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Beth Saulnier

On the last day of September, Cornell unveiled the identity of its thirteenth president. When Elizabeth Garrett takes office on July 1, 2015, she'll be the University's first female leader—bringing to four the number of Ivies with women at their helms. A legal scholar currently serving as provost of the University of Southern California, Garrett is a former clerk to Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall who studies the legislative process and democratic institutions. "I want to listen to what faculty, staff, and students share with me about their dreams for Cornell," Garrett said during the announcement, held at the Law School, "and I hope to hit the ground running on July 1 when I move to Ithaca as a permanent resident."

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## A Tribute to Susan Murphy

**F**or the past thirty-seven years, virtually every Cornell undergraduate, and countless Big Red alumni, have benefited from some aspect of the work that Susan Murphy '73, PhD '94, has done. It has been the University's good fortune to have her with us for so long in increasingly significant leadership roles.

Susan completed her undergraduate degree as a history major and, after earning two master's degrees, returned to her alma mater—at the age of twenty-six—as associate director of admissions. She served as the Ivy League's first female dean of admissions and financial aid for nine years while also pursuing her PhD in educational administration through the University's employee degree program. Despite managing a staff of seventy and being on the road as much as a week out of every month, she was able to meet the demands of both endeavors through her extraordinary energy, talent, determination, and organizational skills.

Then-President Frank H. T. Rhodes conferred her PhD at Cornell's 126th commencement in 1994, and a few weeks later she became the University's first vice president for student and academic services. It was a position that Susan largely defined by bringing together essential "campus life" functions and virtually all other aspects of the student experience outside the classroom—including athletics, public service, Greek life, extracurricular activities, career services, and health and wellbeing.

Under Susan's leadership, the University moved all first-year students to North Campus and created the "house system" on West Campus to better integrate living and learning into the undergraduate experience. Her experience, knowledge of Cornell, wisdom, and genuine concern for student welfare have helped us deal effectively as a campus community with difficult issues ranging from hazing to sexual violence to mental health and have brought us closer to being the diverse, inclusive, and caring community we aspire to be. Her perceptive leadership and attention to the many facets of the student experience have continued to serve Cornell and its students well; we look forward to completing the comprehensive update and expansion of the University Health Services facility in 2017, which is a long-standing strategic priority for Cornell and a project for which Susan has been a persuasive advocate.

Susan has a special gift for connecting with students directly: at athletic events; at office hours that she and I host jointly during the academic year; as a house fellow at Alice Cook House; as a mentor to Meinig Family Cornell National Scholars; and in many other ways—including convincing Robin and me to join her on North Campus during the first week of classes this fall for the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, which raised funds to help combat that devastating disease.

A "double red" herself, Susan became even more connected to Cornell and its worldwide alumni through her marriage to the late Gerry Thomas, PhD '78, and the experiences of her step-



ROBERT BARKER / UP

Retiring pair: At the end of the academic year, both Vice President Susan Murphy '73, PhD '94, and President David Skorton will be stepping down.

daughters, who are also Cornellians. Her strong bonds to the greater alumni body are reflected in a Cornell Tradition Fellowship and the Murphy Lobby in Court Hall on North Campus, which were both named in her honor through the efforts and generosity of other Cornellians.

I have been so fortunate to have Susan on my senior leadership team. Her talent, perceptiveness, innovation, and judgment are simply unparalleled. Time and again, I have drawn upon her wisdom and insight, not only on topics that directly affect the student experience, but also on issues related to higher education on a national and even global scale.

Although Susan will retire from her current post at the end of the academic year, she will remain at Cornell through June 2016 in a new role in the Division of Alumni Affairs and Development, assisting with fundraising and alumni engagement. We will launch a national search for her successor, realizing that we have extraordinarily big shoes to fill.

