a glorious affair and everyone said it was the best reunion they had ever been to.

"There is another item I can report. I talked with Irv Sherman by phone a couple of days ago. He sounded wonderful and said he was still going to his office on Wall Street. He was still going to his office on Wall Street for the first time and 18-year-old great-grandson Evan Wainwright, 2, to Grandpa Keeze, 97 (98 in October).

It's hard to imagine a better celebration than that enjoyed by the Roberts clan. We hope to hear more from other survivors of the Class of '22. These men are not just surviving, but flourishing, it appears.  Class of '22, c/o Cornell Magazine, 55 Brown Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850-1247.

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It's been a year since the Winter Olympics were held in Japan, but I still remember vividly the stellar performance of a young Japanese in short speed-skating, which earned him a gold. His name? Shimizu— which reminded me of our late classmate, Koichiro Shimizu, who was a member of the Cornell golf team of our time. Wondering if the two were related, I wrote to Kobe's son, Nagakazu Shimizu '53 in Tokyo and asked him, but he said no.

Another name that came to the fore at the Olympics was Hans Knauss of the Austrian team. It reminded me of our late classmate, Herman Knauss, ME '25, who, along with his wife, Emily, was a very substantial benefactor of the university. Again, I wondered if there was any relationship and thought University Council member William Knauss '45, MBA '48, might be able to throw some light on this.

As for the 64 surviving members of our class (all nonagenerians, of course), many have some sort of ailment (as some sage first said, "Old age is great; it's what comes with it."), but they still have fond memories of life at Cornell in the early 1920's.

Don Wickham and wife Flossie remain ensconced in their home at Hector, NY. "It's nice to have family close by," they say; "and we have so many birds around us. It's so much fun to watch them from the windows."

Dorothea Johannsen Crook of Mitch­ellville, MD, is very happy and proud about the scholarship established by Alan Stone '29 in honor of her father, entomology professor Oscar Augustus Johannsen, PhD '04, and has added to it in her will. She enjoys the Cornell Magazine, although, in her own words, "there is rarely anything about people whose names are familiar." Maybe this column will help.

Back in October 1998, when this was written, family and friends of John Wood, EE '25, MEE '34, were planning a gala celebration somewhere in Maine (a far distance from John's home base of Thomasville, GA) on the occasion of his 95th birthday. I hope the weather treated them kindly. It wasn't all good the first half of the month.

Every few months the telephone rings and it's Lilian Rabe McNeill calling from Chester, NY, to chat with Peg and me. She has been, and is, one of the most loyal and generous (in many ways) members of our class. She has a sister who is 100 years old, and Lilian is well on her way there, too.

I hear quite regularly from Otto Jaeger, JD '25. He and his wife Judy lived in the same house in White Plains, NY, for 41 years. For 25 of those, Peg and I lived in Scarsdale, just a few miles down the road. Ott now makes his home in Shelburne, VT. "I've been enjoying it here," he writes, "near so many of the family of one daughter, with visits from my other daughter and her family, who live in Pennsylvania. I'm very lucky! I can't deny that I often wish Cornell would fare better in sports, so we would hear about the Big Red once in a while." Next year maybe, Ott?

I'll be signing off now, with a toast to Elsie McMillan '55, associate editor of Cornell Magazine (and managing editor of Cornell Alumni News before that), for nurturing the '24 column from typewritten sheet to publication these many years. Our deep-felt thanks!  Max
The 1998 "flat list" arrived the other day, just in time for comparison with the list as it stood in November 1994. The flat list, you'll recall, shows the names and addresses (so far as known to the university) of all members of the Class of 1925, as well as the names of those for whom no "mailable address" is known. Never did find out how it got to be called "flat," or just how membership in a particular class is determined; there must have been changes from time to time, which nobody now recalls. Anyhow, the current method shows our class count as down to about 84, against 1,202 starters and 947 graduates. The women continue to last longer than the men. Of the 947 graduates, there were more than three times as many men; the survivors are about 50/50, with 82 men and 80 women. No matter how you slice it, the Class of 1925 is slipping into history. It's been an interesting time to be around. Perhaps more so than any other generation's, our lives have coincided with two contraptions that have greatly changed life in these parts: the motor car and the flying machine. A different sort of change has been produced by antibiotics and progress in medicine and dentistry, generally. "The task of filling out the blanks I'd rather leave to you." Which reminds me that our century never did produce the equivalent of Gilbert & Sullivan, though the first 50 or 60 years came a great deal closer than what seems to be happening at the moment. Then there was that wonderful automatic telephone, which we found when we came to Ithaca; it had been placed in operation (along with a rate rise) the January before we arrived. It took the experts many years to exploit this device to its fullest.
extant, with the advent of telemarketing and, 
at its worst, automatic telemarketing. It's hard
to believe that anyone ever sold anything with
a message that is quite obviously a recording.
Some day, before hanging up, I must show
some interest in the free trip to the Bahamas,
or whatever, just to find out what happens.
Other coming events which I'd like to observe
include the discovery by the environmentalists
of the new Cayuga Lake air conditioning
system, which is most certainly going to affect
the temperature at the bottom of the lake and
perhaps destroy muskrat dams as far away as Sene-
cia Falls (I'd also like to know how well the
thing works); and of course it will be fascinat-
ing to see the world grind to a halt on the
stroke of midnight when all the computers
refuse to count years beyond 99.

Regardless, our News and Dues letter
is scheduled to come in ample time for you
to respond before the next deadline. Meanwhile,
for recommended reading, we suggest the
"Class Notes" of the four or five most recent
classes. You may not understand them all, but
that's probably characteristic of all "Class Notes,") ever since they were written by pro-
essionals in the Alumnus News of many years
ago. You'll probably wonder at some of the
current ways of making a living, from coun-
ting and banding hawks in New Mexico, being
a "construction litigation consultant" for what
used to be an accounting firm, to functioning
as a "horticultural therapist." Possibly through
some coincidence, all the most recent class
members are women.

A headline in the Washington Post says:
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News is coming in from class-
mates who returned the News from our fall mailing and
some have more to write than others. Morris Goldstein
reported that he's a member of the Tower Club and the Cayuga
Society. Philip Higley, Ft. Walton Beach,
FL, had this good news: "Had open-heart
surgery with one bypass on Sept. 23, '98. At
this date [Oct. 22, '98] I seem to be recovering
fairly well. At 95 this is considered rather un-
usual, I'm told. Am shocked to learn that
the conservative student newspaper has met
with theft of copies and that the university ad-
ministration has apparently done nothing about it."

Isabel "Bets" MacBain Barrett lives in
Florham, NJ, and writes, "Here I am—I sup-
pose at age 94 I can be called a survivor. I still
live in my own home, which I have owned
since 1933. My younger son, Neil (never mar-
mier) lives with me; otherwise, I guess, I'd be
in a 'care' center. He graduated from Michigan
State U. He keeps my home 'in order' with
lawns and other service we pay for. I am semi-
invalided, but I do most of my own 'things.'
I read three books a week (from the local li-
brary) and I try to 'keep in touch' with local
events. I have never forgotten my four won-
derful years at Cornell. Alas, I have outlived all
my friends of those years and my 'activities' are
indeed now limited, but I still believe that this
is a 'wonderful world'—only we humans fall
where there is failure. I hope the current Cor-
nellians live to enjoy their memories as I enjoy
mine. Good luck to one and all!"

William V. Kelley, LLB '29, wrote from
Spokane, WA, "While doing duty in my law office
at Witherspoon, Kelley, Davenport & Toole,
P.S., where I have gone from the head of the class
to the bottom (Of Counsel, whatever that is),
I still play golf; my handicap is three times
that of 20 years ago. (Can't shoot to that.)
Travel is relegated to the Northwest and Cali-
nia, and occasional river cruises on the Mis-
issippi. (Missed the last reunion as a result of
one cruise.)"

Beatrice Bayuk

Berg wrote from
Huntingdon Valley, PA, that she is getting out
regularly for bridge, veterans' affairs, and a few
other activities, "also to New York City every
once in a while to see my sister, Eleanor
Bayuk Green '24." Estelle RandallBurnette
summers in Union Springs, NY, just up the
lake from her Kendal at Ithaca residence. "It is
good to be so near Cornell," she wrote.

Eugene Lehr, CE '27, Bethesda, MD,
reports, "After a pleasant Alumni Holidays
cruise, Across the Face of Europe, I fell and
had successive confinement in hospital, nurs-
ing home, and post-care home." He expected
to be back in his own home in November.

Dick Pietsch is in the nursing-care section
of Westminster Canterbury of the Blue Ridge.
He's crippled with arthritis, but still keeps
those around him happy with songs and sto-
ries. He would rather be at Cornell.

More news, next issue. Please send updates at
any time. Class of '26, c/o Cornell Magazine,

Barb Cone Berlinghof called
me last fall. Her voice was
strong and clear and easy
to understand. She had just had
her 93rd birthday with her grinds and grand-
gals to help her celebrate. And, I had
a birthday card for my 93rd, late last September,
from Grace Eglinton gigars, who celebrated
her 94th a day later. She wrote on the card
that she had had "a few tussles with my new doc-
tors... Have lost a few pounds, but feel
fine and am okay and am glad to lose the weight...
What would we do without loving family?"

Sheila Johnson Robbins, the widow of
our classmate Lester Robbins, sent a card on
which she reported, "I was so pleased to see in
the September/October issue that you are
writing the ladies' news for '27. It has been
two years since Lester died. I keep my connec-
tion to Cornell. The family underwrote an
auditorium in the chemical engineering school
in Lester's memory. Its dedication was a won-
derful family reunion. I always remember your
enthusiasm and joy whenever we met at Cor-
nell reunions. You are special." Sheila Robbins
has worked hard for the US Holocaust Mem-
orial Museum and was kind enough to enter
a membership to it in my name.

Orpha Spicer Zimmer
wrote a good
long letter at the end of last September: "It has
been so long since I've been in touch with you
that I dare to hope that your health is improv-
ing—or at least stable at a comfortable level.
I've just been through my second TIA (small
stroke). Both have left me weaker, less stable,
and slower to remember everything: words,
names, of course, and the whole pro-
ductive center of my life! I can no longer iden-
tify the hundreds of slides I have of the years
of travel my late husband, James
'
26, and I had done over lnost of the globe.

"Please this hastily written letter. It is
so because we in our family are just now so
enjoyed in great-granddaughter, Mariel
school senior in Rochester,
she and her parents visited
Cornell, a warm and gratifying conference
with a member of the admissions staff and a
tour of the campus with a student. Mariel
came a determination to have Cor-
nell if Cornell would have her! Just now she is
planning to make an application, which
I commit her to attending if
she's
...
She's committed, heart
and soul!

"Her maternal grandmother this past sum-
mer offered to to Harvard's
summer school as a conditioner for college. She
worked! Loved every moment—felt it provid-
ed for growth—and certainly she

demonstrated her aptitude for mature think-
pe... I have tired you! But I was
a little lmore about Mariel as
some months ago, in response to
for classmates to inform you of
members of our families who were or might
become Cornellians. This pertains to my in-
terest in the Class of '27 Women's Memorial
Scholarship honoring the memory of
Car-
men Schneider Savage. Mariel would quali-
I'm sure."

For I had another fall, but am still
working at walking and keeping lny balance so
I can be llore independent. My grandson,
Ken, and his bride are living in a slnall apart-
ment on a off Buffalo St. in Ithaca.
She has found and he well into his two
years in the Johnson school to earn an MBA.
Kris, has returned to Penn
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News from Fred J. Behlers, BA ’28, of Madison, CT, may have been written by his wife, Gertrude: “Fred was retired as vice president, Bankers Trust in New York City in 1971, then rehired by the BTCo Holding Co. to open an office in Nassau, Bahamas, and was there four years. He retired again in 1976. . . Not so well, now, but still remembers the Glory Days and Reunions.” A year ago or more, now, Edgar Sachs of New York City wrote, “I finally reached my 90th birthday in August [1997] (awesome!) but, fortunately, I still manage to get around a bit, and I’m still teaching English at the English Speaking Union.”

The latest from Donald Huntingdon is his report that he has been told his name has been restored to the list of ‘live alumni’ after he wondered why he no longer was getting mailings of Cornell Magazine, Arts college mailings, or class dues letters. He says he’s still alive at 92, plays bridge three times a week, greets residents at the door for the noon congregate meal, was named Resident of the Year for 1997 by the other residents of White Oak Estates in Spartanburg, SC, where he has an apartment. He takes lots of pictures, recently flew to Philadelphia to attend a grandson’s wedding, and had another grandson’s wedding coming up in February 1999 in Cincinnati. Three of his six grandsons are Eagle Scouts. Don also sent a photo, which, unfortunately we are not able to publish. He asked that it be forwarded to Student Agencies Inc., of which he was the president in 1926–27. Class of ’27 Men, c/o Cornell Magazine, 55 Brown Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850–1247.

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CLASS NOTES

Ted Heine writes that he attended the Princeton football game with his wife Ann (Meade), son John ’65, and daughter Elizabeth ’60. He likes Princeton’s new stadium, which has much roomier seating then the old Palmer Field. I remember going to watch games there myself as an undergrad, riding down to Princeton with two or three classmates in someone’s old jalopy.

Bob Rothenberg, MD ’32, is another sire of a “Cornell family,” plus Cornell nieces and in-laws.

Many of our less fortunate classmates are forced to be without a loved spouse. I think of Irving “Chips” Cantor, BA ’30, JD ’32, whose wife, Elizabeth, worked for the Washington, DC, Dept. of Health and Human Services and still found the time and energy to be active in the Red Cross and other social service groups.

Dan Lazzer and Jerry Loewenberg, JD ’31, each may have a weak pulse, but their impulse to be of use to Cornell is strong, especially in support of the College of Engineering and athletics department. We all thank them and others of their ilk. Don Layton, 1029 Danby Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850.

It doesn’t seem possible, but 70 years have floated by and the Class of 1929 is scheduled for its 70th Reunion this coming June 10–13. Remember June 17, 1929, when President Livingston Farrand bid us farewell and Godspeed in Bailey Hall? When I went to work in the American Museum of Natural History, I was thrilled to see Farrand’s name emblazoned in the granite as a member of the Pacific Coast Indian Expedition. The women of the Class of ’27, with Grace “Sid” Hanson Reeve at the helm, had a very nice turnout for their 70th. What about us?

I had a welcome e-mail from Lyn Ouellette, Anna Schmidt’s niece, commenting on the Marge Rice Scholarship account, the men of the Young and Ritter families have an annual golf tournament.

Ethel and my sister, Claire Kelly Gilbert ’37, in Sarasota, FL, report to me about the struggle Jo Mills Reis is having to recover from a fall she sustained in Portugal, when she and L. S. “San” were traveling. We all wish her the best for a full and speedy recovery.

I had occasion to visit Linnea Peterson Ceilly in Brightwaters, NY, a couple of times. She and husband Ward live right on the water looking out at Fire Island. Linnea seems fine, but I don’t believe she volunteers at St. Charles Hospital now as she did for years.

I have never known anyone who was called by the Gallop Poll, but I was. After a lot of detailed questions, I was asked my level of education and I said I had a master’s degree. I was asked in what subject and I said biology, and they asked where from and I answered Cornell, and they said “Wow, what a great university!” I agree. Agnes “Tib” Kelly Saunders, 106 Spencer Ave., Lynbrook, NY 11563; tel., (516) 599–6750; e-mail, tib106@aol.com.

Dear Friends: You’ve heard by now that our beloved Sage College has been enlarged and internally renovated into a model of modern-day technology, and is now known as Sage Hall, the home of the Johnson Graduate School of Management. I haven’t been inside it yet, but a most surprising change has taken place. Sage is now a stand-out building as the dull old red of the bricks has become a glowing orange-red, exposed by blasting away 130 years of grime!

Bea Ramaglhi Pacifico, BA ’31, writes that she is looking forward to enjoying our 70th Reunion as she enjoyed our 65th, when she brought four members of her family with her. (Do hope the cyclones stayed away from your Florida door, Bea!) A pleasant incident occurred at Reunion to Jone Koller Borsher, BS HE ’31. She happened upon President Rhodes while walking through campus, and he consented to have his picture taken, stand-

“Dorothy Evans is convinced we spend far too much on prisons and not enough on child care and education.”

—JOYCE PORTER LAYTON ’30

which appeared in the last issue of Cornell Magazine. She and Anna had been commenting about it just before the magazine arrived.

It’s that time in our lives when we all have a big birthday. I was privileged to attend Marian Walbancke Smith’s with my daughter, Mary Marcia. Marian was pleased to have her two daughters on hand: Nancy Sheehan all the way from Texas; and Carol Cassel from Philadelphia with her children, Eri and Sophie. Ethel Corwin Ritter celebrated her up in the Middletown, NY, area, where I understand

ing with Ione and her daughter, Judy ’74, MBA ’81. Daughter Bonnie took the picture. That meeting will be long remembered.

Caroline Chadwick Russell writes: “After living for several decades in Rochester, I was widowed in 1986. In 1988, after a hip replacement, I had to leave my ‘old homestead’ and move to my present home in Casper, WY. My son John and his wife are both teachers in public school here. Their dog, Output, is the love of my life. The three of them visit every Sunday.” Her address is: Shepherd of the
much on prisons and not enough on child care and education.

Evelyn Reader McShane sent me a copy of the “Village News,” which she edits, at Emmaus Fellowship Village in Basking Ridge, NJ. Featured are the life stories of several of her housemates. I’d like to inspire our classmates to sit down and write just such autobiographies. I’m sure there would be lots of interesting stories to tell, if you’d just do it!

It is hard to realize that what I am writing in sunny October you will be reading in January’s cool breezes, with most of the holidays past. I can only wish you good health and a happy new year. Joyce Porter Layton, 1029 Danby Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850.

Another laurel for James B. Gitlitz, JD ’33, “a man of arts and letters,” as he is titled in the almost quarter-page newspaper commentary by David Rossie, reporting the Broom County Lawyer Asst.’s grant to Jimmy of its Community Service Award at its 1998 Law Day dinner. Rossie’s commentary describes Jim’s and his older brothers’ careers as lawyers in the Binghamton area with well-known law firms, observing that “the Gitlitz name in Broome County is what the name DiMaggio is to baseball.” Prior to his Law Day award (which I learned of, not from Jim, but from Cornell Magazine’s editorial staff), Jim had sent me articles and commentaries concerning the 20-year research, by his son David, which received national and international recognition and awards from several organizations for his authorship of Seeroy and Decret: The Religion of the Crypto Jews. The book chronicles the persecution of the Jews in the Spanish Inquisition, escape from which was achieved by falsifying conversion from Judaism. David’s career, an academic one, based on his Oberlin BA and Harvard PhD, and including (a current) professorship, department chairmanship, and deanship at Rhode Island U., as well as former service as dean, vice president, and provost at a branch of the State U. of New York (SUNY). Jim’s understandably loyal emphasis of David’s career appears also to reflect his own preference, as an undergraduate at Cornell, to continue his academic literary studies toward a professorial role. He was dissuaded by advice that his instructorship was the most that Jim could expect in such a “most conservative field” as English literature. Rossie quotes Jim’s firm negation of any suggestion that the source of such advice, Professor Martin Sampson, who headed Cornell’s English literature department and was Jim’s deeply admired mentor, was prejudiced. In Jim’s words: “I know that Prof. Sampson’s advice to me was motivated solely by his sincere regard for my welfare and that there was not the slightest trace of anti-Semitism in his makeup.”

Although Jim appeared to be foreclosed from pursuing his greater preference for an academic career, he may and should proudly bask in the satisfaction of his devotion to activities similarly noble, such as his authorship of a volume of poetry, Myself When Young, and two legal treatises, the former being extracurricular, and his leadership and the championship of civil and human rights causes. Each of these activities has been covered in past Cornell Magazine issues in the Class of ’30 column. Jim’s career exemplifies the further advice he got from Prof. Sampson: “It makes very little difference what life work you choose, as long as it presents an intellectual challenge.”

Jim “never forgot” this advice. Nor will I, for one, let him forget the established precedent of his heraldry summoning, poetically, our class members to our 70th—as well as our 65th—Reunion, with no need this time for any “brain-bashing” persuasion. Benedikt P. C. Stone, 8755 Misty Creek Dr., Sarasota, FL 34241; tel., (941) 926-8755.

The US Postal Service recently brought me an inspirational and comical postcard-like photograph of Ed Mintz (Edward J., 1560 Sand Hill Rd., #205, Palo Alto, CA 94304-2044) and Helen McCurdy Grommon, MA ’37 (Mrs. Alfred H. ’33, 501 Portola Rd., Box 8025, Portola Valley, CA 94028-7601). Ed has on his red Cornell shirt and his white ‘31 cap, and Helen is attired in a handsome blue dress. Each is displaying a book: A bold red superscript declares “We ‘dare to be 100’ so we can attend our 80th Reunion in Ithaca.” This brave boast is explained by the titles of the books in the picture and Ed’s accompanying letter. He writes; “Victor Frankl, in Man’s Search for Meaning, indicates that goals planned are goals achieved. ‘Your mind and body, use them or lose them,’ states Dr. Botz in Dare to be 100.” Hooyah! for Helen and Ed, and more power to them. This is the old “power of positive thinking” revived. However, while keeping that lofty goal in mind, I think I will stick to the old fashioned one-year-at-a-time system, aiming for our 68th Reunion at the Continuous Reunion Club’s headquarters, June 8-11, 1999. Come on, all you bowlers, dancers, tennis players, and “x”-times-a-week golfers, give it a try! It’s really great fun. Send me a note and I’ll ask President Jim Hanchett ’53 to send you an application.

Walt Whitney (Walter N., now of 6250 N. 19th Ave., Apt. 225, Phoenix, AZ 85015-1558) no longer sends his news from Anderson, IN. He and Clara have retired to an assisted-living complex of 250 apartments to be near their daughter and granddaughter. He adds information which is of interest to all of us living in “retirement communities”: “... the rent is $1,700 per month, including one meal a day each in a dining room that seats 170.” Walt says they closed out his traveling days with an exciting trip to Portland, OR, from which they back-tracked the Oregon Trail to Idaho, including a hydrofoil boat ride on the Snake River. Now he has to stick close to home for three days a week, five to six hours each day, for dialysis treatments.

As of last April, Bill Eberle (Dr. William H., 208 Halmer Hills Dr., Apt. 91, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022) claimed two children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Gene Fouse (Eugene K., 1148 W. Market St., #303, Akron, OH 44313) was more specific as he boasted that he was “still adding to my great-grandsons; now have seven.” He asks, “Any recommendations for girls?” I’m not sure whether the extra “?” means the requested recommendations are for the grand-children producing the great-grandsons, or for the great-grandsons themselves. His latest travel, last spring, was a trip down the Rhine from Basel to Amsterdam, with, we hope, a few stops en route for some good German beer.

Paul Hershon (833A Ronda Mendoza, Laguna Hills, CA 92653) reported, “Still keeping my golf scores at a reasonable level.” Nowadays. The use of “reasonable” is a nice choice of words in that context. He also passed on the sad news that ’31der classmate and brother in Theta Xi John M. Forrar, EE ’32, late of Sacramento, CA, passed away last Christmas. Evidently, the university had not received a death notice. [If you hear of the passing of a classmate or Cornell friend, let the Public Affairs Records Office (55 Brown Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850) or me know.]

“Goody” Goodman (Dr. Sidney, 20 N. Broadway, M261, White Plains, NY), our still enthusiastic Cornell baseball supporter, “gave his regards to Davey,” expressing his great personal respect and affection for Davey Hoy ’22, the original Cornell baseball enthusiast, by sending a check to Cornell in his memory. At last report, Sid was still traveling: to Europe on the maiden voyage of Holland-America’s Rotterdam VI; and to Canada on their Veendam.

In September my son, Reeve “Ting” Vanneman ’67, and wife Jane (Wallace) ’68 twisted my arm ever so slightly and I joined them on a trip to the Princeton game and inauguration of the new Princeton Stadium, which replaces the old Palmer Stadium of blessed (and sometimes cursed) memory. It was a great bash! They put on a wonderful show, filling the place, and Cornell provided a “Cornell Village,” which was jammed with
alumni before and after the game. The village consisted of two big tents, an acre or more of red and white balloon-decorated tables, a generous buffet (and beer afterward!) and "the only REAL marching band in the Ivy League!" I saw many of my kids' friends, and a number of my own from later classes, including lots of white-haired, red-costumed gentlemen and ladies. However, I did not identify any '31ders. "Was you dere, Sharley?" If not, you missed a great Cornell event. The game was a typical Ivy League nail-biter. We beat 'em in everything but the score—first downs, yards gained, and, yes, penalties and mistakes. The game ended with a rousing Cornell drive to score the winning touchdown, terminated with only seconds left by a Princeton interception! ✹ Bill Vanneman, Thruwod Pl., #250, 237 N. Main St., S. Yarmouth, MA 02664-2088.

It frequently happens that an envelope slitter cuts off the bottom of our news forms, leaving only the top third. This means that we have to find new use for them, as in the case of Harold B. Smith, of 640 Melville St., Rochester, NY 14609, who has our reply, but no hint as to whether he sent us an update about his activities. We hope he'll remedy this when he next replies.

Austin W. Curtis, of 8330 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48214, attended our 65th Reunion and we have a fine visit. A protégé of and assistant to George Washington Carver, he worked closely with the renowned scientist until 1943. Subsequently, he established his own laboratory in Detroit and has been very active on civic affairs in that city.

Albert E. Arendt, JD '35, as we noted about a year ago, reports that 6620 Boca Del Mar Dr., Boca Raton, FL 33433 is his primary address. At, a former university trustee, previously used a Washington, DC address, where he headed a large law firm. We also have responses from John T. Livingston, Frederick J. Finkenauer Jr., and several others... but no news. [The university was later informed that Frederick J. Finkenauer Jr. died Aug. 28, '98.—Ed.]

In the September/October issue, I happily reported that Stanley J. Mayer had reacted to my plea for news. He included details concerning his progeny and I apparently told the truth but not the whole truth. To atone for my omission, I record the corrected inventory almost verbatim: "I do have two daughters and two granddaughters, but also have two great-granddaughters, ages 4 and almost 1. " He was looking forward to the birth of a great-grandson. Stan, let us know when that happens. Stan adds: "I'm amazed that you are still writing the class column." So am I. ✹ James W. Oppenheimer, 140 Chapin Pkwy., Buffalo, NY 14209-1104.

Please be aware that the following "news" was sent to Ithaca in November 1997. You will recall, from earlier 1998 issues, that the returned News & Dues forms were very slow in reaching Jim Oppenheimer and me. Since so few of the returned forms included news, I have spread those few out to cover the year.

Catherine Laney Beyland wrote: "I am recovering from a compound fracture of my right ankle. Can't believe I was so foolish as to miss a step and cause such a nasty break. Hope to have the cast off in another week, maybe then a removable cast. I have signed up to move to a "senior campus-living apartment" in a complex called Seabrook Village in Tinton Falls, NJ. It won't be completed until December 1998, so I have time to sell my house and scale down. I don't look forward to the move, but think it is time.

Along with many of you, I, too, have gone through the process of letting go of a lifestyle, as well as favorite belongings, but once the change has been made, I find it very worthwhile—I am very content.

Marjorie Thompkins Walden wrote that she is still making the rounds of friends and relatives in Scotland, England, St. Petersburg, FL, and Las Vegas, NV, and enjoying good health. "Sorry I missed the 65th Reunion," she wrote. Ruth Ellenwood McGee, writing from New York, adds: "I have been 25 years since I was last in my "home town" of Ithaca. I did see a few familiar places, but, oh, so many changes. My daughter, Patricia Pile, and I had driven from Wichita and it was fun to show her around. She especially enjoyed walking around the arboretum, except she didn't have as much time as she wanted. She was disappointed she was not able to tour the Vet College. Don't forget to mention the 'excitement' at the start of our banquet and the fact that we 'old folks' had to walk down those flights of stairs while the young ones were at ground level!"

I don't think the fire alarm was a planned event, Ruth.

By the time you read this, you will have received your News & Dues forms for 1999. I hope that when you returned them, you included news for Jim and me. Are you looking forward to writing the year 2000? I am. ✹ Martha Travis Houck, 421 Monroe St., Bridgewater, NJ 08807.

Helen Cotter Strombeck writes: "I thank the good Lord for allowing me to live for 84 years and to enjoy my family and my friends. My good husband, Lloyd G., '33-34 Grad., is living in a nursing home nearby. He is alert and keeps up with the present happenings. Our children are busy: Paul is working at a retreat house near Kingston, NY, and Kathy is a computer programmer and analyst in San Francisco. Ann served in the American Red Cross; she developed cancer while on duty in Vietnam and died in 1989. I am living at home after having two small strokes. I have wonderful help which enables me to live here. Although I was unable to attend the reunion, my thoughts were with you." Laverne Haught Shay, BS HE '34, has been living at Kendal at Ithaca for two years. A stroke has limited her movements and she cannot write. Her family comes to visit frequently, as her son lives in Ithaca. Eleanor Bradley Tunison has moved permanently to live with her son Phillip. Her daughter has moved her winter home to Sarasota to be near her. Eleanor's sister, Margaret Bradley Klaus '28 lives near Dade City in the winter. They are happy to be together. Madeline Stoddard Barrako and husband Frank moved to Kirkland Village on July 29, '97, and said they were adjusting to a new lifestyle and enjoying it. [Word reached us as this was being edited that Madeline died on May 22, '98.—Ed.]

Fran Rosevear, PhD '37, writes: "Ruth (Fisher) '36 and I celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary last September—with a pre-anniversary recognition at a granddaughter's wedding reception in late August in Vermont and a post-anniversary recognition at a church service in Cincinnati. In late May/early June we met our West Coast son in New Mexico/Arizona, riding the Cumbres and Toltec narrow-gauge railroad, and enjoying Mesa Verde, Canyon de Chelly, and the Barring meteor crater. (We enjoyed Amtrak from Chicago to Albuquerque and return.)" Elinor Ernst Whittier is active in Cape Myrtle Garden Club, doing roadside cleaning, tree-planting, etc. and also repairs books for the New Hanover County Library and loves reading—especially mystery books.

Alfred H. Gronnomin, PhD '43, and Helen (McCurdy) '31, MA '37, have given up traveling and can therefore be reached any time at their Sequoia Portola, CA, retirement community apartment. They would love to see any who happen to be traveling to the San Francisco area.

When last heard from, Clarence P. Robertson was well and surrounded, happily, by family. He had recently presented a slide show of his mother's paternal forebears who took the "Trail of the Black Walnut" from York, PA, to Clarence, NY, in the early 19th century. His granddaughter Nicole, who graduated from Princeton with a degree in architecture, presented him with a book and photo at UCLA. Grandson Geoffrey Robertson graduated from Notre Dame and married a budding MD in June. Clarence's elder son, Douglas Robertson, is a Syracuse U. faculty senior representing Syracuse Health Center and a professor in cell biology. Judy, Douglas's wife, is a pediatrician with a large practice. Another Cornellian, Marjorie Thompkins Walden '32 stops by on trips to visit friends. Clarence mentioned enjoying his gardens and visits to the Albright-Knox Art Gallery and the Buffalo and Erie County Museum of Science, plus meetings of the landscape architects group in which he held a life membership.

Roger S. Babcock is trying to keep track of eight grandchildren scattered from St. Paul, MN, to Carmel, IN, to Lancaster, PA. Charles B. Schleifer and Florence spent four months at the Hollybrook Golf and Tennis Club in Pembroke Pines, FL. Son Lawrence works for the Internal Revenue Service in Washington as an economist, having done many years of research for the National Inst. of Safety and Health in Cincinnati. Son Leonard '73 (MD, Ph.D. of Virginia) is now president and CEO of Regeneron (NASDAQ) a biotech company which he formed about ten
years ago. Leonard is now working on his third clinical trial for an effective drug for Lou Gehrig’s disease. Helen Weisbрод Rowland moved several years ago from her home of 57 years to an apartment in Chittenango, NY. No maintenance, taxes, or snow shoveling. Visitors welcome.

Samuel J. Singer is a widower. After his Cornell years he took further training as a dentist at the U. of Pennsylvania dentistry school and practiced in New York City and Spring City, NY, and then in Utica for 35 years. After retirement he and his wife volunteered their services to the Indians of Central and South America for four to six weeks a year. They traveled quite extensively, mostly to Great Britain, Scotland, Wales, and also Spain, Italy, Yugoslavia, and Israel. “My years at Cornell were most memorable and enjoyable.”

Eli M. Goldberg, JD ’35, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with Grace, taking a trip to Alaska. He winters in Boca Raton “with a mob of Cornell buddies.”

Bea Levin Young is surrounded by her two children, five grandchildren, and 11 greats: including triplets! Her current activities: community affairs, the synagogue… she participates as usual. She still plays bridge and enjoys playing golf. ♦ Henry E. Horn, 49A Troobridge St., Cambridge, MA 02138; tel. (617) 876-8633.

REUNION

John Hefer, BA ’35, Waterford, CT, writes, “Virginia and I celebrated our 50th anniversary last November. She is an Alfred U. Class of ’37 graduate, and has funded a scholarship in her name.” Writes H. R. Geoffrin, BS AE ’35, of Indianapolis, IN: “My wife and I celebrated our 60th anniversary last January. She, Mary (Husar), formerly of Ithaca, NY, suffered a hip fracture and after a replacement is slowly recuperating. As Bill Robertson wrote in his letter, minor aches and pains don’t count when you talk about good health for the aged.” Best wishes for a speedy and sound recovery, Mary, Geoff, you are well prepared for the aches and pains of old age by having participated in so many sports while at school.

Lester Friedman, of Yonkers, NY, retired from medical practice in 1986. He and wife May celebrated their 50th anniversary in July 1996 at a grand dinner party arranged by daughters Loretta Friedman Cogan ’69, Cynthia Friedman Tidwell ’71, Sandra, and Marilyn. They enjoy their seven grandchildren and, to top it off, spend winters in W. Palm Beach, FL. They missed the 60th Reunion, but hope to make the 65th in 1999. Le writes, “Our health is fair. We’re hanging in there and are still in an upright position and functioning.” Le sends his wishes for health and luck to all our classmates.

Paul T. Clark, of Hilton Head, SC, has been happily married to wife Eleanor for 37 years. Both are working hard at bridge, tennis, golf, and socializing. Their son has moved to Hilton Head (from Colorado) where Paul says his services in real estate are available should that locale be of interest to you. They are also in the remodeling business “for investment purposes.” He is looking forward to the 1999 reunion and hopes that fellow BChems will join him.

Al Huntington, MA ’35, Falls Church, VA, is extremely busy collecting second-hand books on the Marshall Plan and Cold War periods for eventual donation to the George C. Marshall Library in Lexington, VA. Al worked on the Marshall Plan in the late 1940s and 1950s and has kept touch with the museum and library since then. He and wife Evelyn continue to do their bit for Mother Nature by raking, bagging, and composting leaves from their front yard each November, as they have done for lo, these many years.

Bob Sanborn, of Vineyard Haven, MA, recently attended a reunion of the officers and crew of the USS Gloucester, PF-22, which saw duty in the North Atlantic in anti-submarine convoy escorts during World War II. Similar to a destroyer, it was 300 feet long, with a crew of 200 and 12 officers. Bob was a first lieutenant, third in command. The captain was 31; Bob was 30. They had a good time kidding each other at the reunion, at 86 and 85, respectively. Bob still salts his auxiliary cruising cutter, although his family wishes that he would get a motor boat. His philosophy, “I’d rather drown in the Bay of Fundy than drown my life away in a nursing home.” Maybe you should get a smaller boat, Bob.

Howard C. Peterson, of Stuart, FL, and his wife have moved into a smaller house. His wife, so he writes, claims his “maturity” made the move a necessity. They spend summers on Chappaquiddick Island, Edgartown, MA, spring and fall in Charleston, SC, and winters in Stuart, FL. ♦ Karl F. Schmidt, 4780 Mt. Rose Way, Roseville, CA 95747-8279.

Incredible as it may seem, we are looking forward to our 65th Reunion, so it is time to remind you that very soon you will receive the appeal for the Class Reunion Fund. Since we are fewer in numbers, it is important for each to contribute as you wish!

Helen Rowlery Munson and Phil are moving to retirement home; the address is 99 Brookside Dr., Apt. 246, Clinton, NY 13323.

Muriel Kaiser Corcoran, MA ’36, a Floridian, makes trips each year. Great.

Ruthanna Wood Davis is very active in creative ways, making pillows, etc., for nursing homes and care centers. Ruth Broderick Harris tripped and broke her hip, unfortunately, but has, fortunately, mended and helps with Meals-on-Wheels.

Alice Bennett Planck is another dweller in a retirement home and she keeps in touch with several classmates. Marion Call Hemmett spent two weeks in Egypt and even rode a camel. Now I ask you! Adelaide B. Oppenheimer sounds very active in many directions. Good going!

Mary Jo Shaffer is another victim of a broken hip. I’m sure she is better now! Ruth Fielden Jacobs is an enthusiastic traveler and if she comes to reunion she can tell us all about it. Mathilde Hochmeister and her “bonehead” pals, Rose Gaynor Veras, MA ’36, and Esther Leibowitz, are in frequent communication. That’s fantastic.

I have to save the rest for future columns. There are not too many news letters coming any more. Those of you who don’t bother to write, please try next time . . . or anytime.

This is written in October. The fall foliage is spectacular and I hope you all have a happy and healthy winter. ♦ Eleanor “Dickie” Mirsky Bloom, 46377th St., Brooklyn, NY 11209-3205; tel. (718) 836-6344.

In October 1998, I’m turning ahead to our January/February 1999 column. The year that began with the pumpkin on Lube Tower and dragged on through never-ending White House scandal is winding down with little accomplished at the national level. Nevertheless, the Class of ’35 is carrying on and is looking forward to our 65th Reunion in 2000 AD!

Bethel M. Caster, a retired professor of Texas Women’s U. at Denton, TX, participates in Altrusa International activities. She enjoys bridge, theater, and crossword puzzles, and exercises three times a week. Bethel makes phone calls to Margaret Sturz Conner and Dorothea T. Van Ness ’36, Tevis M. Goldhaft, DVM ’35, of Haverford, PA, reports that he has replaced our late classmate, Harry Glass, DVM ’35, as the Vet college contact person for our class. Tevis took a ten-day trip to Ireland and describes himself as a TV-observer of the Phillips, Flyers, 76ers, and Eagles. Father of three daughters, he has five grands and two great-grands.

Elizabeth Williams Stavely, of Mendocino, CA, says she was kept informed about the Great Pumpkin episode by Ginny Yoder Briggs, M Ed ’66. She was visited by Katherine Merritt Bell ’33, BS Agr ’34, in the fall of 1997. Betty sings in the same choir as Robert James ’43, swims and belongs to the League of Women Voters and a genealogy society. Reuben L. Kershaw, of Mission Viejo, CA, (formerly of Great Neck, NY) retired from the building business, has attended two Elderhostels—at Cambria and Palm Desert. For five years Reuben has volunteered as an ombudsman in retirement homes. Early in 1998, he had a 176-yard hole-in-one. (WOW!) He and wife Norma play duplicate bridge twice a week. They celebrated their 47th anniversary in the spring of 1998 and have two married daughters living in California, with four grandchildren. He occasionally attends luncheons of the Orange County Alumni Association.

Ruth Gates Fisher (Mrs. Charles A.) of Williamsville, NY, remarks about retirement, “20 years, how can that be? It’s wonderful, Ruth. How lucky we survivors are! George Fauerbach of Williamsburg, VA, attends dinner meetings of Cornell Hotel Society (formerly the Society of Hotelmen), swims and weight-trains regularly. In May 1998, George attended his grandson’s marriage in Ocean City, NJ, his granddaughter’s high school graduation in Columbus, IN, and his grandson’s Eagle Scout award ceremony.
George was asked by Linda Mason, wife of classmate Hugh, to report his demise on June 19, '98. Hugh will be greatly missed by us all.

Meda Young Thetford and husband Norman D. '34, MD '38, still enjoy gardening and take an active interest in the state of the world. They have four children and nine grandchildren, one of whom is in the Class of '99. Two others applied to Cornell, were accepted, but are going elsewhere. I hate to say it, Meda, but that's par for the course! It happened to me, too!  

John Sullivan Jr., BArch '36, of Dayton, OH, was honored with a black tie dinner for outstanding service for 50 years by the Dayton chapter of American Inst. of Architects. He had been president of the Dayton Art Inst. and County Historical Society for 11 years. John and Fred Miller are the only two Phi Delta Theta classmates now surviving. In April and May, John had visited England, Ireland, and France with his daughter and her husband. "It was a great trip, but exhausting," said John.

Shirley Jacobs Streicker, of Rye, NY, has traveled extensively with Eldoroshers. She has three sons and eight grandchildren. Wilfred R. Kelly, of Middleton, VT, and La-Belle, FL, formerly with the Vermont Dept. of Agriculture, now assists daughter Jeanne in running the family orchard, which supplies a stand on Rte. #7, north of Ferrisburg. He and his wife, Beatrice, joined a group of 50 alumni in winter 1997 on a delightful cruise from Acapulco, Mexico, through the Panama Canal to Puerto Rico. Wilfred has returned for every crew reunion. "Stroke, Stroke, Stroke, like the swallow going. Wilfred!"

Lucille Bethke Bateman, of Belle Isle, FL, who retired in 1982 from Orange County Board of Public Instruction, retired again in April 1998 after 26 years in public service, beginning in 1956 as city treasurer and ending with 14 years on the city council. Lucille was honored for her long service by the mayor and council in which she participated, especially in lake front and other public improvements. She has traveled to the South Pacific, western Canada, New England, and NY State, and she has volunteered at elementary and hospice committees. Lucille is one of the remaining four of eight participants in round robin of alumnae.

Let's hear it for the Big Red team! Send more news notes! Ed Miller, JD '39, 10101 Grosvenor Pl, #1515, Rockville, MD 20852.

With very little news of the Class of '36 on hand, a call to Class President Dorothy Greey Van Bortel brought forth her good news and bad news. The bad news is that she's had two bouts of surgery, back and carpal tunnel, from which she's recovering nicely. The good news is that she enjoys living in the retirement community (in Rye, NY) more than she expected to, and that last fall, the beaux arts chairperson of the Women's Club of Rye dedicated its art show to Dorothy.

News of the unexpected death of Grandin Godley, MCE '37, last fall came when Dorothy called and Grandin's wife, classmate Virginia (Phillips), gave her the news.