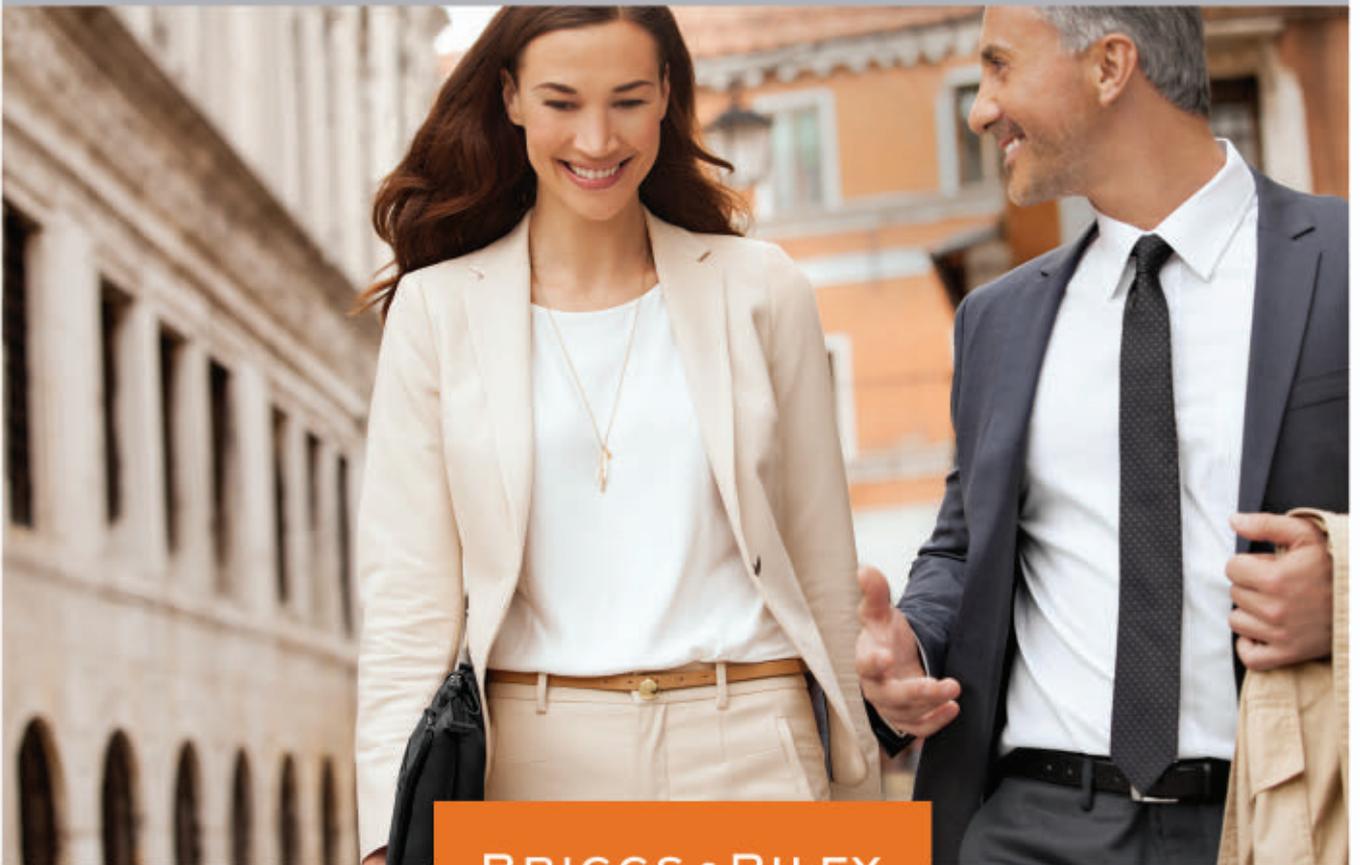
Susan, your retirement is an opportunity to express our gratitude for all you have contributed to Cornell as a student, an alumna, an admissions and financial aid administrator, a dean—and, for the past twenty years, as a remarkably caring, innovative, and effective vice president. I can think of no one on our campus who is more universally respected and loved than you, or who has worked harder on behalf of the University. I thank you for all you have done—the Ice Bucket Challenge included—for Robin and me personally, for Cornell and its students, staff, faculty, and alumni, and for the wider world.

— President David Skorton  
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Goldwin Smith Hall is partially boarded up for construction of Klarman Hall, the new humanities building that will be connected to its east side. Klarman, which will feature a 7,700-square-foot atrium, is set to open in 2015. JASON KOSKI / UP





**I first arrived in Ithaca on June 29, 1966.**

I was living in the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity House on McGraw Place, just off central campus. Cornell was a tad past its Centennial Celebration of 1964 -1965. Among other things I was studying to become a pilot at the time. In 1972 I purchased my first substantial piece of real estate here in Ithaca, on West Hill. I was also studying classical Italian culinary arts. Now Cornell is having its Sesquicentennial Celebration and here I am, in Ithaca, as a hotelier, restaurateur, and Chef of Ithaca's #1 rated Inn.

-Michael Casper



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A glance in any direction reveals museum-quality treasures from Michael's personal world adventures and travels (i.e., dinosaur skeletons, meteorites, huge mineral specimens, fossils, historical and pre-historical artifacts, and surrealist art). The trails, roads, ponds, Tibetan Buddhist Temple, stone circle (with a North stone that weighs over 40 tons), and cliffside views are mind-boggling, leaving visitors to wonder, "Where are you, Crocodile Dundee and Indiana Jones?"

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Michael is a chef in his own right, having trained over 45 years ago in New York City's "Little Italy" and opening his first restaurant in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, in 1970. In 1995, Michael was chosen by Peter Rainsford, then dean of Cornell's Hotel School, to lead a teaching lab from the Eddy Street Café, Michael's restaurant in Cornell's Collegetown. In the fall 2013 semester, he was again chosen to work with students from the Hotel School on a project using Private Hotel + Pure Food as the model.