Last July's historic celebration in Seneca Falls, NY—of the 100th anniversary of the approval of Elizabeth Cady Stanton's Declaration of Women's Rights and Sentiments—was attended by Helen Harding Clark, of Binghamton, NY, her daughter Patricia Harding-Clark, and Patricia's daughter Sarah Caplan-Clark. For Helen, who is the wife of Charles A. Clark '37, the trip to Seneca Falls was described in a Binghamton newspaper account as "a day with her family" which came "60 years after she gave up a career as a college-educated student to raise four daughters."

A letter sent to this magazine last summer by Elizabeth Fessenden Washburn of Charlotte, NC, about some fond memories that had been triggered by items contained in the May/June 1998 issue of Cornell Magazine. Reading about the "rapin' grandna" on page 10, she recalled that in 1934-35 her roommate in Kappa Delta was the same Ellen Albertini '35, who—as a drama major with less demanding homework to occupy her—sometimes "wanted to play our little radio when we (Elizabeth and another roommate, Eleanor Horsey) needed to study. As such times, unbeknownst to her, we pulled the plug, then volunteered to 'fix' it, just as soon as we could get a new 'crystal' (an essential part of radio anatomy in those days) for it. When it suited our convenience, we produced a nice shiny cube of galena (‘looks gold’), filtered from the chemistry lab, sat it on top of the radio, and by a bit of dexterity of hand, plugged the radio back in. She must have thought it odd how that crystal kept getting lost!" Another memory of hiking with Judge Marvin Dye '17 was evoked by news of his death in the May/June issue. She wrote, he "was a wonderful old man when I met him more than 20 years ago on a trip to Hawaii with the Genesee Valley Hiking Club of Rochester." He proved to be a game hiker, in spite of injury and of having been "82 then, so must have been well over 100 when he died. Marvin Dye—a truly remarkable person, self-effacing, matter-of-fact, a delightful companion. It is said if you want to really know a person, go camping with him. With Marvin, he rose in your estimation day by day."

Joseph E. "Joe" Terry, in Corona, CA, wrote that all's well with him and his wife Lily. He said that southern California weather keeps them healthy in winter and summer. They planned to spend their 51st wedding anniversary in Las Vegas in January 1998.

Everett Bragg, MD '40, suffered a massive stroke in July 1996, and is slowly recovering. He sends best wishes to all. Herbert J. Passino moved from Tenally, NJ, to Newfane, VT, in November 1997 and we have since learned of his death Jan. 9, '98.

Joseph G. Lorenzo, writing from Newport Beach, CA, where he has lived for 27 years, says physical activity is limited to short walks. He misses his wife, and golf, but family and friends and music keep him busy and happy.

Please pay your dues promptly and please, send news. Allegra Law, Iroquois, 12804-2640.

Class Vice President Irving M. Friedman is a retired administrative court judge. Still playing the fiddle, he conscientiously practices and enjoys joining a pianist friend of many years in violin and piano duos. He is on special committees for voluntary agencies dealing with physically and emotionally disabled people. His wife, Janet, formerly directed programs for training and employment of the handicapped. The Friedmans, frequent travelers, were in Switzerland and on a Rhine River cruise and recently another cruise which featured performances of members of the Theater Guild of New York.

Richard G. Handrick, whose 40-year career was in organic chemistry and who has been retired since 1980, recently withdrew from active work in the American Chemical Society's Northeastern section. Heavily into family genealogies in Connecticut and Pennsylvania, he has a son, David, and a daughter, Betty Handrick Baldwin '70, MS '75. Betty has worked in equine research at the Veterinary college since 1970. Although his last trip overseas was in 1981, Richard loves to reminisce about travels in Europe and the mid-eastern countries of Asia.

John R. Manning is still an active real estate appraiser, covering the Hudson Valley region of NY State. Son John Jr. is a project manager for Universal Studios in Orlando, FL. On St. Simon's Island, GA, Eugene A. Zweng, BA '40, still "dabbles" in a little renovation work on vacation-area units. Erbin D. "Shug" Wattles is retired in Grosse Pointe, MI. He's real pleased that grandson Marcus Faust '02 has entered Cornell.

John Davidson, always an enthusiastic and loyal Cornellian, really enjoyed attending reunions, especially our 50th and 55th, but increasingly serious health problems from Alzheimer's and Parkinson's in the past five years prevented his joining us for our 60th. John has been in the extended-care area of the hospital in New London, NH, for some time. When his wife Charlotte visits him, they share memories of Cornell as she reads to him from Cornell Magazine, especially the class column.

"Tevis Goldhaft describes himself as a TV-observer of the Phillies, Flyers, 76ers, and Eagles."

—ED MILLER '35
with news about classmates. John retired from the American Insurance Assn. in 1979, and shortly after moved from New Jersey to their retirement home, which he had planned in New Hampshire in order “to enjoy the four seasons.”

We’re sorry to report that Dr. Walter P. Frankel, a retired dentist of Boca Raton, FL, suffered a severe stroke in 1994. Gardner Lloyd is in an Albion, MI, nursing home with Alzheimer’s. Frederic D. Morris, MS Ed ’47, of Cuba, NY, long a faithful supplier of news for this column, assures us that details of his health problems would be boring. ✷ Robert A. Rosevear, 2714 Saratoga Rd., N., Deland, FL 32720-1403; tel., (904) 734-2306.

It certainly is nice to return to news of the Class of ’37 women. Esther Schiff Bondareff reports granddaughter Diane Bondareff (Barnard ’90) is news media specialist, in charge of the website for the City of New York and its senior at Princeton. Esther’s hobbies are “living.” Recent travel took her to the Cornell research station in Yutaje, which is in a rain forest in Venezuela. Esther is a volunteer (and past president) at the Palm Beach Zoo and at Allegheny College. Shirley’s grandchildren are Elizabeth, in Miami; Raymond, Sparta Aviation College; and Daniel, Kansas City High. In June, Shirley was lucky enough to take a cruise to Bermuda and have all three of her children aboard. She was planning to take a trip to Alaska in September. Shirley is a member of the Retired Physicians Society, the Retired Professional Society, and the Hilton Book Guild. ✷ Gertrude Kaplan Fitzpatrick, 94 Broadway, Box 228, Cortland, NY 13045.

Jim Outhouse and wife Louise have a new address at an independent-living retirement home known as Westminster Village: 2741 N. Salisbury St., Apt. 2108; W. Lafayette, IN 47906-1431.

Wes Franklin lost his wife of 57 years, “Bobbie,” in 1997. Hardy Cook, BS AEM ’40, is proud of a daughter who won the Maryland women’s bowling tourney. Olof Dahlstrand, BArch ’39, remarried in 1996, and his new wife, Lucia, had a complete home in Colorado Springs, so they now split time between there and his Carmel, CA, digs. He had quadruple-bypass surgery in 1997, then

“Novelist Jim McKay says his books ‘are and probably will continue to be unpublished.’”

— FRED HILLEGAS ’38

Planned Parenthood. In August, in Orlando, she received the National Agriculture and Development Assn. Award as a Cornellian. Her Cornell activities are club organization and fund-raising.

Alice Richards Campbell’s nickname is “Gee Gee” for great-grandma! Her sons are Richard Hanes, 60, and Robert Hanes, 57. Richard attended RIT, with a BEE degree. Elon has an MBA degree and Robert owns a car-care business. There are seven grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Alice’s hobbies are music, reading, writing (poetry and non-fiction), and handcrafts. Alice lives with her youngest son and his wife in a small Midwestern town. At 82, her health is the envy of everyone! She sings in a county choral group, attends many concerts and concerts, and probably will continue to be unpublished.” As for his three grandchildren, “it looks like no prospects for Cornellians.” ✷ Fred Hillegas, 7625 E. Camelback Rd., Maya Apts., #220-A, Scottsdale, AZ 85251.

The weeks are all too short for Judy Jaffe Newman, whose activities include a book discussion group, weekly radio readings for the visually impaired, serving as president of a retiree’s study group, and other local committees. She’s a member of her church choir and another choral group, attends many concerts and theater performances, and still travels extensively, with recent trips ranging from the Caribbean and Panama Canal to Russia and the Galapagos Islands. Advanced aerobic classes help keep her in excellent health, and she has four grandchildren to fill in any open hours. Dorothy Godfrey Crowther lists five children, 12 grands, and eight great-grands. She keeps busy with church and community organizations, including the Elyria, OH, Women’s Club presidency, so her days are also “never boring.” Out in Wenatchee, WA, Irene Moran Van Doren and her daughter are known as “the Cookie Ladies,” since they produce such quantities for the church, Grange, and other local activities.

Cape Porpoise, ME, is home territory for Ruth Barclay Wright and husband Harold ’36, MD ’39, and their children. One of her sons directs a well-known art gallery, another specializes in modern and classical guitar tapes, while Ruth’s daughter divides her time with community projects and sailing. Julie Robb Newman and husband Paul, PhD ’37, still divide their time between Florida and Oswasco Lake. Their fourth-generation Cornellian granddaughter is on the Hill, carrying on the family tradition.

Our sympathy goes to Barbara Ives Weeks, whose husband, Charles, died recently after lengthy illness. She continues to live in Southport, ME. News has also reached us of the deaths of Ruth Jachens Brennick and E. E. “Betty” Tompkins, ardent Cornell supporters through the years.

Mary Woulfe Taylor enjoyed a visit with Willie Mazar Satina, MS HE ’47, and Willie’s husband, Al, before the Satinas returned to Phoenix from the 60th. Ruth Drake
Hayford says she's in a lovely senior citizen's residence in Chestnut Ridge, NY, not far from the Tappan Zee Bridge, and she's anxious to meet Cornellians in that area, so let her know! ❖ Helen Reichert Chadwick, 225 N. 2nd St., Lewiston, NY 14092.

A heartwarming story came to me by way of Christine Oaklander '81, BS Ag '82, concerning our classmate Lyndon Stevens. It seems that in 1997 she was completing a doctoral dissertation in American art history at the U. of Delaware. Since little is known of her subject, artist Henry Fitch Taylor, it was only through creative sleuthing that she was able to Lyndon, the artist's grandmother. Christine went on to tell of being invited to the home of Lyndon and her husband in Pasadena, and being showered with many kindnesses and provided with previously unknown paintings and valuable documents from the artist's hand. It was only after writing to thank the Stevenses for their gracious help that Christine learned of Lyndon's death a month after their visit. Although Christine has not been an active alumna, herself, she said that meeting Lyndon reaffirmed for her how special a place Cornell really is.

The "Big 60" committee, consisting of Ruth Gold Goodman, MA '41; Betty Luxford Webster; Bill "Skip" Fuertes, MS '51, and your correspondent, is well along in making plans for next June. We unanimously chose Skip to co-chair the reunion with Luxie and fill the big shoes formerly filled by Bill Lynch. You'll be hearing from us on a regular basis. Several have asked if we are planning any kind of a memorial for Bill. We definitely are, but feel it should be a decision made by the family. Her father, Dr. William C. Thro Lynch. Glad to hear that Ed Radell is still well and living happily in an apartment adjoining the home of his youngest daughter just outside Rochester, NY. His youngest son, Peter, is an MD on the staff of a hospital in St. Louis. To make the story complete, Peter married a Swedish girl while attending Georgetown U. Some Canadian fishing, doing yard work for neighbors, and keeping track of 14 grandchildren keeps Ed busy and on the move.

We're sad to report that Fred Macnutt and Robert Gerwig, JD '42, have passed away. Our sympathy goes out to their widows.

Lee Feltman, JD '41, and wife Shirley Benjamin '40 are keeping up on the Cornell legacy tradition with three grandchildren enrolled this year. Lee is still active, in practice with his law firm, as is Shirley, who is a clinical psychologist-analyst. They're not even thinking about retirement. At the recent wedding of their eldest child, also a lawyer, they met up with their fraternity brothers Bob Mich Soft, MD '43, and Herb Cadel '40, BA '41.

Sideline: A century ago, America was known as the melting pot. Today, it's more like a pressure cooker. ❖ Russ Martin, 29 Janvier Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850; tel., (607) 257-1103.

Thanks to all who sent news on the first dues notice. You have another chance on the second dues notice (mailed in October 1998). Let us keep in touch as we approach our 60th Reunion in June 1999!

Mary "Doddie" Dodds Phillips notes that the four who usually get together (Margaret Schuman Green, Sarah Steinman Harms, Mary Dodds Phillips, and Betty Luxford Webster) reunited in October 1998 in Cooperstown, NY. Helen Stephenson De Luca reports a mini-reunion with Barbara Gay Ringholm, Bill Morin, and Priscilla Buchholz Frisbee in June 1998, in Sharon Springs. After a day in Cooperstown, they discussed pfford's trip to Alaska and Priscilla's visit to Europe.

Dorothy McKissoc Garrison says: "Our children gave us a lap-top computer and we are now deep into genealogical research. It is very engrossing." Eleanor Culver Young enjoyed a second cruise to Alaska in sunny weather with fabulous views of Mt. Denali. She adds, "Hats off to Minneapolis for efficient hosting of the AARP Convention in May 1998!"

Florence Morgenstern Dreizen Barth is a judge for the New York City Environmental Control Board. She also does arbitration for the New York City Office of Collective Bargaining, the NY State Public Employment Relations Board, and the AAA. Her husband is a retired CPA and is tax editor of the CPA Journal. Daughter Alison Dreizen '74 has a partner in a law firm, and daughter Laura Dreizen Isol '70 is working on a PhD thesis. Grandson Louis attends Cornell Medical College, where he has obtained three master's degrees. Florence loves to travel and to visit her daughter in E. Hampton, NY. She notes that the secret of staying young, whatever your age, is being active!

Ruth Gallagher Goodenough, MA '41, and husband Ward '40, live in a retirement home and life-care community in Havertford, PA. One grandson was married in September 1998 but seven other grandchildren are still unmarried. Hilda Morehouse Leet, BS HE '41, was a doctoral dissertation in American Studies! All I could do on a horse was walk. Please let me know, so that I can pass along the address. Tedd flew to Albany to visit her brother and reunited with his family on Keuka Lake, passing to visit her husband's grave while passing through Ithaca. ❖ Ella Thompson Wright, 7212 Masonville Dr., Annandale, VA 22003-1630; tel., (703) 573-5403.

Classmate Barbara Thro Boyd died in June 1998 of Lou Gehrig's disease. She was one of 11 Cornellians in her family. Her father, Dr. William C. Thro 1900, MD '07, was a physician, Cornell professor, and head of the pathology department at Cornell Medical College (now the Joan and Sanford I. Weill Medical College of Cornell U.); her mother, Alice (Simmons) '06, taught in New York City. Her son, Craig Katka, and sisters Caroline Thro Richardson '38 and Eloise Thro Greenstone '43 are among her survivors. Barbara had a degree in psychology, then earned a master's in counseling. She taught elementary school for 25 years.

One of our fun-packed mini reunions has been held in Lake George for the past 15 years. Those attending this year were: Betty and Forrest Griffith, J.F. Donoghue, Hop and William Dean Wallace. Bill "Bumper" Baird, CE '41, Ned Prince, and Claire and Ed Wardwell, B Ch E '41. Also, Helen and L. Alan Passmore '42. Unable to attend this year were: Ruth and Charlie Bowen, Mary and Jack Holley '42, Betty Seely Williams '41 and "Wint." Cornellians wishing to join this fun-packed reunion may submit applications in triplicate to Dean Wallace, 505 N. Orchard Rd., Syracuse, NY 13209. The rest of us will have to wait until June 2000 in Ithaca!

I don't think Barbara Thro Boyd had ever been mentioned in this column, and neither has George Springer from Chagrin Falls, OH. He does not mention what career he followed but clearly he is a theater "buff." He chairs the trustees of the Cleveland Playhouse Theater and is a trustee of the Arizona-Tucson-Phoenix Theater Co. He has been to London with the Cleveland Play House trustees. Any more. George? Dorothy Oakes wrote from 606 10th Ave. NW, Rio Ranchero, NM, that her husband, Dr. Russell Curtis Oakes, died rather suddenly this past April. He had been planning to present a paper and workshop in Thailand in July 1998 at the World Council for Curriculum and Instruction. His daughter Margaret went to Thailand and read his paper for him.

We're not quite quick enough to send 80th birthday wishes to Wilson Pratt, but he would like to hear from old friends. Send a note to him in the Cattaraugus County Nursing Home, Rte 16, Machias, NY 14101. Joseph Taubman, JD '42, and wife Lillian celebrated 55 years of marriage in June. He wrote of their cruise to Alaska. Unable to attend this year were: Ruth and Charlie Bowen, Mary and Jack Holley '42, Betty Seely Williams '41 and "Wint." Cornellians wishing to join this fun-packed reunion may submit applications in triplicate to Dean Wallace, 505 N. Orchard Rd., Syracuse, NY 13209. The rest of us will have to wait until June 2000 in Ithaca!

A quick update from John Munschauer's granddaughter Heather Torrey '01, who is a member of the women's polo team. Congratulations! All I could do on a horse was fall off.

Leroy Flesher, of Edinburg, NY, retired in September 1996 from his work as manager of marketing and application engineering at Alco Engines. He is president of the Edinburg Common School Board. He has mixed work with pleasure for trips to England. Andrew "Barry" Nicholls, a life-long friend, still enjoys boating and fishing. He teaches safe boating with the Sarasota Power Squadron. Son Greg Nicholls '82, BS Eng '83, is back in Orlando from 1-1/2 years in England, still with Lockheed-Martin. He adds: "Saw both Greg

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and [son] Barry this weekend. Happy Days.”

Sorry to hear that John Donoghue, in Key Biscayne, FL, in April lost his wife, Anne Smith Donoghue, who suffered from Parkinson’s.

Esther (Jones) and husband Morgan Sinclair live in Santa Monica, CA, where he has been retired since 1973. He is an inactive member of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary after 30 years of activity. They still attend programs once or twice a year. They do not say how many, but they travel around mostly northern California seeing offspring. They enjoy jazz enough to attend classic jazz festivals within California. Their home state makes it a long way to 60th Reunion—save up and come! Carol Clark Petrie: 18 Calh Grove Rd., Marblehead, MA 01945; tel., (781) 631-5238.

R. L. “Bart” Bartholomew sent an obituary on Walter “Pop” Scholl. As at Cornell, Pop had a most impressive lifetime record of solid achievement. In the Army Air Corps during World War II he was awarded the Flying Cross and a Silver Star. He was a vice-president of Merrill Lynch and a member of the New York Stock Exchange. In addition, he was elected to the Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame. His wife, Eleana (James) ’44, reports that her grandson Erik C. Johnson ’94 graduated from Mt. Sinai Medical College. Granddaughter Heather Scholl ’01 is taking pre-medical studies on the Hill.

Joe Hizer lost his wife, Doris (Benjamin) ’42, after they had been married 54 years. He’s having difficulty adjusting without her. Royal “Duke” Treadway and wife Patty moved into a Scottsdale, AZ, retirement community.

Paul Spiers enjoyed the tenth annual reunion of his B-17 bomber crew. They meet on April 13 to commemorate the 1944 bombing mission of Schweinfurt, Germany. “Great crew, great reunions.” Paul now belongs to the Geriatric Pilots Assn. that meets at the National War Plane Museum at the Elmira/Corning Airport. Paul is active in the Rotary Club of Sodus, NY, presently as secretary and in the past as president. Bill “Flick” Flickinger lives in a Cary, NC, continuing-care community.

This correspondent and wife have relocated to a retirement home. New address, below. There will be no extras sent out this year, as I barely get enough news items to fill six bi-monthly issues. We will not publish long articles. Two classmates sent them and we are confident they will mail them to you if you are interested: Henry Heimlich, MD ’43, 2368 Victory Pkwy., Suite 410, Cincinnati, OH 45206, has reprinted copies of an article he published in Encyclopédia Britannia ‘98 Medical and Health Annual, entitled, “Rebel With a Cause: Saving Lives.” Herb Ernest sent an article he wrote about his World War II experience in a quartermaster company that baked bread for army troops. Herb met many important people that visited his company.

Bill Hagar and Nancy were in Las Vegas for the 80th Fighter Squadron reunion. He was joined by his two sons. Nancy lost a few bucks. Bill claims, “Being so lucky in love, I don’t gamble.” Bill follows the sun: summers in Tillson, NY, winters in Vero Beach, FL, calling his game “horrible.” Ken Cudmore had a great phone chat with fraternity brother Lou Conti. Another brother, Charles Bohnzey, is fighting a bad health problem and could use our prayers. Ken and his wife Mimi are busy in church work. She is the ’41 class secretary for Skidmore College. Ken’s dad, John Cudmore, MD ’05, was his class secretary for life.

Frank Schlery left the Pennington, NJ, area for Tennessee. He will send his new address. Frank visited John Osborn and wife Elaine Seeger Osborn ’42 in Morristown, NJ. They enjoyed the pumpkin prank on Libe Tower. Ralph Antell, Beaumont Towers, Apt. 408, 7015 Cameron St., Richmond, VA 23225.

Bright leaves are whirling in brisk winds this mid-October, but as yet on campus there is no sign of any activity comparable to the Great Pumpkin Caper of 1997. I write of classmates in the order their 1998 news forms arrived at the Alumni Affairs office or my home.

Like many of ’41, Ruth S. Puff of W. Hartford, CT, is an active volunteer, and continues to be healthy and enjoys new experiences. Eloise Crosby Nelson (Mrs. Alexander M,) wrote, “As I approach my 80s, I’m trying to simplify all possible aspects of life. Any organization in which I participate that offers a life membership usually appeals to me. Does Cornell have this? Is it being considered? I think the Cornell Magazine is excellent.” [Life membership subscriptions to the magazine, although offered briefly many years ago, were complicated to administer and far from cost-effective for the magazine, so were discontinued. Automatic renewal of subscriptions and dues through credit card is a popular option for a number of classes.—Ed.]

Dr. Kathleen M. Spellman, MD ’44, is a board member of the Children’s Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati, OH. “I’ve thought of moving to North Carolina or Georgia, but as years go by, Cincinnati looks better all the time. Am troubled with arthritis, so don’t travel anymore. For the first time in my life, I am without a dog. Five children and nine grandchildren are all doing well.”

“Volunteerism seems to be my avocation these days,” writes Evelyn Opdyke Mueller, from Mount Dora, FL. Chaufering cancer patients to therapy and donating platelets at Central Florida Blood Bank are part of her routine. With five children and six grandchildren, she enjoyed an Easter camping weekend on the Florida Panhandle. A more recent trip was on a three-masted schooner to Belize and Guatemala. “I went scuba diving and climbed an unreconstructed pyramid at Tikal. The guide didn’t think I could do it! He didn’t know me.”

Dorothy Newman Seligman reported that she had just returned from a month’s trip to Australia and New Zealand last spring. “I meet with Edith Lewis Pernan-Allen, Sylvia Weinrobt Kessler, and Doris Tripler Kiely for lunch every few months. I play tennis and golf and enjoy life with my husband of 55 years.” Please continue sending your news directly to me. Jane Webb Acton, 459 Savage Farm Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850-6507; tel., (607) 257-4914; e-mail, 104374.67@compuserve.com.

David Bradstreet (Moreno Valley, CA) was in Redmond visiting his son, a twin, who works for Microsoft. Interestingly, the other twin works for Apple. Retired from doctoring in Newport Beach, CA, David enjoys traveling between the homes of his five children. Dave recalled Herb Eldridge (Martha’s Vineyard, MA), a naval supply officer, who, when hospitalized during World War II, was bedded next to John F. Kennedy. Now Herb’s met President Clinton during his recent summer vacations. Will Templeton (Oceanside, CA) visited Seattle for a reunion with his shipmates from the cruiser USS San Diego from the days of World War II.

Art and Jean Fenton Potter (Washington, CT) are into the good life, traveling 2,000 miles in Chile, where Jean was born, attending an Elderhostel in the Adirondacks, and visiting Park City, UT. Art is busy chairing the board of tax review and as a church trustee, Jean keeps up with watercolors and recorder work. They play golf, downhill and cross-country ski, and Art still hunts. Their 15 grands have produced two great-grands. They enjoy life on their farm, managed by two sons and producing world-renowned Holsteins.

Beverly Ham Allen (Arcade, NY) co-chair of our 60th Reunion in 2002, summered at her Adirondack camp and attended grandparents weekends at Gettysburg College and Washington State U. And she never misses Cornell football games. Contact Bev if you have any ideas for reunion. Connie Caffrey McMurray (Upper Montclair, NJ) receives many rewards from her Travel Bureau job, such as trips to Padua, Italy, and Venice. She also attends Elderhostels, gardens, and does senior exercises at the Y. Connie sees Harry Vawter. BA ’47, (Cedar Grove, NJ) who plans his trips through her agency.

Lonnell (Raymond) and David Hammers (Gatherburg, MD) enjoyed a Rhine River cruise. Lonnell takes drawing and writing classes and has entered the computer world. Her e-mail address is Hartz100@aol.com. Fran Gruen (Tonawanda, NY) is proud of son Michael ’78, who was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the Army Signal Corps.

Arthur McTaggart, MS Ed ’43, (Logansport, IN) retired after teaching English for 22 years at Yeungnam U. in Korea. He plans to visit Cornell and Telluride House. John Locke (Evaston, IL) enjoys retirement and concentrating on collecting stamps. He says, “All these recent commemoratives are keeping me broke.”

Ed Markham (Bainbridge, WA) has a travel itinerary that includes attending garden writers’ seed conferences at U. of Georgia; Frankfurt and Stuttgart, Germany; Berne, Switzerland; and San Diego, CA. He also plans to go to Portland, OR, for the Northwest Nursery Trade Show, and Vancouver, BC.
Canada, and Denver, CO, for horticultural conferences. He is on the editorial board of Canadian-American Flower Growers’ Coop and writes and photographs for horticultural trade and garden magazines.

Our Arkansas correspondent, Bill Webster (Little Rock, AK) sends news from the Arkansas Democrat Gazette that swing is now “cool.” Don’t call it Big Band, just call it BIG. Grandaddy’s bands are back in style and everyone is doing the Lindy. This is also true on Mercer Island, WA, where there are swing lessons for high school students. Modern swing bands have about six members and the music is new. However, the original swing of Glenn Miller and Benny Goodman never left and is seen an upsurge in popularity. I’ll let you know what all the ’42 music lovers on our 1998 Big Band Cruise think about this.

Bob Coors (Palos Verdes Estates, CA) is busy with his investments. Rita Koening Pepperman (W. Orange, NJ) has joined the class but sent no news. Ken Hubbard, BS ’48, (Ft. Myers, FL) is a lawyer and runs the Ft. Myers Insurance Agency. He enjoys going to Venice, FL, to fish and fight off the pelicans for his catch. During World War II, he served with the US Navy.

Frank Crowley (Key Largo, FL) traveled to Europe and Alaska, enjoys bridge and computer classes, and spends his time golfing, boating, and gardening. He may win the class prize with 21 grands. Jim Bean (Hustontown, PA) writes, “No change in type of activities, just beginning to scale back on intensity. Still enjoy a big garden, cutting firewood for heat, and hunting deer in NY State and Pennsylvania, but am no longer going to Wyoming.” He winters in Florida and hopes to attend the 60th Reunion.

Paul Barden (North East, PA) is past president, treasurer, and trustee of Chautauqua County Historical Society and treasurer of the genealogical society. He flies to Tucson to visit son Wally ’66, a retired colonel and Air Force pilot. He enjoys collecting antiques and silver and spoils 11 grands and one great. Grandson Cody, a PGA golfer, was golf coach at Pepperdine U. and gives lessons all over the country for Jack Nicklaus and Jim Flick. I wonder if he’s featured in the Nicklaus/Flick Golf School TV ads.

I’m hooked on cruising: went on one to Spain, Italy, and France with my daughters and, of course, on the Big Band Cruise. Once you’ve seen the Sistine Chapel, etc. We had a super time. I enjoy hearing from all of you, so do list your activities so I can write about you. ❖ Carolyn Evans Finneran, 2933 70th SE, #13D, Mercer Island, WA 98040; tel., (206) 232-3092; e-mail, CeeFin@juno.com.

While I await the arrival of the first carload of mail you folks sent in along with your class dues, and there will indeed be a carload now that you guys have all this time on your hands, let’s look at some really old news. Bob Hickman writes, “We’ve moved to Jenner’s Pond Retirement Community but we’re not quite retired. Still have a lot of un-packing to do.” We hope there’s really water in Jenner’s Pond; Bob was once our star in the 200-yard breaststroke.

Retired Army Maj. J. Alton Jenks dwells from May to October in Wilmington, NC, the balance, in Afton, NY, where he operates one of his three variety stores. He says he’s in both phone books and is available to conduct tours. I think what he means is he’d be happy to see you. One-time farmer, teacher, and town government official Charles Truman says he’s traveled the world during the past 25 years and will continue to do so as long as his Ensure performs.

This from Jack Rice: “Just moved ten miles farther south (to McMurray, PA) and expect to reach Florida in 2025. In 1991, I was asked to represent Cornell at the inauguration of the new president of Waynesburg College, south of Pittsburgh. I was sent a cap and gown. During the procession I asked the professor next to me what the colors and hash marks on my sleeves meant. I was not at all surprised to learn I was wearing the robe of a Doctor of Divinity.”

From Ocala, FL, Frank E. Martin, BS Ag ’44, wrote that he and Joan toured the British Isles last year in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. His health then took a nose dive. However, he is better now, and is down to his 1946 discharge weight. He ended: “Don’t print my health problems; only the part about the wonderful trip to Europe.” Done.

Eleanor (Smith) ’47 and Ralph Work, BS Ag ’46, MS ’49, spectacularly traveled to spectacular Alaska for two weeks last year. At one point, with four-time I’ditarod winner Garry Whittomore at the wheel, they took an eight-hour bus tour of Denali Park, which on my map looks to be about 5 million acres, dominated by Mt. McKinley. Would have been a long trip by dog sled. Earliest, Ralph was named 1995 Rensselaer County Conservationist of the Year for improving cold-water fishing habitat for trout.

We report, sadly, the death, on Oct. 5, ’98, of Joe Baum, “perhaps,” to quote Hotel School Dean David Dittman, “the greatest restaurateur of all time.” Joe’s early recognition that dining out was theater led him to create such landmarks as The Four Seasons, Windows on the World, and the re-invented Rainbow Room. For a fascinating review of Joe’s career see “From the Hill” in the previous issue. A good friend to many of us and to this university, we will indeed miss him.

“After 39 years with DuPont,” writes Phil Pernar, “plus 15 years of retirement, I am now able to apply washes of cobalt and cadmium compounds and phthalo dyes to sheets of rag paper from France. The result is called wa-tercolor painting. See samples.” Enclosed were Polaroids of Phil’s splendid Maine boat-yard paintings. Perhaps this rag paper from Ithaca will print them. If not, you could each write Phil, at 633 Sandhurst Pl., Aiken, SC 29801, and buy one while they last. ❖ S. Miller Harris, PO Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA 19868; e-mail, millerharris@netcarrier.com.

As announced in the last issue, “Cornell Class of ’44 Tales” is a viable project. Slices of your lives keep drifting in, some thin, some thick, but Bob Schmidt can include MORE. He wants to include the tales of as many contributors as possible and welcomes multiple entries. If you have another tale please submit it ASAP. His address: 12 Sidney Pl., Brooklyn, NY 11201.

Art Kesten, BA ’49, reports that our Class of ’44’s Internet pages are now on Cornell’s Web site thanks to Bill Zieman, BA Ch E ’43, our ’44 Webmaster; the access code is www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/. More than 60 classmates have already posted e-mail addresses but Art suggests the total may not reach beyond 150. “It will never be a ‘be and end all’ means of communication but just another way to get the word out to a select few.”

Many classmates are still working—for money. Bertil, JD ’49, and wife Jean Ripton Peterson, JD ’49, who are practicing law in Orchard Park, NY, and have two lawyer children, say, “Don’t hold that against us.” Beatrice Noback Robbins, BS Ch E ’45, and her husband are patent attorneys but plan to quit working within the year and move into a retirement community called Buckingham’s Choice in Frederick, MD. Timothy Richley ’77, the son of Alfred, BS Ag ’46, of Cortua, NY, keeps Alfred busy in the landscape design business.

George Kosel plays in three large bands (17 pieces) and subs in a fourth. He likes his work but thinks he may have to cut back—“too much is too much.” Henry Baxter writes that he’s working hard for 1825 Erie Canal restoration as part of Buffalo harbor redevelopment. Priscilla Young Waltz, widowed for two years, paints, writes, and volunteers at a hospital, museum, and yacht club. She continues to go annually to Maine for flyfishing on Great Pond. She reports eight “wonderful” grandchildren and sees Ann Lynch Pape ‘45, BS HE ‘44, often.

Authors include John Mettler, DVM ’44, whose third book, Wild Turkeys, was published in September by Storey Communications. Daughter Suzanne Mettler, PhD 1984, has written Dividing Citizens: Gender Federalism...
in New Deal Public Policy, a recent offering of Cornell University Press. Joe, ME E ’49, and Jeanne Neubecker Logue are both authors. Jeanne’s second book, Beyond the Germ Theory, about Dr. Cooper Curtis, a physician and veterinarian who eradicated Texas fever, a cattle disease, was published by Texas A&M University Press. Joe, asked to write his autobiography, produced From Vacuum Tubes to Large Scale Integration, which describes his trials, tribulations and engineering and management successes in getting IBM into the semi-conductor era. This appeared in the Inst. of Electrical and Electronic Engineering’s IEEE Annals of the History of Computing. They enjoy their winter home on Crooked Island, where the ocean water is clearest, the sandy beach whitest, and the fishing great. Howard Evans, PhD ’50, is co-authoring “Anatomy of the Woodchuck, Mammota Monax” and is seeking a publisher to be ready for the year 2000 meeting of the International Marmot Society in Vienna. He recently co-led an Adult University (CAU) trip to the Galapagos Islands.

Then there are part-time consultant types: Richard Alexander, BA ’43, MA ’43, MD ’47, who has worked half-time since retiring from surgical practice in 1989. He plays golf, travels, and claims eight grandchildren and two great-grands. Louis Shor, BS Ag ’457, DVM ’53 consults occasionally for pharmaceutical companies on the development of new animal drugs. Bobby Gans Gallant does educational consulting and lobbying for K-12. She toured the Pacific Northwest and Alaska with a lobbying friend. Edward Ahrens, a retired colonel, teaches occasionally in private schools in Florence, SC. He doesn’t say what subject. He and Cam are enjoying retirement as they visit children and grandkids in Florida, Tennessee, and South Carolina.

Reports of golden wedding anniversaries keep coming. Taylor Keller, B ME ’47, and his German war bride, Carola, were married in 1946. Some of RMC alumni will remember how this beautiful fizzle led me home by telephone after the war—fist by phoning the bar at the Officers Club at Bremerhaven and then, through the dean’s office, to catch me in classes at Sibley. It worked.” Paul Bailey, BS ’47, and Peggy went to Branson, MO, with four sons and their wives for their 50th, May 14, ’98, and saw shows for two days, then moved on to Denver and a day at Etch Gardens amusement park with their 19 grandkids.

Barbara Vanslyke Anderson and Doug celebrated in July 1998 with an Alaska cruise with close friends. “It was more than a luxurious vacation, it was an exciting learning experience. The beauty, the vastness, the history, of the heritage of that state blew our minds.” George, BA ’43, and Bob Gallagher’s day was Oct. 16, ’98. They traveled from Meda, PA, to Williamstown, MA, for a biennial get-together with George Judd ’45, BS Ag ’46, wife Ruth, and Barbara Gelder ’46 and Bob.

One further word for Bob Schmidt—he eagerly awaits your 200 to 1,000 words to augment his “Tales.” • Nancy Torlinski Rundell, 20540 Falcons Landing Cir., #4404, Sterling, VA 20165; tel., (703) 404-9494.

Again we’re grateful to long-suffering reporters who replied to our pleading for news, among them Sue Lopez Moody (Berne, NY), who by now is cruising with Richard aboard Crazin Gold, their winter-afloat home out of Big Pine Key, FL. They had a whale-watching trip off Cape Cod last July, where they had 12 sightings of three species. Sue’s daughter, Carey Anne Berdan, is lawyering in St. Croix, while sons Richard, a marine geologist, and Kevin, an archeologist, helped them celebrate their 50th in June 1997. They would have to charter a cruise ship to beat Ruth Phelps Latimer, MS ’46, (Kendall Park, NJ) and husband Robert ’39, MS ’42, who had their 50th in the Poconos with 29 family members, including four children and eight grandchildren. Vincent Marshall, BS Ag ’48, DVM ’54, MS ’61, (Omaha, NE) has retired, but is researching causes of MS and enjoying it. Bud did visit the campus last year, and meets with other local alumni. He plans to help round up classmates for reunion. Pierre Vivoli (San Diego, CA) reports that his wife, Julie, died last July after a second bout with ovarian cancer. Pete and Julie met while he was in V-12 and she was secretary to the director of the College of Civil Engineering, William Lindsay Malcolm, PhD ’37. They attended the 1985 and 1995 reunions, and were planning to be with us in 2000. We were also sorry to hear from Beverly White (San Antonio, TX) that Dr. Robert E. White passed away in November 1997. She says he treasured his Cornell time and alumni connections. Also recovering from the loss of her husband, Bill, in December 1995, is Charlotte Madison Devers, BA ’44, (Tucson, AZ); the last picture taken of him was at the 50th Reunion. Since then Sherry has traveled to England, Spain, and Wales, and recently to Scotland and Ireland, inquiring into Celtic spirituality. Having completed four years of theology school at U. of the South, as a Lay minister she takes communion to shut-ins, and she has been studying Near Eastern archeology at the U. of Arizona. She still takes time out for Cornell Club picnics and has become good friends with Sara ‘Sally’ Watrous Schumacher ’59 and Chris Ryan ’72. Reuben Pannor, BS Ag ’49, (Pacific Palisades, CA) says he was having coffee with conservative friends prior to sending in reports on his three children and six grandchildren, but would rather be attending a Class of ’45 Reunion. He learned that termites swarm following heavy rains, that the winged ones are queens and that’s when you should call the exterminator, but comments that he should have known that from his Ag college days and maybe that’s why he became a social worker. Aren’t termites social creatures, Reuben?

Another Californian, James F. Carley, BS Chem, PhD ’51 (Livermore), is semi-retired, consulting part-time at Livermore National Laboratory, but would rather be snorkeling in tropical waters looking for eagleramas. That sounds more like Big Jim, whose “significant other,” Karen Roewe, has just moved to Berkeley after making his absent heart hurt while she was a sorority house director in Ames, IA. He’s also been catching up on astronomical observations about unignited dwarf stars, but I have a problem with irresponsible Jim being unignited. Anyway, he did visit long-time friend Joyce Cook Wilson ’44 at Cayman Brac and enjoyed that Still another Zip-code 9+ classmate, Frederick G. Allen, BME ’44, (Los Angeles, CA), had asked for the address of his old roomie, H. Carl Whitman, BEE ’44, (Framingham, MA). He made contact, and will be getting together with Carl for the first time in 50 years. Fred is professor emeritus of electrical engineering at UCLA, which is a much more distinguished title than claimed by this EE, who just got by driving submarines, making motor controls, and pretending to be a consultant. Speaking of submarines, my wife, Barbara, and I recently had a ride on the USS Maine, a Trident boat and a monster. With five decks having seven-foot headroom and spanning the length of two football fields, it didn’t look like submarine life to me ever knew. We even managed the 27-foot climb up a ladder from the control room to enjoy the “view from the bridge.” When the diving officer ordered, “Make your depth 741 feet,” I inquired why such a funny number, only to be told, “Sir, you are aboard the SSBN-741.” I finally got with it, but am not so sure that atoms are better than diesel oil; at
least you smell better.

After our December 1997 comments about the submarine writings of John D. Alden '43, his wife, Ann (Buchholz) (Pleasantville, NY), wrote a nice note reporting that Cornell Magazine gives prizes for class columns. Nevertheless he has produced a new book, Salvage Man, about famed diver Edward Elberg. Not to worry; I received $52 for a book review in the Naval Submarine League magazine ($1 for each of the 52 boats lost in World War II).

Lorraine Hile Copeland (Beaufort, NC) returned from a wonderful cruise to Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Russia, Estonia, and Latvia with her sister, Mary Hile Ryan '48 and her daughter, Mary Sue Copeland Barry (married to F. Curtis Barry '70). At home, she does volunteer work at the North Carolina Maritime Museum and is battling the local government’s airport expansion plans. • Prentice Cushing, Jr., 713 Fleet Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23454-7321; tel., (757) 716-2400; fax, (757) 716-2401; e-mail, cscovo@aol.com.

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As a new service, we will publish class members’ e-mail and/or Web addresses in this column. Just email your information to pbleveland@juno.com. Be sure to include your name and your current city and state of residence.

Raymond L. Hunick and Barbara (Roxbury, CT) celebrated “50 years of marriage to each other!” and were feted by their three children to a two-day gala. On Sat., May 24, ’97, the guests were more than 100 friends and neighbors. On Sunday, there was a more intimate party for relatives and a few special friends. Featured along with the extravagant flowers, food, and drink were many old family photos. Also, their honeymoon luggage, Barb’s wedding dress (on a mannequin) and a new edible wedding cake. Peripatetic Franklyn Meyer and Katherine (Honolulu, HI) claim to have settled down in a townhouse in Danville, CA. But their main abode will be a condo at the foot of Diamond Head in Hawaii.

James W. Johnstone, BEE ’45, (gtn99@prodigy.com) (Wynnewood, PA) does taxes part-time for H&R Block. Despite the demands of his new “super-speed” computer, he plays lots of golf and tennis. Jim has also made time to visit Bermuda, New Orleans, and Dallas twice this year and host his gang for Christmas. Kenneth Voeller and Gail (kevf@worldnet.att.net; San Juan, PR) have arranged their family and personal business in Puerto Rico neatly. They travel to Latin America in the winter and to Vermont and the “upper 48” in the summer. Visiting grandchildren at summer camp in Vermont is a wonderful bonus.

Richard P. Korf, PhD ‘50, (rkorf@innet.com; Ithaca, NY) retired officially in 1992 from 41 years of teaching mythology at Cornell. Yet he continues to teach full terms, awaiting the appointment of a successor. Dick and Kumiko (Tachibana), MFA ’77, then escape Ithaca’s winter snows, “retreating to a modest condo on Clam Bayou in Gulfport, FL.” Paul L. Russell, BS EE ’45, and Kath­erine (Fort Pierce, FL) are thriving in sunny Florida. Daughter Lindsay, a junior at Bow­doin, was to spend the spring semester in Copenhagen. The Russells planned to spend a week or two with her there.

Irna Lesser Friedman, BA ’45, (New York City) phoned on September 18, while visiting San Francisco, to support my Assist article in the May/June 1998 issue. She and Caroline Steinholz Goldsmith are confirmed Elderhostel travelers. They will visit Chile’s Atacama Desert in November 1998 and Malta in April 1999. They have been to most of the Italian destinations and agree that they are superb. I tried to find Irna the day she called at a Michael Tilson Thomas open air Gershwin concert. We were both there but the mob scene did not lend itself to amateur sleuthing.

Daniel Alejo, BME ’47, (Ramona, CA) has retired to a gollwing community northeast of San Diego. His major activities are surf patrol, MADD, and golf. All of these are on hold until he recovers from a shoulder rotator problem.

See you on the Hill for our 55th—2001, An Ithacan Odyssey! Until then, send news. • Paul Levine, BS AE ’49, 31 Chiyoco Lane, San Carlos, CA 94070; tel., (650) 592-5273; fax, (650) 593-2572; e-mail, pbleveland@juno.com.

Some of our women’s news was sent to Paul Levine, BS AE ’49, by mistake and he recently forwarded it. The Kautskys, Norm and Marie (Prendergast) Littleton, CO, are on an Adult University (CAU) bird-watching trip in Cape Cod in fall 1997. They visited Margaret Newell Mitchell ’47, BS ’46, in Cleveland, OH, at Christmas. Wilbur and Marjorie Eberhardt Haupt (Overland Park, KS) spent Thanksgiving 1997 in Ithaca at the home of Al ’37 and Connie Eberhardt Cook ’41. JD ’43, with their daughter, Marilyn Haupt, MD ’76, Barbara Haupt Anderson ’79, and Connie Haupt Misener (SUNY, Buffalo). “The campus has changed, but the weather was the same as in our college days—damp, cold, and rainy. Enjoyed touring old haunts. We proudly showed our 1927 Packard, which is completely restored. It was frequently seen on campus in Connie Cook’s election campaign and to carry the Savage Club ‘band’ in parades.”

Olin and Nancy Knapp Allen (Lewes, DE) wrote, “We attended a Knapp reunion hosted by Grace, widow of Halsey Knapp Club ’band’ 20, MS ’22. Alzheimer’s disease, and now has time for larger dinner parties than ever before (when family was close enough to attend).

Lynn Rothstein Dowling is retired from producing theater in New York City. Lynn and husband Dr. John attended the Monaco Tennis Tournament and travel yearly to Paris and Longboat Key, FL.

Zoe Mae Bronaugh Cockley, Mansfield, OH, serves on ten boards of directors, and founded, finances, and operates lending libraries at two Head Start schools. Of her seven children, five are attorneys; she has 16 grandchildren, and three daughters-in-law. Two grandchildren now have MD degrees. Wow! Zoe’s hobby is genealogy. Her descendants will have lots of material.

Victor Hershman, MBA ’49, Sacramento, CA, tells us that the two smartest things he ever did were choosing Cornell and marrying his wife, Maria. He met Maria in Guadalajara, Mexico, in 1957 and they were married in
Don’t Touch That Dial

IRWIN GONSHAK ’47

Irwin Gonshak has always been a radio buff. Growing up in Queens, he was devoted to soap operas; in college, he listened to “Through the Garden Gate” every afternoon. After serving as a radio technician in World War II, he started writing his own scripts professionally. Now, funded by the Writer’s Guild East, he’s leading a campaign to re-introduce radio drama to the airwaves.

A seventy-one-year-old retired social studies teacher, Gonshak has penned several hundred scripts on topics such as the Holocaust, drug abuse, the environment, and women’s rights. “I always have a story in my head that I can dramatize,” says Gonshak.

To attract modern listeners raised on film and television rather than traditional radio drama, he keeps his plays short. The spots, three to five minutes long, are sandwiched between the news, weather, and traffic on the commercial dial. His motto: “The Lone Ranger will ride again—but shorter rides.”

—EMILY HOULAND ’98

Please bear in mind that much of the following news has been in the hopper for about a year.

Girard Haviland, Naples, MA: “Three daughters, seven grandchildren and, at last, they are all formally married. How times change! Last year (1996) I was starting to design our little house library for expansion and raising money for same. Last week we had the groundbreaking ceremony for the library and raised some more money. Between the two of us, we spend a lot of time at one doctor or another. Tomorrow I will play tennis and raise more money for the library.”

Charles Henry Perri, Bronxville, NY: “Earned MSW, Fordham, 1950; U. of Pennsylvania and post-grad, 1955. Worked with Hispanics almost 40 years—especially youth. Adopted one son. Retired 1988. Classmates invited to call, (914) 237-4120, for get-together. Last year (1996) attended American Indian Pow-wow, Mashantucket, CT, with son Angela and friends. Whooped it up, if feebly. Last week (1997) attended Alzheimer seminar, NYC. Talked shop, ate too much. Yesterday picked apples and raspberries with son on farm, upstate New York. My back killed me! Tomorrow and next will visit one of my youth-group members, now a grandfather several times over. Kids are still fun. Delighted to see expanded admission of Hispanic and Black students. Makes a more ‘real’ scholastic environment. Sorry to see increased building and jamming of campus. However, the commissary at Willard Straight Hall is very much improved. Have learned that paralegal studies are much needed these days, if regretfully.”

Amy Clark Spear (Mrs. Edward ‘45, BEE ’47), Rydal Park, Jenkintown, PA: “Second granddaughter, Amy Bennett ‘01, entered Cornell in August (1997), joining her cousin, Lesley Oakes ‘99. Last week recovered from a broken shoulder. Yesterday developed a set of exercises to strengthen my shoulder. Would rather be reading a good book. Tomorrow I will balance my checkbook. Have recently observed that I fall frequently, but I also recover quickly.”

Louis Fisher, MBA ’50, Berkeley, CA: “It was great seeing you and Blanche last April. Come again and stay longer. Did I tell you my daughter Rachael had identical twin boys in February 1997? We spent the best part of a month bicycling in France—Northern Burgundy and Provence—good exercise, good food, good times.”


Franklin M. Wright, MA ’49, Memphis, TN: “In this increasingly ‘Computerized Age’ I am beginning to feel like a quaint (if not pathetic) relic from a vanished or vanishing age. I don’t own a computer, and wouldn’t know how to operate one if I did, and of course neither send nor receive ‘e-mail,’ which seems to be taking the place of old-fashioned personal written correspondence. I don’t know the ‘Internet’ from a fishing net and I can’t help thinking a ‘web page’ has something to do with the arachnid family of arthropods.”

Lynn W. Ellis, Clearwater, FL: “Recently watched dolphins in a feeding frenzy, including complete jumps out of the water. Awaiting the birth of grandson Number Seven. Today’s most pressing problem is ‘irrational exuberance.’ I have recently discovered that you don’t perish while still publishing (see Research Technology Management, September–October 1998, pages 23–27).”

Win Shiras, Winnetka, IL: “Still a visiting lecturer on the circuit, including Johnson School of Management, on the subject of bankruptcy and corporate workouts. Also, I’m still a judge for the annual business plans pre-
sent by the students in the course ‘Entrepreneurship’ at the Johnson school.” (Win, Hal Townsend, Bob Fritch, V.O. “Bad” Shumaker, Jack Cullen, Carman Hill ‘49, George Adams ’50, and many other brothers of Phi Kappa Psi—including yours truly—attended the dedication of the $3 million reconstruction of their chapter house on campus at last October 17 during Homecoming Weekend.

Lillian Soelle Austin, Chapel Hill, NC: “Enjoying retirement with husband Ted. Involved in genealogical family history research and local investment club. Visit the outer banks of North Carolina (which are still there) and family and friends in Washington, DC, and entertaining Foreign Service friends from Montana and Virginia here in Chapel Hill. Terrorism is today’s most pressing problem and the solution is to read Rainbow Six. Tom Clancy. The meaning of life is to live with courage, hope, and generosity, and to have faith in the future.” ✩ Bob Persons, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050.

REUNION

Happy new year! This is it—our 50th in June. Dick and Inger Molmen Gilbert ’51, reunion chairs, have planned a super reunion for us. Don’t you dare miss it! The Townhouses will be our home base with registration, buffet dinner, two continental breakfasts, farewell brunch, lots of piano and singing, short business meeting to elect new officers, sleep (of course), and maybe even naps taking place there! Then there will be athletic events, shows, tours, the tents, open classrooms, luncheons, lectures and an address, our class banquet, dancing, a milk punch party, and a barbecue by Beebe Lake. Sounds fantastic! Save June 10 to 13. No excuses. Look forward to seeing YOU.

So much is done in this world by volunteers and Margaret “Peggy” Wessinger Collins, Fairfield, OH, is one of the busiest and the best. In 1997 she received Fairfield’s Volunteer of the Year award. She has served on the city planning commission for 18 years, where she pulls no punches. She feels “There is much to be done to protect and nourish our two most precious resources—water and children.” Peggy is active in the League of Women Voters, her church, the planning commission, Mercy Hospital, and the wellness center. She starts her days with a 6 a.m. swim at the Y. She’s attended 51 Elderhostels in 15 years! Elinor Schatzkin Muller, Orr’s Island, ME, serves on the Maine State Board of Education. She loves life in Maine, despite ice storms and no power. She’s learned to cook on wood stove and must have hauled a cord of wood! Art Delaney, Denver, CO, planned to visit Italy with his foxhole buddy of 53 years ago—to Anzio, Rome, Bologna, etc. “No K or C rations and, hopefully, a significant upgrade in vino, Ciao.” Ron and Faith Goldberg Hailpran, Rockville Centre, NY, are retired and traveling: a Danube cruise and a month on St. Croix were mentioned. When at home, Ron golfs and attends Hofstra U.’s learning-in-retirement program. Both enjoy the New York theater and concerts at C. W. Post. They’re looking forward to their 50th Reunion and 50th wedding anniversary in June. Nathan Ehrlich, Morristown, NJ, has visited all the states, and has taken several trips to Europe, Israel, the Far East, and others, with a couple of months each winter in Florida. He helps the Telephone Pioneers provide eye screening and is active in his synagogue.

Ernest P. “Bud” Tucker, CT, “blotted down on the East Shore of Cayuga Lake in Lansing. He winters in Florida, on Sanibel, golfing and whatever.”

Martha Bogan Smith, Schenectady, NY, will also be celebrating her 50th Reunion and 50th wedding anniversary in June. Husband Jack ‘43, PhD ’51, retired after 25 years as a physics professor at SUNY, Albany. They have traveled a lot, especially with daughter Pam, MS ’87, living in Australia. Son Geoffrey is an organist and Randy lives at home. They enjoy returning to Ithaca. Marty Pancost Grafton is big on architects. Her husband and parents were architects, and she has two architect sons and an architect brother, Lester Pancost ’53, BArch ’54. Between her brother and sons, they designed a delightful small home and yard for her. Marty says she is a “fine arts grad (gray sheep of the family) who loves gardening, traveling, consulting glass paperweights, and computing. With great family and friends, life keeps showing me how beautiful this chapter can be.”

Jerome J. Hargarten, BCH ’50, Poway, CA, has sent in his worst Cornell memory: the recurring (perennial) demonstration of the university’s (and trustees’) willingness to allow a small cadre of ethnic separatists to prolong/exacerbate the poisonous concepts of race and cultural separatism.” Best memories from Don Deno, W. Stockbridge, MA, were his excursions with the Cornell Outing Club. He hopes to walk parts of Cornell Plantations (a ’49 tour is planned), plus visit lecture halls and labs, if still there and he can recognize them, at our 50th!

A complete surprise birthday party for the big 70 was thrown for Paul Carver, MS ’57, W. Hartford, CT, by his children, spouses, and grandchildren. More than 60 made it in the pouring rain. Paul heard from “Jean and Paul Widener ’52, Dick and E. Janet Paley Callaghan, and Sid ’48 and BJ Wright Law. Alfred ‘Ricky’ ’52 and Carol Chalupski Riccardo ’52 made it, along with Bob ’48 and Marge Wright Mueller ’48. Bev Prime Pearson and husband Ned.”

Gerard J. Maynard, of Phoenix, MD, is retired, recently married, and moved two miles to a new home. Joseph Hirsch and wife Pearl moved to Scotchdale, AZ in 1994. They are retired and enjoying their friendly neighbors. They’d like to hear from classmates at 11855 E. DeTimbre Dr., Scotchdale 85259.

Toni Hallinan and Jim Ottobre. Toni’s River, NJ, had a great trip to Alaska, attended a Hallinan reunion (which included seven Cornellians), and enjoy the Jersey Shore.

Two retired teachers are still mighty active. Ruth Samuels Hanft, Alexandria, VA, a former professor of health policy at George Washington U., consults on health education issues. She draws, paints, and travels for pleasure. Marcia Fessenden Helbig, Cazenovia, NY, tutors 20 hours a week and works part-time in interior design. She has enjoyed Caribbean cruises and trips to Europe, the Middle East, China, and France. She says, “Don’t feel any older until I look in the mirror!” I broke my ankle on a wet, slippery golf course. Just graduated from Carollton with a walking (by) boot. Don’t do it! Don’t even break a mirror! ✩ Mary Heisler Allison, 1812 Puerto Bello Dr., Lady Lake, FL 32159; tel. (352) 259-0203.

1999! Just one more year ’til our 50th Reunion. Hope it’s on your calendar! As I wait now in October for your updated news and dues cards, I can catch up on some older news. Eugene Jacobs is living in retirement in Whispering Pines, NC, a town of 1,600 with five lakes and three golf courses. Theodore Eskild, Palmyra, NY, is also retired, but actively teaching advanced piloting classes for the Red Jacket Power Squadron. He was looking forward to becoming a grandfather for the first time. Daughter Amy and her husband were finishing paper work for adopting a Chinese baby girl. Congratulations! Hope you are all having fun together! Morton Halladay, Little Falls, NY, is retired from Central National Bank in Canajoharie, NY. When they last wrote, Gordon “Skip” and Martha Galvin Inskip, Buffalo, NY, had both been retired for several years. Martha taught early childhood education and Skip was a State Farm Insurance agent for 33 years. Their three daughters and one son have produced ten grandchildren. [As this was being edited it was learned that Gordon Inskip died on July 7, ’98.—Ed.]

Continuing in the grandchildren mode, Henry “Harry” Kline, Stamford, CT, annually gathers 16 young ones at his house for the Christmas holidays. They come from Los Angeles, Buffalo, and Toronto. Then, at Easter, they all gather in Buffalo. How nice to be able to gather not once but twice a year! Russel Nutter, Sun City, AZ, has seven grandchildren and 15 grandchildren. We seem to be a very prolific class, as well as special in other ways.

Last summer classmates enriched their knowledge through Adult University (CAU) activities. Carl Getz, Nashua , NH, Writing Workshop; Richard Hudes, Flushing, NY, Antiques; Fay Binenkorb Krawchick, MA ’52, Rochester, NY, Childhood, and the President; and Ellen Lawrence Wolf, New York City, Civilization Cradle. Others in the class have enriched their lives with alumni travel. Bob ’51 and Liz Overbaugh Dean ’53 were in Belize last January. Marc, JD ’50 and Judy Goldstone Joseph, BA ’49, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, and John and Carol McMillan Lawes, Kennett Square, PA, participated in Skytop Lodge in late 1997. Nelson Schaenen, MBA ’51, Madison, NJ, joined other alumni on an Antarctica tour in January 1998. Last March, Nelson and Richard Tucker, Weston, CT, were among Cor-

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nelliens on a Holland tour. Patricia Fritz Bowers, NYC, was in Peru in August. Last February, Marilyn and Bryan Bernart joined the Hawaii tour. You may want to check with these classmaters to find out more about the joy and adventure in a CAU and other alumni activity.

Daniel and Betty Rosenberger Roberts, Stamford, CT, have participated in many CAU events. Most recently, they joined a summer program on the Internet. They have also been traveling on the Danube and to Syria, Jordan, and Costa Rica. In addition they participated in an astronomy weekend at the Greenbriar in Hot Springs, WV.

Jean Thomas Herrington, Morongo Valley, CA, and husband Bruce ’58 have relocated to their retirement home, 30 minutes north of Palm Springs, near Joshua Tree National Park. Bruce is still working as a deputy director of operations for the Marine Corps communication/electronics school at 29 Palms. Jean writes that they have views of beautiful mountains and clear air. Doesn’t sound like you are retired, but we have others who are easing into it, as well. Marion Holley Wijnberg, BS ILR ’52, Kalamazoo, MI, is enjoying semi-retirement. She is researching into the micro-stresses of single mothers’ lives. She further states, “I have an overall feeling that I was truly born at the right time. I try to distill the best of each experience. The view from the down side of the slope is fine.” Joe Parr, who says his last name at Cornell was Papura, lives in Granite Bay, CA. He has three grown children. Nancee is a teacher in San Diego, CA; Tom is a partner in a mobile phone park, also in San Diego; and Matt is a comptroller with Hyatt hotels. Joe has retired as a brigadier general in the US Air Force. He is now directing a recreational operation for family fishing.

Among those in the “still employed” category is Leon Mandel, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI. Leon’s son has joined him as associate publisher of AutoWeek magazine, allowing him time for his new television career as managing editor and on-camera reporter for “AutoWeek” on Speedvision. This fortnightly half-hour show is watched at maximum by his own 5-year-old grandsons and their brother, 7. Leon hopes many more watch in the 7 million homes reached by Speedvision.

Edwin Kinne, MS Ag ’55, Pittsburgh, PA, was making plans for travel and classes at the many Pittsburgh institutions for higher learning, but now he finds he is back working almost full time. He started to do a little consulting involving exhibits for the Society for Automotive Engineers. One thing led to another! He tells us that it’s good for his ego and his wife doesn’t complain. He recommends The National Humor Conference, last held in Saratoga Springs, NY. “I don’t plan on becoming a stand-up comedian but do believe through humor one can learn a lot about coping with life’s vicissitudes in a positive way.” Ed had rotator cuff surgery back in 1997 so humor no doubt helped the healing. Arnold Heidenheimer, St. Louis, MO, is teaching political science at Washington U. in St. Louis, and has published Disparate Ladders: Why School and University Policies Differ in Germany, Japan, and Switzerland.

Send dues and news. Call the Cornell Club—New York to reserve a place at our class dinner on January 30. Details can be found in the last issue of Cornell Magazine. Call Bob Fite or me if you need more information. Ruth “Midge” Downey Kreitz, 3811 Hunt Manor Dr., Fairfax, VA 22033; tel., (703) 860-2991; e-mail, ruthbill@erols.com.

Seven class members met Sep­ tember 10-14 to celebrate 50 years of friendship since they first met as Cornell freshmen. Gathering at the summer home of Joan Ruby Hanpeter in Leland, MI, were the following: Caroline Cooper Buckley, Myra Devoe Linde, Helen Malti Oliver, Sally Morrow Robinson, Sue Pickwick Ray, and Charlotte “Tinker” Williams Conable. Ed Hanpeter ’52, Lee Oliver ’50, and Dave Buckey served as official escorts. The sharing of personal letters, written while at Cornell and later, stirred many happy memories. The group, with several additional people, have reunited annually since 1982 and organize three or four conference calls each year to keep in touch with each other.

The following classmates were seen in Ithaca at Homecoming events on October 17: Jack and Marybeth Weaver Ostrom, Bill Kay, Jesse and Betsy Zobel Hannan, George and Pat Stitt Truell ’52, Don Regula MD ’55, Rip Haley, Jim and Pat Gunderson Stocker ’53, Charlie Moore, BME ’52, Steve Rounds, Jane Haskins Marcham, and Bob Matyas, BArch ’52. Don Regula attended Adult University (CAU) on campus last summer and he recommends the programs. Mibs Martin Follett and husband Don ’52, BME ’53, were named as Foremost Benefactors of Cornell U., recognizing their outstanding service and support of the university. The award was presented by President Hunter Rawlings in a ceremony on September 21, ’98. Their names will be inscribed in the Uris Library Terrace. On September 25, a reception was held to honor retiring Dean of Human Ecology Francille Maloch Firebaugh, PhD ’62. Among the attendees were Joan Hartford Ferreira with her son Jay ’84, Margaret Delong Huckle, Harriet “Betty” Long Kulakosky, Marybeth Weaver Ostrom and Carmen Reynolds.

Harvey Sampson died on Apr. 23, ’98. He was a trustee of Cornell for 18 years and served on the University Council for 30 years, chairing the group 1975-77. He was elected Presidential Councillor in 1994. The varsity football team members are wearing a black patch on their helmets with number 84 (Harvey’s number) on it as a memorial.

Pete and Lu Willis Farmer ’52 e-mailed news from Ventura, CA. Pete retired from his job as a computer specialist with the Navy department and is now growing orchids, bananas, and other tropics.

Alan Underberg died May 3, ’98. He was a prominent Rochester, NY, attorney, very active in community and professional affairs and a lifelong active Cornellian. He was the husband of Joyce (Wisbaum) ’53.

Lawrence L. Smith, B Arch ’52, of Northport, NY, is scaling down his architectural practice toward semi-retirement in 1999. For the past five years he has taken an annual junket to the South of France (Cannes, Provence, etc.). Burt Pierce of Riverdale, NY, reports that he is primarily a “house husband,” doing shopping, cooking, gardening, and minor home repairs. He serves as an elder and choir member at his church, and he is on the executive committee of the Riverside Neighborhood House board of directors. He recently moved his wife’s former one-room school house to three acres of lakefront property they own in South Dakota. They plan to spend summers there.

John G. Johnson, BA ’52, MBA ’53, lists Oley, PA, as a permanent address, but since retirement he and wife Jean (Ralph) ’50 winter in South Carolina and summer in Connecticut and Pennsylvania. John retired in 1996 from VF Corp., but remains involved in an international travel program for personal and consulting purposes. H. Peirce Brawer, BEE ’52, lives in Mill Creek, WA, and enjoys sailing/racing. As a volunteer, he teaches hands-on boat sailing and piloting/navigation. He recently traveled to India and Nepal. Tim Edlund, BME ’52, Baltimore, MD, is New president-elect of North American Case Research Assn. “These are the professors who write the cases you may have seen in business school, the Hotel school, etc.” At work, Tim is now in a research project to propose reorganization of Maryland state agencies dealing with commercial vehicles to reduce delays and costs for operators and the state. Maryland is one of two prototype states for this effort.

Corrine “Corry” Watkins Stork works in the family insurance business in Penn Yan, NY, but finds time to serve on the boards of the Women’s Senior Finger Lakes Golf Assn. and Finger Lakes Regional Health Systems Inc., and to co-chair the capital fund campaign for St. Michael’s Church and School.

Arlene Gesswein Terrell lives in Matthews, VA. She is an artist and a sculptor and she teaches sculpture and earth dances. She traveled to Hawaii in 1998. John “Jack” Mara, DMAV ’51, is in semi-retirement, working three days a week at Hills Pet Nutrition in Topeka, KS. He was awarded an honorary diploma from the American College of Veterinary Nutrition. His company has established the annual John L. Mara Award for leadership, innovation, and commitment. In his spare time he volunteers as a sheepdog to the aged in a nursing home and he enjoys walking, music, and reading. From Freehold, NJ, Jim Ballew writes that Son John has taken over three of the Ballew Jewelry stores. He writes, “Bette and I skied in Cortina, Italy, in March 1997, Sailed to Tahiti in June. Visited Tokyo in August, and played golf in Sanibel, FL, in October.”

Send your news, we enjoy hearing from you. Jack and Betty Meng Howell, 289 Ashford Ave., Tonawanda, NY 14150-8563;
In this column, we’ll attempt to acquaint (or re-acquaint) classmates with our class officers. Most of these people have been mentioned by name only in recent years, so this should fill in some of the blanks.

Co-President Jane Kiel Davis, Arts & Sciences, from Malibu, CA, is married to Rich Davis, also Arts. Jane is now retired from raising her six children and is a volunteer docent at the Malibu Laguna Museum. Her chief hobby is gardening, a year-round activity in southern California. The Davises frequently travel to visit their children and to nearby Mexico, but have also explored Europe, Israel, Russia, China, Japan, Thailand, and Bali. Australia is in the planning stages. Jane wants our 50th Reunion to be the largest in Cornell history, and a meaningful and enjoyable one for all. She hopes that our class Web page, when up and running, will be of value and may foster some gatherings around the country.

Co-President Jack Veerman, Mechanical Engineering, lives in New York City with wife Bibby. The Veermans often escape to their farm in Litchfield, CT, where the donkey, sheep, and goats keep the weeds down and the grass cut. Jack hopes to retire at the end of 1999, but in the meantime he imports, distributes, and sells ceramic wall and floor tile to restaurants, kitchens, and processing plants, and specializes in floors that prevent slips and falls. Jack believes it is important to keep our class unified and to build good will for the university and to communicate with other class officers to accomplish this.

Mert Meeker, Electrical Engineering, has been our treasurer since 1992. He collects class dues and maintains records of duespayers and Cornell Magazine subscribers. He prepares annual and other requested financial reports and audits the university accounting of class records. Mert and Phyllis Bivins Meeker ’54, Arts & Sciences, live in Collinsville, CT, and have two daughters and two grandchildren. They try to take a “significant” trip every year. Recent ones have included a river cruise through western Russia, a drive across the US and back, Hawaii, and Alaska. When at home, Mert volunteers with the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) involved in counseling small businesses and start-ups. Mert retired in 1989 from Otis Elevator Co.

50th Reunion Co-Chair Jan Hofmann McCulloch, Agriculture & Life Sciences, is married to Ed ’51, Mechanical Engineering. They live in a 1780 house in Ashford, CT. Jan continues to show her “painted pieces” a few times a year, takes watercolor and pastel classes, is state garden club coordinator, and has just finished 11 years of studying German. Any of you who attended our 45th Reunion, where Jan coordinated decorations and headquarters organization, know that she still has lots of energy left for Cornell events. Jan and Ed, who is retired from Pratt & Whitney, are also travelers, with most recent trips having been to Hawaii and Scotland. Jan has also attended an Elderhostel with one of their four children.

The other leader of our 50th Reunion team is Tom Foulkes, Mechanical Engineering, who coordinated music and entertainment for our 45th. Tom and wife Anne live in Keuka Park, NY, and Tom works in Cornell’s Planned Giving office. He’ll probably continue to do this for several more years as he says it is “enjoyable, satisfying, and he gets to meet a lot of great Cornellians.” Tom and Anne traveled to Australia and New Zealand and have plans for Europe, Greece, and Turkey in the works. Tom is a board member of Ithacaare, a senior living facility, and enjoys music, hiking, golf, reading, and skiing, the latter with some of his three children and five grandchildren.

Jan and Tom have the big job of planning and coordinating all of the facets of our 50th Reunion. They appreciate the ideas and suggestions you have already contributed, also that people have volunteered to help them, and they welcome more of the above.

Bob, Mechanical Engineering, and Jeanne, Arts & Sciences, are the class correspondents. We write this column six times a year, mostly using the “news” you send in once a year with your dues. It would be helpful if all of you included some news on your form, and news of others as well as your-selves. Bob retired from Eastman Kodak in 1986 and Jeanne, from gainful employment a long time ago. Bob is a volunteer receptionist for the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, a cook and server at a soup kitchen, and the property commissioner at their church. Jeanne does church-lady stuff and is stand-by sitter and driver for three grandsons. We, too, enjoy travel, having driven over lots of western Europe and visited many of the archaeological sites and cities of Mexico. Our ski trips have been to the western US, Canada, and several times to Europe. We’ve recently enjoyed small-ship cruises and will take one to Costa Rica and through the Panama Canal in March. In the summer we spend time at our cottage on the St. Lawrence River with our daughter and son Giff ’82, Mechanical Engineering.

We hope to include information about our four remaining officers in our next column. One of the football heroes of our time died in August. Reggie Marchant, Electrical Engineering, made a key interception in the 1951 game when Cornell defeated Rose Bowl Champs Michigan, 20-7. Our sympathy to Sallie Capron Marchant ’54 and her family. Bob and Jeanne Irish Lewis, ’34 Hickory Ridge Rd., Rochester, NY 14625-1809; tel. (716) 381-6370.

Wild geese were flying low on routine training missions when ambulance-chasing Old Reds came home to Ithaca, Oct. 17-18, and found banquets and parties and football being perpetrated. Jim ’51 and Pat Gunderson Stocker received Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni awards. Bill Bellamy, MBA ’58, JD ’59, and bride Nancy were there for the installation of lightweight footballer Bill Bellamy III ’87 into the Athletic Hall of Fame. Sheila Olsen Chidester, M Ed ’54, represented her dad, Arthur “Ole” Olsen ’18, of baseball fame, who went on to pitch for Ty Cobb and the Detroit Tigers. They, Len Oniskey ’55, and former lacrosse coach Richie Moran were among 16 inductees. For the 12th time in 13 years, our chaps won the Homecoming football game, over Bucknell, this time, with a rousing finale. Impresario Paul Blanchard ’52, BCE ’53, displayed impressive footwork moving the ’55 feast to Branches, out Route 34, when What’s Your Beef suddenly closed. The Class of ’55 hosted all with clinking glasses to celebrate Len before the fine dining and spirited song, with Tom Foulkes ’52, BME ’53, at the keyboard. Salud.

Football followers flocked to Princeton on September 19 to help launch the Cornell coaching era of Pete Mangurian and to check out the new Tiger lair in all its splendor. Visitors to the vast Cornell Village Nassau left with Big Red faces, not to activities on the new field but from the strong late summer sunshine. Don Unbe-kant, Tom Tweedale, BA ’54, Bob Spillman, BArch ’54, Ned Nolan, Jim Lansing, Ron Allen, Bob Abrams, Warren G. Grady Jr., BME ’54, Ray Handlan, Andy Campbell, BA ’58, Bob Neff, JD ’56, Bill Welch, BS Hotel ’54, Fred Buhrendorf, BME ’54, and Dick Cleggott helped fill the arena. More might have been present but the Bellamys got spliced the same day. Clark and Claire Moran Ford, Rich Jahn and wife, and Jim Blackwood, B Chem E ’54, and wife made it to the wedding.

Self-described “photographer in residence,” Ruth Speirs Nickse (Brookline, MA), reports a Tanzanian subjects available), an Ithaca visit recipient of my parent “a new winter home in lessons and Internet from China, Lorraine says she have of El and in of tennis and golf in and around rainstorms.” Ann Murnane Kelly (New Hartford, NY) has “retired from my part-time job of over 30 years as librarian at Princeton is home now, but Cornell is where the heart is still.” —STU WARSUHAUER ’53

Leslie Papenfus Reed, 17 Hillside Ave., Kentfield, CA 94904; fax, (415) 925-9404; e-mail, those that this consultant romantic loves to report. and Barbara Overholser Stonns '53 were married June 12, 1998 ... 47 years after meeting at WVBR. now living happily ever after in Oceanside, CA. Bill Simon's latest book, On

What a weekend! Homecoming 1998 will go down in the Class of 1955 annals as a very special experience for all who made the trek back to Ithaca. And a goodly number turned out: Fred Antil, Ned, BCE '56, MBA '57, and Paula (Bussmann) Arps '56, Guy Bedrossian, MBA '56, Marilyn "Micki" Levy Black, Bob Cowie, BME '56, MBA '57, Ralph de Stefano, Elizabeth "Hilly" McCann Dearden, William and Sara Smith Ellison, Phil Harvey, Jay Hyman, DVM '57, Paul Kalinich, JD '57, Jan Kahn Marcus, Ted Marciniak, Dick Mathewson, Nancy Savage Morris, Len Oniskey, Barbara (Loreto) and Lee Peltz '54, Eva Konig Ray, Paul Samuelwitz, Otto Schneider, Ron Spadafora, Joe and Vera Steiner Simon, Joan (Steiner) and Lew Stone '54, B Chen LE '57, Jim, MD '59, and Mary Martin Van Buren '56.

St. Elizabeth Hospital School of Nursing in Utica. She and husband Kevin enjoy camping, canoeing, hiking, and travel, and there are grandkids to visit. Nancy Milliman Burnett (N. Fort Myers, FL) notes that husband “Bill, MS AE '55, and I are snowbirds in Florida even though our daughter is in Tucson. We've taken a Smithsonian trip to hike in Canyonlands and Arches of Utah and Arizona. We saw many Utah and Arizona parks as we drove to Tucson and back to Moab. Loved the raft ride, even though our guide forgot to pull the raft up and it began to drift away. Never thought two people could run so well.”

“Free at last!” exclaims Stu Warschauer, MBA '54, (Cincinnati, OH), and explains that he’s retired as senior vice president of Pierre Frozen Foods. “And am loving it.” But he, “did not retire from working on behalf of mentally retarded folks,” and has been able to show communities the special needs of retarded people and convince them to provide what is needed. He’s also “actively pursuing my music hobby (new career?) by playing violin in the jazz band of Jim Casey '51, BCE '52.”

Bob Neff (Princeton, NJ) says, “Son Will, 8, and I have season tickets in the student section for the Princeton home basketball games, but I wore my bright red turban to ONE game. Princeton is home now, but Cornell is where the heart is still.” Bob is consultant to a few corporations, “allowing me to use some old skills and contribute to the family budget.” Wife Julie remains with Delta Air Lines (“which facilitates our travel”). Bob stays in touch with Dave Rossin, BEP '54, and has kind words for Dave’s forthcoming book on US nuclear power generation, “which highlights some egregious policy blunders.”

Henry Stein, BME '54, (Clifton, CT) places accidents at the top of his list of hobbies. At the bottom he lists driving his wife crazy. He also lists sailing and skiing (“when not hurt from accidents”) as well as reading and television. Daughter Number One is an architect, Daughter Number Two is a doctor. Justin Kramer (Silver Spring, MD) and wife Cynthia have grown accustomed to retirement after five-plus years. He notes that she worked in the ag economics department while he attended Cornell (as an agronomy major).

Now we’re both residing at Leisure World of Maryland, an adult community which offers many courses and activities.” Their granddaughters live nearby.

“I do tax law,” writes Martin Ginsburg (Washington, DC) and “Hope to continue what I do as long as I am able, because it is great fun if not always socially useful. My wife [Ruth (Bader) '54] plans to continue her work as long as she is able, because it is great fun and most certainly is socially useful.”

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This is written as the leaves turn russet on campus and you are reading it as the snow falls. As a Californian, I truly miss the one season but not the hassles of the other. While dreaming of the color orange, I received a note from Mary (Gentry) and Dave Call, PhD ’60, containing an opening salvo from our reunion chairs. A clarion call for all to gather “far above” for our 45th Reunion on June 10-13, ’99. Details already in place as follows: Bill Blake, who appears never to turn off his computer, will be doing registrations. Your form will appear in February. We hope you will just check “Yes I am coming” and return it to Bill Jane Shanklin Watter will endeavor to make our Ridley headquarters “bearable.” We appear to be moving ever closer to campus. Hmmm, is there a message here? Ken Hershe, CREW will “Tread New York” at a wine tasting and lunch at Wagner Vineyards. Peggy Hill and Cindy Noble are planning a “cool,” elegant dinner at the Straight. South of the Border music promises to set feet a tapping and bodies a swaying during our barbecue at the Plantations. Professor Eloy Rodriguez will mesmerize you at the Center for the Environment lunch. Others will be recruited for duty as more plans materialize. And as your reward for attending, the class will pay for your reunion souvenirs this time. Stay in touch by checking our website: www.alumni.cornell.edu/ orgs/classes/1954/.

And a bit of a reminder to all of our class: dinner on Sat., Jan. 30, ’99, 7:00 p.m., Cornell Club—New York, 6 E. 44th St., New York City. The price is $55 per person. Checks and RSVP to: Muriel "Mitz" Sutton Russeko, 65 E. 76th St., NYC 10021; Make checks payable to the Cornell Club—New York.

From Rachel “Shelley” Spack Koch came an e-mail saying she retired last year from U. of Miami, where she had been teaching in the English as a Second Language field for many years. She is presently in Syria as a consultant to the Syrian Language System, writing educational software. She can be reached via e-mail at: lilly@earthlink.net. Rachel is delighted to be back near Ithaca, where she will probably be until spring. From our Masters backstroke champion, Ken Pollock, BME '56, comes word that not angio-plasty nor a bout of vertigo could thwart his competing in the YMCA National Championships in Ft. Lauderdale last April. They won again for the seventh time. In lieu of a multimillion-dollar contract, will you accept our congratulations, Ken?

Leaving their home in Athens, GA, Sally and Bill Peters ventured above the Mason-Dixon Line to visit the Northeast. Their trip took them through Glens Falls, NY, where they spent a most enjoyable time with fellow Kappa Sig Norm Dobert and his wife, Nancy. It was their first reunion since graduation, which is another good reason to sign up. I received another e-mail from Sondra "Sandy" Dreier Kozmin: do love that medium, have no trouble deciphering handwriting. Sandy broke with her travel/grandchild pattern to attend her first Adult University (CAU) program last summer. She enjoyed "The Presidency" immensely with Prof. Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76, and Joel Silbey. She claims it was great food for the gray cells. Notices on CAU and alumni trips are now on Sandy’s must-read list.

From Jerome "Jerry" Jarvis came one of those communications that this consummate romantic loves to report. Jerry and Barbara Overholser Storms ’53 were married June 12, ’98 ... 47 years after meeting at WVBR. They are now living happily ever after in Oceanside, CA. Bill Simon’s latest book, On
Friday we attended a special dinner at the Field House, at which the new members were inducted into Cornell's Athletic Hall of Fame. Our focus was on our own Len Oniskey, and no one could have deserved this honor more. Len started out by being named all-scholastic tackle in 1949 at Roman Catholic High School in Philadelphia. He was also the top-scoring American schoolboy single sculler in the US championships in 1950. With a wide range of colleges to pick from, Len chose Cornell, and immediately made a name for himself as a starter in every football game during the 1952, '53, and '54 seasons. Named to share Outstanding Cornell Football Player honors in 1954, Len made the All-Ivy first team, the All-East second team, and was honorable mention All-American. He also became Cornell's heavyweight boxing champion in 1955. After graduation, Len played for both the Washington Redskins and the New York Giants. Retired after 30 years as proprietor of the Village Inn in Bucks County, PA, and active as a Republican office holder and appointee, Len and wife Doris (Carette) '54 live in Huntingdon Valley, PA, and have seven children, four of whom were with us for the weekend. In case Len misses his glory days in competition, he and Phil Harvey continue to dispute which of them was the first to set foot in all 50 states.

On Saturday morning, the new plaques were unveiled in Schoellkopf's Hall of Fame Room, and later on, neither the weather nor the football team disappointed. We joined many other Cornellians for a tailgate lunch, and then congregated in the Crescent to watch the Big Red eke out a 23-19 win over Bucknell with just 30 seconds to go. At half time, Len and the other new Hall of Fame inductees were introduced to much applause and cheering. There was still more to come. After the game, our class headed for the top floor of the Johnson Museum to present Frank Robinson, director of the museum, with the second part of our class gift, the terra cotta busts of President Emeritus Frank Rhodes and Rosa Rhodes, which will now be on permanent display there. Our deepest gratitude goes to Jay Hyman, whose efforts brought this project to such a successful conclusion. President and Mrs. Rhodes were thrilled with the gift, and expressed warm feelings and appreciation for our class, noting that our spirit, generosity, and dedication to Cornell are unparalleled. President Emeritus Ernie Stem, and our beloved ex-President Curtis Reis and wife Pamela. In addition, we were happy to see Phyllis Bosworth, Judy Cohen Lowry, Ed Berkowitz, Lori and Mike Nadler, BCE '58, Arthur Penn, and Keith Johnson. We were sorry that Percy Edwards Browning, our reunion chair, had a previous engagement and could not attend. A great time was had by all.

Peter B. Dirlam writes that he is still working, providing specialty polishing materials to industry. He is particularly interested in the Fiske Icelandic Collection at Cornell. It may be reached on the Internet at http://rec.library.cornell.edu/fiske, or write Peter at PO Box 416, Southbridge, MA 01550-0416.

Alfred Hahn Jr., B Chem '57, married Harriette Y. Kiell on Sept. 26, '98. He and his bride live at 5 Cold Spring Lane, Medford, MA 01550-0416.

Golden Guy
JOHN KERNELL '55

I f you thought senior citizens and the computer age didn't mix, think again. Self-proclaimed "senior with an attitude" John Kernell has marched onto the World Wide Web with "The Geezer Brigade," an Internet organization for people aged fifty-five and over. Founded in 1997, the group grew out of Kernell's own gentle self-mockery. "When I started referring to myself affectionately as a 'geezer,'" he says. "I found a surprising amount of warmth coming back from all quarters and all ages." The site began with Kernell's own tongue-in-cheek newsletters from retirement in Mexico, and evolved into a forum for seniors to connect with peers. Now, <www.thegreezerbrigade.com> has received more than 20,000 visits and has its own official humorist, comedian Phyllis Diller. "Getting old is funny," says Kernell. "And when you think it's funny, you can swing with it better."

—Jacqueline Cerretani '98
world and was particularly interested in the Nabokov Centenary Exhibition at the Kroch library (named for Carl A. Kroch ’35). Professor Nabokov was one of her favorites when she was at Cornell. She and Steve had a great trip to France last summer and are looking forward to the birth of their first grandchild.

Dan Silverberg’s wife, Linda Rocker, has been in the news a lot in past months. She has been a defending attorney in a high profile women’s rights case. Her many appearances on television have been capped by “Dateline” on NBC. Bonnie Smith Whyte, of 1615 Greenbriar Ct., Reston, VA 20190, has retired from the US Dept. of Agriculture. She is involved in community activities in her home town and is helping found the first small museum there. As is the case with many of our classmates, she has done a fair amount of recent travel.

Jerry Tarr has recovered from minor surgery. He still lives in Rutland, VT, with wife Nonnie. They run Rutland House Furniture, which is a noted furniture store in the state.

Please keep those letters coming. We love to hear from you. ✤ Stephen Kittenplan, 1165 Park Ave., NYC 10128; e-mail, catplan@aol.com.

It was a lovely warm fall day last September when the new Princeton U. Stadium was dedicated and a large contingent of Big Red supporters occupied the sun-filled east stands. A Cornell tent village was well populated preceding the game and 57ers enjoying the atmosphere were Ed and Gale Turnbull Boardman, Phil McNaloo, Jack McCormick, Ed Vant [Ed’s wife, Adelaide (Russell), BME ’58, missed the game due to some back problems], Connie and Sam Bookbinder, BS Hotel ’58, Marilyn and Steve Miles, BME ’58, and Bill and Nancy O’Brien Zawicki. Also there to enjoy the festivities were Dick ’56 and Alberta “Bertie” Clayton Meade, who drove over from their home in Yardley, PA. Bertie recently retired from teaching, so now has more time to enjoy visits with her children and grandchildren.

Back in the teaching ranks is Judy Tischler Rogers, who is substituting in Colorado Springs after spending 22 years in the fund-raising field. Raising funds on a $4.2 million campaign for the Humane Society in Rochester has been taking up much of Marjorie Flint Grim’s time these past months. Marjorie and Don, a psychiatrist, welcomed their first grandchild in December. A number of you have mentioned attending high school 45th reunions last year and at Marjorie’s in Delhi, NY, she saw Phil Monroe, a basketball team member during our campus days.

Whether it’s traveling to reunions, to see grandchildren, or to visit places near and far, traveling seems to have been on many classmates’ agendas in the past year. Carol Gehrke Townsend, of Monarch Beach, CA, was in Paris and plans to go again this spring. Carol still plays tennis and is working part-time for Prudential Real Estate. Naomi Lohr spent Christmas of 1997 with family at Haus Paradies in Switzerland, and describes it as “the most beautiful place on earth,” complete with horse-drawn sleigh rides. While in Europe she visited Salzburg and Vienna for a night at the opera. Last spring she was in Chicago for the Big Ten’s first basketball tournament and a Wolverine win; in the summer she enjoyed a week of theater in Stratford, Ont., Canada. Joan Reinberg Macmillan, BA ’58, is adjusting to life alone and took some time off from work in the Florida State Legislature to visit Ireland last October with the Cornell Alumni Holiday organization.

Bob ’56 BME ’57, and Susie Howe Hutchins spent two weeks in August on a golfing vacation in Scotland to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. Although the weather was cold and windy (Susie bought a ski hat), the Hutchinses have a hearty endorsement to the entire experience. Sally Blake Lavery was in Hawaii back in July 1998 for the first time since 1983, when she attended the Navy WAVES convention. Sally traveled over to the big island for a short stay because, “Hotels always like to check up on the new hotels!” Marvin ’55 and Elaine Meinere Bass celebrated Marvin’s retirement with a trip to Hawaii and made stops in California and Arizona before returning to their home in Jupiter, FL. Nokomis, FL, is the winter location for Edna Carroll Skoog and her husband. They don’t miss the cold but do miss the grandkids. The Skoogs spent six weeks last summer in New England and Canada, including an enjoyable Elderhostel program in New­

A beautiful sunny day.

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NH, were in Maine in September to have dinner with “old roomie” Carol Johnson Saylor and her husband, Charles “Bud,” MBA ’61, to celebrate the Saylor’s 40th anniversary.

Marilyn Duvigneaud Brown had two reasons to rejoice in June, when two new grandsons arrived two days apart thanks to daughters Gina and Jill. Florence “Flor” Bloch Farkas, who spends six months in Boynton Beach, FL, welcomed a second grandchild in July. Linda Wellman Stansfield (Mrs. James), BA ’58, also has a new grandson. Son Greg ’79, B Chem ’80, and his wife named their new son James Stansfield, after his late grandfather. Linda is recovering from a broken ankle suffered on Labor Day in an encounter with a tree at her Mountain Lakes, NJ, home. Hopefully she’ll be back in action in time for the New York City dinner which precedes our annual class officers meeting. Anyone who is living in the area or visiting New York is welcome to attend; it’s Fri., Jan. 29. Call or e-mail me for more details. ✤ Judith Reusswig, 5401 Westbard Ave., #813, Bethesda, MD 20816; e-mail: JCR4euss@aol.com.

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Jeanne Burns Marvin is a retired nurse educator, but she continues as president of the Cape Cod Cornellians. She also became a great-grandma recently. Joyce Halsey Lindley has put her big travel plans on hold until retirement in 2000. She is still teaching in the Rochester public schools. Her three chil­dren are through school and employed. She recently took up dancing (swing and ballroom) and loves it, but complains there are never enough competent males. She also likes to hike, climb, swim, and cross-country ski, and is active in local Democratic politics. She said

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time to enjoy visits with her children and grandchildren.

Back in the teaching ranks is Judy Tischler Rogers, who is substituting in Colorado Springs after spending 22 years in the fund-raising field. Raising funds on a $4.2 million campaign for the Humane Society in Rochester has been taking up much of Marjorie Flint Grim’s time these past months. Marjorie and Don, a psychiatrist, welcomed their first grandchild in December. A number of you have mentioned attending high school 45th reunions last year and at Marjorie’s in Delhi, NY, she saw Phil Monroe, a basketball team member during our campus days.
she is looking for a liberal, good dancer! Phyllis Yates Marshall has been retained to consult with the architectural design team responsible for the development of the new Coral Ridge Mall, a 1,200,000-square-foot regional shopping center in Cedar Rapids, IA. It will feature five major department stores, a ten-screen theater, 100 retail shops, as well as a food court and free-standing restaurants. It will also include an ice rink and children’s museum. Phyllis is a principal of FoodPower, located in Costa Mesa, CA.

Charles Rosak is a retired airline pilot, after 27 years with Pan Am and five years with Delta. He has completed a two-year tour as president of Gulf Wing Group Int’l., a car club for classic Mercedes automobiles (1954-63). After 31 years as professor of resource economics at Oregon State U., Frederick Smith plunged into the high-risk business of international tour operations, partnering with his spouse, Consuelo. They organize, conduct, and guide professional tours to Chile and the Pacific Northwest. They emphasize intense learning about the natural-resource-based industries of both regions—agriculture, forestry, fisheries, wine, and more! Linda and Jack Weaver, B Chem E '59, attended the Rugby Festival (national musical festival) in Wales last year. Jack is now director of sponsored research and meetings for the American Inst. of Chemical Engineers in New York City and would love to hear from any area Cornellians. They have an apartment in NYC and their primary residence in Meadowbrook, PA.

Marilyn Heller Paul wrote a note to me after many years of silence. She says, “It’s been an exceptionally eventful and happy year. I’m working at the National Archives and Records Administration, exhibits branch, and I am a co-curator of a major exhibit, ‘Designs for Democracy,’ currently on display at the Archives on the Mall in Washington, DC.” Her husband, William, has retired from the National Insts. of Health and both boys are now married. After retiring for the second time a couple of years ago from his term as dean of the Tuck School, Edward Fox became involved in a spirited proxy contest. In one of the rare occurrences where dissidents defeat the board and management of a NYSE-listed corporation, he is now gainfully employed as chairman of SLM Holdings, Washington, DC, commuting from Maine.

Donald Gleklen is chairman and CEO of Intelhealth, a joint venture between Aetna US Healthcare and Johns Hopkins U. health system. He is also active as a private investor and enjoys the mentoring of young entrepreneurs. A new vacation home in W. Palm Beach is also a great pleasure. Dean Danzer, B Chem E ’59, retired from Monsanto after 38 years of service, primarily in chemical plant design and construction. He celebrated with a vacation to Austria and Germany, where he visited Austrian relatives. He has three sons.

Let me wish you all a very happy holiday season and fruitful 1999! ♦ Janet Arps Jarvie, 6524 Valley Brook Dr., Dallas, TX 75240; fax, (972) 387-0160; e-mail, jarvie386@aol.com.

Calling all musicians to our 40th Reunion, June 10-13! “In recognition of our class gift to the music department, music will be the motif that runs through almost all class events during Reunion Weekend, and we’re encouraging all classmates who play instruments to participate,” says Pete Hurley. “There will be a memorial march to honor classmates who have died. The march, from Bailey Hall to the Johnson Museum, will include New Orleans-style funeral music. ‘We’ll do something simple, and probably have a brief rehearsal prior to the march,’ says Paddy. ‘So drag out your trumpets, clarinets, trombones, and other instruments, and bring a lyre if you have one.’ If you’re interested in receiving the music ahead of time, call Paddy at (203) 532-2912 or e-mail her at phurley@scardsaleschools.k12.ny.us. Also let Paddy know if you can entertain in the evenings during ‘Afterglow’ in the Balch Lounge.

At our Gala Dinner on June 12, President Emeritus Frank H. T. Rhodes will speak and the honored guest will be Karel Husa, the Kappa Alpha professor of music, who directed the Cornell University Orchestra during our time at Cornell, and who later received the Pulitzer Prize in Music for his ‘String Quartet No. 3.’ A brass quintet, including Paddy and Brian Lipton, will play Husa’s ‘Divertimento.’

Another big treat will be the Stumphifers! Yes, Jimmy G. Wray, BA ’60—who not only founded the Stumphifers but is also remembered for his playing in the Big Red Band—is resurrecting the group for the first time, and they’ll be entertaining at the Balch tent, just steps from our rooms in the dorm.

Hope you are sending in contributions to our reunion campaign. There has been a significant change in the previously reported campaign. If we collectively raise $25,000, Ron Demer, BME ’60, will add $25,000 to the total and an anonymous donor will match with another $50,000, for a grant total of $100,000. Thus, for each dollar you give, Cornell will receive $4! The money will pay for a large music practice room equipped with a grand piano.

During this past autumn, classmatess gathered at Cornell football games for mini-reunions. Jack Newman reports that he and his wife, Alice, had a great time at the Cornell Village in Princeton during the opening of the new Princeton Stadium on Sept. 19. "The stadium was packed and it was a beautiful day. Pete Gogolak ’64 (and of the NY Giants) showed us he can still kick field goals! The only fly in the ointment was the fact that Cornell lost the game, 6-0. Other attendees included Ron Demer, Paddy Hurley, John D. ’59 and Sally Whitesall Phillips, Harry Petchesky, Steve Fillo, Joe R. Ryban, Jackie Schneider Dunning, Nancy Collins Sterling Brown and husband Charlie, Fred Harwood, BME ’60, and Dave Dunlop.”

“Hope to attending our 40th Reunion!” writes Tammy Schneider Levin of Hadndonfield, NJ. Tammy, who remarried two years ago to Jerry Levin, emeritus professor of psychology at Bucknell, is retired but teaches a class in Yiddish language and folk song. Nora Smokler Barron, Bloomfield Hills, MI, retired after 35 years as a psychotherapist. She is now involved in Partnership 2000, a Jewish Federation program partnering southeastern Michigan and central Gallilee. This work necessitates two trips to Israel each year.” Love the friendships I’ve made,” says Nora.

Richard Bartlett of Rosemont, PA, retired for the second time in 1997. He and wife Anne recently finished a winter home on Amelia Island, FL. Because it’s on the second hole of the golf course, they’ve named it “The View.” W. Hardy Eshbaugh, Oxford, OH, retired last May after 31 years at Miami U., but as professor emeritus he continued to teach a 17-day on-site summer course, “The Natural History of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland.” Hardy has been leading a series of natural history tours, including one to South Africa (October 1998), one to Costa Rica (February 1999), and three this year to Peru, the last of which will be made into a TV special for the Discovery Channel. He’s also writing a book, "Ten Plants that Changed the World,” and continues in his role on the board of directors of the National Audubon Society.

Dave Dunlop of Brooktondale, NY, may have retired from his job at Cornell, but he isn’t really retired: ‘I’ve been lucky enough to receive invitations from various colleges, universities, and other charitable organizations to share fund-raising concepts we developed at Cornell. It has been gratifying to see that the way Cornell conducts itself in fund-raising is admired by institutions throughout the US, Canada, and even as far away as Ireland, England, Israel, and Australia.”

Sally Schwartz Muzii (smuzii@worldnet.att.net) writes that Linda Pritchard Kimball and husband Dex joined her and husband Ron last summer for a weekend in at the Muzii’s home at Cashiers, in the North Carolina mountains. "We played tennis and golf and acted as if we were 40 years younger! It was a fun family vacation again,” says Sally. “Ron is still working (I don’t think he will ever retire). I am trying to ease out of the teaching scene so I can devote more time to golf! I am still involved with Miami Dade Community College and now teach on both the Kendall and Wolfson campuses. My latest interest is working with the MEED program (Microcomputer Education for the Employment of the Disabled), where I instruct in access applications and programming.”

“I am thoroughly enjoying my new career as a judge,” writes Harvey Weissbard, who was appointed to the Superior Court of New Jersey in 1997. “It’s not entirely glamorous, as TV would suggest, but it can be very satisfying. At least I can now tell the lawyers to sit down and stop talking. After 35 years of practicing law, I was more than ready, and for good measure my hair is white, which conveys an image of wisdom.”

Lee Powar, BA ’60, a partner with Hahn Loeser & Parks in Cleveland, OH, was elected to membership in The American Law Inst., a designation awarded to attorneys who have,
on the basis of professional achievement, demonstrated interest in the improvement of the law. Lee concentrates his practice in the areas of creditors’ rights, commercial finance, general corporate law, and real estate. He has been named to Best Lawyers in America in both the banking and bankruptcy categories and is active in the business law section of the American Bar Assn.

I would enjoy hearing from people from four-plus decades ago. I writes Steven Wolfe, 400 West End Ave., NYC, Steve, who has practiced law in New York for some 35 years, is a partner in the firm of Kantor, Davidoff, Wolfe, Mandelker & Kass. He and wife Carol have daughter Jessica, who received her PhD in English from Stanford last year and is now teaching English literature as an assistant professor at the U. of North Carolina. Lawlor Reck, BA ’60, who lives in Kaaawa, HI, sends us a warm “aloha” and writes that the Aloha Bowl, which he began with Michigan State All-American Bob Apisa, added a second game on December 25. Lawlor teaches social studies at Castle High in Kaneohe, but has stopped coaching swimming and water polo and has sold his scuba business.

For Kathryn and Hans Krauss of Spokane, WA, the highlight of a month-long trip to Europe was a visit with their son Erik, MPS CA ’91, who is assistant director of Emerson College’s European Center in Well, The Netherlands. To celebrate their retirement from teaching and their 40th anniversary, Jackie (Grant) Lewis and husband Marvin, of Port Jefferson, NY, upgraded to a 34-foot motorhome, in which they plan to do a lot of touring throughout North America. “Having visited Europe frequently in the past, it’s time to become acquainted with our country,” writes Jackie. 

We’re getting ready to gear up for our 40th Reunion in Fall 2000. Be sure to send in your news and dues, if you haven’t done so already, so we can get the special mailings about the 40th out to you. We hope to have another excellent Class of ’60 turnout for this great millennium event!

Special congratulations to Les Stern, who received the Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award during Homecoming Weekend. Les was cited for his contributions as a lifetime member and former chair of the University Council, as well as for his instrumental development of the Tradition Fellowship Program, the Cornell Connections Program, and the Alumni Area Coordinating Boards. He has also been very active in the Cornell Alumni Assn. and the Cornell Campaign. Les and wife Madeleine live in New York City, where he is on the board of directors of the Cornell Club of New York. Our Class President Sue Phelps Day, M Ed ’62, is a previous recipient of the Rhodes Award.

Congratulations also to Johanna “Todd” Dwyer, who was named to the prestigious Inst. of Medicine, a branch of the National Academy of Sciences. Members are recognized for their outstanding contributions to the field of health and medicine; Todd is the longtime director of the Frances Stern Nutrition Center in Boston and a professor at Tufts medical school.

Recent accomplishments were also noted by classmate Bob Cohen of Bethlehem, PA, whose CD, entitled Mainly and Largely, was released, and by Peter Rodgers, BEE ’62, of Chester Springs, PA, who completed the Boston Marathon, running one half of the course in each of two successive years. Peter notes that this is, “probably a Guiness Book of World Records slowest time ever” in the history of the marathon, because it took him “one year and one week to finish the course.” When not struggling up Heartbreak Hill, Peter runs an office-renovation firm in the Philadelphia area.

Best wishes to classmates Joanne Brown Marlett of Boulder, CO, who, on Oct. 17, ’98, married Jan Otto, whom she has known since her grade school days in Ithaca. Joanne and Jan will stay in Boulder for the time being, but have plans to build a retirement house on land they own in rural New Mexico. Good wishes also to Susan Shank’s daughter, Sherry Holland ’89, who married Jon Tashen ’89, BS Hotel ’90, in Washington. Susan was pleased that classmates Kay Sullivan Abrams, of Boston, and Jane Finnegan Koemoud, of Sheboygan, WI, were among the guests, along with Susan’s brother Peter Shank ’68 and numerous other Cowillians.

Doris “Dodie” Bermudez Eschenbach and husband Harry have made the big retirement move. They left their respective positions at Boston’s Celebrity Concert Series and W.R. Grace, sold the Topsfelds, MA, house they had lived in for 27 years, took an extensive farewell tour of New England, and then headed for Hilton Head Island, SC. Dodie plans to do volunteer work centering on historic preservation and to help oversee the building of a house on land on Hilton Head they have owned for many years. “I’d be happy to see any classmates coming this way,” says Dodie. During 1999, she and Harry can be found at 1 Oyster Rake Ct., Hilton Head, SC 29926.

Barbara Giffin of Deland, FL, also retired recently, after 30 years of teaching in the Florida public schools. She is now doing consulting work for the schools and teaching voice. Classmates on the move include Ken Lipman, MD, who has relocated to Napa Valley, CA, and reports “loving it,” and Sara Wise Kane, who moved with spouse Joel, ’58–’59 Grad, from Boston to Key Biscayne, FL. Sara says they “took a fabulous trip to China” a year ago, and are happily awaiting visits from their three grandchildren.

Other classmates report important job changes. Donald Milstein of Baltimore left state government and became president of his own firm, State Service Program; he also works as a senior project manager for an engineering firm in the Baltimore area. Raymond Skaddan of Dresher, PA, left the firm where he had worked for more than 30 years and says he finds himself “immensely enjoying” his job as a CPA with another firm in the area. Ray and wife Lynda spend a good deal of time with their four children and six grandchildren, and, “also manage to travel occasionally,” he says.

We saw a number of ’61ers at the festive Ivy season opener in Princeton, as thousands of Cornellians helped to inaugurate the new Princeton Stadium with a mammoth Cornell Village celebration before the game. President Hunter Rawlings, himself a Princetonian, participated in the opening ceremonies at game time. Following the 6-0 Tiger victory, the Cornell and Princeton bands joined forces for a rollicking post-game concert for the sell-out crowd.

Joining in the fun were Carol Gittlin Franklin, Judy Gubman Goldfaden and Ray, and Peter Greenberg, as well as yours truly with my guest Ann Stoney. As always, activities for the Classes of the ’60s (those “oldies but goodies”) were organized by Penny Skiot Helsinki ’65.

Class members and their spouses and guests met in Hyde Park, NY, last October for a visit to Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s family home, presidential library, and museum. The group saw a fascinating presentation of the country’s experience with the Great Depression, the New Deal and World War II, all of which occurred during FDR’s terms in office. As the first president of our lifetimes, FDR no doubt had an important influence on us and on our families during our formative years.

Attending this event were classmates Dales Abrams Adams; Stu Carter, B Arch ’62; Walt Cottrell, BME ’62, MBA ’63; Frank Cuzzi, MBA ’64; Marshall, B Chem ’62, and Rosanna Romanelli Frank; Carol Gittlin Franklin; Judy Gubman Goldfaden; Ed Goldman; Ellie Brower Greco; Peter Greenberg; Jill Beckoff Nagy; Sandra Jane Perrotti; and Gerrit White. An enjoyable dinner afterward took place at the historic Beekman Arms in Rhinebeck, said to be the oldest continuously working inn in America. I missed this stellar event because of a prior commitment to visit my family in Santa Fe.
NM. While there, I touched base with Steve Love, who has a successful real estate business in that popular vacation destination.

Speaking of historic places, Richard Stein's Chicago-based mega-development firm was the driving force in the development of a $200 million project to convert 111-year-old Fort Sheridan, IL, into a “new” old town that in three to five years will contain 551 new and adapted-reuse single family dwellings, townhouses, and condominiums.


Marshall Frank, formerly Chem Systems Inc's president, is now employed by IBM Global Services, following the announcement last year that “Big Blue” had purchased Chem Systems, a leading management consulting firm serving the chemical and petroleum industries. Sue Joyner Hine continues as a consultant in NYC for Tips on Trips and Camps, summer programs for students, while her husband, Charles C., has taken up racing vintage cars.

Harvey Meranus and Bill Epstein '62 spent ten physically and mentally challenging days hiking over mountain trails and across log bridges in Nepal, reaching the Annapurna Base Camp at 13,500 feet. They had no contact with the outside world. Nice to know that two guys our age can accomplish a feat that arduous.

Lola Cohen Green moved to La Jolla, CA, last summer and would love to hear from Cornellians in the area. Dr. Louis Jagerman moved into San Luis Obispo, CA, to be closer to his full-time ophthalmology practice. Dr. Jim Baden, MD ’65, of Hamilton, OH, just opened a new general and vascular surgical practice. A PhD in clinical psychology was awarded last year to Al Galves, who practices in Fort Lupton, CO.

Another new degree holder is Patricia Dunning (MA in anthropology), who teaches courses part-time at San Jose State U. Pat has been investigating archaeological sites in Mendocino County and Los Gatos, CA.

Joanna McCully, who earned her Cornell BS in 1990, left the U. of Central Florida and now has her own international consulting firm in Estero, FL, near Naples. Joanna raises orchids and prize-winning hibiscus. She vacationed in Alaska, Banff, and Vancouver last summer. Robert Lang, BME ’63, ME ’70, is currently employed by Boeing Co. in St. Louis. Ken Blanchard, PhD ’67, and Margie (McKee) ’62, MA ’63; Peter Meining, BME ’62, and Nancy (Schlegel) ’62; Warren Spicka, B Chem ’62, and Beth (Newell) ’62; and Class Vice President Robin Bissell and Sandy Moore (“adopted” by ’62) all enjoyed a golfing vacation in Scotland last June.

Erica Frank, daughter of Marshall and Rosanne Frank, is enrolled in a course, “Democracy and its Discontents,” at Cornell Summer College for high school students last year. The reunion co-chairs are reviewing proposals for our new website. Look for it very soon. Until we publicize the address, you can use your search engine to locate the “Cornell Class of 1961.” The website will feature our highly original class logo, class reunion information, class news and events, profiles of officers and committee members, messages from officers, articles about class members, photographs, and links to other sites of interest. We hope this will enable classmates around the globe to keep in touch. Ideas for other topics are welcome. David S. Kessler, 288 Lexington Ave., #7B, NYC 10016; tel., (212) 696-9203; e-mail, dsk15@cornell.edu.

Adult University (CAU) informs us that classmates are participating with enthusiasm. Twila and John Whitefield, DVM ’65, went to Antarctica last year. Janice and Stephen Ashley, MBA ’64, enjoyed Athens. Jane Brody Engquist cruised the Panama Canal and Margie and Tom Koehler, BS Ag Eng ’63, MS ’65, toured Belize. Claire and George Pittinos, BME ’63, took the natural history trip to Hawaii, Maui, and Lanai. Where would you like to go next year? Bob Crites ’59, BME ’60, and I are planning to go on the cruise from Turkey to Greece with President Emeritus Frank Rhodes in the spring. In addition, classes in Ithaca (you should try it in the summer—delightful!) were attended by Aline Holstein Lotten and Sarah Elliston Weiner (ornithology). Beverley Mochel Wilson and Mary Jean Hertel Yengo, MEd ’63, (secrets of the forest). Judith Shapiro Greenblatt (Flower Lakes Trail), Mady Jarvis McSweeney studied the modern poetic, and Emily Pennell Endries enjoyed the wine class. Adult University (CAU) truly offers something for everyone!

“Lost” classmate Dr. Michael Lichtig has been discovered at 133 Pavilion Ave., Long Branch, NJ. Barbara Kahan Mazie lives at 2165 Stonefield Lane, Santa Rosa, CA (bjsam1@aol.com).

The New York Times featured Carl Austin in a story on five successful entrepreneurs in Westchester County. Austin Corporate Propr.

area. Carl and wife Jill (Dale) ’64 live in Rye Brook.

Three children of Maxine Schulman Swartz, MEd ’64, are married, with two grandchildren for Grandma Max to visit weekly in New Jersey. Son Mark Hamburg has a freelance videography company in Sacramento, CA, named UnReel Productions. Jerry and Maxine enjoy their weekend home in Columbia County, where they are into “competitive gardening.”

Anne M. Kaczmarczyk Evans, BS Nurs. M. L. “Mark” ’61, BME ’62, and Nancy Simon Hodin are enjoying two grandchildren. Nancy gave up her position as a clinical social worker in order to travel and enjoy other interests. The Hodins have taken summer bicycle trips with Alice and Sid Frank ’63 and Bruce ’60 and Judy Prenski Rich.

Maurice and Virginia Swanson Neville celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary last year. Son Frank is posted in Guatemala City with USAID and he and his wife have children. Son James is in graduate school at Colorado State. Virginia teaches kindergarten; and Maurice has retired from New York Telephone.

And speaking of grandchildren, let me tell you about ours! Andrew, who was born in Kenya while his parents were doing volunteer work there, will be 4 in May. His cousin Evan and sister Macaulay were born in spring 1998. All three live in Seattle, causing the happy grandparents to do some regular roadtripping. Our son Larry is a realtor, son Will, a CPA, and daughter Valerie is in the Foreign Service, looking forward to her next post, in Pretoria. That will be a longer roadtrip.

M. A. “Mickey” Langfeld (mickey4@home.com) is a dentist in Meadowbrook, PA, who enjoys regular golf, tennis, and skiing. He and wife Judy have children Mark, in Los Angeles, Liz, a history teacher in New York, and Ben, a freshman at U. of Pennsylvania. Mick-

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and have traveled to Hawaii, London/Stratford, and Arizona this past year.

Sad news from Betty Allen Little (little1@mail.sdu.edu): “My dear friend Barbara Nelson McDavitt passed away in November 1997. She was one of a small troupe of ’58 Ithaca High graduates who came up to the Hill for college.” Betty lives in La Jolla, CA.

The big red folder with your news is now thin. That is, empty. Vacant. Nothing there. Please help to fill it up!

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Another new year has arrived and a happy new year to all!

Pete Cummings, MA ’64, has been asked to contribute an article for the inaugural volume of an annual Shakespeare studies periodical to come out of Moscow in 1999. The now-completed article is called “Textuality and the Reader in Shakespeare’s Non-Dramatic Poems.” Another project he has is “Kit on Will,” a letter imagined to have been written by Christopher “Kit” Marlowe about meeting Shakespeare in a Verona tavern. It was published in July in The Upstart Crow: A Shakespeare Journal.

Stephanie Tress de Pue had lots of visitors in 1998—even some French friends of friends who spoke no English. Stephanie resurrected her high school French for the visit around New York City. Her parents are in their 80s and she feels quite lucky to have them both. Allan “Gus” Keyser, BA ’65, has been vice president and general counsel to Curative Health Services Inc. since 1996. Wife Nan has been teaching at the elementary level in the Three Village School District. Son Ted (Colby College ’97) is a lab manager at Curagen Corp. in New Haven, CT. Son Dwight is a junior at Brown majoring in history and lacrosse. Son John is 15 and is playing four sports. Whinf- field Melville, ME E ’68, works for Real Time Enterprises, a software company in Rochester. One of his former apprentices and fraternity brothers, Walter Williams, B Chem E ’64, recently retired from Bristol Myers and is in Marblehead, MA.

Emily Doumoua Newell and husband Edward ’62 are semi-retired from their Sherman Dairy Farm. They are selling it to Matthew ’93 and Nancy Becker 93 ’94. The Newells live on Lake Erie and Ed owns and operates a small harness horse farm nearby. Daughter Lisa teaches art in Buffalo; son Randy is program director for the Cleveland Lumberjacks hockey team. Kathleen and Dick Thackaberry, DVM ’65, are building a house on Grand Cayman. They spent some time there with Frank Quirk ’62, MBA ’64, and wife Betty. Dick was elected to the board of directors of the American Animal Hospital Assoc. as the northeast regional director.

A press release announced that Alfred Cohen of New York City was elected secretary of the Society of Surgical Oncology. Alfred is a professor of surgery at the Joan and Sanford I. Weill Medical College of Cornell U. He is also chief of the colorectal service, department of surgery, and director of the colorectal cancer management team at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. He earned his medical degree from Johns Hopkins U.

Appointed to the 1998 board of examiners for the North American Quality Leadership Award was Stuart Pattison, BEE ’64. He is principal quality engineer for Alcatel Telecom in Raleigh, NC. A quick note from Rex Dimond, BS Ag ’64, said that he sold out his last show of Cat Lange and Small in Soho, NYC.

Bob Graf, B Chem E ’64, is working for Taro Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. as manager of project engineering. He is responsible for implementation of projects and processes in plants in Canada and Israel. Wife Lynn was honored as Teacher of the Year in Dover, NJ. Son Adam earned his master’s degree in geology from the U. of Arizona. Daughter Valerie has her bachelor’s degree from Sargent College/Boston U.

Jim Mack was sworn in as ambassador to Guyana in September 1997. Robert Pendergrass, B Chem E ’64, ME CH ’70, MBA ’71, and wife Jennifer have retired after 20 years of working around Europe. Raychem kept him busy in Belgium, Denmark, Germany, and the UK. He spent three years working for Domino Printing, a British company. In retirement, he is doing some consulting in Edinburgh, Scotland (lucky guy). Roger ’60 and Mary Lou Moore West, MS ’65, attended reunion. Mary Lou received a grant from NASA for a summer 1998 workshop to teach hands-on and minds-on astronomy activities to teachers of grades 4-8 at Montclair State U. Daughter Sharon graduated from Stanford in June with a BS in mechanical engineering.

David and Constance Wood live on and operate a dairy farm of 300 cows and 280 young stock in W. Charlton, NY. David retired from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Saratoga County at the end of 1997. He was the agricultural and executive director. He now works the farm and does 20-percent-time financial management consulting. They have children Rebecca ’88, Elizabeth (Union College ’94), and Jonathan. Richard Lumiere, MD ’67, has joined Mid-Manhattan Medical Associates, a multispecialty medical group in NYC. Charles “Jay” Abbe, B CH E ’64, MS ’65, and wife Karen (Dean) ’65 moved from the San Francisco peninsula to Sonoma County, north of San Francisco, a few years ago. Jay joined a technology company and ended up buying a ranch with a 35-acre vineyard. He serves as president of Optical Coating Laboratory Inc., as well as operating the winery on the weekends. He says he having great fun!

That’s all for this month. Please keep in touch!

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Happy new year! Last of the century—and are you prepared for Y2K, as it’s termed in cyberspace? Here’s things to keep in mind: First, our 35th Reunion year has arrived, and on June 10-13, ’99 many of us (you included, we hope) will be in Ithaca rekindling old friendships, making new ones, rediscovering the gorgeous campus, learning from current professors and fellow alumni, and having fun. When you receive your reunion registration packet in March, you’ll see some of the activities that are planned. How about calling a couple of friends now to tell them you plan to attend and urging them to join you?

Second, thanks to Linda Brandt Myers Gutman, our class has its own website: http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1964. Third, get your reunion reservations in! And while you’re at it, don’t forget the Cornell Fund. Speaking of which . . .

Carolyn Chauncey Neuman sends a special note of thanks to our ’64 phone-a-thon volunteers, who called hundreds of classmates with the message, “Celebrate and participate! Return to Cornell Civil Rights Project in Fayette County, PA. It’s the civil rights movement, in particular in the Cornell civil rights project in Fayette County, TN. From that came Our Portion of Hell. Other books followed: All the Lonely People: Life in a...
A very happy 1999 to each member of the Class of ’65! As we approach the millennium, we would like to remind you of our ambitious goal of 1,000 by 2000—to have 1,000 classmates involved in Cornell activities by the year 2000! If you have not already made alumni participation one of your New Year’s resolutions, be sure to do so now!

Dr. Gerald Isaacson is one classmate who has already re-established ties with Cornell, now as a parent. With daughter Rachel ’02 on the hill, Gerald notes his enthusiasm for the changes on campus, especially the new Kroch Library. “I arranged to donate a large group of slides I had taken in and around Siem Riep, Cambodia, when I finished my Peace Corps service in Thailand in 1967. The slides capture the beauty of the archeological sites before war caused greater destruction.”

Frank J. O’Connell, MBA ’66, wrote from Cincinnati, OH, that he remains active at Cornell as a trustee and director of two United Way agencies, as well as a summer intern sponsor. Frank continued that recently he enjoyed “motorcycling in Utah and Arizona, a family trip to St. Lucia, and returning to our farm in Vermont.” Another involved classmate, Ronald Harris, writes from Southfield, MI, where he resides with wife Marcia, that he works in the truck business office of Ford’s Truck Vehicle Center. Their son, Andrew ’98 (ILR), recently completed an internship in Washington, DC, with the International Assn. of Fire Fighters, while daughter Elena (U. of Pennsylvania ’96) was also working in Washington for the Children’s Partnership. Ronald, who says he enjoyed two trips to Grand Rapids for NCAA Hockey Tournaments, sits on the board of the Cornell Club of Michigan, is a member of the class council, and interviews for the Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAANA). He writes that he recently had lunch with Richard H. “Dick” Brown, fellow ILR classmate and Ford employee. If he could attend Cornell over again, he says, “I’d try to match my son Andrew’s academic performance.”

Dr. Nathan “Nat” Zuckerman sent an e-mail with news about his family from Langhorne, PA, where he is currently in private practice in obstetrics and gynecology and recently completed his term as president of the medical staff of Saint Mary Medical Center. Nat reported that son Andrew is a physical education teacher and fitness instructor in New Jersey and daughter Gail is an assistant district attorney in Philadelphia. Nat can be reached by e-mail at stork51@aol.com. Words come from Cleveland, OH, where Henry J. Nave Jr., BS Eng ’66, ME C ’67, wrote that he had, “returned to the swimming pool via US Masters Program and participated in the national long course championships at Michigan in August 1996 and the YMCA Nationals at Indiana U. in May 1997. My college personal bests are not yet in danger, but I enjoy the exercise and lost 30 pounds the first year.” Henry also informs us that his daughters include Rachel, who graduated from U. of Southern California as a film major; Shannon, who graduated cum laude from Case Western Reserve in environmental engineering; and Hannah, a student at Pennsylvania Culinary Inst.

Christy Reppert Sacks reports from Storrs, CT, “I was downsized from my job at the U. of Connecticut and am now a wandering SAS consultant.” She is taking voice lessons and has “rashly” signed up for a state college course in visual basic. She mentions son Jacob ’97, MS I ’98, Dr. Joan Elstein Rogow and husband, Stephen ’63, correspond from Flemington, NJ, where Joan supervises student teachers for Rider U. The Rogows have children Debbie Rogow Silverstein ’91 and Eric (Trenton State ’97). Jeffrey Vernon Rank sends word from New Haven, NY, that he and wife Helena Jane have adult children Sheli C. Gossett, in Sebring, FL, and Kerry K. Muchler, in Fairfax Station, VA.

Jean Liu Chen writes from Seattle, WA, where she has been a manager at Boeing Commercial Airplane Co. for the past 12 years. For the past 18 months, she’s been working as a Boeing loaned executive with the executive directors of two United Way agencies, Healthy Mother, Healthy Babies and the Girl Scout Tomet Council. “It’s been a phenomenal experience, involving coaching them in strategic planning, human resources, training and retrying planning, and decision-making/leadership.” Jean goes on to say that she takes a month off each December to travel. “In the recent past, I hiked through Patagonia and traveled throughout Chile and Argentina, followed by a cruise through the Galapagos Islands. The animal life and topography were exceptional, perhaps the best in the world. During April 1998, I took my month’s trip through China, visiting Xian, Chungking, Shanghai, Canton, and Hong Kong. Returned with two tomb warriors from Xian and furniture from Beijing. Jean plans to spend more time in the future traveling, “hiking, kayaking, and glass-blowing. So, despite a busy schedule, which now involves designing and building a suitable home for my two elderly parents, I’ve been
able to keep up with the theater, dance, and film in Seattle.

Another classmate enjoying life in the Pacific Northwest is Carol G. Newman, who writes from Oregon. “When I’m at home on my ten-acre farm, there’s always room for visitors and the confluence of the Columbia River and Pacific Ocean where I live is quite fabulous!” Carol has been busy for the past 15 years teaching an international dance and cultural enrichment program around Oregon as part of an arts in education program, partially funded by the National Endowment for the Arts. She explains, “I combined my years of travel with my strong dance background—a wild! The clothes, photos, and artifacts I share come mostly from my extensive travels. The work has me on the road to schools all over the state.” Lynn Korda Kroll reports from Rye, NY, “Now that none of our four children live at home full-time, Jules ’63 and I leave only two plants and three dogs when we travel. We find ourselves virtually all over the US and the world for our pleasure, his business, and my philanthropic activities.” Lynn is president-elect of the National Foundation of Jewish Culture, but claims, “the best job I’ll ever have is the privilege of raising four wonderful kids.” The Kroll children include Jeremy (Georgetown ’94), Dana ’95, Vanesa (Wellesley ’98), and Nick (Georgetown ’01). Jules is chairman of Kroll-O’Gara, an international risk-mitigation firm with 40 offices in 15 countries.

Finally, our appreciation goes to Judy Alpern Intraub, who wrote the following. “Met Sue C. Cassell ’66 for dinner last night after seeing her name in the class columns. We became this and are to renew our friendship after many years. Thanks to her class correspondent for printing her new name and city!” Judy and husband Saul reside in Bayside, NY, where she is the science coordinator for Community School District 26 in Queens and Saul is an electronic engineer for the New York City Transit Authority. Their children include Sandi, 17, (Brandeis ’02) and Daniel, 15, a high school student at Academy of American Studies. Judy, who is a member of the board of directors of the Environmental Education Advisory Council in NYC, spends summers kayaking on lakes around Killington, VT. We hope to hear from other classmates who have found old friends through this column.

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Here’s some news left over from the July/August issue. Please send us updates if our information is lagging behind what’s new in your lives.

Hilda Lichtenstein Levine writes from Great Neck, NY that she is still teaching third grade in Glen Cove. L.I. Daughter Jill Levine ’94 graduated from Harvard law school, passed the Massachusetts Bar exam, and is currently working in Boston. Hilda’s husband, Marty, is associate dean of the Stern business school at New York U. and they have just purchased a second home, in the Berkshires, which they absolutely love.

Robert Bauer Meyer, from White Plains, NY, that she is an editor at Prentice Hall, which is the college division of Simon & Schuster. Older son Eric D. Meyer ’98 graduated from the Arts college last spring and her younger son, Ken, is a senior at White Plains High School.

Maurice Cerulli, MD, writes from Rockville Centre, NY, that he was recently elected vice chairman of the Digestive Disease National Coalition and chaired the Public Policy Forum in Washington, DC, in April 1998. He has continued in the academic practice of gastroenterology at Brooklyn Hospital and is fortunate that he has been able to travel to Italy, France, and around the US for fun and various medical meetings.

Joanne Pakel Ikeda, San Leandro, CA, writes that both daughters are in college: Mindi is a senior at UCLA; Jenny, a freshman at the Juilliard School in NYC. Both are drama majors. Joanne is president of the 7,000-member California Dietetic Assn., which has filled the “empty nest” on the homefront. Husband Roy (U. of California, Berkeley ’66) is a new partner in the San Francisco law firm of Minami, Lew & Tamaki.

Deanne Gebell Gitner writes from Shorst Hills, NJ, that 1997 was a very busy year. Husband Gerry was appointed chairman and CEO of TransWorld Airlines and son Dan Gitner ’92 was appointed assistant US attorney for the Southern District of New York. His name is currently co-president with Rolf Frantz, ME AESP ’67, of the Cornell Club of Northern New Jersey and is communications coordinator of the Millburn Township schools. Her youngest son, Seth, is a photojournalist in Ocean City, MD. Gerry and Deanne traveled to Ireland, France, England, Israel, and Jordan, all in 1997. Obviously, a very busy and fulfilling year.

Send more news. I’ve run out! Bill Blockton, 18 Leatherstocking Lane, Mamaroneck, NY 10543.

Joyce Movey, Cantor’s novel, The Music-Maker, a sensuous saga of a manage à trois that has garnered rave reviews, is now available at www.dreams-unlimited.com, a brand-new e-publisher. Joyce (410 Acacom Rd., Wyncote, PA), writing under the name Joyce Moye, adds that a short story of hers will appear in a forthcoming anthology, The Oy of Sex (Cleis Press) and admits: “Okay, I’ve wandered away from my Hotelie roots.”

Judy Limouze Price, 42 Marble Dr., Rochester, NY, is an agent involved in informal education for Cornell Cooperative Extension and plays in the church handbell choir with Sally Nellis Kuehl. “Life moves on at a rapid pace,” Judy writes, “and it’s important to slow down and pay attention to the important things. We became grandparents this year and Benjamin Limouze Price’s growth, smiles, and new accomplishments take precedence over almost everything. What fun!”

James K. Matteson (398 Warpas Rd., Madison, CT), reports son G. M. “Matt” ’98 graduated from Ag. Also in the eastern end of the Nutmeg State is Linda Angliss Meyers, MS ’69, (24 Washington Dr., Gales Ferry, CT), who’s a middle school guidance counselor in E. Lyme, a social worker at youth services, and chairs the Southeast Connecticut Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAN). Linda keeps in touch with Lynne Hemenway Whetzel, who’s at 1858 Slaterville Rd., which, you may remember, is in Ithaca, NY.

Prof. Jeffrey A. Chesky, at U. of Illinois, Springfield, informs us of the death of Jerome Rivera, BS Engr ’69, last May in Ft. Salonga, NY. “Jerry was my roommate our senior year and my best friend for 32 years; his stepdaughter Lauren R. Parson ’02 has started at Cornell. He was looking forward to taking her there and had already made reservations for graduation. I am going to be in Ithaca this spring for a sabbatical. Jerry kept asking me when I would be there so we could hang out in the Straight again: I am not sure he realized we would not be moving back to our old apartment. All of us who knew him well will miss him very much.”


Virginia Sawyer O’Leary, MS ’69, 8505 Haven Wood Trail, Roswell, GA, is teaching food science and food safety courses to both undergrad and graduate students. She lunched with Susan “Betty Sue” Stewart Speer (3801 W. 57th Terr., Fairway, KS), who’s president of M&E Equipment Co. in Kansas City and was in Atlanta for an equipment convention.

There now are ever more of us turning up at Adult University (CAU). The most recent attendees included Stephen F. Johnson (107 Ben Hogan Dr., Missoula, MT), Norine Zimberg Krasnogor (116 Morgan St., #336, Stamford, CT), Robert Kuchinsky, JD ’67, Michael Nolte (421 Virginia Ave., Ann Arbor, MI), Stephen Rushmore and Judy (Kellner) ’65 (22 Shepherd Lane, Roslyn Heights, NY), and Kent Salsbury (8139 McCambridge Dr., Clay, NY). Can’t list all the courses, but Steve and Judy were on the Antartic jaunt led by President Emeritus Frank Rhodes.

Dr. Kevin Pranikoff, 150 Greenaway Rd., Egbertsville, NY, writes, “Attended family weekend as a parent: Makes you appreciate what a special place Cornell is. Wish I could do it again and use my time more wisely.” Daughter Julie is Cornell ’00. See how easy it was to write that; class correspondents could have solved the Y2K conundrum.

Had the dubious pleasure of attending the inauguration of the Princeton field, at which the Red played the role of all-too-obliging guest. Did see Murray Deathe, Sherry M. Carr, ILR ’70, Steve Conn ’60, and George
McWeeny, who looked all set to suit up and show them how it’s done. *Richard B. Hoffman, 2925 28th St., NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, rothfinnai@erols.com.*

Hope you had a very good fall. I recently had the pleasure of attending a “retirement” dinner for Paul Joskow, who was ending his association with National Economic Research Associates (NERA), an economic consulting firm. However, Paul is very far from retired. He continues as a professor of economics at MIT, and left NERA to devote more time to his many other activities, which include research, writing, and directorships. Paul, wife Barbara, and their daughter live in Brookline. Jeff Bloom lives in Champaign, IL, and was appointed to the editorial board of the *Journal of the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology.* He and his wife have a son at Stanford and a daughter at the U. of Chicago law school. Lisa Wasielewski Fox lives in Macedon, NY, and reports, “Empty nest syndrome is in full swing.” Lisa is involved in part-time jobs and volunteering for a program raising funds for local students to attend Cornell College. She has a daughter who graduated from Ohio U.’s journalism school and is going to South Africa on an international internship. Her son is at James Madison U., and her husband, Don ’67, is town judge in the local community and a partner in a law firm in Rochester.

Herb Scherer is director of the sleep laboratory and exercise physiology laboratory at St. Francis Medical Center in Hartford, CT. Steve Tannen lives in Bernardsville, NJ. He is involved in a real estate business called Reality Executives—The Tannen Group. His daughter, Heather, Grad, is now attending the MBA/MILR program at Cornell. Steve reports, “after touring the new Johnson school facility and the new ILR facility, I am very envious of the environment that she will be in; both schools are really spectacular.” S. K. “Skip” Ackerman is president and CEO of Pentose Pharmaceuticals in Cambridge, MA. Ted and Tricia Snyder Panitz live in Centerville, MA. They both teach at Cape Cod Community College. Sharon D. Solwitz published a collection of short stories which won the 1998 Carl Sandburg Award, as well as other national recognition. Kathy Frankovic continues to work as director of surveys for CBS News. During the non-election period, she divides her time between the New York office and telecommuting from her home in San Francisco. Her husband, Hal Glazer, lived in San Francisco before they were married. George Koester, BS Eng ’69, MBA ’70, lives in Jupiter, FL.

Ralph Mango lives in Round Rock, TX and says, “I never thought that we would be living in Texas, but the opportunity here at Dell is too compelling.” Ralph is a founder of a partnership of the Dell Computer Corp. and Newcourt Credit Group of Toronto. The business is an “integrated financial services solution for Dell’s customers to ease their acquisition and IT migration of Dell products.”

Yvonne Picard lives in Tiburon, CA and is ABD. (All But Dissertation), for her PhD in clinical psychology. Rick Simon lives in Newton, MA, and regrets missing reunion. Rick sees former roommate Charlie Kohn, BEE ’69, Les Hirsh, DVM ’70, and Jim Philip, BEE ’69, ME E ’69, all live nearby in the Boston area. Paul Kane lives in Staten Island, NY, and works for Merrill Lynch. Barry Levy lives in Amherst, MA, and teaches history at the U. of Massachusetts, Amherst. He will be doing research this year for a book project on orphans, poor children, and the labor system in colonial Massachusetts. Barry reports, “The New England colonists tended to use their children as menial workers in lieu of slaves.”

Nick Long lives in Little Compton, RI. Nick is an attorney specializing in education law and also spends much time assisting his son, 12, a budding hockey star. Vicki A. Nelson lives in Bloomfield, NJ. She’s a freelance writer of features and op-eds. She has New Jersey weeklies and also tutors English and writing at the college level. Vicki is recovering from a heart and thyroid problem that sidelined her in 1992, but is making good progress.

Karen Woyschner Zill lives in Washington, DC, and is a manager in educational outreach for a local law TV/FM station. Nancy Libson lives in Annapolis, MD. Frank Lipsius lives in Philadelphia. Patrick Gerschel lives in NYC. Mike Green lives in Paradise Valley, AZ. Bruce Goldfrank is an engineering manager working on Long Island.

Several members of our class had children attending Cornell Summer College last year. This is an excellent program of exploration seminars and courses for high school students on campus. Susan Masquette Brandt’s son Joshuah participated, as did Michael, the son of Henry Shapiro. BS Ag ’69. Anne Marie, the daughter of Charles Christensen ’67, ME M ’68, was another participant. I have heard many great reports on this program, which provides a wonderful introduction to Cornell and a college campus environment. That’s all for now. I look forward to hearing from you.

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**CLASS NOTES**

“Empty nest syndrome is in full swing.”

—Lisa Wasielewski Fox ’68

With the holidays over and life getting back to normal, we can begin looking forward to our 30th Reunion in June by hearing about a classmate whose children spent time last summer on campus. Michael Goldstein, son of Andrew, is a high school student who attended Cornell Summer College, which offers courses on subjects ranging from engineering to biological research. At Adult University (CAU), Gary Gartenberg, who lives in Milltown, NJ, boned up on the chair the international practice section of the State of Bar of Wisconsin. He is also of counsel with the law firm of Godfrey & Kahn in Milwaukee. Roy Black is an associate professor in the business administration school at Georgia State U., where he was awarded tenure. He lives in Dunwoody, GA, with wife Adrienne. Beth Shepard Meister is a psychologist in Belmont, MA, where she is an owner/partner of New Passages, a psychotherapy group. She and husband Bill have children Maid, 16, and Amanda, 12. She has seen E. Lee Moseley Kleiman and Cathy Ogorzaly Lehberg and their families recently and “is looking forward to Reunion.” Marie-Celeste “Trish” Scully, MS ’72, lives in Rochester, NY, where she is director of human resources with Continuing Developmental Services Inc. She has a daughter, Celeste, who attends San Jose State. Ron Watanabe is a consultant/broker with Hotel Partners Inc. in Hawaii, where he is also vice president of the Cornell Hotel Society. A. A. “XI” Hagedorn III is a chemist, rancher, water supplier, and lapidary in Woodland Park, CO, where he lives with wife Myrna Lee and is involved with the local trails and open space committees. Al’s hobby is opal cutting! Jakow Diener is an oncologist in Huntington, NY. His children are also Corneli ans, Jeff ’95 and Michele ’98. Penny Smith Austin lives in Erie, PA, where she is director of development for the Erie Arts Foundation. Her husband, C. R. III “Cle” ’68, is president of Family Construction/Real Estate Co. They have children Rob, 29, Julia, 25, and Peter ’99. Joe Ceravasio is president of Diversified Global Strategies Inc., an international sales and marketing consulting company, and lives in Nutley, NJ, with wife, Maria, who is the principal of a private school. They have children Tina (with CBS Sports), and Corrine (studying pre-med at Syracuse). Joe is busy with sport marketing assignments and Ed Marino/’72 sits on the board. Sam and A. Goldsholl Varzano live in Parsippany, NJ, where he is a home intravenous infusion executive and she is a learning disabilities seventh-grade teacher. They have sons Joshua ’94 and Douglas ’98. Sam plays golf with former roommate Jeff Kaiden and is involved with the Cornell Club of Northern NJ.

Emmanuel-George Vakalo, BArch ’70, March ’73, MRP ’77, is serving his second term as chairman of the doctoral program in architecture at the architecture and urban
planning school of the U. of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Sara Weisblat Schastok has a new job as director of development for the humanities for the U. of Chicago and the Smart Museum of Art. She is a fund-raiser for major gifts. She has two children with husband Horst Schastok: Christopher, 15, and Rachel, 6. Sara attended a Cornell women’s tea where the focus was on jobs and careers. She writes, “It was fascinating to gain an appreciation of what Cornell means to women of varied life experiences.”

Unfortunately, there is some sad news. I received a note from our classmate, the Rev. Michael C. McFarland who lives in Jesuit House at Gonzaga U. in Spokane, WA, informing us that Glennon Dodd, BA ’70, who was listed on the “missing classmates” notice is deceased.

Judith Ann Barth is the coordinator of Human Resources at Colorado State University in Ft. Collins. She has two grandchildren, Jasen 2-1/2 and Darran 1 who, “light up my life.” Judy Lyke Clarke notes her occupation as a farm wife and community volunteer. She lives in Milton, NY with husband Steven who is a fruit grower. They have children Pam 25, Brad 22 and Kelly Clarke ’98, 20. Mary Robbins Collina relocated with husband, Joe, to Corpus Christi, TX in December 1997. Han-Henric Sorensen, ME ’70, is a project administrator/engineering manager with Boeing in Redmond, WA. He has children Anette, 21, and Karen 22. Lillian Trager is a professor at the U. of Wisconsin, Parkside in Kenosha. She lives in Racine with husband Richard Ammann. Cathy Capra Butler is a senior consultant with Seton Healthcare in Austin, TX, and does prevention and wellness education work. She has five children ranging from 25 to 18. Daughter Bridget ’00 is in the Hotel school. Cathy’s e-mail address is cbutler@seton.org. Naresh Khanna is an investor in New Delhi, India where he lives with wife, Uma. They have children Ravish ’91 who owns an auto factory and Punam who is studying at Georgia State U. Edward O. McCabe is President and CEO of Mystic Color Lab in Mystic, CT. He and wife, Juliane, have four children. Kenneth E. Kelly, MA ’73, is Dean of Student Affairs at Bristol Community College in Fall River, MA. He and wife Carol have children, Kate, now working in Chicago, Jane, who attends Ohio U., and Scott ’02. If you find yourself in Summit or Eagle counties of Colorado for skiing this winter, please call! Suzi Sacks Zeide, PO Box 2589, Breckenridge, CO 80424; tel., (970) 547-9816; fax, (970) 547-9816; e-mail, suzyzeid@colorado.net.

Here is some very belated news (with my apologies!) Susan Hynes Pross (spross@com1.med.usf.edu) continues to work in the microbiology department of U. of Southern Florida medical school in Tampa. Her husband, Ron, is a dentist. Their oldest child, Adam, is in his second year at American U. and daughter Rachel is in her freshman year in college. Their youngest, Seth, is in ninth grade. Chuck Lockhart, BS Eng ’71, (13017 Holmes Point Dr., Kirkland, WA 98034) is still employed with Golder Associates (since 1971). He started the construction division for earthworks construction and environmental remediation. He and wife Patty have children Gretchen, 18, Meghan, 14, and Tom, 12. Chuck sees Bob Wohlsen every fall at the Construction Management Assn. of America’s annual meeting. 

Roy Braunstein, MD ’78, lives with wife Collette at 749 State Rd. 60, E., Lake Wales, FL 33853. Their daughter, Hannah ’01, is in the College of Arts and Sciences. Son Mark is a second-year resident in psychiatry at the U. of New Mexico, Albuquerque. Gary S. and Celia Burg Fisher can be reached at her e-mail address: fisher@murray.fordham.edu. Celia has a PhD and is professor and director of Fordham U.’s doctoral program in developmental psychology. She chairs the American Psychological Association’s (APA) task force to review the APA ethics code and is on the board of trustees for the APA Insurance Trust. Gary is president and CEO of the Equity Communications and owner of WAYV Radio in Atlantic City. Larry Lever, JD ’74, (5 Greenhouse Cir., Rye Brook, NY 10573-1907) traveled to Norway and Denmark in June 1997, and recommends the Icelandic Literature Collection at Olin Library. Larry enjoys fall and the football season back in Ithaca each year.

Roger A. Smith, MS Ag ’73, and his family are still in Southampton, NY; tel., (516) 283-2901, where he teaches high school science at Shelter Island School. He and wife Linda (Elmirra ’74) have daughters Jacqueline, 16, and Brittany, 12. Jackie is in tenth grade and Brit is in sixth, and both are very involved in gymnastics, competing at Level Eight for their club. Jackie has made it to NYS Championships and represents Southampton High School as an independent competitor. Brit won in her age group in a kids’ “trathlon.” They’d enjoy hearing from Cornnell friends.

Irv McPhail is in his fourth full year as president of the St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley. His major accomplishments include the new Center of Excellence in Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technologies, the final report on General Education Reform, a comprehensive enrollment management plan, and new community partnerships and service learning initiatives. In 1997, he delivered the commencement address at Blackburn College in Illinois. His daughter, Kamilah Carole, is a sophomore psychology major at the U. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Now relatively current news! Shirley Sarna (cfishis/oag.state.ny.us) continues as chief of the Consumer Frauds and Protection Bureau for the NYS Attorney General’s office. Her husband, Steven Nelson, runs the Continental Stock Transfer and Trust Co. in NYC. Their older son, Eric, is a senior at Harvard and son Adam is a freshman in high school. They also have a 5-year-old spoiled dog named Oliver. Connie Ferris Meyer, 16 James Thomas Rd., Malvern, PA 19355; e-mail, connieae@aol.com.
Eco-Tourist

NANCY AITKEN '71

When Nancy Aitken was traveling through the mountains of Colombia, a peasant woman noticed she was cold and offered her a sweatshirt. Explaining that she was lucky enough to have another one at home, the experience, which Aitken calls “life-altering,” made her planned career in the fashion industry seem superficial. The former textiles major decided to stay in South America, mastering indigenous weaving techniques. She went on to become a language teacher and moved to Costa Rica with her husband, Frank Zadroga '68, BS Ag '69.

In 1990, they bought a small piece of the rain forest on the Osa Peninsula of Costa Rica with four other families. Their group, Proyecto Campanario, then opened up the fifty-five-acre biological reserve to high school students and environmental researchers. The vacationers attend one-week conservation camps on the property to learn about rain forest ecology. “I have seen so much destruction of what little rain forest is left that it hurts,” Aitken says. “This place is beautiful and worth protecting.”

— Emily Hovland '98

Happy 1999 to everyone. The end is near. Of the millennia, that is. If you are concerned about your computer and the infamous Y2K problem that may crash your system on Jan. 1, '00, you might want to give Larry Baum, BS Ag '73, a call. Larry is president of the Computing Center in Ithaca and is offering a Year 2000 Assessment program for computer technology. Personally, I intend to stockpile some cash in case all the ATM machines fail on January 1. Larry lives in Ithaca with wife Trudy and son Ari. Eldest son, Brian, attends high school in Vermont for many years. Ken Rosenman proudly reports that son Philip ’02 is in Arts. Lillian Littman Mahl, BS Nurs, has daughters Jennifer Mahl ’99 and Michele Mahl ’02 attending the Hotel school.

Evangelos Pezas has established Caron Wagonlit Travel in Athens, Greece, as “one of the best destination-management companies in the country.” Evan brags that daughter Athena, 9, is on her way to becoming one of the best ballerinas Greece ever produced and son Anastasios, 5, is a mechanical wizard for his age. Joel Wollner is working on sustainable organic development projects in China. He founded “Peace Village,” based in Berkeley, CA, to carry on work in Asia, Latin America, and the Third World. Son Ezra, 23, finished Zen studies at the Tassajara Zen Center in Santa Cruz, CA; daughter Loretta, 21, works with battered and abused children in Eugene, OR; daughter Kate, 17, and son, Jake, 14, attend Berkeley High. D. Craig Brush is part of a group building an ice arena complex in Ft. Myers, FL, that will house a professional team in the East Coast Hockey League. Wife, Kyle (Shelly), is assisting Craig with that project. Carrying on the hockey tradition in the Brush family, son Matt graduated from Princeton, where he played on the Tiger hockey squad...
for four years. Last year, Princeton qualified for the NCAA tournament for the first time, but lost to Michigan, the eventual champion, by a narrow 2-1 score. Son Tyler is a freshman hockey player at the U. of Arizona, and son Pat is a high school junior in his second year of junior hockey with Compupware. Pat’s team won the North American Junior “A” Championship and played in the National Junior Championship games in Billings, MT.

Christine Holtkamp is extremely busy. She is the Yale Cancer Center protocol review committee coordinator and a clinical laboratory scientist/clinical research associate at the Center. Christine also sits on the board of Connecticut Society of Clinical Laboratory Scientists and is co-editor of the CSCLS newsletter. Her work earned her the Omega Award from CSCLS. In addition, she sits on the committee for sibling support programs of the Friends of the Children’s Hospital at Yale New Haven Hospital, while also serving as editor of the sibling program newsletter. In her spare time, Christine is a volunteer weekend house manager of the local Ronald McDonald House and a volunteer with the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp. Pat Guy ended her assignment with the Foreign Service in Minsk, received some training in German, and then relocated to the US Mission in Berlin for one year as a consular officer and one year as an economics officer.

Ron Gale, ME EP ’73, was promoted to chief technical officer at Kopin Corp. in Taunton, MA. Ron and wife Carrie (Gluckson) ’73 are pleased that their younger son, Michael ’02, is in Engineering. Son Daniel attends Rensselaer (RPI), where he is also an engineering major. All four Gales enjoyed skiing last winter with Stu and Debby Fink Zygoun and their daughters, Dena ’00 and Michele. [As this column was being edited it was learned that Deborah Fink Zygoun died on Sept. 25, ’98.—Ed.] Other legacies include the children of David Marques. Son Gregory ’98 graduated last May, while Rebecca ’02 has started her freshman year. Bonnie Goldsmith Clewans taught jewelry-making and wire-working at the Embellishment Conference in Sacramento, CA. She is owner of the Bead Gallery Shops and has a website at www.beadgallery.com. An article about Bonnie appeared in the April 1998 issue of Small Business Computing magazine. Andy Griggs reports from Santa Monica, CA, that he is still single and doing real live theater by teaching inner-city fourth-graders. Andy is doing freelance directing, as well. As a grant winner with Earthwatch, Andy traveled to Russia last summer as part of an expedition to preserve Russian folklore.

Bruce Peffley lives in Corning and reports that daughter Laura graduated cum laude from SUNY, Binghamton with a degree in psychology. Son Paul attends SUNY college, Fredonia, majoring in physics and cooperative engineering. Laurel Brandt prosecutes violent felonies including murder, robbery, assault, and arson. She had hoped to rely on her Cornell years through her children. Unfortunately, her oldest child chose Yale. But if that is the full extent of her adolescent rebellion, Laurel is thankful. Her two sons are still in high school, so hopefully they will choose the Big Red. Laurel writes that parents, Norman ’44, BCE ’47, and Barbara Bookstein Brandt ’48, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last June with friends and family in NYC. It was a Cornell romance that lasted! Congratulations to the Brandts. Dr. Mark Windt informed that daughter Erica attends Wheaton College.

Peter Saunders ’71, MEC ’72, completed a one-year program at the National War College in Washington, DC, and earned his master’s in national security policy and strategy. Peter is currently on a three-year tour at the headquarters of the US European Command in Stuttgart, Germany, where he is chief of the engineering division in the Logistics & Security Directorate. His son, David ’01, is in Engineering and is pursuing his own Navy career through the NROTC program. Peter comments that David’s GPA is at least one full point higher than Peter’s was 30 years ago.

Mike Milley ’71 and wife Cathy had a unique experience for N. California. Their backyard fence in Los Altos was destroyed by a tornado last May. I happened to be only a few miles away at the time at a high school baseball game. We were lucky the tornado missed the school. It was certainly freakish weather for our part of the state. Send news. ✶ Alex Bar­na, 1050 Eagle Lane, Foster City, CA 94404-1441; e-mail, abarna@mail.arc.nasa.gov.

As a new class correspondent, I will first report the news about myself, Pam Meyers. I am currently general counsel and secretary of Mosler Inc., a physical and electronic security systems and product provider. Mosler recently almost doubled in size due to its acquisition of one of its main competitors, so life is both challenging and hectic. I have lived in Cincinnati, OH, for 11 years, moving here in 1987 for a better lifestyle after 11 years in Manhattan. My husband, Gerry Greenberg, is a corporate partner at the Cin­cinnati law firm of Taft, Stettinius & Hollister, and our children, David Greenberg, 16, and Allison Greenberg, 14, are both honors students at Cincinnati Country Day School. David is a computer guru and Allison is an artistic social butterfly (i.e., a teenage girl). We have started visiting college campuses on our vacation travels (including Stanford and U. of California, Berkeley), and I can confirm that Cornell still ranks as the most spectacular. As our children progress through their high school years, I find myself extolling the virtues of Cornell more frequently at the dinner table.

Jim Frank, BS ’74, reports that last summer he had a great time at our class reunion and with his family visited Boston, where they spent time with Marion Nystedt, MFA ’75, Dan Selig, and Jornina Gorenstein Shoenfeld ’76. Jim also went to Russia for two weeks as the manager of Argonne National Laboratory’s bioengineering section to visit several Russian biodense labs and to speak on bio­corrosion at Biocatalysis ’98 in Pushchino. His Argonne group also received two national awards for their work on a bioprocess and separations technology for making inexpensive “green” solvents (e.g., lactate esters) from corn: the Discover Magazine Award for Technolo­gy Innovation (winner of the “environment” category) and the president’s Green Chemistry Award in ceremonies at Disney World and the National Academy of Sciences.

Lorraine Palmiter, of San Diego, CA, is flying full-time for Delta while continuing to look at other opportunities within the company. Daughter Kara ’99 returned to Cornell (Hotel school) after two years off, working; son Nick is at Bridgton Academy in Maine (a 190-year­old, one-year post-grad high school program for males) to improve his academic skills before tackling college in the fall of 1999; and son Max, 15, is a sophomore in high school, playing football and “being a 15-year-old kid.”

Dr. Robert Mittleman is currently an associate professor/cardiologist at the U. of Massa­chusetts Medical Center in Worcester, MA, and lives in Newton, MA, with his wife and children Jacob, 8, and Ilana, 6. He sees Jeff Schwartz often and reports that Jeff is still an attorney in Manhattan and recently got married! Dr. Ann Gooding has moved to 106 McIntyre Road, CO 80401 (ambergcrno­n.com) and now works at Presbyterian/St. Luke’s Hospital in Denver. Steve Gottlieb visited her last summer while in Colorado for a conference. Ann and husband Mike Trask have girls Jennifer, 7, who wants to be a veter­inar­ian, Stephanie, 4, and Sarah, 2. Ann and Mike hope that at least one of them will want to go to Cornell, becoming a third-generation legacy.

Sheila Reiser-Okun, Laguna Niguel, CA, has been accumulating frequent flyer miles in the last couple of years: she and husband David Okun went to South America in 1996, visiting Lima and Machu Picchu, Peru; Santiago, Chile; Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. They also went to Isra­el, Egypt, Jordan, Czechoslovakia, and Atlan­ta, CA, where one of their sons attends Emory U. Son Justin A. Okun ’98 graduated from the Arts college and spent his junior year studying in Prague. His major is Eastern Euro­pean studies and his language is Czech. Sheila has been awarded the Life Saver Ruby Award, a national award to honor volunteers who have made extraordinary contributions to life­saving and cancer risk reduction programs from the American Cancer Society. Sheila’s nutrition education programs have reached more than 291,000 people.

Baylor Gibson, ME C ’74, writes from Irvine, CA, that he is a civil engineer with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; his wife, Linda, is a nurse with the Irvine Medical Center; daughters Elizabeth and Sarah are in gymnastics. Nancy Dworkin Miller, Brooklyn, NY, (Nancy Dworkin Weber, when she graduated from Cornell), has remarried, to Gerald Miller. Nancy wrote that Karen Goldberg is married to Dr. Neil Skolnick and has children Kate, 13, and Amelia, 12.

Nancy Levy Palminter is director of tax
for Intel Corp. and lives in Cupertino, CA, with spouse Philip Palminteri and daughter Alison. **Rona Weiss**, Great Neck, NY, writes that she has earned her doctoral degree in psychology from Yeshiva U. **Joan Spielholz**, BS Ag ’81, Ithaca, NY, found “lost” classmate **Fred King**, BA ’77, at 2904 NE Flinders, Portland, OR 97232. **Roberta Kaplan** Israel now lives in Tualatin, OR; **Patrick Knapp** now lives in Clinton, NY, and **Caren Rosenfield** Goodman now lives in Madison, CT. **Pamela S. Meyers**, 5635 Carpenter’s Creek Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45241; e-mail, meyersp@moslerinc.com; and **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, 1531 Woodside Dr., E. Lansing, MI 48823; e-mail, grummonlp@pilot.msu.edu.

**R E U N I O N**

Come back for our 25th re-union in Ithaca; June 10–13, 1999! For details, check out the Class of ’74 web page at www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1974. If you want to contact a classmate with whom perhaps you haven’t been in touch for a while and encourage him or her to attend, there are special Cornell postcards you can send. Call **Margaret Gallo** ’81 at (607) 255-7085 or e-mail her at mmg5@cornell.edu to get postcards or a current phone number for a classmate. Our reunion fund-raising goal is $5.5 million from at least 1,074 classmates to break the existing 25th Reunion campaign records. If you would like to help with fund-raising, call **Jacelyn Spear**, BS Eng ’75, at (803) 442-9929 or e-mail her at jas82@cornell.edu. We will elect class officers for the next five-year term. Offices include president(s), vice president(s), secretary, treasurer, class correspondent(s), reunion chair(s), Cornell Fund representative(s) and Class Council members. Please contact current Class President **Brian Beglin** at (914) 793-2224 or bbeglin@richoneil.com if you are interested in exploring the possibility of taking on any of these positions.

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We need more news, folks. You don’t want to rely upon my activities for news! During the summer, I was in Chicago and got to spend time with my former roommate, Abbie Smith, PhD ’81, who is an accounting professor at the U. of Chicago business school. I also get to spend time with another Cornell rooimie, Lynn Arrison Harrison, who lives in Hackettstown, NJ, with husband, Ridgely “Chips” 74 and children Ridgely, 17, Willie, 12, and Katie, 16.

While walking around at the US Open this summer, I ran into Myrna Bank Gardner and Karen Seidler Goodwin, who both live in Greenwich, CT. This fall, I went to the Cornell-Princeton football game, which inaugurated the new Princeton Stadium. There was a huge Big Red turnout, with a pregame tailgate party and our very important participation in the stadium wave! Brian Dawson traveled from Bel Air, MD, with wife Patty and daughter Sydney, 3. Brian is an attorney for Aetna. Also there: Joe Buser, BS Eng ’76, from Pittstown, NJ, and his sons, William B. “Buck” Briggs ’76; and Howie Borkan ’81.

I received an e-mail from Leslie Hudson and John Halloran, BS Ag ’76, who live in Hawaii. Leslie is working on her dissertation and they recently traveled to Thailand. I also received an e-mail from Andy Feigin, who also attended high school with me! He and wife Mimi live in Huntington Station on Long Island with two children (second and sixth grades). Andy is the production stage manager at The New York Opera and can be reached at afeigin@nyopera. He also volunteers on the Long Island Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN).

I spoke with Jeanne Fattori Retig, our class treasurer. She recently was in St. Louis with son, Christopher, looking at colleges (that seems to be part of a lot of our classmates’ recent vacation trip planning) and visited with Laurie Clemente Milnor, who lives there. Jeanne lives in Bernardsville, NJ, and does plenty of volunteer work.

This year, several classmates took part in Adult University (CAU). The number of students participating continues to grow, probably as a result of the diverse offerings. The award for most programs goes to Kathy Cattieu, who attended sessions on Cape Cod Ecology and Fall Migrations in September 1997, Ecology and Astronomy in the Sonora Desert in Arizona in May 1998, and Field Ornithology in Ithaca in July 1998. Attending off-campus programs were Susan Fulton and husband Alan Burrows ’76, who attended the Tropics Next Door: Belizean Ecolodies from the Highlands to the Sea in January 1998. Those attending summer programs in Ithaca this past year included: Kathleen O’Brien, Childhood: The Way It Was, The Way It Is, The Way It Ought to be; Eileen (Kessler), BS HE ’76, and Hank Helfield, MS ’81, Genes and Genomes: DNA Discoveries and Real-World Applications; Fran Kanterman, Antiques and Antiquing in the Finger Lakes Region; Charles King, The Presidency, the Presidents, and Presidential Leadership from the Founding Fathers to the Present, Patricia Abnett Senker, The Internet Revolution: Dimensions and Dilemmas, and Catherine Minuse, JD ’75, The Playwriting Workshop, and Andrea Gould Robertson, The Tennis Clinic.

In addition to members of our class taking advantage of Cornell’s programs outside of matriculated education, there were a few children of our class who took advantage of the Cornell Summer College for high school students. Ruth, the daughter of Paul Joseph, MBA ’76; Elizabeth, daughter of Peter Morphis, MBA ’75, and Caren Wolff Sanger’s son Matthew all attended in 1998. Do I see potential Cornellians here?

Now for the lost and lost column. If you know about the following people, we don’t have up-to-date addresses and would love your help in finding them: Julie Berger, Kevin Berry, George Bissell, Andrew Blackman, David L. Blackwell, Gordon Blair, Paul Bogaev, George Bourque, Lyle Bowlin, Karen Krug Brachman, Mark Broomer, Deborah L. Brown, Susan Bubniak, Mark Buersmeyer. Please send news, even one-line e-mails will do. Debora Smith, 330 E. 79th St., #8G, NYC 10021; e-mail, gellman@blumberg.net.

News from the spring of 1998 includes a newspaper report that Dennis Larios had been elected president of the board of directors of the YMCA of Kingston (NY) and Ulster County. Betsy Landsman spent ten wonderful years living in Brazil and has returned to Roslyn, NY, to raise son Willie, 3, and daughter Deedee and son A. J. and working hard, but fewer hours. She is still hiring lots of excellent Hotelies in her business and says, “They are tops!”

Recently named general manager of manufacturing for the chemical products division of Mobil Chemical, Richard Mohring, MS ’77, will be increasing his travel. He travels to plant locations in Texas, New Jersey, France, and Holland. His wife, Kathy, and sons, Eric and Chris, are enjoying their new home in Virginia.

Hoping to return to Ithaca more than once every three to four years, Henry Steingass moved to Washington, DC, in mid-1996. His second son, Evan, Henry was born in May 1997, William Thom, MBA ’87, is the divisional controller for Unisource Worldwide Inc. in their Norel division in Bergen County, NJ, Unisource is a national distributor of paper and packaging products. He, wife Toni, and their son, Erin, 5, live in Waldwick, NJ.

Christian Wagner has been on Hilton Head since graduation. He worked in management with Sea Pines Co. for 13 years. Now he is bar manager of the Crazy Crab Restaurant, which is managed by Charles Larson. Christian has held this job for the past ten years. He continued weight-lifting and body building after Cornell and won the county bodybuilding title for five consecutive years. Later he won the South Carolina State Championship and placed 12th in the Nationals. Now in his 40s, he has traded the weights for fishing rods (second love in life) and in the past ten years has won 14 major fishing tournaments in Georgia and South Carolina. Chris plans to stay on Hilton Head Island. He does not miss the snow and cold at all.

After a three-year hiatus from the world of technology, Donald Zinn has returned to his roots as executive vice president of Dynalog Technologies, a software and consulting services firm. After serving on the board at Dynalog for over a year, he jumped at the chance to get involved full-time as they begin a 12-18 month march toward an IPO. They’ve developed a software product that creates a paradigm for enterprise software distribution and management. Our world, he writes, is full of big software companies that started small but created a better mousetrap. They hope and expect to follow that model; keep an eye out for them over the next year.

John Berndt is traveling and living in Asia and writes that it is challenging, interesting and exciting. Mary Ellen Conroy, MD ’86, and Steven K. Burke, MD ’87, happily welcomed their new addition, Timothy, born Mar. 27, ’98.

Carol Farkas, until two years ago, had... (continued on page 90)
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**Cornell Alumni Federation Scholars**

Evenues generated by the Cornell Visa Card support both undergraduate scholarships and alumni programs. Each time a Cornell Visa card is issued, renewed, or used to make a purchase, royalties are paid to Cornell. "So far, nearly 15,000 alumni have chosen to participate in the program," said CAF President Jeff Estabrook. "Our goal is 100% participation." Thanks to proceeds from the Cornell Visa card, 23 undergraduates have been awarded Cornell Alumni Federation Scholarships.

*And The Recipients Are...*

- Jessica Aleman '99, a Spanish major in Arts and Sciences from West New York, New Jersey.
- Jeremy Blanchet '02, an undeclared major in Engineering from Barrington, Rhode Island.
- Ayesha Brantley '00, a junior in Industrial and Labor Relations from Oakland, California.
- Sofia Chang '99, a history major in Arts and Sciences from Sacramento, California.
- Maura Dennison '01, an architecture major in Architecture, Art, and Planning from Freeport, Maine.
- Mark Eulier '00, a natural resources major in Agriculture and Life Sciences from Winter Park, Florida.
- Dornechia George '02, an undeclared major in Human Ecology from Maxwell, Alabama.
- Meredith Hansen '00, an undeclared major in Arts and Sciences from Peekskill, New York.
- Sung-shin Hong '00, an economics major in Arts and Sciences from Flushing, New York.
- Anna Lee '99, a consumer economics and housing major in Human Ecology from Norwood, New Jersey.
- Mathew Lee '02, an undeclared major in Engineering from Virginia Beach, Virginia.
- Colleen Marocco '00, a classics major in Arts and Sciences from Lutherville, Maryland.
- Ariana Moore '02, an undeclared major in Arts and Sciences from Northampton, Massachusetts.
- Dorothy Moyer '01, an undeclared major in Arts and Sciences.

The scholars. (Back row, from left): Jeremy Blanchet, Marc Taylor, Dornechia George, Mike Webb, Sung-Shin Hong. (Front row): Sophia Chang, Melissa Williams, Colleen Marocco.

"Preserving The Past"

**Cornell Association of Class Officers Wins Grant**

Last January the Preserving the Past Project of the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) was awarded a Cornell Alumni Federation Grant. The project, which began in 1996, collects oral histories from Cornell's oldest alumni, attempts to collect and preserve in oral history the experience of Cornell and Cornell's influence on the personal, professional, and community life of the students it graduates. To date, Preserving the Past has completed more than 50 oral histories. Funds for the Cornell Alumni Federation Grant Program come from the proceeds of the Cornell Visa card.

As Edwin Parsons Young, Jr., ’31 wrote in the 1931 Cornellian Class History:

"Ithaca is more of a spirit than a town, and there is no reason to believe that it has changed much more in the past sixty-three years..."
ITHACA


NY/ONTARIO


CAA/Greater Rochester, Jan. 21—Food sorting at Foodlink in Rochester. Call Gidgett King, (585) 439-3948.


CC/Syracuse, Feb. 8—Eleanor Jacobs and Doug Merrill. Call Lisa and Doug, (207) 495-8782.

CWC/Syracuse, March 8—Professor of Genetics Peter Bruns speaks on “Exploration in Biological Sciences” at the home of Marion Perez. Call Janet Fallon, (518) 606-6167.

METRO NEW YORK


CC/Fairfield County, Jan. 30—Pan-Asian New Year Banquet and scholarship benefit. Reception, cocktails, and dinner. Call Metro NY Regional Office, (203) 986-7202.


CC/Metro NY, March 4—Bowl for the challenge campaign for an undergraduate scholarship endowment. Bowling, supper, songs, dancing, and fun. Call the NY Metro Regional Office, (212) 986-7202.

NORTHEAST


CWC and Yale, Feb. 5—Luncheon. Call Loren Pessin, (518) 777-1425.


CAIG/Maine, Feb. 15—Women’s hockey v. Maine. Pre-game reception hosted by Lisa and Doug Merrill. Call Lisa and Doug, (207) 847-7822.

Cornell Alumni Federation Northeast Volunteer Leadership Conference, April 9-11, Westin Copley Place, Boston. Call Cecily B. Hayden, (617) 781-2026.

SOUTHWEST


SOUTHEAST


CC/Greater Jacksonville, Jan. 31—Superbowl Party at the home of Steve and Angela Dinkla. Call Bob Mark, (904) 240-0954.

CC/Suncoast, Feb. 4—Gourmet wine and food tasting at Val’s Fine Wines in Clearwater, FL. Call Rick Furhurth, (619) 488-2819.

CC/Sarasota-Manatee, Feb. 18—Club scholarship dinner in honor of President Emeritus Frank Rhodes and Mrs. Rhodes at Michael’s on East. Call Dean Bock, (941) 925-8441.

CC/Miami & Florida Keys, Feb. 20—Habitat for Humanity Workday. RSVP by Feb. 5. Call Andy Niereim, (954) 854-9500.


“Thanks For The Chance To Serve”

From Trustee Judith Brandenburg ’61

C ONNELL HAS CONTRIBUTED TO my life since I was sixteen years old. For this reason I deeply appreciate the opportunity given to me by the alumni to return something to Cornell as a member of the Board of Trustees. This privilege was enlarged by the chance to work with both Presidents Frank Rhodes and Hunter Rawlings.

Given all that needs to be learned and done, four years as a trustee seems too short. However, through my service on the Task Force on Admissions and Financial Aid, the Committee on Academic Affairs and Campus Life, and the Committee on Land Grant and Statutory Trustee, I believe I was an outspoken voice regarding the issues you elected me to pursue. In particular, the greatness of Cornell rests on insuring diversity in its people and areas of study while sustaining a face of serious and increasing competition with other schools, not just those in the Ivy League.

We must build a more collegial environment for students and provide ample resources to attract and sustain faculty and staff.

The democratic nature of Cornell composed of endowed and statutory colleges should be proudly celebrated as a unique and special feature of American higher education. We must increase efforts to publicize Cornell’s accomplishments and to utilize the talents of trustees and alumni. It is essential to elect members to the board who represent varied experiences and points of view. Creative and bold steps are needed to sustain Cornell’s greatness. I applaud the leadership of Cornell for moving us forward and the alumni for supporting these efforts. Thank you again for the chance to serve you and the university.
from Plymouth, Massachusetts.
  Deborah Nichols '00, an architecture major in Architecture, Art, and Planning from North Haven, Connecticut.
  Kara Novogradac '02, a natural resources major in Agriculture and Life Sciences from Carnegie, Pennsylvania.
  Rafael Portillo '02, an architecture major in Architecture, Art, and Planning from West Covinda, California.
  Kristina Slater '99, a floriculture and ornamental major in Agriculture and Life Sciences from South Dakota State University.
  Michelle Stein '99, a history major in Arts and Sciences from Glen Rock, New Jersey.
  Marc Taylor '00, a biology and society major in Arts and Sciences from Forest Hills, New York.
  James Vaughn '00, an undeclared major in Arts and Sciences from University of California, Los Angeles.
  Michael Webb '01, an undeclared major in Engineering from Binghamton, New York.
  Melissa Williams '02, an undeclared major in Arts and Sciences from Peoria, Arizona.

The students are grateful to the Cornell Alumni Federation for the scholarship support that enables them to complete their college careers. Their comments about the scholarships, excerpted below from thank you letters, indicate the diversity and enthusiasm of the Cornell students whom the VISA card funds are helping to support.

As Sofia Chang '99 wrote, "I want to express my gratitude for the Cornell Alumni Federation Scholarship. You have made my family and my life easier in my last year at Cornell University."

"Once again, I would like to thank you for picking me. I hope that in the future I am able to do something to help a student in my situation," wrote Michelle Stein. A member of the rugby team, she wants to pursue a career in international relations.

Deborah Nichols '02, said, "Personally, I would not have been able to continue my education this year without the support of this generous scholarship."

Jeremy Blanchet '02, wrote, "Thank you for the generous scholarship awarded to me by the Cornell Alumni Federation. I worked hard through high school with the hope I could earn the opportunity to attend a school like Cornell. I was excited when the acceptance letter arrived, but not certain we would be able to handle it financially. Thanks partly to your generosity we were able to work it out. As opening day approaches I am a bit apprehensive, but confident that Cornell will not only provide an excellent education, but open my life to many new friends and opportunities."

Matthew Lee '02, sent a thank you via e-mail, which said in part, "I would like to thank everyone that made this scholarship possible. You do not understand how thankful my mother and I are. I have enjoyed the university immensely and thanks to your contribution I will be able to continue to enjoy the university for four years."

Shannon Nichols class of '00 said, "I will make the most use out of the scholarship that you have so generously donated. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to fulfill my dream of becoming an architect."

Rafael S. Portillo '02, a junior in Architecture, Art, and Planning and a transfer student from a community college in California, was particularly grateful as the scholarship will decrease the financial burden "that has weighed down" his family. Rafael's father died when he was five and his mother raised Rafael and his brother, a senior at Loyola University in Chicago, alone. Rafael plans to graduate in four years instead of the required five by attending summer school and then to enroll for the one year in an overlapping graduate program for architecture students.

And Kara Joy Novogradac '02, a freshman in the College of Arts and Sciences, wrote, "Today was my first day of courses here at Cornell, and it looks as though I am in for four wonderful years of learning adventure! I want to thank you for helping to make this possible. Presently I'm taking biology, chemistry and Italian, along with a freshman writing seminar and gym (horseback riding)!

Medical school is hopefully in my future, although as of yet I'm still undecided in what to major. Already I am part of an intramural Ultimate Frisbee team and I hope to try out for the equestrian team. Life is good. Thank you again for your kindness and generosity."

The Cornell VISA card is the only credit card that supports Cornell Alumni Federation Scholarships. In addition to the 23 scholarships funded for the 1998-99 academic year, the card has made possible grants to 27 alumni organizations to build and strengthen alumni programs and support of the university. It also supports the Cornell Alumni Federation Grant Program. For more information on how to obtain a Cornell VISA card, contact Naomi Seldin in the Office of Alumni Affairs at 607-255-2390, or visit the World Wide Web site at http://www.alumni.cornell.edu.
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been volunteering with a program from the psychiatry department of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, which specialized in ameliorating and controlling psychiatric and physiological symptoms in home-bound patients. They also worked closely with patients’ significant others and family. She was part of

weather in the spring and very few cold nights this summer. I am still very happily married to Vicki (Lawrence) ’89 and our 2-year-old Michaela is growing rapidly. On rainy weekends we have taken her to Barton, where she loves to run around the cavernous hall. On the sunny weekends we try to take a nature walk through the hills and gorges surrounding

Yudowitz Center for Jewish Campus Life, Cornell Hilllel. Vally is the former director of external relations at the University Library and previously spent several years in international management positions.

Keith Bishop was elected for a third term to the Guilford (CT) Board of Education. Keith is active in the Connecticut Farm Bureau, as well as the Agricultural Education Foundation. In his spare time, Keith does video programming as a hobby and is on the board of the local cable access group. Keith and his wife manage Bishop’s Orchards Farm Market, selling produce from their 200-acre farm and from farms around the world. They have four children who keep them busy with sports and Odyssey of the Mind, in which teams compete in creative events. Keith invites you to visit their website at www.bishopsorchards.com.

I heard from Bob ’52, BME ’53, and Jeanne Irish Lewis ’52, correspondents for their class, who reported that Cindy Brandt Johnson was featured in the September/October 1998 issue of The Rubber Stamper, a magazine for rubber stamp enthusiasts. The article mentions that Cindy became interested in the craft while she was at Cornell and that she now creates stamped cards to send to her daughter, Erika Johnson ’01. The Lewises’ connection with Cindy goes back to their senior year, when they acted as her hosts while she was student-teaching in Rochester.

Cathy Marschean-Spivak wrote that despite Nabisco’s sale of some product lines and subsequent layoffs, she still is the manager of their test kitchen. Cathy writes of the challenges of a teenage daughter and coping with dating and separate phone lines and clothing that makes girls look of “legal” age. To hear Cathy describe it, she’s not sure SHE will make it through her daughter’s high school years. It’s easier for her to cope with the traumas of her younger daughter, which are limited to crises surrounding a Beanie Baby collection.

Jean Pierre Durand writes from Mexico, where he is part of the family perfumery business. Jean Pierre describes a lovely life where he spends weekends at a country home, water skiing from 9:00-11:00 a.m., then sailing all afternoon. Jean Pierre and wife Lilia, daughter Veronica, 17, and son Stephan, 14, invite classmate to come visit. Another classmate looking for visitors is Jim Furbush, who relocated to Murfreesboro, TN, to take the position of director of customer financial services for Hartmann Inc. He, wife Beth, who is a professional recruiter, and daughter Ashley, 14, love the Nashville area.

Thomas Sze is a senior concept architect for Walt Disney Imagineering. They design and build all the Disney theme parks around the world. Just to give you an idea of how long it takes to get some of these theme parks built, Thomas spent five years in Orlando, FL, working on the Animal Kingdom park. He’s now back in California working on California Adventures in Anaheim, which is scheduled to open in 2001. Ross Stefano, MBA ’78, lives in Malans, NY, where he is president and chief operating officer of the Pietrafa Co., a

“Cathy Marschean-Spivak seems unsure SHE will make it through her daughter’s high school years.”

— LORRIE PANZER RUDIN ’77

the initiating team for this program, which began more than 20 years ago. Carol took a leave of absence when the building of her home in Wyoming began to consume a lot of time.

James E. Fitzgerald III rejoined KPMG Peat Marwick to head up the hospitality consulting practice for the Northeast. He lives in Darien, CT. James enjoys watching children Geoffrey, Tyler, and Annie play lacrosse.

Two sad notes to report. Patricia Fox died of cancer on Feb. 27, ’98. Her mother sent this news and we send our condolences.

Shayna Wagman passed away in August 1996, after eight months of hospitalization due to complications arising from non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma experimental treatment. Shayna and Steven Tucker were married June 26, ’93, near Woodstock, NY. Their daughter, Melissa, was born on Aug. 19, ’94. Shayna was a wonderful wife and a very loving mother. Steven wrote that Shayna spoke of her time at Cornell and described the beautiful campus. He hopes, someday, to visit and walk the campus with Melissa. A picture of Melissa was encased with his note. She is a beautiful child and Steven says that she bore a striking resemblance to her mother at the same age (30 months). He listed a mailing address in Oxford, CA. I’m sure our classmates join me in sending our sympathies. 

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Can you believe it’s 1999? Or that we’re in our mid-40s? Didn’t a week used to last forever when we were in junior high school? Now I don’t know where the months go, to say nothing of a week. The passage of time hits home as I write this column, three months prior to its publication. When you read this, we’ll be in the midst of winter.

To remind us of spring, which is always so glorious in Ithaca, I thought I would print an e-mail that I got from our Class President Kevin Brew, who lives in Ithaca.

“Things in Ithaca have been wonderful this spring and summer. Unbelievably warm
Is it just me or does it seem that we’ve finally gotten to an age where we spend less time doing what we think we should be doing and more time doing the things that we really want to do? Deborah Dickason Falt writes that she recently started working as the English as a Second Language parent outreach coordinator (“Talk about a job begging for a good acronym!” she writes) for the 11,000-plus-student Upper Darby School District in suburban Philadelphia. They have children from more than 60 different cultures in their district and she helps parents “navigate” the school system. Eric Kates, DVM ’81, is still working hard to support his wife and kids (Alex, 11, Mitchell, 8, and Jaclyn, 5) through his three-person equine veterinary practice. However, he’s enjoying their new home on 7.5 acres in Colts Neck, NJ, and is even putting in a miniature golf course. He also owns several race horses, two cats, and is “trying to play more golf and tennis, and vacation everywhere.”

Mark Levenson writes from Portland, OR, that he continues to manage his own public relations writing business and, in what he laughingly refers to as his “free time,” he serves on the national board of the Union for Traditional Judaism and as a Sholom Comay fellow of the American Jewish Committee. He also recently completed two terms as president of the USA chapter of Union Internationale de la Marionnette, the world’s oldest international theater organization. Michael Levine, who lives in Teaneck, NJ, was recently honored by Working Mother magazine as one of the 25 Most Influential Men in America for improving conditions for working women. He is responsible for grantsmaking in the early childhood and school-reform areas for Carnegie Corp. of New York, the internationally renowned philanthropic organization. He and his wife have children Sam, 11, Zachary, 7, and Sarah, 4.

Martha Rosett Lutz lives in a house in Iowa City, IA, that she jokingly refers to as “Pandemonium.” With five children, eight frogs, two snakes, two tarantulas, three Madagascar hissing cockroaches, and one greyhound, she questions, “Who would dare visit it?” She is still dancing and recently received a third-place award for non-fiction from the Iowa Organization for the Writing Arts. She is the same weight and height as in college, but her 400 meter time is six-plus seconds slower and her five-kilometer time is faster than college cross country.

After spending 12 years manufacturing and selling “shnatas,” Sam Lippin went back to school to become a physical therapist. He graduated from SUNY, Downstate and is working as a staff physical therapist at New York Hospital—Cornell Medical Center. He writes, “I certainly hope this is what I want to do when I grow up ... my wife hopes so, too!” Lisa Rubin (LRubin@superlink.net) lives in New York City with her husband and son Zachary, 1. After working in product management/marketing for General Mills, as well as for General Foods and Sterling Health, last year she made a career decision to focus on her real love: leadership development consulting. She is now an executive coach to managers in consumer-oriented companies in the New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut area. Jeanne Arnold Schwetjes (DxsieC9@aol.com) wrote about how much she enjoyed the 20th Reunion. Daughter Kate really liked the kick-boxing class and she and Kate enjoyed the climbing wall, horseback riding, and canoeing. Jeanne and her husband recently celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary and have planned a second honeymoon—two weeks in the south of France. She is also singing in a band that her husband and brother-in-law recently started for “extra fun and money.” Don’t forget to send us your news! 

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Greetings from Richmond, VA! I hope that the new year finds you well and happy. It is hard to believe that we are less than six months from our 20th Reunion. I hope you are making your plans to attend now, because it is just around the corner.

Classmate Donna Wiesner has been selected by the American Council of Young Political Leaders to serve as a delegate on a US mission to Germany and Romania. The ACYPL was founded more than 30 years ago to promote awareness and understanding of the common problems, opportunities, and challenges which face all nations within the international community, and to provide common ground upon which emerging political leaders can foster personal and lasting relationships. Donna joins a bipartisan delegation of six elected and appointed leaders from 20 states.

The delegation gathered in Washington, DC, for a series of briefings on the current political and economic issues facing these European nations, as well as key issues with the US, including trade and NATO. These briefings include meetings with key officials at the State Department, the embassies of Germany and Romania, and with past delegates on ACYPL’s program to China. The delegation spent six days in Germany and another six in Bucharest. During their stay in Germany they discussed issues including competition and cooperation between the US and Europe in high technology, and Germany as a link between new and old NATO members. In Bucharest, they met with their Romanian counterpart, the Foundation for Pluralism, for the first time.

Former WYBR sports director Keith Olbermann attended a dedication ceremony at WYBR’s Linden Avenue studios on May 24. Olbermann helped the station dedicate its principal broadcast studio and control room, “Air 1,” to the memory of Glenn Corneliess ’78 who died in 1996. Keith Olbermann, formerly an anchor on ESPN’s SportsCenter, is host of MSNBC’s “The Big Show” and appears frequently on NBC News and NBC Sports broadcasts.

Mark Chen, BArch ’80, AIA, has been named director of design for the New York office of The Hillier Group. Chen is a nationally recognized architect with design experience in universities, K-12 schools, health-care facilities, as well as corporate and commercial facilities. He has earned numerous design honors, including two prestigious Progressive Architecture awards, including one for a Pediatric AIDS Center for the Bronx Lebanon hospitals. Other notable projects for which he has been recognized include work for Tiffany & Co. distribution center, a U. of Rochester biomedical research building, Virginia Commonwealth University School of Art, and a new athletic center for the Grotton School.

Glen Tepke moved to Boston last year after 18 years in California. He is working as senior policy analyst for Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation. He is married to Carol Chetkovich, who is a professor at Harvard. Glen lives in the Back Bay and is still an avid rock-climber. Cynthia Wolberger reports that she has been promoted to associate professor of biophysics at Johns Hopkins U. and to associate investigator of the Howard Hughes Medical Inst. She and husband Jeff live in Baltimore, MD, with children Joshua, 2, and
Rachel, 6. Living in Wilton, Ct, Wayne Meichner writes that he has been at Saks Fifth Avenue for 18 years. He is currently the senior vice president, general merchandise manager. He and wife Lisa have sons Jared, 4-1/2, and Justin, 1-1/2. He sees Ken Rubin and Brett Cohen often and is looking forward to re-union to see the rest of the gang. David Habberstadter and wife Beverly are the parents of daughters, Kimberly Rose, 1, and Jennifer, 5. They live in Los Angeles, CA, where David is a law partner of Troodo, Meisinger, Steuber & Pasich. He specializes in intellectual property and entertainment litigation and represents most of the major motion picture studios. He spent his 40th birthday with classmates Brett Cohen and Cohen’s family. Kelly, Brandon, and Cody. He recently exchanged e-mails with D. Noah Appley, who is a CPA in Atlanta. Also living in California are Steve Rosenzweig and wife Joan Kiekkhaefen. They have children Andrew and Stacey. Steve recently joined Standard & Poor’s in San Francisco as director, corporate rating, for the Western US, after having spent four years with Wells Fargo Bank. He hopes to see more Cornellians now that he will be traveling to NYC fairly frequently. He has recently seen Wayne Buder who was named general manager of Chair/Day’s San Francisco office.

Linda Rust writes that she started her own consulting practice in May 1996. Rust and Associates Inc., located in Minneapolis, MN, provides information systems management consulting services in the context of organizational change. Linda’s first big contract is with Carlson Companies, one of the largest privately held firms in the US. Lorraine Weiss Kaplan moved from Larchmont, NY, to Wilmette, IL, in April 1997. She and husband Jonathan have twin daughters, Alesandra and Justin, 1-1/2. He sees Ken Rubin and Brett Cohen often and is personally working on the development of satiating, nutritious foods with D. Noah Appley, and is excited about ways to continue partnering with S. They moved to the East Coast last July. The wedding took place in Chappaqua, NY, on Oct. 8, ’97. Anne is the chief psychologist at Illinois Masonic Medical Center and director of their internship in clinical psychology. Her 40th birthday was celebrated with a surprise party attended by 40 of her good friends. In London are Linda Merrill Ely and husband Rick, BS IIL ’80. He is with the London-based law firm Clifford Chance. Linda is staying home full-time with their children, Bridget, 11, Joe, 8, and Deirdre, 4. She would like to say hello to Kathy Best, Lisa Hoyt, Liz Igleheart, and Debbie Van Schaack.

Mark Nestle reports that he is an associate film product consultant for Kodak Professional Films. He is also a commander with Navy ROTC. He was fortunate to spend his two weeks of active duty in San Diego during the blizzard of 1996. He and his wife have four children and live in Brockport, NY. Cindy Green has been appointed to a four-year term as a member of the board of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), the national body that sets the financial and reporting standards for all state and local governments in the country. She was on the Hill in November 1997 giving a colloquium to the city and regional planning department under Prof. Matthew Drennan, who had served on her doctoral dissertation committee when she was a graduate student at New York U. Cindy has children Claudia, 11, Benjamin, 7, and Aliza, 3. She and husband Lee Cohen live in NYC, where they celebrated her birthday at an art gallery featuring photography of the Soho Triad.

In May 1998, Larry Ledlow Jr. wrote that he and his wife chucked it all and moved to Alaska. They live in Eagle River with their two cats and a dog. Larry notes that he was tired of high tech companies thinking he was over the hill at 40.

Jon Wardner, BS Ag ’80, is the outgoing president of the Cornell Club of Michigan, which means he is probably out of office by this date. However he would like to remind Cornellians in Ann Arbor and Royal Oak about the monthly happy hour which they are invited to attend. He ran into Chris and Amy Shapiro Cochran ’81 at the Cornell-Western Michigan U. men’s hockey game in January 1998. He notes that Chris and Amy are moving to Missouri. % Kathleen Zappia Gould, 912 Meadowcreek Dr., Richmond, VA 23326; e-mail, rd_k_gould@msn.com; Cynthia Ahlgren Shea, Cottage Walk, PO Box 1413, E. Hampton, NY 11937.

In search of class news, I recently came upon the Cornell alumni website by class (www.alumni.cornell.edu/ orgs/Classes). I was disappointed to find the Class of ’80 noticeably absent from the listing. Surely there is someone within our class who can design us a one-of-a-kind, fabulous web page. I am not sure if there is already work in progress on this, but if you have the computer skills, design ability, and the initiative to contact our class officers, your assistance would be much appreciated. On to the news.

Congratulations to Jack Sobel and wife Karen (Zeller) on the birth of their first child, Joshua Ziller Sobel. I managed to reach Jack an hour after they had returned home from the hospital. Joshua was born on Oct. 16, ’98, weighing in at eight pounds, six ounces. As of this writing, Jack is on paternity leave from the Center for Marine Conservation (Washington, DC), where he serves as director of the ecosystem protection program. Rob Cain was recently transferred to the South with the US Postal Service. Rob purchased a new home near Charleston, SC, and was married on Tortola, BVI. Calvin Wong, BA ’81, moved to Hong Kong with wife Vivian Yang and daughter Katie. He transferred from the New York head office of Standard & Poor’s, where he spent the past ten years, to S&P’s Hong Kong office, where he is the managing director and Asia Pacific region head for structured finance ratings.

Robert Lanza, ME Ch ’82, wrote to let us know of his address change. He now resides in Takoma Park, MD, and is working in Washington, DC, for ICF Kaiser Engineers, located at L’Enfant Plaza. Robert Entenman has also moved. Robert returned to London after living in Italy for two years. He writes, “Miss the weather, friends, and food, but enjoy choice of movies, in English, every night. (Unless you’ve heard the Italian dubbing of Scottish accents in Trainspotting, you’ve missed a truly cross-cultural experience.)”

Sam Fisher is a senior vice president in the private client group of NationsBank and is the city executive for Boca Raton, FL. He and wife Becky are the parents of great kids, Katherine, 13, Robert, 12, and Steven, 10. Sam coaches soccer and is becoming a pretty decent golfer! He keeps in touch with Connie Colao, John Tassone, and Scott Sepsy.

Gina Lee, who resides in New York City, was happy to encounter several Cornell acquaintances during a visit to Ohio. Gina wrote, “I have been in contact with them in more than ten years. They are four Korean Cornellians who are two years younger than I. We caught up with each other, and the talk began about possibly organizing a Korean Alumni Assn. I am excited about ways to contribute to the Cornell community, as well as getting back in touch with old friends through the organization.” I recently spoke to Janice Flaherty, who resides in Edison, NJ. Her husband, John Wong, is currently vice president for Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Advisors Inc., a mutual fund firm. She and John are spending time with their children, Vivian, 8, and Patricia, 4. Jan indicated that while she had no news to report, she was just glad that her daughters had finally recovered from chickenpox.

Carol Ann Krug was married to David Graves last July. The wedding took place in Belmont, CA, and the honeymoon was spent in Europe. Carol Ann works as a software design engineer and her husband is a software architect, both with Hewlett-Packard Co. in Cupertino.

I received an interesting e-mail from Kathleen Schlager, whose company, Natural Conclusions Inc., has just completed the construction of a research and development test kitchen in Bethesda. Natural Conclusions Inc. (established in 1992) is a food service and manufacturing consulting business. Currently, Kathleen is involved in the development and implementation of HACCP-based quality assurance programs for major food service corporations and is personally working on the development of satiating, nutritious foods with mass appeal to compete with the current definition of fast food. Kathleen writes, “I address concepts at their origin; develop menus, products, cost and profit analyses, supplier and distribution networks, training and operational models and efficiencies, and provide hands-on execution and implementation assistance.” The R&D kitchen was constructed to support the research and development efforts of NCI and its clients. The kitchen is finished in a combination of stainless steel, granite, and maple and is equipped with range, chargrill, oven, refrigerators, scales, thermocouples, pH
In touch with Miriam Rogers, MBA ‘88, who reports that all is well with her in her new position at Johnson & Johnson with the Janssen Pharmaceutical Division. You can reach Mike at mhoard@annc.com.

Marc Shapiro Silbert has recently relocated to Short Hills, NJ, after three years in Sydney, Australia, and a year in California. Marci and husband Araeme have daughters Cailley, 3, and Jordan, 2. Araeme has his own consulting firm, which advises Australian companies looking to raise money in the US. Marc also does consulting work for Araeme’s firm. They can be reached at mshapiro@earthlink.net.

Kevin Kranen, MEE ‘83, and wife Kathryn of Los Altos, CA, are excited to become first-time parents to Kyle David, who was born in April 1998. Kevin is managing a development team at Synopsys Inc. in Mt. View, CA. He keeps in touch with Ross Salawitch, who was recently married in Pasadena, CA. Kevin is in touch with Steve Glaser ‘82, and with Pamela Bird McDaniel ‘87, who also works at Synopsys. He occasionally connects with Jody Weiner Kauffman, who recently relocated to Dallas, TX, and Chris Phillips ‘80, BS Eng ’82, now president of Chameleon Design in Los Altos, CA. Kevin can be reached at kkranen@synopsys.com.

Janice Kerzner Tillo writes from Jacksonville, FL, that she and husband Tim enjoyed their season tickets to the Jaguars games. They are big fans of Seth Payne ‘97, who had just completed his rookie season. Janice states, “I have been on maternity leave ever since the birth of our first daughter, Carolyn, in 1989. Carolyn and her sisters Emily, 5, and Lizzie, 3, keep us busy. The girls love swimming, golf, and Disney World, not necessarily in that order!” She and the girls met Mary Scutio Lowe and her two boys in New Smyrna Beach during a spring vacation. She enjoyed it, but states it wasn’t anything like “Spring Break ’78 in Fort Lauderdale!”

Julio Caro of Santa Monica, CA, writes that he is married to Jacqueline Stafford Caro and has a daughter, Isabela, born in June 1996. He recently produced the feature film Erskinville Kinn’s in Sydney, Australia. Also from Santa Monica, Larry Kasanoff reports no new family news, except he has a “cool dog named Kiley.” He is producing movies such as Mortal Kombat and Animulato.

From Kirkland, WA, Mark Fanning pens a quick update. He has been married to Victoria Amsussen since 1990, and has children Katherine, 7, Mitchell, 5, and Michael, 1. He is currently vice president, human resource, at AT&T Wireless Services.

Rebecca Weems continues to pursue her doctorate in management, with emphasis on international management at the U. of Kentucky business school. Her family is well. Her husband Roger retired from the US Air Force three years ago and is working as a manager for Tranco.

Congrats to Kenyon Erickson, MPS Hotel ‘81, and wife Marion “Betsy” (Murphy) ‘80 of Falls Church, VA: they adopted newborn Lydia Grace in October 1997. Lydia “cauts a spell” on brothers Theo, 4, and Alek, 7. Kenyon still runs 30 miles a week, sometimes pushing the baby in a running stroller. (He says three kids equals 2,100 miles.) He also still directs and sings in The Tone Rangers. Check him out at www.ToneRanger.com. After almost 17 years, Kenyon left his position at Micros to “find another visionary company with exciting computer products—in the hospitality industry or not!” He keeps in touch with Russ Urban, who relocated to Martha’s Vineyard, MA.

Congrats also to Regina Rousseau, of Philadelphia, PA, who adopted her second child, Hallie, in October 1996. Hallie’s older brother, Gabe, is 4. Both children were born in Guatemala City and have the same birth mother. Regina traveled to Guatemala to get both children. She keeps in touch with James Tulsky and his wife, Ilana Swaf, of Durham, NC. They have children, Noah and Zeke. Regina also reports that Franny Osman, from Acton, MA, and husband Bill Freeman, MS ’81, have children Roz, Maddie, and Joseph.

We received news that Stephen Silvia of Rockville, MD, was granted tenure at Ameri­can U. in Washington, DC. Robert Cropa, of St. Louis, MO, holds tenure at St. Louis U., where he teaches in the graduate program in public policy and urban research.
As a change of pace, this column shall be entirely devoted to the life outside of work. Starting with children-related news: Nancy Huntington Stager and her family reside in Reading, MA. She expresses a sentiment I know I can certainly relate to: “I am currently conducting an experiment to see which aspect of my life is the busiest: Mother of two ‘three-sport’ athletes, senior vice president for Eastern Bank, or all the community projects. I probably won’t have time to analyze the results, but I’m having a great time.” If you want tips on juggling your life commitments, Nancy’s e-mail address is nstagler@aol.com.

Kathleen Templeton MacVarish writes from Medway, MA, that she has kids Katie, 6, and Jake, 3. Mark Donnelly and wife Tess Pierce from Kennesaw, GA, state proudly that their offspring, Cole, 6, and Brooke, 3, are “great kids.” Ernest Block’s three kids think he is the best Daddy in the world because they get to live at DisneyWorld all year round. If you e-mail Ernest at block@eth.org, he may give you the inside scoop on the best things to see when you visit DisneyWorld.

Amy Brown Giles writes from Short Hills, NJ, that she misses her husband and sons Brian and Andrew when she’s frequent flying to London for business. Jennifer Gardiner Liguori is a tennis coach in Morristown, NJ, who is grooming her children—Elizabeth, Tom, and Stephen—for Cornell’s tennis team.

Cynthia Schilling Rochford says that her family is driving up the estrogen levels in their home town of Victor, NY. She has twins infant girls and another girl in kindergarten. Ruth Logan’s daughter Natalie has finished kindergarten. She lives in Dallas, TX, just blocks away from Brandy Alvarez and her husband. Brandy has a son, Niccolo, 3. Sophia Logozzo Amaro and her children Oliver, 9, and Lily, 8, live on Long Island, in Stony Brook. Richard Gold, his wife, and children Jack, 4, and Jane, 1, live in Williamsville, NY. Dr. Lisa Dmitrovsky Kharrazi writes that she, husband Martin, and children Cheesah, Sira, Jeremy, and Evan live in San Francisco, CA, down the block from her medical practice. I envy your commute, Lisa.

Gayle "Vicki" Moncrief Bicknell ’83, MBA ’84, and our classmate Van, MS ’84, welcomed their third daughter, Hailey, to their home in Painted Post, NY on Jan. 11, ’98. Congratulations to Van, Vicki, Hailey, and Hailey’s sisters Keleigh, almost 5, and Logan, almost 3. Alan Hoffman, BA ’84, and his wife celebrated the birth of Elena Ariel Hoffman on Mar. 13, ’98. By the time you read this, Alan, Elena will be almost 1. Time flies, folks. Abby Gordon Newman writes that daughter Amanda Este recently celebrated her 1st birthday, and wore her first Cornell T-shirt to help celebrate. Of course, her brothers Jared, 9, and Max, 4, have been worn’ ’em for years.

Martha Moore-Hones and her son just returned to the US after living and working in Europe for four-plus years. Martha can be contacted worldwide at Martha.Moore@nike.com. Some exceptional news of progeny comes from Thomas N. Fairbanks III. He may be our first grandfather. He has granddaughter, Taylor, 4, to go along with his children, Thomas, 21, and Shelley, 26.

And now, to prove there is life beyond children, Tom lets us know that wife Janice is gaining notoriety as the innkeeper of the Old Waikouin Inn. He invites you to visit the Inn’s website at http://www.aitv.com/ulupono and asks that lots of you visit their inn so he can afford to come East for reunion. Cornell’s new football coach, Pete Mangurian, did serious body work when he was a Cornell student. He looks nothing like his former self.

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If you want to get involved in that program, see the Cornell Website, and go to the Alumni page for more info, or e-mail me, and make sure your name gets where it should be at Cornell.

Alyson Burleigh ’85, BS Ag ’83, is also enjoying the snow. She relocated her environmental consulting firm, Aurora Associates, from the beaches of Malibu, CA, to the mountains of Park City, UT. Alyson enjoys the mountains in the summer, as well, when she works part-time for the Mountain Trails Foundation, planning new trails for mountain biking enthusiasts in the area. Alyson recently enjoyed a visit to Golden, CO, to hike and cruise bookstores with Claudia Brand who couples her work in an environmental consulting practice with the raising of children Addie, 4, and Turner, 2.

Jonathan Hubchen lives and works in a much warmer climate. He is working as a manager for CARE in Mozambique, where he addresses sustainable agriculture issues in the country’s Machaze district. He was happy to come back for home leave this last summer. He packed a lot in; he hit reunion, Washington, DC, Atlanta, and New Orleans before heading back. Matthew Lambert writes that he has moved overseas, as well. Matt now lives in London, England, and is in the midst of a two-year assignment as one of two head traders of equity derivatives for PaineWebber Inc.

Brad Busscher writes from Lake Forest, IL, that he is employed as a senior vice president and senior attorney with Everen Securities Inc. in Chicago. He and wife Elizabeth, a Florida Gator, have children, Brett, 4, and

Don’t forget to send us your news. Have a terrific 1999! Jennifer Read Campbell, 14824 Hunting Path Pl., Centreville, VA 20120; e-mail, rnonjencan@aol.com; also Kathy Philbin LaShoto, 114 Harrington Rd., Waltham, MA 02154; e-mail, kpl3853@aol.com; and Betty Silverfine, 1601 Third Ave., #4E, NYC 10128; e-mail, bsilverfine@prokauer.com.

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Bailey. 1. Also reporting in from Illinois is Catherine Nelson Hoyda, a stay-at-home mom for Matthew, 5, and Julia, 2. Her husband, Dave, works in the food industry. Catherine is interested in hearing from any classmates who have information about or experience with hypothalamic hamartomas and gelastic seizures. Please contact her at 424 Brookhaven Ct., Sugar Grove, IL 60554.

Janet Walker Robertson is also a mom-at-home. She and husband Dan (Duke ‘84), a neurosurgeon in Fort Myers, FL, stay busy parenting daughters Leigh, 5, Lauren, 3, and Alison. 1 Janet wrote, “I would love to get in touch with Sarah Crampton. If anyone knows where to reach her please let me know.” Janet lives at 11 Falconwood Ct., Ft. Myers, FL 33919.

Alice Gansky Gratz celebrated her wedding to husband David on Oct. 18, ’97. Joining her at the Cornell Club—New York reception were her sister, Louise Gansky Bendel, Laura Berkowitz Loker, JD ’86, Sandy Waite Bardenstein, Mary McHale, and Nick Acker ‘84. Alice and David are living in New Canaan, CT. Kathryn Graham Mund let us know that she married husband Christopher, a Hartford area CPA, in November ’96.

Rodney Nenner writes that for the last year he has been vice president of Media Resources International Ltd., an international media broker/trade company located in New York with accounts in North America and the UK. He finds this position requires less travel than his previous job as director of sales for Western and Eastern Europe for an international trading company which took him to Moscow, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Poland, Hungary, Slovenia, and the Czech Republic. Rod reports that his wife, Rebecca, a Tulane graduate, “is happy as mint julep that the Tulane banner now hangs in the Cornell Club—New York’s tap and grill.” They have sons Michael, 6, who wonders why Cornell does not win all their football games, and Jonathan, 3-1/2, who mostly likes the Cornell mascot and eating popcorn when he watches the game.

Two classmates with interest in things theatrical have reported in. Thresa Mosely Gibson, BS HE ’84, has been active as a board member for Historic Ithaca Inc. and has been working with them to re-open the old State Theater. She is employed at the Corning office of Interiors Inc. as an account representative. Their services include interior space planning, design, and providing contract furniture. She has children Anya, 8, and Galen, 5. Helene “Lane” Kessler-David sent an e-mail saying, “I’ve been involved in theater and play writing and am also teaching a class in play writing. I had a fabulous time at the reunion, where I got to see my good ‘buds’ Lori Marshall, Lynn Danzker Vasser, Catherine Brokenshire, Leanne Shelton, Mark Cordano, and Ken Wright, BA ’84.” Lane, who earned her master’s of social work after leaving Cornell, is working as a guidance counselor at Solomon Schechter Day School in W. Orange, NJ. She and husband Michael live in Westfield, NJ, with their boys, Joshua, 9, and Jonathan, 5. She would love to meet some local alumni.


Elizabeth “Betsy” Title wrote to say she owns her own catering company in New City, NY. Tod Bay, ME AE ’84, lives in Denver, PA, where he is project manager for the light construction group of New Holland.

Nancy Spickofsky, BA ’84, is employed as a general attorney in the office of regional counsel of the US Environmental Protection Agency in NYC. She lives in Belleville, NJ. Rebecca Slivka, MS Arch ’86, has been having great adventures. She wrote in last spring: “Spent last summer riding my bicycle across the country. Came home in October, packed up my stuff, sold furniture, and moved everything else into storage. Got on my bike and rode south from Seattle to San Francisco. Visited friends and family. Flew to Europe, then left Seattle again in January and drove my car (with my bike in back) all the way to Florida and back—stopping to ride and visit. Back in Seattle, but plan to spend this summer bike touring again. Will try to get a real job next fall. Saw Josh Mogal, BS Eng ’84, Carol Gura-Rahmeh ’81, and Cindy Goral, MS ’85, on my travels.” Wow.

One of the great perks of being a class correspondent (and keep this in mind because this job will be up for grabs in only another 4-1/2 years) is getting a comprehensive list of all known addresses for members of the Class of ’83. And while I may not publicize or distribute addresses, it was a kick to see where people have wound up. I learned that 12 classmates live in Salt Lake City, UT, roughly the same number of classmates who are living in Puerto Rico. We have classmates in England, Switzerland, Cyprus, Pakistan, Israel, Singapore, Korea, China, and Hong Kong (and more, but I got tired of scanning). I think listing these facts illustrates two points: 1) members of the Class of ’83 are everywhere, and 2) I have a wealth of boring geographically-related facts to write about in future columns during a slow news month. I don’t think you want me to do this, so please write or e-mail any news you would like to share. Jennifer Hughes Kern, 1882 S. Yuma St., Salt Lake City, UT 84108; e-mail, jenniferkern@juno.com; and Scott and Patty Palmer Dulman, 109 N. Liberty St., Arlington, VA 22203; e-mail, bigasci@ibm.net.

The Class of 1984 has a new website up and running. Classmates can find it by going to http://www.alumni.cornell.edu, then clicking on “alumni organizations” and “classes.” You can use the class website to find the latest in class news, to post information about your latest whereabouts and accomplishments, or to look for that long-lost college friend. Be sure to come visit the Class of ’84 on-line!

Class President Terri Port McClellan and husband Jim had a baby! Harrison “Harry” Port McClellan was born at 2:04 a.m. on Sept. 15, ’98. He weighed six pounds, 15 ounces, and was 19.5 inches long. Not bad for being born three weeks early! Terri says, “I’m not sure if he’ll be Class of 2020 or 2021, but he’ll soon be venturing to some Cornell events to get him indoctrinated.” Fortunately, Terri won’t be going back to work until April, so she can nap during the day.

Aleta Ricciardi, PhD ’93, is an assistant professor at the U. of Texas, Austin. She has a son Galen, 2. Aleta likes to do “lots of cycling in Europe when possible.” Eric Poncelet is living in Durham, NC, with wife Susie and daughters Kira, 5, and Maya, 2-1/2. Right down the road, in Winston-Salem, NC, lives Martin Murphy. He has sons Brian, 3-1/2, and Brad, 1-1/2.

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Ed Levine, BS Hotel ’85, is assistant controller for the billion-dollar Bristol Hotels. He and his wife, Vicki Kuerner, live in Dallas, TX, where Vicki is in research and development for Metromedia Restaurants. Their hobbies...
Judy Law-Torok married Ken Torok '83, ME E '84, in upstate New York in July 1994. In attendance were Doug '83 and Shae Plimley Ranalli '86. For their honeymoon, they went on safari in Kenya and Tanzania. Judy is finishing up a fellowship in gastroenterology at U. of Southern California Medical Center in Los Angeles and Ken is a program manager at Hughes Space and Communications Co. Arthur Keith and wife Laura have children Austin, 6, and Alexandria, 8. They live in Texas. Meanwhile, Emily Sherman Brooks has daughters Lara, 3, and Julie, 1-1/2. Emily is a professional volunteer who has become good friends with Maria Covino Simonetti, "whom I didn't even know at Cornell. We spend many mornings staying in shape at our local fitness club. See you all at reunion!"

Micah Greenstein and wife Sheryl have children Cara, 6, and Jake, 4. Micah still serves as rabbi at Temple Israel of Memphis and was recently elected to the executive board of the National Civil Rights Museum. "One of the advantages of being a rabbi in Memphis is that I get to do all brises (ritual circumcisions) with Lee Shulman '79, MD '83, whom I have dubbed 'the Yankee clipper.'" Micah recently had a great reunion in New York City with Andy Kramer, wife Debbie, and daughters Alex and Abigail, and Clay Lillander, MBA '86, wife Susan, and daughter Olivia.

Sarah Emerson and husband Ed Krapels have sons Ben, 4-1/2, and Sam, 1-1/2. "After 12 years in Washington, DC, we've moved to Boston, where we have opened a new office of our energy consulting company, ESI. I would love to get back in touch with alumni in New England."

Todd Allen Elliott (formerly Todd Elliott Motley) and wife Kimberly Elliott have children Joseph, Daniel, Kenya, and Gabrielle. Todd was promoted to second-degree Black Belt in May 1997. He has been a karate instructor at the West Chester area YMCA since August 1993.

Thomas Dewey, MBA '85, is happy to announce the latest addition to his family, Sierra Noelle, born Apr. 7, '97. "At 1-1/2, she is already competing with her older sister, Cheyenne, 5, to run the daily schedule. Both girls fill our days with activities and smiles."

Thomas moved to Paragren Technologies in May 1997 to start up their first regional office. He is, "discovering first hand what Prof. David BenDaniel tried to teach us in entrepreneurship classes."

Carole Cimitile recently completed a PhD in public administration at the Maxwell School at Syracuse U. and is now working as a consultant for the Coopers and Lybrand government practice. She would like to hear from Cornellians in the Washington, DC, area.

Mike Cahill and wife Jill (Oset), MPS HA '87, are pleased to welcome son Frank Michael, who is now over a year old. Meanwhile, their consulting firm, Hospitality Real Estate Counselors, continues to grow. They provide hotel and casino real estate advisory services around the country. Sheila Palmer Buthe returned from living overseas in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where husband Michael '83 worked for Nabisco Intl. Their daughter, Caroline, was born in Buenos Aires. Caroline will be 2 in May and her older brother, Matthew, will be 4 in June. They recently purchased a home in Chatham, N.Y. Sheila is a stay-at-home mom for now, and Michael is working for the American Intl. Group in NYC. "We hope to live overseas again in the near future, as we love it!"

Lauren Krupa married a high school classmate, Dan Buonocore, in July 1995. Lauren has successfully fought recurrent breast cancer and is back at work teaching kindergarten and coaching high school lacrosse. She is involved with the local American Cancer Society as a volunteer, and has done some television and public speaking on breast cancer education and awareness. "I am healthy now and loving life with my wonderful husband."

Katherine "Kiki" Darko Simpson, husband Jim, and their son, Ryan, welcomed Megan Katherine to their family last March. They are in Colorado Springs, CO, but may be moving soon, as Jim is leaving the Air Force. Meanwhile, Dr. Liz Magill Billingsley and husband Dr. Mel Billingsley are happy in Hershey, PA, with Tyler, Chelsea, and Andrew. "Karla Sievers McManus, 1465 Hooksett Rd., #299, Hooksett, NH 03106; e-mail, klorax@aol.com; and Lindsay Liotta Forness, 68 Blackheath Park, London, SE3 0ET, England; e-mail, 106064.1262@compuserve.com."

Many thanks to all of those classmates who have kept us informed through e-mail. As we are all so busy these days, a quick note (e-mail or even snail mail) while you are eating lunch or taking a break will help us provide the most recent information to your classmates. You do not have to confine yourself to providing us with news once a year on the News and Dues form!

This column's "Ben-Gay Award" goes to Class President Jenifer Steig. In September 1998, Jen participated in the Boston/NY AIDS Ride, which raises money for local AIDS charities and health centers in New York and Boston. The bicycle ride started in Boston and ended in New York City. Jen slept in a tent and was up at 4:45 a.m. to have breakfast, pack up her tent, and be on her bike by 6:30 a.m. There were so many tents, she reported, that the participants were assigned letters to identify their tent section (about 2,400 riders and 600 bike drivers participated in the ride). It was a three-day event, in which hardy souls like Jen biked a total of 260 miles. Jen was very proud of the fact that she biked the whole route and did not get "sagged" by the sag van, which picked up riders who were either too slow or could not finish a leg of the ride before dark. Jen reported that she was on her bike for 11 to 12 hours a day (ouch!).

Kudos to Jen, who raised more than $5,000 for the cause.

Jim Tacci has embarked on a different sort of journey: law school. Jim described it as, "the most recent in my series of 'zigs,' when everyone fully expected me to 'zag.'" Jim now lives in Liverpool, NY, and can still be reached by e-mail at jimtaclaw.com.

Amy Groden Katz joined Genzyme Corp., a biotechnology company, as its legal counsel. Amy also writes that Zoe Sivan is the newest member of her family. Mark Boyland wrote that he is now counsel for Scholastic Inc., the billion-dollar children's publishing company. Mark is managing Scholastic's litigation world-wide, and developing new real estate in the Soho area of New York City. Mark invited classmates to contact him if they are interested in becoming outside counsel on intellectual property, securities, and general commercial matters, or architects for the new real estate developments. Mark wrote that he and fellow Zeta Psi brothers Mitch Rosich, ME E '86, and Rich Carpenter attended reunion last June and were joined by brothers Thor Helgason '83, Joe Notarangelo '83, BA '85, and John Hand '83, BA '84. Mark "did the tent party thing," but spent most of his time at Dunbar's and the gorge.

Suzanne Alexander Romero reported that in September 1998 she gave birth to Valerie Suzanne, and that son Kevin enjoys having a new addition to the family. Suzanne, who keeps in close touch with Toniann Melodia McKeown and your class correspondent, Lisa Bluestein, is a marketing manager at NEC and interested in new business development in communications technologies. Former class correspondent Risa Mish, JD '88, reported that she and husband John Lauricella, PhD '93, welcomed Julia Rose in July 1998, and that son Daniel "has thus far (thankfully) demonstrated a notable lack of sibling jealousy!" Risa also reported that Alison Stratton, BA '86, a PhD candidate at Columbia U., is doing field research in Sweden for her dissertation on deaf culture/education. Ever-busy Ron Prague wrote that he has switched jobs and is now corporate counsel at Dialogic Corp. in Parsippany, NJ. Ron and wife Jerilyn have daughters, Haley, born April 1997, and Jessica, born June 1998. Haley and Jessica's grandparents are also alumni: Sigmund Semon, JD '62, and Bonnie (Liman) '63.

Bob Fite '50, co-correspondent for his class, sent a newspaper article from The Press in Atlantic City, which reviewed the Washington Inn of Cape May, NJ, a 152-year-old inn co-operated by Michael Craig. The article called the Washington Inn "the most sought-after reservation in town" and stated that the 100-00-bottle wine collection is "so spectacular" that Wine Spectator magazine "routinely bestows its highest honor" on Michael and his partner, David Craig. Bob Fite added, "We in Cape May, the nation's oldest seaside resort,'
are all proud of his accomplishments!” In different business endeavors, former Class President Debra Newman Silverman has been busy expanding Events By Design Inc. from a home business to a store-front showroom. Debbie’s company creates invitations and announcements for both large and small events.

Marlene Wust, MD ’89, started her own private practice in pediatrics (Madison East Pediatrics, PC) in New York City and also sees patients in Easthampton, NY (East End Pediatrics, PC). Marlene went to St. Moritz, Switzerland, for New Year’s Eve in 1997 with classmate Tracy Uyebara. Kenneth Goldberg wrote to report that he has moved his law practice to a new address in NYC. Kenneth’s practice focuses on the representation of employees in labor and employment matters.

Judy Lotherstein relocated in 1997 from Hartford, CT, to Boston. Judy is an employment lawyer doing counseling and training for companies and managers in connection with human resources and management issues. Judy visited Seattle, WA, and Vancouver, BC, Canada, during an atypical November week in 1997, in which the weather was beautiful and sunny, with temperatures in the 70s and 80s (across the street, El Niño kept temperatures below freezing). Alan Greenberg wrote that he moved from Long Beach to San Clemente, CA. Alan is still a partner at Drumming King Ebite & Gire in Costa Mesa, where he has been practicing litigation for the past eight years. Alan has children Sarah, S, and Hank. 2. Beth Lenarsky Shmariatu, who lives in Woodmere, NY, became certified in pediatric oncology nursing. Beth had a second child, Mia, in November 1997.


Doug Masters announced the birth of son Adam in April 1998. Adam was three weeks early, and for the second time, Doug and his wife were Lamaze dropouts. Doug did, however, bring Adam to the last Lamaze class to show everyone “the fruits of [their] labor.” Adam and Wendy Auerbach Slutzky reported the arrival of daughter Sophie Elena in April 1998. Sophie’s sisters are Caroline, 5-1/2, and Rebecca, 2. Jill Kreutzer Orent, who lives in Westport, CT, gave birth to Melanie in March 1998. Melanie’s brother Michael turned 3 in June 1998.

Catherine Taylor reported that she successfully defended her dissertation and was awarded a PhD in English from Duke U. in April 1998. Catherine now lives in Albuquerque, NM, where she is learning to be patient when planting vegetables, 7,000 feet above sea level. With the late frost and rivers of mud, most plants do not start to grow until about June. Catherine has recently traveled to Chisapas, Mexico, and Venice. She also reported that Jennifer Landsman Chobor has a son, Nicholas, and that Ed Rekosh ’84 married Mona Nicoara in August 1997.

Best wishes to all for a happy and healthy new year. This year, the one resolution you should keep is to send in your news to the Class of ’85’s hard-working correspondents.

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Let’s get started with local news from here in sunny La-La Land. Melanie L. Moen, who established the American Film Marketing Assn.’s legal department in 1991, has been promoted to vice president for government relations and legal affairs. While continuing to oversee AFMA’s legal affairs, Melanie is now the company’s primary government liaison. All this, and she’s working on a screenplay, too. Meanwhile, Shera E. Raisen, a Santa Monica neighbor, moved to Los Angeles in 1992 to do her residency in family practice at the Hollywood Kaiser Permanente facility. She works for the Motion Picture and Television Fund’s health center and also has a private practice in holistic medicine. Shera reports that former roommate Gina A. Hill lives in San Francisco and monitors drug studies for Genentech Inc.

Lt. Dan Salazar left the Navy in 1995 and became a systems engineer with Hughes Aircraft (now Raytheon). After initially designing automated combat systems for aircraft carriers and amphibious assault ships, he is now working to select new self-defense gun systems and a stealthy enclosure for radar systems for a project that is the Navy’s first new major warship of the 21st century. Dan says he spends considerable time in New Orleans and Brunsweck, ME, and often sees Sean Kelly ’83.

And, on Aug. 23, ’97, Dan married Hollie Hurley (U. of San Diego BA ’88, MA ’92) in a traditional Catholic ceremony, complete with some traditional Catholic ceremony, complete with Andy Traum ’85, Eric S. Beane ’93, and David Goldberg ’94, ME E ’95, in October 1996 at the Hedonism II resort. Discretion forbids details except to say that Cornell rocked and Dave was voted party animal of the week. Send that exotic news to me. Jeffrey W. Cowan, 11144 6th St., Suite 10, Santa Monica, CA 90403; e-mail: jwcwzq@so.ca.com.

Happy new year to my fellow friends and classmates, as we enter 1999! I took a “sabbatical” from writing columns in the first half of last year, as my co-correspondent, Debra Howard Stern, was able to take over the writing assignment. Thank you, Debra, for a job well done! It seemed not long ago, when my wife Rebecca and I moved from Ithaca to Cambridge, MA; however, you will notice that we now have a new address and a new university affiliation.

Unbeknownst to us, Joe G. Peterson (e-mail: joe@jump.com) and wife Joanne packed up their Jeep about the same time and rolled out of Boston a day before we did. They also headed west, but were on a three-month sky-diving-vacation across the US. At the time of this writing, Jo and Joanne have made it safely to the West Coast and back down to Florida, and they have posted a travel diary on their web page at http://www.jump.com/~joe/usa_trip.html. Do check out the site and follow the route map, as Joe and Joanne’s adventure took us not only across the vast continent but also showed us a view from high above.

I was not the only person who changed jobs in 1998. Jeffrey M. Goodman (e-mail: Jgoodman@jtsa.edu) did last summer also: “Prior to August of this year, I was an attorney practicing law at large firms in New York City (most recently at Latham & Watkins). I am now the national business manager for the National Ramah Commission Inc., a non-profit organization of camps (sleep-away and day) affiliated with the Conservative Movement of Judaism. We help to oversee and run seven sleep-away camps and three day camps located throughout North America, as well as certain other travel programs. For your information, my office is located at the Jewish Theological Seminary on 122nd and Broadway, NYC.”

Wendy Wagner (e-mail: wendy@panix.com) wrote that over Labor Day weekend, she and husband Ken Zirkel ’88 attended

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ed “Matt Nagler’s wedding to Alissa Jaffe in Glen Ridge, NJ. I saw many, many Cornellians: R. Brian Giesler, Ernest Otani, Eric Evans ’88, DVM ’92, and Debbie (Shindler) ’88, Jim Longfellow ’88, Audrey Berg ’88, MBA ’89, Perry Molinoff and Melissa (Berkowitz) ’88, and David Useloff ’88 and Leslie (Singer) ’88.”
Some of the news:

- Ernie has a son, Korey, 2; Eric and Debbie have a 14-month-old son, Sam; Perry and Melissa have daughter Alexa, 3, and daughter Rebecca, 5 months. A good time was had by all, and there was discussion of having a mini-reunion annually.

- From the Lone Star State, Fred Barber (Fred_Barber@MarketMap.com) wrote to the class listserv back in September, "Alice and I were in San Francisco for a last possible weekend getaway in late August, with our elder daughter Claire (then 21 months old), and stayed in a small B&B in the Mission District. It was great to be in a climate where you have to wear a jacket to stay warm! I got together with my old roommate John van Gelder '86, ME 'E 87, and his wife Linda in Palo Alto. She was on bedrest, but doing OK. Our kids are very close in age, so it will be fun to see them over the next few years. John has seen Jonathan Barkey '87, our other apartmentmate. Jon is evidently working as a freelance photographer in NYC." Just before my deadline, Fred reported that, "Stephanie Carolyn Barber was born on Sept. 24, '98, at 12:50 pm, and weighed nine pounds, one ounce. Mom and baby are doing great, and our friends brought us meals for the first two weeks, so we've been blessed mightily. The Barbers make their home in Austin.

- Now some news from overseas: our intrepid Class President Gilgor Tashkovich, MBA '91 (gilgor1@aol.com) sent this on an electronic postcard this past August from Africa: "I am writing this note from the Marangu Hotel, located just three miles from the entrance to the Kilimanjaro Park. We begin our five-day climb at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow. The weather is perfect and the moon is almost full (which will be excellent for our final ascent which begins at midnight on Friday). I just read an interesting statistic—only 10 percent of those who start the climb on this route actually reach the Uhuru Peak at 19,344 feet above sea level. I made it last time (in December 1995) and I hope I can make it again. This time I am with two Cornellians—Aaron Gadouas '86, and Ole Rummel '89. Zanzibar was fascinating—an interesting blend of Middle Eastern (Omani) and Indian cultures. And it lives up to its reputation as the Spice Island, as well."

- The Asian economic crisis had me thinking about our classmates in that part of the world. I got in touch with Aphichart Patrick Assakul (aphica@mozart.inet.co.th) in Bangkok, Thailand, who replied: "It is always a pleasure to hear of your latest happenings. When you last visited me in Thailand, the economy was at its peak. Not long after, the bubble burst and we are still trying to recover from the doldrums. Fortunately my textile business is export-oriented, so we are surviving the crisis better than most." From Hong Kong, Kin Tak Peter von Huene-Chan (vonhuene@HKSuper.NET) reported that he left Cathay Pacific Airways and switched to working for FedEx. Given our mutual interest in airplanes and airports, Peter told me that "people were getting very sentimental about (moving from the old airport), and they have been braving the rain and flocking to the airport to take last-minute pictures of all the Runway 31 landings. I must admit, I was among these people, especially since I have spent almost five years of my working life in that hole." Peter spent a week in July in Memphis for training at FedEx.

- What is a class column without at least one wedding announcement? Elizabeth Faier (efaiery@Indiana.edu) sent in her good news this past June: "In June of 1997 I married a 'great Dane' in Copenhagen, Denmark. His name is Anders Linde-Laursen. Since then we have had a busy year. I'm at the end of finishing my dissertation in anthropology at Indiana U., Bloomington, and Anders has started a research project in California. Right now we are straddling two countries, Sweden and the US, with residences in both!" Well, Elizabeth, when you and Anders finally settle down in one place, please drop us a line to update your whereabouts!

- Duncan '84, MBA '88, and Heidi Claus Perry welcomed their slightly red-headed son, Alexander Christian, six weeks ahead of schedule. Alex was born on May 6, '98, weighing six pounds, one ounce, and measuring 19-3/4 inches long. I actually had lunch with Heidi on April 22, and couldn’t figure why she wasn’t returning my calls a couple of weeks later. She caught us in time before we left Massachusetts to relay the good news and send a picture of Alex shown next to a Cornell throw pillow. Shortly after we arrived in California, I received an unexpected birth announcement from Quebec, Canada. Rod, MS Arch ’90, and Jennifer Sullivan Recker, formerly of Santa Clara, CA, wrote to say that their first child, Alexander Joseph, was born on July 14, ’98. Alexander weighed seven pounds, six ounces at the time of his birth. Our best wishes to these new parents! If you can’t come to visit us in sunny California, then send your news, postcards, e-mail, Tom S. Tseng, Asian Operations Div., Stanford U., 301 Encina Hall, Stanford, CA 94305-6076; e-mail, tsengstanford@sie.edu; also Debra Howard Stern, 235 W. 108th St., #45, NYC 10025; tel., (212) 854-8866 (O); voice mail, (212) 854-7488; e-mail, dt stern@barnard.columbia.edu.

- Happy new year! This column marks the start of five more years for me as your class correspondent. I would like to say hello to all of you whom I missed at reunion—I was in labor! Thanks to everyone who sent cards and e-mail; we are all doing well! And now for the news.

- Bridget Martell sent a letter long enough to fill an entire column! She earned her master’s in biochemistry from Boston U. in 1993, completed her MD from Chicago medical school in 1997. As of last April, she was doing her residency in internal medicine at Yale U. Bridget was in Montreal in May to attend Noreen Murray’s wedding. Bridget also attended Lisa Gagnon’s wedding in August 1997, where attendees included Mark Mandarano ‘87, Bardia Mesbah-Kavari ‘87, Ted Whetstone ‘87, Elizabeth “Mickey” Shaghalian and hubby Larry Vranka ‘85, Dr. Jill Davies, Dr. Katie Laessig, Dr. Jackie (Raiya) with spouse Kevin St. Germaine ‘89, Noreen Murray, Katherine Jung Cousineau, Deanna Troust Fernandez ‘89 with husband Victor ‘87, ME M ’88, MBA ’89, and Kristen McCarthy.

- Bridge continues (hey—thanks for all the info): ’98ers in San Francisco include Kristen McCarthy, a financial analyst for RCM, and Linda Masterson, who started her own business providing personalized recipe cards for grocery stores. Bridge has found several other Cornellians at Yale: Tanya Steinberg Schreiber ‘92, MBA ’97, brothers David ‘94 and Phil Goldberg ‘92, Eric Gomes ‘91, Edward McNulty ‘89, BA ’90, and Sunita Goyal ‘89. Finally, Bridge spent last July working for the Indian Health Service at the Anchorage Hospital in Alaska.

- Brad and Angela Watson Botkin exchanged vows the day before graduation, and have spent the last ten years at various Naval bases, including Pensacola, FL. Pt. Mugu, CA, and now Oak Harbor, WA. Brad was recently promoted to lieutenant commander (US Navy) and is an electronics countermeasures officer. Angela balances her time caring for their children: Alex, 9, Michael, 7, Christian, 5, and Arcadia, 2, and doing volunteer work. She is a budget reviewer for Navy Relief, and runs the after-school newspaper for fourth and fifth graders.

- Duane Pugh and wife Cynthia live in Georgetown. He joined the Federal Election Commission, Office of General Counsel, Public Financing Division, which handles campaign finance enforcement matters relating to the presidency. They have theater tickets with Jeff Rackow and wife Dana Shoenberg ‘89. Robin Rosenbaum wed Phil Rothschild on Nov. 16, ’96, and is clerking for Judge Stanley Marcus, US Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit. Upon completion, she expects to become an assistant US attorney.

- Lisa Gross Dayan and husband Peter, MD ‘89, are homeowners in Hastings-on-Hudson, NY. Peter is a pediatric emergency room attending physician at Columbia. They ran into Pete Moss at the annual Columbia Babies Hospital gala. Jimmy C. Chang and his new bride, Stephanie Woodson, were unable to attend reunion as they were on their honeymoon. Jim received his MBA from Kellogg in 1992, and now is a senior manager with Andersen Consulting’s strategic services practice.

- Barbara Dingee is director of resort business integration at Walt Disney World; she has been with Disney for just under 11 years. She visited with Amanda Potter in Rome last year. David Tsui, ME AES ‘89, left the Navy in 1995 and has been employed at Boeing in Seattle since. Sheree A. Ruland has a new family consulting career. She received her MBA from Kellogg in 1992, and now is a senior manager with Andersen Consulting’s strategic services practice.

- Congratulations to newlyweds Laurie Longwell and Paul Conran, who tied the knot at Sage Chapel on Aug. 2, ‘97. Jennifer Ogleby and Gordon Freckleton are the
proud parents of David (six pounds, nine ounces), born Jan. 8, '98, after a very short labor and quick delivery. Jennifer is a staff neuro-psychologist at Norwalk (CT) Hospital, and Gordon works at the protein center at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. All the best for a happy and healthy new year. 

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Yes, it's true—we'll be driving to our 10th Reunion in a minivan! We thought we'd never do it, but despite the protests of many old Cornell buddies, John Treadwell and I have traded in our more colonnate-style vehicles for extra space for new arrival Robert Thomas (born Sept. 6, '98) and the rest of the clan. We hope to see plenty of new faces at reunion as well as the familiar ones.

Photographs of two beautiful baby boys just arrived in the mail: Jacob Charles Klos was born at 11 p.m. on Sept. 6, '98, weighing eight pounds and measuring 20 inches. Jacob and his parents, Sigmund and Kayla Sandway Klos, live in San Francisco, NY. And, Drew Doblar and wife Christine welcomed Dylan Drew Doblar on Sept. 15, '98. Dylan weighed seven pounds, six ounces, and was 20 inches long. The Doblars live in San Jose, CA.

Speaking of beautiful babies, I must mention my new goddaughter, Erminia Grace Yoder. "E.G." was born on Mar. 19, '98, to Marina Memmo and husband Karl Yoder '87. She weighed eight pounds, nine ounces, measured 19 inches and had a gorgeous head of dark curly hair that the doctor thought was "long enough to braid!" The kids and I had a wonderful visit with Marina and E.G. last June in Madison, WI, highlighted by a trip to the Vilas Park Zoo. Marina, Karl, and E.G. have since moved to the Minneapolis suburb of Golden Valley, MN. Marina is commuting back to U. of Wisconsin, Madison to finish her doctorate. E.G.'s godfather is Michael P. Halloran '87.

Tired of reading about me and my friends? Send an e-mail, as did Judy Prutzman Osgood. As I'm a bit sleep-deprived due to little Bobby (he's only 1 month old as I'm writing this), and because Judy's e-mail was, unbelievably, the ONLY piece of news I received for this column, I'm going to let her play guest columnist and print her message in its entirety.

Judy writes: "My latest news is a bit overdue, but I'm currently between jobs (playing 'mommy') and have some time to catch up. A year ago, my husband and I moved to Reno, NV, where we both grew up, so we could be closer to our families while he works as an orthopedic surgeon and I pursue a law career. We had spent five years in Syracuse, NY, where Patrick completed his residency and I completed law school at Syracuse U. and had two babies! Our boys, Mason and James, are now 3 1/2 and 2. They are 150 percent boy! I just completed a year working as a law clerk for a state judge in Reno, and will next move to a job with a large firm in town to focus on labor and employment law. I negotiated a three-day work week until my kids are in school. Over the last three years, I have been both a full-time working mom and full-time mom at home. I have concluded that staying home with two active toddlers is tougher than practicing law. However, I wouldn't trade my days of 'bug hunting' and 'dirt digging' with my boys for anything!

"I love being 'back home' in Reno again, and am enjoying the great skiing at nearby Lake Tahoe and numerous other recreational activities in a climate that offers sunshine on 95 percent of the days each year! (That's my marketing pitch to those of you who have never experienced this area)! If anyone needs tips on visiting Lake Tahoe ski resorts this winter, they can contact me at justgood1@msn.com. We are already planning our trip to Ithaca next summer for the reunion! Unfortunately, it seems I have lost touch with many classmates, and I look forward to seeing them again.

"Of the people I have seen or heard from recently: Andrea Reinwald moved to Boston to work for Hasbro Toys as a marketing manager in the games division. What fun! Heather Alexander Seltzer and husband Michael recently moved to N. Caldwell, NJ, from Manhattan with their daughter, Olivia (almost 2, I think). Both continue to work in NYC. Elizabeth Payne has moved to Los Angeles from San Francisco to pursue her acting career. Cheryl Rink Morton and husband Drew have been living in Austin, TX, where they both work in human resources for IBM. I had dinner in San Francisco a few months ago with Kelly Canady and Katherine McGee Strella. Kelly practices securities law in the city and Katherine has left Wells Fargo to work as a marketing consultant."

Thanks, Judy! And for the rest of you, I'll be taking notes at reunion. Anne Czapinski Treadwell, 105 Overlake Park, Burlington, VT 05401; e-mail: ac98@cornell.edu; also Daniel Gross, 220 E. 60th St., #9B, NYC 10022; tel. (212) 715-0158; e-mail, dgross6453@aol.com; Robyn Wesler Landow, 315 E. 68th St., #15B, NYC 10021; e-mail, drlandow@aol.com; and Stephanie Bloom Avidon, 5 Glenwood Rd., Plainview, NY, 11803; tel. (516) 935-8234; e-mail, sbavidon1@hotmail.com.

Welcome to 1999, the year we all wish we were (the Artist Formerly Known As) Prince. With all the royalties he will get from "1999" this year, he is going to be one happy, albeit eccentric, camper! I wonder how many thousands of times we are going to hear that song this year. And 1999 also means that Reunion 2000 is just a year away.

Katrine Bosley and her Reunion 2000 committee are working hard to make our 10th Reunion one to remember. If you are interested in becoming a Reunion 2000 volunteer, please e-mail me at nt28@cornell.edu and I will forward your information to Katrine. She was one of several Cornellians at Jeffrey Cohen's wedding to Karen Forkas. Joining Katrine at the wedding were Molly Wrobel, Doug Onsi, Jeff Goldstein, John Dalton '89, and Sean Varley. The Cohens recently bought a home in Evanston, IL. Katrine is still in Boston, and works for BIOGEN in Cambridge, MA.

Two other busy class council members are
clinical psychology PhD program. Lisa completed her post doctoral fellowship at Western Psychiatric Inst. in Pittsburgh last summer.

The McNamuses family traveled to Austin, TX last summer to attend the wedding of Jeff Capra and Laura Britt. They were joined at the wedding by the Cokes, Jonathan and Shelley Perkins Newton ’92, Christian Loew ’91, ME C ’92, Thatcher Brown ’91, David Bonomi, ME E ’92, William Duff ’92, Vicki Butt Bolton ’92, Sean Hartzell ’92, and Kevin ’89 and Jackie Raia St. Germaine ’89, Jeff’s parents, Edward A. ’61, MS ’63, and Mary Deitrich Capra ’64, are also alumni. Hans Berglund, BArch ’91, was a groomsman, and former Class President Scott Beijer was Jeff’s best man. Scott and wife Jo celebrated their son Ben’s 1st birthday last June. The Beijers live in Englewood, CO. Scott is currently a key account manager for Pepsi in Denver. Denver is also where Cornell Fund Representative Nancy Neuman caught up with Tom and Susan Kallfelz VanderMeer. Nancy took a break from her job at Boston Market to visit Amy Tietjen Smith ’88 in Ithaca at a Class Notes concert. She also attended the Ithaca baby shower of Amy Karlen Neuman ’93 and husband Scott ’93! And before returning home to Golden, CO, Nancy also visited Michael ’89 and Lauren Kidder McCary ’89 and their new son, Thane, in Buffalo, NY.

More Colorado news comes from Scott Rodwin, BArch ’91, in Boulder. During the week he’s an architect, but starting last spring, he became a weekend white-water rafting guide. A former Colorado resident is Barry Logan. Last September, Barry wed Rita Heines (Iowa ’90) in Chautauqua Park at the base of the Rocky Mountains in Boulder. Many Cornellians attended the Logan wedding, including Grant Whitney ’86, Ron ’89 and Laura Landaver Fritz ’89, Erik Lukens ’89, Bob J. King ’89, Jim Merry ’87, BS Eng ’90, Karen Anderson Richards ’87, Bill Rathbun ’90, Mike Giovannelli ’90, Aaron Pempl ’91, David Schleuning ’91, Stephanie Best ’91, and Loren Mooney ’93. This month the Logans move to Portland, ME, where Barry will be an assistant professor of biology at Bowdoin College.

Former Class Correspondent Kristyn Benzinger has been making the social rounds in Los Angeles. She and Alexandra “Alex” Tasker are on the board of the Cornell Club of Los Angeles and were among the Class of ’90 contingent at the International Spirit of Zick’s Night. Alex became director of design at Calvin Abe Associates Landscape Architects, whose offices are five minutes away from Kristyn’s at Sony Pictures Entertainment. Alex also keeps in touch with Steve and Bonnie California. Cindy completed her residency at Loma Linda U., and is a pediatrician in Pleasanton, CA. Incidentally, she works with Dr. Stephanie Cohen Moses ’72, whose daughter is a freshman on the Hill. Cindy married husband Wyeth in August 1997. Cornell friends at that wedding were Peter Adams, Rich Kaltenbach, Arnel Tagle, and Bryan Kimura. Cindy went to visit Bryan and wife Faye in San Diego and met the newest Kimura, Asblyn.

Debbie Thibodeau, a Sunnyvale, CA, resident, was also married in August 1997, to Walter Bosenberg, PhD ’90, her cross-country skiing instructor at Cornell in 1988! Many Cornellians were involved in their Jaffrey, NH, wedding: the maid of honor was Cyrena Awan ’90, MBA ’95; the best man was Marcus Bosenberg ’86, PhD ’93, MD ’94, a reader was Kellie Reynolds Bosenberg ’87, and Dan Gosselin ’88 was a musician. Those in the audience were Rich Chasino, Dan Falge, Sandy and Bill Podulka, PhD ’92, and Mandy McCord ’87. Debbie is a genetic counselor with Kaiser Permanente in San Jose, CA. She enjoys dinners with Cyrena; Debbie provides the home cooking, and Cyrena provides the entertainment-stories of single life!

Please keep your updates coming and check the Cornell website at www.cornell.edu for the debut of the Class of 1990 webpage. In the words of the artist, “Party like it’s 1999!” Rose Tanasugarm, 5419 La Maida Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90029-1010; tel. (213) 464-5915; fax (213) 623-4005; e-mail: nt28@cornell.edu; and Regina Duffey, 440 E. Buffalo St., Apt. 7, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail: rmd5@cornell.edu.

Greetings from the Hill! I hope this winter finds all of you well and ready to delve into the events of the past year! Jean Tang sends word from Corona del Mar, CA, where she moved to join the real estate firm Cox, Castle and Nicholson in Irvine. Nathaniel Jarvis may have run into Jean while in sunny California but has moved to Germany to head the engineering department of Frogdesign in Attensteig. Back on the East Coast, Michael Arnum, BS ’92, reports from Lancaster, MA, where he is working on his MBA at Boston U. part time. In Andover, MA, Michele Fox is working as a performance physical therapist and met up with classmates Dr. Sheryl Silva and Arthur Brohinsky for a weekend in Boston. Arthur is attending Harvard business school.

In New York City we find Robert Williams, who wrote to announce the wedding of Sam Fineman to Jennifer Seiden from Philadelphia. The wedding bells also rang out for Marc Block and Jodie Rayburn. In attendance at their wedding were Scott Davis and wife Arlene, Michele Wunderlich Ogletree and husband Brian, Chris Lapunzina, Suzanne Ryan, and Yvette Ayungy. Yvette has also run into Kate Pierson on the streets of Manhattan, where she currently resides. Houston, TX, is where you will find Rob...
Vines and wife Laura. Rob recently started working for Shell Oil in Houston and is finishing a PhD in physics at the U. of Illinois. Also in Texas is Daniel B. Grant, who we last heard was working for Lee and Baldauf Consulting Engineers.

International news brings word from Ines Hwang, working for TASIIL Electronic Materials Corp., as a buyer in Hsinchu, Taiwan. Ines and husband Steven will also be celebrating their one-year wedding anniversary. Jason Jacobs finished at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins U., with a MA in international economics and international relations. John dropped us a line from Milan, Italy, where he thought “true Italian pizza is great, but I still miss The Nines!”

News of a wedding from Traci Kissel, who wed Rodney Hill on Apr. 19, ‘97, in Vernon, NY. In attendance were Laura Powers, Amy Salman, Dawn Hollowell ‘92, Adrienne Profeta Birrelltella ‘90, and Sharyn Talman. Wedding bells were also ringing for Rebecca Daniels and Patrick Magstad in California on May 16, ‘97. Cornellians in attendance included maid of honor Sara Litke ‘92, bridesmaids Wendy Schkolnick Sigal ‘92 and Mary A. Wallace ‘92, and guest Linda Keenan. In Saratoga Springs, NY, David Luzdzia tied the knot with Melissa Hudz. In attendance were Pam Eaton-Handey, Laurie Ceglowski Fronhofer, and Fred Gallo ‘61. Congratulations to all of our wedded classmates!

William Lee writes from Florida, where he is living after graduation from Yale’s school of management. He completed a business degree with a concentration in finance and strategy. While at Yale he ran into Ellen Greenberg and Dan Kim. Hockey games were an alumni hot spot when the Big Red came to play in New Haven. Also in New Haven, you will find a ‘91er who is a budding pediatrician! Catherine James graduated from the U. of Pennsylvania medical school and planned to do her residency at Yale-New Haven Children’s Hospital.

Kevin Covert passed along some wonderful personal news that might interest friends from ‘91: Kevin and Lesya Samotyekyna were married on Wed., Oct. 7, ’98, at St. Alexander’s Catholic Church in Kiev, Ukraine. Kevin has been working in Kiev as a privatization advisor to the Government of Ukraine for the past 2-1/2 years. Kevin wrote to say that the “big day” was extremely exciting, which, because of the international nature of things, was to be Stage Two in their marriage trianglomual journey. (Stage One was the civil registration, Soviet-style, in Kiev.) Kevin hopes to complete Stage Three next June in Rockville, MD, which will make him a Cornellian and family in the States a chance to join the celebration in person! Mike and Joan Kochan Schade had their second child, Sarah.

Olga Tsoudis sent us an e-mail filled with class of 1991 news. Lisa (Friedman) and Gary Stackman had their first child, Justin, last March. David Tate finished his PhD in clinical psychology at the U. of Virginia and is doing his residency at Yale medical school. Beth Bechky finished her PhD at Stanford and is currently a faculty member at Wharton. Chris Proulx and Rachel McGuire ‘92 were married on Aug. 15, ’98. As for Olga, she is in her fourth year as a professor in criminal justice at Wayne State U. and is quite stressed about the tenure clock. Olga did get together with Carol Chen and Barry Barnett at New York City recently and found that some things never change: Olga and Carol were the same as they had been at Cornell. I think most of us can relate to that.

Many classmates have celebrated the birth of potential Cornell generations! Laurie Ceglowski Fronhofer and husband Frank celebrated the birth of son Luke on Mar. 3, ’97. Laurie reports “he’s a pretty big guy, weighing nine pounds at birth, and is very cute!” Jim McDonough and wife Sharon live in Pennsylvania and celebrated their children’s births: Patrick, Apr. 14, ’90; Daniel, Mar. 3, ’93; and Aaron, Jan. 31, ’96. Michelle Kiefer Barkley had a beautiful baby boy, Joseph, on Feb. 6, ’97, four weeks before her due date, and he weighed six pounds, 2-1/2 ounces. Bruce Levine is the proud dad of son Benjamin Silver, born on Jan. 31, ’97, and predicts he will be in the Class of ’19. Lesley Greenberg’s MS ‘95, MS Ag ‘98, celebrated the births of Annake and Tanya and sent word from Ithaca, where she was finishing her master’s in atmospheric science. Amy (Wefer) and John Faucher ‘92, MBA ‘93, celebrated the birth of their first child, Michael Connor Faucher, on Mar. 20, ’97. Lisa Epstein-Jay gave birth to Jared Maxwell on Mar. 21, ’97 and fellow alumna Rachel Laisserin reports, “He is adorable!” Congratulations to all of our parents and their beautiful children!

Kim Oliver Brothers sent us some news from International Spirit of Zinck’s Night in Nashville, TN. Joe Kujawa ‘90, BArch ‘91, and wife Patty have a 6-month-old baby girl named Katherinine Anne. Joe expects to earn an MBA from the Owen Graduate School of Management, Vanderbilt U. in May 1999. Eric Bergesen ‘89, BA ‘89, also in attendance, is in his first year at Owen. Leslie Doser and Nancy Bellamy ‘93 are also classmates of Joe.

That’s all the news for this issue! PLEASE send updated news or e-mails of the latest that’s going on in your lives and those of fellow alums! I look forward to hearing from you! Keep warm, keep smiling, and keep in touch! ✉ Linda Moerck-Cisz, 264 Carpen­ ter Ave., Sea Cliff, NY 11579; tel., (516) 676-2916; e-mail cisz_mark@jpmorgan.com; Kevin Lemanowicz, 3 Byron’s Way, Franklin, MA 02038.

There seems to be themes in our classmates’ lives, judging by the news I’ve been receiving recently. And those themes are marriages, medical residencies, and babies. Yes, there are also those of us getting promotions, new jobs, going back to school, but you’ll see what I mean shortly!

Congratulations to Michelle Nobel and Tom Calupca ‘91, who were married at the Lilac Inn in Brandon, VT last Sept 12. Their wedding cake was a white version of McGraw Tower. The icing was actually done with little ivy leaves covering the entire cake, and the clock faces were sunflowers. Tom’s best man was Will Middelker ‘91 and groomsmen were Dave Stuhlmiller and Jeff Anbinder ‘94. Michelle and Tom live outside Burlington, VT, where Michelle is working toward a PhD in the VT; Tom continues to work for Cornell’s Laboratory of Ornithology.

Jeff Richmond, MD ’96, is also enjoying married life, having been wed to Harlee Abrams, a Wellesley and Fordham law grad, on March 21, ’98, in Stamford, CT. They live in Manhattan, where Jeff is a third-year orthopedic surgery resident at the Hospital for Joint Diseases and Harlee is an attorney. Jeff also mentioned that Paul Lacava, MD ’96, married Janine Pierot Oct 3, ’98, in Cherry Hill, NJ. Paul is completing his third year of a residency in internal medicine at the U. of Rochester. Also, Jeff reported that Tony Granato, MD ’96, has married and is now a resident at U. of Pennsylvania. Ed Valeriano, BS Hotel ‘93, is working on his MBA at the U. of Indiana, having left his career at Taco Bell, where he worked since graduation.

Jessica (Torrance) and J. R. Kavanagh wed in April of this year, in Eric Campbell Kavanagh, into the world last October 6. Catherine Cooome Bender and husband Tim now have a son, Nathaniel Cole, born Aug. 10, ’97, and a daughter, Autumn Irene, born Aug. 9, ’98. Congratulations! Catherine is a certified financial planner and lives in Grandhaven, NY.

Apologies go to James McCarrick; I incorrectly reported his first name in my last column. He did not change his name, contrary to what you may have thought!

Tahl Ben-Yehuda was finishing up her master’s thesis in biochemistry/epidemiology and was beginning a program at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City to become a rabbi when I received her news.

Mary Wallace reported that her twin sister, Suzanne (Wallace), celebrated her first wedding anniversary with Andrew Hadley, whom she met at Mardi Gras, senior year, while vacationing with Joy Yi.

Craig Shields is halfway through a master of divinity program at Seminary of the East in Dresher, PA. He is a pastoral intern at Union Center Christian Church near Endicott, NY, and is preaching, counseling, and overseeing church activities. He and wife Andrea enjoyed a trip to Maine and New Hampshire during last summer.

Francoise Nieto-Fong and husband Ivan McAllister have a baby, Andre, and live in Bogota, Colombia, where they own a restaurant, La Cupula. She’d love to reconnect with her former neighbor at 403 1st Ave, Boulder.

J. Mitch Tacy sent me lots of news to update us on his life. First, in July 1997, he moved to Telluride, CO, to work as an attorney. He rode a snowmobile off a bridge, landing in the San River, and a hip socket. He credits a UPS driver with saving his life. Mitch then moved back to Boulder and now works for Sun Microsystems...
tens, with Kelly Ross.

Contrary to rumors, Paul Osenar has an almost full head of hair. He earned his PhD in material science and engineering from the U. of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign and reports that he now enjoys working for Foster-Miller, a contract research firm, in Boston. He gets to hang out regularly with Steve and Brenda Bishop Sacco, Kirsten Smith, Brian Nowicki, and Adrian Gonzalez.

Amy and David Capelli have a daughter, Rose Katherine, born Aug. 8, ‘98. David is in his third year of residency at Madigan Army Medical Center in Washington. And Chris Mazoue and wife Krista have a daughter, Madeline. Chris is in his second year of a surgical residency at Parkland Hospital in Dallas.

Heather Lattanzio and James Anas married in June in New Jersey and honeymooned on Greek islands. Her maid of honor, Sue Brewster, spent the summer learning Spanish in Honduras and is now in her second year of medical school.

Lisa Chin and Ken Potash, JD ’96, were married on May 24 with more than 50 Cornellians in attendance. They now live in Harrison, NY, after having been in San Francisco for a few years. Wendy Werblin and Doug Donaldson were married last September 6 in Chicago. Wendy now works for CSC Healthcare Consulting in Chicago. Also recently married were Martha Barry and James Walsh, on April 1, ’97. They spent two weeks in Ireland, Mexico in a senior consultant with Ernst & Young’sKenneth Leventhal Real Estate Group in Washington, DC.

Checking in from Los Angeles was Edwin Lee, who finished medical school and is now in residency in head and neck surgery. He mentioned that Kimberly Horii married Tim Yee last August 8. Kim is finishing up a pediatrics residency at Stanford. Karen (Kirschbaum) was married to Stephen Cestari last summer and, having finished a clerkship with a judge in NYC, has returned to Simpson Thacher & Borffett. Christina Jordan married Chris King in May 1998 in Minneapolis and now has a 7-year-old stepson. She was recently promoted to executive vice president at QA1 Precision Products Inc., a manufacturer of various products for the performance racing and recreational vehicles industries.

Sylvia Konze Martin is in her second year of marriage to husband Kelly. She is a management consultant for Renaissance Worldwide in Chicago, having graduated from the Tuck business school at Dartmouth in June 1997. Glenn Harbold wed Lisa Phillips in July and then moved to California to work for Intel. Phillip Chung is working at Wells Fargo while pursuing an MBA part-time at U. of California, Berkeley. Jeff and Diane Tormey Conuel celebrated their second wedding anniversary and announced their “triumphant return” to Ithaca. Diane is working for Creative Orthotics and Prosthetics and Jeff is the head brewer for the Ithaca Beer Co. located on Route 13 just south of Butternkill Falls. He invites everyone to stop by for a tour and some samples.

Shahram Gholami is a third-year surgical resident at U. of California, San Francisco. Sujoy Ghorai is a third-year medical resident at U. of Alabama, Birmingham-Montgomery, and will be doing a three-year fellowship in gastroenterology/hepatology at Indiana U. Medical Center starting in July. Tracy Giargiari was married last July in Vermont to James Hixson. She is now in a doctoral program of clinical psychology at the U. of Colorado, Boulder.

Leslie Gross moved from Washington, DC, to Charlotte, NC, in September 1998. She started a new job as a reporter at the Charlotte Observer and would love to hear from other Cornellians in the area. Lisa Maloney also started a new job, teaching at a nature center in Easton, MA, after graduating from Northern Illinois U. with a master’s in outdoor education. Karen McCalley is also enjoying a new job teaching English at Haddonfield (NJ) Memorial High School, having completed a master’s degree at the Teachers College of Columbia U. Lily Xun Chang is an electrical engineer turned bond salesperson for Credit Suisse First Boston in Hong Kong.

Wow, how was that for lots of weddings, residencies, jobs, and births? Keep the news coming! ♦ Renée Hunter, 27 Prospect St., Apt. 2, Lebanon, NH (603) 448-2548; e-mail, rah24@cornell.edu; also Deborah W. Feinstein, 4400 East-West Hwy., #714, Bethesda, MD 20814; tel. (301) 656-3161; dfeinstein@juno.com.

Happy 1999! Can you believe that we are only one year away from a new millennium? More news from reunion includes the following: Irene Argue is working as a safety engineer for the Washington State Dept. of Transportation and Jennifer Hancock is working as an engineer for the City of Erie Engineering Office. Phillipa “Pippa” Loengard is working for A&E Television Networks on their biography series and Michelle Lee is working at a law firm in New York City. I am happy to announce that Rick Jentis and Jessica Silber ‘94 were married on June 28, ’98. Cornellians in the wedding party included usher Matt Estabrook and bridesmaids Stacy Jentis Leinson ‘89, Andrea Sarkany Riskin, and Yael Berkowitz. Matt attends law school at Georgetown at night and works during the day. Andrea is in a psychology doctoral program, and I (Yael) am working as an actuarial consultant in New York City. Other Cornellians in attendance included Greg Riskin, DVM ’94, Adam Gartenberg, who is in his second year in an MBA program at U. of Michigan, Ella Argumanis ’94, A. James Jacoby ’59, Herb Gordon ’58, Jim Korsten ’59, and Rick’s former 806 Seneca housemates Andres Du Bouchet ’94, who is performing comedy in NYC-area comedy clubs (and doing a great job at it), Bryon Colby, who is working at an Internet company in NYC, Pete Fasold, who is getting his MBA at New York U., and Brian Quaranta, who was married in June 1998 and is doing his residency in New Jersey. Rick and Jessica bought a house in Stamford, CT, and have brought home a new puppy named Cascadilla. Rick is working for Lever in Greenwich, CT, and Jessica is instructing teachers on how to use computers in the classroom.

E-mail brought word of other weddings. Jay Dreznner writes, “It was Labor Day Weekend when Rebecca Chapa married Michael Harter at Signorello Vineyards in Napa, CA. In attendance from Cornell were the following: myself, Andrea Jeffers (Great, Gia Rizzo, Kelly Snow ’94, Greg Meckel ’95, and Val Shely. Sheryl Ridenour ’91, Mark Birtha ’94, Kevin Jacobs ’94. Gerald ‘Tripp’ Forstner ’92, Hoby Buppert ’95, BS Hotel ’96, Ruth (Blatt) ’60, BS Nurs ’61, and Irwin Merkatz ’55, MD ’58.” Karen Hopke sent word that she married Wally Galang on Aug. 8, ’98. They live in Redondo Beach, CA. Nicole Teitler writes that she “was married to Michael Cave on July 11, ’98, at the Water’s Edge in NYC. MiMi Duff and Lizabeth Schneggenburger Keser were bridesmaids. Other alumni in attendance were: Joanna Ogintosh, Samantha Hardaway, Paula Heyman, Ricardo Fiorillo, Maria Herzog, DVM ’93, Andrew Newman, David Bonomi ’90, BS Eng ’91, ME E ’92, Mathew Kleiner, and Mark Zaleski ’88, MS MAT ’91.” Nicole also writes, “I recently completed my MS in electrical and computer engineering at the U. of Texas, Austin in 1997, while working full time at Motorola as a systems design engineer. Samantha Hardaway graduated from UCLA law school in 1996 and is practicing in San Francisco. Lizabeth Schneggenburger Keser completed her PhD at the U. of Illinois and is working for Motorola in Arizona.”

Charlotte Kuo-Benitez writes, “I married Jose Francisco ‘Kiko’ Benitez in 1994 and we have 2-year-old Chiara Beatrice Kiko Benitez. I earned my MA in communication studies from Northwestern U. a few years ago and am currently lecturing in the school of journalism and mass communication at U. of Wisconsin, Madison. Kiko earned his MA in comparative literature from U. of Wisconsin, Madison and is now pursuing his PhD in comp. lit.” Jen O’Neill Killian sent e-mail news in September 1998. She writes, “I haven’t been too good about keeping in touch and I seriously regret not being able to make it to a reunion (especially after convincing all my friends to attend!). My husband, Peter Killian, and I began our medical internship at the Naval Medical Center in San Diego and the dates overlapped with reunion. We were married in December 1996 in Scottsdale, AZ. After internship, we plan to spend a few years with the US Marines in Camp Pendleton, which should be exciting. One of my fellow interns, Matt Provencher, is married to Melissa Steinacher ’94, whom I was surprised and excited to run into again.”

Dr. Peter H. Popovics wrote that he graduated cum laude from New York Chiropractic College and bought a chiropractic practice in Prescott, AZ. He is now the owner and sole doctor of Hands On Healthcare in Prescott. He’s also the Arizona Football League team.
Mark your calendars for June 10-13, ’99. That’s when the Class of ’94 gets the opportunity to shed the stress of daily life and relive the fun of life far above Cayuga’s waters. Our reunion committee is busily working away to plan great events for our first-ever reunion. There will be drink specials in Collegetown, and a Finger Lakes wineries tour. We’ll have the opportunity to meet Cornell’s new (to us) President Hunter Rawlings. We’ll have a barbecue at Beebe Lake, and tent parties on the Quad. And that’s just for starters!

Besides the class-sponsored activities, there are also dozens of university-sponsored things to do. For the sports-inclined, there will be a golf tournament, a bike tour, a tennis tournament, a Reunion Fun Run, canoeing, horseback riding, rock climbing at the Lindseth Climbing Wall, and much, much more. There will also be lectures and tours at the Plantations, at the Johnson Art Museum, and through each of the libraries. The reunion will offer something for everyone—even the non-Cornellian spouse or significant other—all while you catch up with old friends and perhaps even make new ones. Watch your mailbox in early February for registration materials and more information. Or, check out the Class of 1994 Reunion website at http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1994/reunion.html. The site is chock full of information on the upcoming activities, and will be updated regularly as the big weekend draws near. If you want more information, or you want to volunteer to help out with reunion planning, contact Laurie Taylor by e-mail at lt14@cornell.edu.

And finally, be sure you don’t miss out on the fun. Please double check that the alumni office has your most up-to-date address information. An easy way to submit your change of address is on-line at http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/collecting/ChgAddress.html. It takes no time at all! And in the spirit of making sure everyone gets involved in reunion, please help us find the “lost” classmates listed below. If you know these folks, please call them and let them know we’re looking for them. At the very least, tell them to please send us their new addresses. Even better, we’d love to hear their news, too! Lost classmates: Prashant Agrawal, Stacy A. Aley, Osman M. Ali, Marcia V. Alleyne, BS ILR ’95, Elaine C. Alpern, Charles O. Anderson, Leesandra Andino, ME I ’95, Sokhieng Au, Christopher A. Badurek, Annie C. Ballantyne, Lynn I. Ban, Mariana A. Bedetti, ME C ’95, Jessica Bellinder, Jacqueline E. Bender, Quana L. Bice, Christine A. Black, Nicholas Black, Robert B. Blair, Sean S. Boerke, Charles Ara I. Karlberg, Rai N. Katimansah, Craig I. Kaufman, N. Christopher J. Kelly, Debra L. Kemp, Chittitmos Ketvoravit, MPS HA ’94, Abdur R. Khan, Michele Khim, Geoffrey Y. Kho, Dean Kim, Susan Kim, Joshua N. Klarsfeld, Lauren B. Koch, MD ’98, Maria R. Koller, Peter R. Komposch, Johanna L. Kosofsky, Michael P. Kruger, Katherine Kwei, Khelifa M. Kyte, BS HE ’95, Sharon K. Lam, Arkady E. Lapidus, Brent P. Laubbaugh, Victor D. Lavalle, Michael B. Lavista, Henry J. Lee, Kevin D. Lee, Sari J. Leichter, Jessica E. Lemon, Clement W. Lewo, Marc D. Liebermann, Jenifer L. Lienau, Nicole A. Lingos, BS Hotel ’95, Stuart L. Lippman, Penny S. Lipton, Catherine L. Lister, Stanley T. Liu, Stephen S. Liu, Stuart E. Liventons, Jerry Lopez, Liana M. Lorigo, Edward G. Magur, Jai Maitra, Lin-Fong Man, Pretha Mani, Elizabeth D. Marshall, Caroline Martin, James R. Martin, Michael D. Massey, Jeffrey W. Matthias, Megan L. McDonald, Kevin M. McElwee, Christine A. McGuinness, Matthew McLean, Semil B. Mehta, MD ’98, Cara M. Mendelow, Julie B. Mendelson, Elvin Mercado, Mark D. Metzger, Karin M. Mihal, Christopher J. Moeder, Yun-Jong Moh, Brian L. Montalto, Sung-Wan Moon, Charlotte T. Moore, Jonathan M. Morgenstein, Ziad M. Mugraby, Bennett H. Myers, Pamela W. Myers, Manish R. Naik, Priya L. Nair, Heather A. Nelson, BS Ag ’95, Jonathan B. Newman, Steven B. Nicolas, Erica J. Olan, Jorge Otero-Paillos, March ’93, Eunji Park, Janice Traniello Park, Thomas R. Parker, BA ’95, Stacey A. Patterson, Melissa L. Peaslee, Dina E. Peck, Hiram Perez, R. Scott Perkins, Sarah L. Perrotti, See-Ming Phan, Tu-Trang T. Phan, Stephan I. Philippov, Juliane P. Phillips, Stephen Pierson, Andres P. Pinter, Robert B. Pless, Li Kheng Poh, Janine M. Polizzi, Michael E. Porch, BS Ag ’97, Deborah A. Portka, Valmiri Prasad, Marc Procaccino, Leah S. Puidokas, Shawna R. Rau, Diane L. Reidy, Rajat Rekhi, Christopher Reynolds, Carlos M. Riedruejo, Sacha D. Ross, Tricia L. Russell. More later.

We hope to see everyone of you and more at reunion in June. But before then, be sure and send us your news! Dineen M. Pashoukos, 10135 Gate Pkwy. N., #707, Jacksonville, FL 32246; tel. (904) 641-6351; e-mail, dmp5@cornell.edu; also Jennifer Rabin, 155 E. 29th St., Apt. 10C, NYC 10016; e-mail, jar1229@hotmail.com; and Dika Lam, 204 E. 90th St., #4-E, NYC 10128; e-mail, dikasae1@aol.com.

“Jeff Conuel is the head brewer for the Ithaca Beer Co.”

—RÉNÉE HUNTER ’92
Happy new year, everyone! One more New Year’s Eve until we can all sing that famous Prince song from our youth! Or were we supposed to do that this year?

So as we enter 1999, the year before our 5-year Reunion (Yikes!), it looks as if many of our classmates have come through on their resolutions to find lifelong mates. The marriage news this month dominates all others! In chronological order: on June 19, ’98, Nico Marcellino was married to Elizabeth Gonzalez ’94 at the Friends Meeting House in Stuyvesant Square in New York City. Nico is a founder and the creative director of 47 Jane Internet Studio, a website design and development company in Manhattan. Two days later, Brian Machinist, Allison Gilman, Larry Shulman, Lisa Bromberg, and Jeff Weiser. Not only did Sharon get married, she also started medical school this summer at the U. of Maryland! So, it’s been a busy summer for her, but, as always, Sharon amazes us all and does everything to perfection!” The day before that, in Michigan, Nayan Hajratwala married longtime girlfriend Heidi. Photos from that wedding can be found at http://www.walnet.com/wedding/.

From New York, Einstein Medical College student David Podwall writes that he attended the autumn wedding of Sumit Mittle to Reena Shah ’96. Also present were Anand Asthagiri, Anupam Phukan, Sanjay Mudigonda, Manoj Shenoy, and Reuban Richmonds. And on Oct. 4, ’98, Alex Ciurczak and Ann Chi were married in Hackettsburg, NJ. In attendance were Konstantin Huypen, Vivian Tso, Michael Rollins, Stephanie Chiang ’96, Cindy Huang, Rachel de Haas, Joseph Skorski, Jeff Glenn, Shoba Narayanan, Al Le, Jonathan Steinam ’96, and David Cohen ’93. After the honeymoon, the couple returned to San Francisco, where Alex works for Pricewaterhouse-Coopers and Ann works for Exxon.

Celebrating their first year of marriage (time flies, doesn’t it?) are two couples: Vivianne Holt and Vincent Lyon ’94, and Laura and Charles Kline. Vivianne, a research and development engineer in Santa Clara, CA, married Vincent on Oct. 17, ’97, while classmate Charles is currently employed at Merck & Co. in Pennsylvania. And, about to celebrate the 1st birthday of son Gavin Alexander (born Feb. 23, ’98) is Marci Martino Burkhat, who resides in Wisconsin.

Moving now from the major family life changes to the major changes in other areas (so as not to leave anyone out!), Erin Harty has relocated from Middleburg, VA, to Phoenix, AZ, to become the “West Coast” correspondent and webmaster for The Chronicle of the Horse. Since she will be working from home, she encourages friends to get in touch via e-mail, or to visit! In Ithaca, former Key Elements a capella singer Adam R. Smith has released his debut solo album on the Oak and Thorn Record Label under the name Adam Robersmith.

— ALISON TORRILLO ’95
At our annual cheesefest (International Spirit of Zinck's Night) at Lulu's in downtown Washington, DC, I was so horrified by the numbers on the nametags—like the '90s from the Cornell-in-Washington crew, and in one spectacularly horrible moment, an '90— that I proceeded to count gray hairs instead of collecting gossip. A few tidbits I did pick up: Lou Wolinetz, whose attempt to stay out of this column has apparently failed because so few of you write (hint, hint), lives in DC's Mount Pleasant and schleps out to work as a consultant in Fairfax, VA. And Eric Horowitz '97, BS HE '98, who was sporting a '96-'98 nametag (he started with us but hung around to finish a whole new major), is spending a year at the National Insts. of Health in Bethesda.

Now, on to news of the non-Washington (and non-Monica) variety: Renzo Cerabino is making his way through Villanova's JD/MBA program. He's also just published a piece in the Loyola Intellectual Property and High Technology Law Quarterly called "Patent Bar: Issues of Quality Control." We wish we understood what that was. Anyway, Renzo reports that he talks frequently with best friend and fellow II.R. grad Mark Mead, who's a labor relations associate with NY State Electric and Gas. Mark is a member of the contract negotiating team and the company representative for the board of arbitration disputes, and he also runs the Cornell Winter Internship program for II.R. students.

Christine Lydon moved to Chicago ( Evanston, if you have to be so damn technical) to get an MS in biotechnology from Northwestern. "I'm glad I'll be able to use all my Cornell experiences in winter (read: snow and sub-zero temperatures) out here," she writes. Meanwhile, Ken Lacy managed to get as far away from Ithaca weather as possible. He picked up an MA in linguistics from the U. of Hawaii. Now he's back on the East Coast, working on his doctorate at New York U. Also in NYC: Raymond Lin, an information systems specialist at Forbes magazine, writes that he is looking for an apartment in Manhattan and "searching for girls." (He said it; we didn't.) Cosmo's bachelor of the month columnist this isn't, but we can try: Ray's e-mail is rl74@aol.com. Ray reports that Mike Tran, BS Ag '97, works for Coopers & Lybrand, Jamie DeSantis is finishing his third year of vet school at U. of Pennsylvania, Norman Young is in Alabama, and Simon Kim lives out in Washington State.

Elizabeth Boll, that's L. Liz Boll to you, has just returned from Taszar Air Base in Hungary, where she was part of the NATO Stabilization Forces for the Bosnia-Herzegovina area. As if that weren't adventure enough, she also finished a two-year tour at Yokota Air Base, just outside Tokyo. And along the way, Liz still managed to catch up with Jen Savage, Jason Fraser '93, Jill Pitko, Leon Nowakowski '93, and Chris Snyder. Her next assignment: an MS in physical meteorology at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, OH. Good luck!
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Heather Kirby lives down the street from a strip club which advertises ‘100 beautiful women . . . and three ugly ones.’

— MOLLY DARNIEDER ’98

Brook for medical school, while Visakha Goonewardena is at New York medical school and Alice Fong ’96 is at the Medical College of Ohio.

A big update came from Steve Long (Steven_Long@notes.pw.com) in March 1998. Both Steve and Sharon Coy are staff accountants with Price Waterhouse in NYC; Tien-Chieh "John" Wang has a similar position with Coopers & Lybrand. Chanviet "Viet" Vo, Yi-Nei Chen, and August Al-Uqdah II are employees of Andersen Consulting. Udai Tambar (udai@arcom.com) is teaching at the United Nations International School (UNIS) and Abhinav "Anu" Prasad is rumored to spend time pondering the ramifications of Chase-Any at Tigris Consulting. Peter Chiu is working at Bloomberg. Jackson Eng (jackson_eng@bm.com) is at Chase, and Nina Moy is at Macy’s. On the academic front, Helen Moon is attending Columbia’s Teachers’ College and Florence Yee is enrolled in a post-bach program at Hunter College. Finally, Steve reports that although Rose Lumm (rum22@cs.com) has been working hard at CSC Consulting, he has also seen her working as the "fry-girl" in the Chinatown McDonalds.

Larry Feinblum (larry.m.feinblum@arthuranderson.com) is working in the financial markets group of accounting division at Arthur Andersen’s Manhattan office and sharing an apartment with Zeta Beta Tau brother Andrew Schultz. Emin Ozgur, MS C ’98, (esoi@cornell.edu) took a position as a systems analyst in Deloitte & Touche’s NYC office. Eric Rosenthal (erosenthal@loanc rating.com) is an assistant editor at Loan Pricing Corp., a Reuters Co. Sabine Smith (sabine_smith@interconti.com) completed a management training and executive development program at Hotel Inter Continental Toronto and was serving as an assistant manager at the front desk. She sends her best regards to the Hotel school faculty and staff, whose advice has proven to be most valuable in her work.

Suzann Gallagher (kgk23@cornell.edu) was enrolled in a master’s program in social studies education at Columbia’s teachers college; also at Columbia, David Kahn (dk4@cornell.edu) completed a one-year master’s program in industrial engineering. In March, Valerie Makarick (makarvk01@popmail.med.nyu.edu), a member of New York U. medical school class of 2001, shared this list of other ’97ers in her class: Brett Ferdinand, Stephanie Shaps, Daniel Resnick (drl@cornell.edu), Maria Lisi and Virna Lisi, Jeffrey Shaari, and Eric Uyguroanco. Frank Noschese, MAT ’98, (fnp11@cornell.edu) hoped to find job as high school physics or earth science teacher. Frank shared the news that Robert Pattison (rnpl1@cornell.edu) and Beth Kellerman were married in April 1998.

Philip Phang (phk8@cornell.edu), president of Columbia’s School of Dental and Oral Surgery’s class of 2001, shared this caveat for pre-dental/pre-med students: "It is much easier getting in than staying in—think hard and well before deciding to enter the health field." Nonetheless, Iván Irizarry (porfin@equi.net) doesn’t have it so bad; he’s a second-year medical student at the U. of Puerto Rico Medical Science Campus in Rio Piedras. Noting the 90-degree weather in January 1997, Ivan was pleased to be attending "med school in paradise."

In March 1998, Chris Black wrote that he had solicited in the T-37, the US Air Force’s primary jet trainer, and planned on earning his wings in December 1998. Chris is stationed at Columbus Air Force Base in Mississippi. Mark Canlis is a maintenance officer for Air Force Special Operations. In January 1998, Matt Willer (navyFO@aol.com) was continuing naval navigation training at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio and shared updates on the following folks, who are all in different stages of naval flight school: Sandy Clary, Dave Rueter, Beth Forland, Jon Frazier, and Sean Mentus Luis Garcia (nylius@hotmail.com) married Treva Smith, (Brigham Young U. ’95) in San Diego in December 1997. She joined him at Ft. Rucker, AL, in January 1998, where he was attending Army Helicopter Flight School.

Finally, as indicated correctly in the September/October 1998 issue, Grace (Sundaram) and Anil Chaddha, JD ’95, were married in April 1998. The news snippet that appeared in the fall 1998 "Trendsetters" newsletter incorrectly reported an April 1997 marriage. Please continue to stay in touch by using our website, www.classof97.cornell.edu.

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Warning: there is a speed hump in Ithaca. No, not a speed bump. A speed hump, which can be found on the "secret" way to Wegman’s. I actually backed over the speed hump with passangers Mandy Simpson, Virginia “Ginger” Page, and Sophie Karabatsos to make sure we had read the sign correctly. It said “speed hump.”

Warning: Ithaca is sunny when you’re an alum. Those of us who returned to campus for Homecoming, found the joke was on us. It was sunny all weekend. Seriously. Sunny and 70 degrees all weekend. In Ithaca. In October. Seriously. Okay, I’m over it . . . and the fact that there’s a “speed hump” in Ithaca. Homecoming was a great opportunity for me to find out what many of you ’98ers are up to . . . and would have even been better if we, as a group, could learn to carry our business cards. Learn from this. Brian Boukalik, I remember that you are living in Kansas, outside of Wichita somewhere, but I have no idea what you’re doing. (Drop me a line and remind me sometime.) Heather Kirby is also in the Midwest, working in Springfield for the Illinois State Legislature. She lives across the street from Abe Lincoln’s house and down the street from a strip club which advertises “100 beautiful women . . . and three ugly ones.”

Anyway . . . many of the people I caught up with this weekend are living and working in and around New York City. Anne Repke and Stephanie Payne are roommates on the Upper East Side, and Emily Lobel is working in AlG’s corporate staffing office doing college relations. Aaron Heiser is working for the Federated Merchandising Group in NYC, and will soon be moving to Hoboken. Living in Hoboken is Heidi Kaufman, who is currently an assistant account executive with the Brooks Group, a public relations firm. Her roommate, Heather Stakich, is working for SCORE at Kaplan in Westfield, NJ. Jeff Dagowitz recently accepted a position with Starwood Hotels and Resorts in NYC. Becky DeMarinis is working for City Parks, and former roommate Kim Ruck is just a train ride away, in graduate school at SUNY, Stony Brook. Also on Long Island is Doug Pritts, who is working for CINT AS and living in Stanford, CT. Karen Bernstein is an assistant manager for interactive services at Cendant Corp.

Some of our classmates still want to play . . . Matt Wise spent Homecoming in Ithaca just before leaving to play lacrosse in Australia for the year. His fraternity brother, Ben DeLuca, has stayed on campus to coach at Cornell. Go Big Red. Others on campus include Tina Strasheim, working on a master’s in Industrial and Labor Relations, Maria Gallardo, working on her master’s in public administration, and Leslie Kirchler, who is finishing up her undergraduate work and planning to move to England for graduate school. On the Hill pursuing master’s degrees in engineering are Greg Wocher and Marcy Gontiz. Besides catching up with classmates at Homecoming, I have also received a number of e-mails with news. Keep it up! Michelle Tuorto is in the
Polawe Unchalipongse is also in the Big Apple working for B&RRA as a business analyst. Far away from the city, Craig Gifler is running a 300-head dairy farm and probably getting less sleep than he did as a student.

Pew! That’s a lot of news! Please continue to keep us posted on your lives. Before I finish up, I’d like to take the opportunity, on behalf of the Class of 1998 alumni officers, to thank Nancy Law ’84 for her hard work and dedication in making our first year as officers as smooth, productive, and fun as possible. Nancy, thank you for your time and patience, and good luck in your new job on campus with Career Services. Molly Darnieller, 3-1F Winding Brook Dr., Guilderland, NY 12084; e-mail, mbd4@cornell.edu; Anna Sise, E. Surry Rd., Keene, NH 03431; tel., (603) 352-2828; e-mail, ss12@cornell.edu.

Hello fellow Cornellians! Our senior year has kicked off with a bang! Even in our chimeless silence this fall, many important issues have touched our lives and helped to shape our last undergraduate experience. The plans for the new freshmen dorms on North Campus are well on their way to becoming finalized; Cornell’s lake source cooling project was approved amid much controversy; the newly renovated Sage Hall was dedicated; and prior to Halloween, alarms were set into McGraw Tower to prevent another mysterious pumpkin atop its steeple.

This fall semester, we graduated 400 seniors to join alumni ranks. Looking ahead to when the rest of our class will join you, we have set an agenda to carry us through the transition from undergrad to alumnus. We have established many individual goals for future reunions and class unity. In addition, we have determined participation and dues benchmark marks for the Senior Class Campaign, as well as deciding on the class gift: the Class of 1999 Scholarship. This senior class gift will leave a legacy to future classes from the Class of ’99.

To help accomplish these lofty but achievable goals, we have a fabulous, energetic, and creative group of officers. On the executive committee: Lindsay Raymond, president; Jennifer Sheldon, executive vice president; Risa Shapiro, vice president, membership; Eric Sullender, vice president, technology/publicity; Sara Best and Melanie Olson, vice presidents, affinity; Garrett Lashier, secretary; Jill Pinkey, class historian; Sean Campbell, treasurer; Jennifer Sheldon, class correspondence; Meagan Ballard, Sheyna Horowitz, Logan Pandolfo, and Brenda Sonnenstuhl, reunion co-chairs; and Timothy Mack and Eve Moscato, senior class campaign co-chairs. On the Alumni Class Council: Rachel Barrett, Tara Bender, Carolotin Curtin, Christine Fairbank, Alma Flores, Sara Harmelin, Anne Law, Blair Lee, Amy Lesser, Briana Lundy, Margaux Niederbach, Amanda Perez, Amanda Reed, Jason Stevens, Marissa Tannenbaum, Evan Waldheter, Susan Wang, Rachel White. Affinity chairs: Melanie Arzt, Sara Best, Sean Campbell, Carolyn Janiak, Garrett Lashier, Anne Law, Blair Lee, Christine Myers, Margaux Niederbach, Melanie Olson, Brandon Ordonez, Amanda Reed, Michaela Rosenholz, Jeff Shapiro, Jennifer Sheldon, Jason Stevens, Eric Sullender, Melissa Trepiccione, Susan Wang, and Rachel White. We look forward to working with you, meeting you at Assn. of Class Officers mid-winter meetings, in visits on campus this spring, or at future alumni events. Please contact Lindsay Raymond (lar10@cornell.edu) or Sharon Detzer ’88 (sld4@cornell.edu) for further information.

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'19 BA—Aaron Kaufman of Palm Beach, FL, formerly of Elizabeth, NJ, May 8, 1998; retired attorney, judge, and philanthropist, Elizabeth; active in community affairs.

'22 BA—William A. Shannon of Gladwyne, PA, September 6, 1997; insurance agent, Aetna Life & Casualty.

'23 BA—H. Ward Ackerson of Brightwaters, NY, April 28, 1998; retired real estate agent and appraiser; active in professional affairs. Delta Chi.

'24—Anna Hill Campbell (Mrs. Andrew H.) of Elizabeth, NJ, formerly Sargentville, ME, May 3, 1998; Phi Beta Phi.


'25 BA—Sabrina Needham Luck (Mrs. G. Melvin) of Cincinnati, OH, August 8, 1997; active in alumni affairs.

'26 ME—P. Louis Callan of Franklin, PA, April 19, 1997. Sigma Pi.

'26 BA—Milton H. Friedman of Buffalo, NY, April 9, 1998; retired attorney; active in religious affairs. Wife, Marjorie (Block) '35.

'26-27 SpArts—Helen Blanche Haas Avery (Mrs. James W.) of Ithaca, NY, April 18, 1998; retired teacher in Ithaca elementary schools; active in professional and community affairs.

'26 BA—Marion Quell of Garden City, NY, April 27, 1998; retired banker, Irving Trust Company, New York City.

'27 BS Ag—Betty Wyckoff Balderston (Mrs. Eugene P. '28, JD '29) of New London, NH, formerly of Ithaca, NY, May 4, 1998; active in alumni affairs.

'27 BS Ag—Herta Wilson Cavanaugh (Mrs. Robert L. '30, MD '34) of La Plata, MD, formerly of Baltimore and Potomac, May 11, 1998; active in alumni affairs.

'27, BA '28—Eleanor B. Gibson of West Hartford, CT, May 19, 1998; former librarian, Carrier Corporation; veteran.


'28 BA—Allan A. Merine of Chevy Chase, MD, formerly of Washington, DC, November 3, 1997; real estate investor and restaurateur; veteran; active in religious and community affairs. Tau Epsilon Phi.


'28 BS HE—Lois Fritter Thorn (Mrs. C. N.) of Cape May, NJ, exact date unknown.

'29 BA—Isabelle Saloman Gichner (Mrs. Henry '29) of Chevy Chase, MD, formerly of Washington, DC, and Palm Beach, FL, February 27, 1998; retired; had chaired the DC Commission on the Status of Women and DC Committee for the White House Conference on Children & Youth, and served the National Conference of Christians among Jews; active in religious, community, and alumni affairs. Alpha Epsilon Pi.


'29 PhD—Sahire F. Moutuar of Istanbul, Turkey, exact date unknown; director of school in Istanbul; was first woman in Turkey to earn a PhD.

'30-31 SpAg—William F. Atkinson of Evansville, IN, exact date unknown. Psi Upsilon.

'30 BS Ag—Walter Ferris Dunning of Tampa, FL, formerly of Sun City Center, November 1997. Alpha Gamma Rho.

'30 MA—Elizabeth Beatty McCubbin (Mrs. Charles John) of Hillsborough, NC, formerly of Black Mountain, April 26, 1998; social worker, retired director of North Carolina Dept. of Correction Women’s Facilities; previously associated with Federal Transient Bureau.

'30—Robert A. Tarr of Mansfield, OH and Tahiti, French Polynesia, November 3, 1997; importer of curios and antiques from South Pacific; author.

'31 BA—Elizabeth Kreisinger Beach (Mrs. Kenneth H.) of Houston, TX, November 1997; retired physician.

'31 BS Ag—Lynn Luther Falkey of Clifton Springs, NY, April 28, 1997; retired farmer.


'31 BA—Samuel Jurow of Jamesburg, NJ, December 9, 1997; retired teacher.

'31—Laurence E. Mayo of La Mesa, CA, November 29, 1997. Theta Delta Chi.

'31-32 Grad—Hymen Pliny Saunders of Pikesville, MD, formerly of New Britain, CT, May 27, 1998; retired court reporter, Salomon Reporting Service, Baltimore; veteran.

'31—Wilbert C. Schade of Charlevoix, MI, and Muncie, IN, May 16, 1998; retired president and CEO, Ball Brothers Company; active in community affairs. Phi Gamma Delta.

'32 BA, PhD '36—Frank N. Low of New Orleans, LA, April 28, 1998; retired visiting professor of cell biology and anatomy, Louisiana State University Medical Center; formerly taught anatomy at Tufts Medical College and medical schools in several Mid-Atlantic states and in North Dakota; noted researcher.


'32 ME—Valentine V. Netchvolodoff of Atlanta, GA, formerly of Hartsdale, NY, December 16, 1997; attorney, Morris & Strahl.

'32 ME—Valentine V. Netchvolodoff of St. Louis, MO, April 11, 1998; retired vice president, Valley Steel Products Division, Valley Industries, and consulting engineer. Phi Kappa Tau.

'33 EE—Oliver Brinckerhoff Ackley of Forest Hills, NY, exact date unknown. Phi Sigma Epsilon.

'33 BA—Madeline Stoddard Barnako (Mrs. Frank R.) of Bethlehem, PA, May 22, 1998; writer, children’s literature; active in religious affairs. Alpha Omicron Pi.


'34 BS EE '35—Frederick W. Fink of Bedford, MA, formerly of Worthington, OH, April 11, 1998; retired corrosion chemist, Battelle Memorial Inst. in Columbus, OH; active in professional, community, and religious affairs.
'34 BA—Lucy Allen Karwell (Mrs. Allen C.) of Warren, ME, formerly of Camden; exact date unknown. Alpha Phi.


'34 BA—Mary Seaman Stiles (Mrs. Everett L. '34) of Syracuse, NY, and Cocoa Beach, FL, March 26, 1998; retired associate English professor, Onondaga Community College; Christmas tree farmer, Florence, NY. Alpha Epsilon Pi.


'35 MA—Marie West Keller (Mrs. Edward C.) of East Aurora, NY, April 26, 1998; retired high school teacher; active in professional and community affairs.


'36 BA—Robert H. Birchennough of Slingerlands, NY, formerly of Albany, May 4, 1998; retired employee, Jennings and Birchennough CPA practice; active in community and religious affairs. Phi Sigma Kappa.

'36 Gary C. Blodorn of Clarence, NY, formerly of Buffalo and Los Angeles, CA, April 25, 1998; retired Oriental rug buyer, Bullock's store; avid gardener, active in community and religious affairs.


'36 Kathleen Avent Hewitt (Mrs. Harlan Douglas MA '35) of Boca Raton, FL, formerly of Ithaca, NY and Albany, April 28, 1998; real estate agent, art gallery tour guide; assistant pediatrician; actress.

'36 BS Ag—Franklin F. Kern of Spearfish, SD, April 5, 1998.

'36 Charles J. Mayard of Bolton Landing, NY, and Sun City Center, FL, Jan. 7, 1998; retired owner, Mayard Shopping Center, Lake George, NY. Alpha Sigma Phi.


'36, BA '37—George J. Visneyei of Roswell, GA, formerly of Ithaca, NY, April 30, 1998; retired dentist, Ithaca; active in religious affairs.

'37, MA '42—Helen Mordoff Campbell (Mrs. Joe R. PhD '48) of Baton Rouge, LA; May 17, 1998; retired teacher of English and journalism; active in religious affairs. Alpha Omicron Pi.

'37 MD—Newton Krumdieck of Cambridge, NY, formerly of Hoosick Falls, Feb. 4, 1998; retired medical director, Hoosick Falls Health Center; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'37 DVM—Seymour Hoffman of Providence, RI, exact date unknown; veterinarian, Hoffman Animal Hospital.

'38 BS Ag—Evelyn Turner Ewald (Mrs. Karl) of New York City, formerly of Pearl River, NY, January 1995.

'38 BS Ag—Donald E. Kuney of Sebastion, FL, formerly of Seneca Falls, NY, June 3, 1997; active in alumni affairs. Phi Sigma Kappa.

'38 Martin J. Speno of Syracuse, NY, formerly of Naples, FL, May 7, 1998; retired president and chairman, Speno Rail Services Inc.; avid golfer.

'38 BA—Irwin Seymour Stein of Cortland, NY, formerly of Charlottesville, VA, exact date unknown. Beta Sigma Rho.


'39 MA—Robert A. D. Ford of Randan, France, April 12, 1998; retired Canadian ambassador to the Soviet Union; translator of Russian poetry; author.

'39 BA—Willard N. Lynch of Chesterbrook, PA, formerly of Wayne, PA, May 6, 1998; retired president, Keystone Drawn Steel Company; veteran; active in alumni affairs.


'40 Seymour A. Binkov of Hollywood, FL, exact date unknown. Alpha Epsilon Pi.

'40 Chem E '41—Donald B. Jacobs of Seaford, DE, exact date unknown; retired member of Public Service Commission; active in alumni affairs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

'40 BA, PhD '46—Oliver Norton Salmon of Bemidji, MN, April 13, 1998; retired supervisor and senior research specialist, 3M Company, Maplewood. Wife, Alma (Schwenk) '45, BS HE '44.

'40 BS Hotel—Lee E. Schoenbrunn of Hollywood, FL, formerly of Lake Ozark, MO, January 14, 1998; vice president, Kaplan Enterprises in Florida; previously of Four Seasons in Missouri.

'40 B Chem—Claude F. Tears Jr. of Dallas, TX, May 27, 1998; consultant for petroleum refineries; retired chemical engineer, Tears Engineers Inc.; had worked on the Manhattan Project team that developed the atomic bomb; active in professional and alumni affairs. Sigma Nu.

'40 PhD—Garth Bell Wilson of Berkeley, CA, May 6, 1998; retired professor of rhetoric and dramatic art, University of California, Berkeley.

'41 BA—Richard W. Greene of Syracuse, NY, April 1, 1998; retired physician; active in alumni affairs. Zeta Psi. Wife, Marjorie (Brass) '41.


'41 BA—Sylvia Brachfeld Kraus (Mrs. David E.) of Rye, NY, April 18, 1998; teacher of English, Harrison High School.

'41 BS Ag—Glenn D. Nice of Canandaigua, NY, formerly of Pittsford, March 31, 1998; retired agricultural agent, Cornell Extension Service in Ontario County; realtor for Nothnagle Realty, Pittsford; active in community and religious affairs.

'41 BME—Edward Hartje Rodgers of Tiburn, CA, May 8, 1998; retired engineer, DuPont; veteran; active in religious and community affairs.

'41 BS Hotel—Walter A. Scholl of Boynton Beach, FL, formerly of Manchester Center, VT, May 17, 1998; retired vice president and member, New York Stock Exchange; veteran; active in alumni affairs. Delta Chi. Wife, Eleanor (Bloomfield) '44.

'41, BS HE '42—Ruth Babcock White (Mrs. James C.) of Fort Myers, FL, formerly of Ithaca, NY, April 26, 1998; was a long-time nutritionist, Ithaca public schools; active in community affairs. Husband, James C. White '39, PhD '44.

'42 PhD—Franklin B. Batdorf of Nashua, NH, exact date unknown; retired college professor and teacher of English.

'42 BA—Prudence Summer Gamard (Mrs. Edward W.) of Whitehall, PA, May 24, 1998; retired assistant librarian, Whitehall Public Library; active in alumni and religious affairs. Alpha Phi.
'42 BS HE—Florence Belus Lawrence (Mrs. William H.) of Glen Head, NY, exact date unknown; active in alumni affairs. Alpha Omicron Pi.

'42-43 SpAg—John S. Potter of Scio, NY, formerly of Friendship, exact date unknown.

'42, DVM '43—J. R. Tweddle of Pine bush, NY, April 23, 1998; retired veterinarian; owner, Twelve Farms; former bank trustee; active in community and religious affairs. Alpha Psi.

'43 BS Ag—Frederick S. Johnson of Westfield, NY, April 13, 1998; owner, Johnson Vineyards and Estate Wineries; active in alumni affairs. Alpha Delta Phi.

'43—Carl F. W. Kaelber of Pittsford, NY, formerly of Rochester, exact date unknown; architect, Waadorp, Northrup & Austin.


'45, BA '48, PhD 61—Ryland H. Hewitt of Slingerlands, NY, formerly of Albany, April 24, 1998; retired professor, SUNY; Albany; had taught at Colgate University and Bates College; former Spotlight editor and photographer; active in religious affairs. Wife, Rowena (Fairchild), MA '49.


'45—Robert Emmett White of San Antonio, TX, formerly of Bradford, PA, November 1, 1997.


'46—Alfred Swift Frank of Washington, DC, May 1, 1998; retired attorney; former Capitol Hill aide, staff member, House District Committee; active in the community.

'46—Milford A. Warner of Watkins Glen, NY, April 22, 1998; retired principal, teacher of science and sports, Watkins Glen High School; active in religious affairs.

'47 MS Eng—Williams Follett King of New Orleans, LA, April 22, 1998; retired mechanical engineer, Waldemar S. Nelson & Company; active in professional and religious affairs.

'47 BS EE—George J. Monser of Las Vegas, NV, formerly of Goleta, CA, January 4, 1998; retired consulting engineer, Raytheon Corporation; author.


'48 PhD—Joe R. Campbell of Baton Rouge, LA, exact date unknown; retired professor.

'48 BA, MA '50—Abraham Cohen of Buffalo, NY, May 2, 1998; retired music educator at Kenmore East High School; composer; active in community and religious affairs.

'48 PhD—William H. Ewing of Decatur, GA, April 21, 1998; retired chief and researcher for microbiology unit, Center for Disease Control and Prevention; active in professional affairs.

'48 BME—Howard A. Grant of Sun City, AZ, formerly of Chelmsford, MA, exact date unknown. Alpha Epsilon Pi.

'48 MD—Janet K. Hayes (Mrs. Philip M. Guba Jr.) of Tucson, AZ, formerly of Gardner City, NY, April 28, 1998; retired physician, Veterans Administration, formerly on the medical staffs of New York Hospital and the Molly Patterson Home for the Aged; active in professional affairs.


'49 BEE—John P. Callahan of Gambriils, MD, formerly of New Rochelle, NY, May 21, 1998; retired electrical engineer and sea navigation researcher, Northrop Grumman Corp., New York City; active in religious and community affairs.


'49 PhD—Elmer N. Searls of Milton, WA, formerly of Puyallup, May 6, 1998; extension specialist in agricultural marketing and animal nutrition, Washington State University; horse management educator and owner, Searls Stable. Wife, Isobel MS HE '49.

'49 BS Ag—Clarence L. Smith of New York exact date unknown; archivist and curator, Library of Congress. Phi.

'49 BS EE—George J. Monser of Las Vegas, NV, formerly of Goleta, CA, January 4, 1998; retired consulting engineer, Raytheon Corporation; author.
'51 BA—Harvey E. Sampson of Ithaca, NY, formerly of Cold Spring Harbor and New York City, April 23, 1998; president, The Harvey Electronics Group Inc.

'51 BS ILR—Alan J. Underberg of Rochester, NY, formerly of Pittsford, May 3, 1998; senior partner, Underberg & Kessler, also practiced law in Buffalo; veteran, active in civic, political, community and alumni affairs. Alpha Delta Phi; wife, Joyce (Wnabum) ’53, BS HE ’52.


'52 DVM—Henry D. Boerenko of Riverside, CA, July 11, 1998; veterinarian, Magnolia Veterinary Hospital. Alpha Psi.

'52 BS Ag—Robert E. Church of Bradenton, FL, formerly of Baldwinville, NY, April 15, 1998; farmer and former employee, of Home Depot; active in professional, community, and religious affairs.

'52 BA—Flavio De Almeida Prado of Sao Paulo, Brazil, was mistakenly listed as deceased in the November/December 1998 Cornell Magazine. His is very much alive and the author of a book, Prazier—A Energia dos Vencedores.

'53 BA—John T. Gilbert of Tamaqua, PA, formerly of New York City, Dec. 18, 1997; bank consultant, Morgan Guaranty Trust, NYC. Phi Sigma Kappa.

'54 BS Ag—James D. Chase of Williamsburg, VA, formerly Lewistown, NY, April 17, 1998; retired banker; active in community and religious affairs.

'54 BA—Margaret Lurton Kahle of Madison, CT, formerly of New York City, March 2, 1998; interior designer; active in alumni affairs.


'55 PhD—William S. Woolcott of Richmond, VA, April 18, 1998; D. A. Kuyk professor emeritus of biology, specializing in ichthyology, University of Richmond; active in professional, community, and religious affairs.

'57 BS Ag—John C. Wagner of Warsaw, NY, formerly of Carriere, MS, May 14, 1998; banker, Wyoming County Bank.

'58-60 SpAg—Maurice L. Cornell of Potsdam, NY, April 26, 1998; former board member, St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Disposal Authority.

'58 BS Hotel—Robert W. George of Houston, TX, exact date unknown.

'58 PhD—Anita Shafer Goodstein (Mrs. Marvin ’61) of Sewanee, TN, May 13, 1998; history professor emerita, University of the South; researcher and author of Nashville history.

'58—Peter H. Putnam of Salem, OR, formerly of Schenectady, NY and Greenville, SC, April 19, 1998; retired owner, private insurance agency; outdoorsman. Zeta Psi.

'58 BS Hotel—James B. Reynolds of Honolulu, HI, formerly of Secaucus, NJ, April 19, 1998; owner, Advanced Clinical Management Systems, Secaucus; former executive director, Renco Associates Inc.


'58 BA—Nicholas D. Wing of Copley, OH, formerly of Akron, exact date unknown; physician, Akron Clinic. Lambda Chi Alpha.

'59 BS Nurs—Bermadine Zenio Rush (Mrs. Robert H.) of Bellmore, NY, formerly of Hempstead, September 19, 1996; staff nurse, Hempstead Hospital.

'60 LLB—Robert P. Mittelman of Baltimore, MD, May 14, 1998; tax and trust attorney, Semmes, Bowen & Semmes; active in community affairs.

'60, BS Ag ’61—Richard A. Saltford of Tallahassee, FL, formerly of Del Mar, NY, exact date unknown; administrator, SUNY, Albany. Delta Chi.

'61 BS Ag—Walter J. Carpenter of Bloomville, NY, formerly of Germantown and Carmel, November 27, 1997; pastor, Bloomville United Methodist Church; active in religious and community affairs.


'67 MA—D. Gordon White of Sussex, England, and China, April 1, 1998; noted political scientist and scholar of contemporary China; was a fellow, the Sussex University Inst. of Development Studies; author, Riding the Tiger and other political studies.

'68 PhD—Herbert J. Teskey of Ottawa, Canada, exact date unknown.


'74 BA—Diane S. Behar of New York City, April 18, 1998; director of public affairs, NYC Economic Policy Group; active in alumni affairs.


'74 MBA—Jean-Paul Joseph of New York City, May 20, 1998; president, J.P. Joseph Inc.; former vice president, Citibank; active in religious affairs.

'76 BS Ag—Shayna Wagman Tucker (Mrs. Steven) of Ventura, CA, formerly of Catskill, NY, July 1996.

'77 JD—Robert W. Genzman of Orlando, FL, formerly of Altamont Springs, May 7, 1998; attorney, Akerman, Senterfitt & Eidson, Orlando; was staff counsel for the House committees investigating the assassination of President Kennedy and the Iran-Contra affair; former US attorney, Central Florida.

'77 BS ILR—David F. Tulchin of Downingtown, PA, formerly of Amherst, NH, exact date unknown; manager, Sun Company Inc.; formerly associated with Lockheed. Alpha Epsilon Pi.

'78 BS Ag—Beth Fine Kaplan (Mrs. Daniel C.) of Northbrook, IL, formerly of Chicago, May 12, 1998; coordinator of graduate program in genetic counseling, assistant professor of obstetrics, Northwestern University; active in religious affairs.

'79 BS ILR—Kenneth W. Beaver of Richmond, VA, formerly of Cambridge, MA, and St. James, NY, exact date unknown; manager, Circuit City Stores Inc.

'80—Malin Inga Wretman Krull (Mrs. Vic) of Bromma, Sweden, November 1997.


'86—Nancy L. Hague Aguil (Mrs. Joseph R. Dill) of Indianapolis, IN, formerly of Elmira, NY, October 1997.

'87—Ninsh V. Oza of Houston, TX, exact date unknown.

'97—Min Jung Kim of Kyung Ki Do, South Korea, November 1997.
As cocktails go, the Cornell is no Manhattan, martini, or margarita. Page through the bartenders' books comprising a full shelf of the Hotel school's Nestlé Library, and you'll find it's noticeably absent. The Drink Dictionary includes an estimated 1,500 entries, but no Cornell. The Commercial Bartender's Training Manual lists recipes for everything from the Mop in a Bucket to the Frozen Monk, but no Cornell. Even the Statler Hotel's own Terrace Café & Bistro Beverage Manual makes no mention of it. Order it at the hotel's Regents Lounge and the bartender will tell you you've had enough already. But don't despair; you can drink a Cornell.

Trader Vic's Bartender's Guide (1972) lists a Cornell cocktail which calls for an ounce of gin, three dashes of maraschino liqueur, and one egg white to be stirred with cracked ice and strained into a glass. The Savoy Cocktail Book (1930) provides the recipe for a Cornell Special Cocktail: one-quarter each of gin, Benedictine, lemon, and lithia water.

Most colorful of all is a book called Old Waldorf Bar Days, compiled by Albert Stevens Crockett in 1931 with a few witty asides. There's a drink called the Harvard, made of orange bitters, brandy, and Italian vermouth; Crockett notes that "alumni who drank it sometimes lost the 'Harvard accent.'" The Yale, a Harvard but with gin instead of brandy, represents "an institution somewhere beyond Old Greenwich, where many young men go for the purpose of commuting to New York for weekends."

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