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# A Not-So-Silent Generation

*Editor's note: Our excerpt from Cornell: A History, 1940–2015 by Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76, and Isaac Kramnick—which chronicled the student protests that precipitated the end of in loco parentis in the Fifties—garnered the largest reader response in recent memory. A sampling:*

A little humor about the “riot” (“Campus Confrontation, 1958” September/October 2014). That spring I was a freshman electrical engineer, exhausted by the academic pressure. I had not had a date since high school, so the party image suggested by President Malott seems like nirvana. Yes, I stood on his lawn that night—but I restrained a nearby student from throwing an egg at him. I was wearing a very distinctive black-and-white plaid jacket, and a photographer took a close-up of me and other nearby students. Unfortunately, it appeared the next day on the front page of my hometown (Buffalo) Sunday newspaper under the bold headline “10,000 CORNELL STUDENTS RIOT FOR SEX.” I immediately knew how my church-going parents would react.

I was right. My father was furious. My mother and grandmother cried and prayed for my redemption. My fifteen-year-old brother quietly bragged to his friends that I was a hero. (Sadly, my jacket mysteriously disappeared that summer, along with my baseball card collection.)

Ronald Sander '61, BEE '62, MS '64  
Severna Park, Maryland

Ah, the Social Code riots of 1958. Relatively unappreciated was the sly response of several of my friends in Telluride. They prepared signs reading “Condemned by Theresa” [chair of the Faculty Committee on Student Activities and Conduct], to be placed in front of benches, bushes, and nooks conducive to making out. But the



*pièce de résistance* was a “Condemned by Theresa” banner, to be placed on the top of the ultimate—shall we say—Freudian symbol of Cornell, Libe Tower. But how would they gain access? They approached me, a chimesmaster.

I was torn. On the one hand, I had a loyalty to the University, to the Chimes, and to myself. President Malott had been severely provoked and, if caught, I could face expulsion, three months before medical school. On the other hand, this was delicious. I went for it.

We crept upstairs at 2 a.m. and tied the banner, furled, to the bottom of the balustrade above the clock face, facing the Straight plaza. At 9:30 the following morning, we reappeared with scissors. Unfortunately, this was the one day of the year that the *Cornellian* was being sold, at a desk by the tower entrance. But the esprit of the times was intoxicating; we had come too far to back out. We entered the tower and climbed to the top. Twenty minutes later, timed to catch the crowd coming out of the Straight after their

morning coffee, we cut the restraining cords, the banner unfurled, and our few supporters downstairs cheered.

We barreled down the stairs, startling the pigeons that roosted in the narrow windows. But the tower struck back: we hadn’t reckoned on its updrafts. Without bottom weights, the banner billowed, rendering it illegible. Within a few minutes, it had been removed.

We weren’t caught, and the irony of my friends turning temporarily subversive—while living in Telluride and being shaped to become pillars of American society—never came to light. Had the banner been legible, I think the prank would have been up there with those of Hugh Troy '26. Of course, they were all surpassed by the pumpkin caper of 1997.

George Ubogy '58  
Cos Cob, Connecticut

Many thanks for that fine picture of students on the Quad in the Fifties. It was taken in the fall of '54 and appeared on the cover of the *Alumni News*. That’s me and Harry Hutton '53, BME '54, dead center. The well-dressed students, freshman beanies, and ROTC uniforms remind one of a better day.

As for Ms. Fuentes’s diatribe in Correspondence [about the allegedly sexist logo of Cornellian-owned Valentine Vodka]: there are far bigger problems in the world than a picture on a bottle.

Charles Juran '53, BME '54  
Clemmons, North Carolina

Deane Malott was vigorously opposed when the faculty learned in 1951 that he was under consideration by the Board of Trustees to be named president of the University. He was president of the University of Kansas at the time and his only degrees were from Kansas and Harvard Business School. He had no scholarly background. His major accomplishment before he was named to head the University of Kansas was a stint with the Dole Pineapple Company.

The problem was that the Cornell faculty had exhausted its considerable power by opposing the Board of Trustees’ first choice, Cornelis de Kiewitt, a historian who was acting president from 1949 to 1951 after the death of Edmund Ezra Day. (Dr. de Kiewitt went on to become the highly respected president of the University of Rochester.)

Malott arrived in Ithaca in 1951 with

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appropriate pomp and ceremony. His inaugural address was delivered to a large crowd on the library slope. A few months later, the *New Yorker* magazine revealed that a portion of his speech was plagiarized from an essay by Harold Taylor, then president of Sarah Lawrence.

*Shepherd Raimi '52  
New York, New York*

In "Campus Confrontation 1958," we are told that President Malott, having asked whether there was nothing the faculty found unacceptable, precipitated the joke, "Yes, Mr. President: plagiarism." But this was no joke for many Cornellians, who felt a simmering antagonism to him almost from the moment of his inaugural address, because of the national publicity and attendant humiliation generated by his own alleged plagiarism and cavalier response. (A brief description of the *New Yorker's* discovery of the plagiarism can be found in the third volume of the papers of Professor Fred Marcham, PhD '26.) Those students who were involved in the protests were especially contemptuous of the president's obsessive appeals to ethics and morals and felt free to reiterate what had been pounded into them in freshman English: that in the world of the academy, the only unacceptable behavior was plagiarism. However, my own memory is that despite the indifference of many, and the institutional silence of the administration and local media, the students involved had an all-too-clear sense of the hypocrisy of their elders.

*Robert Bamberg '51, MA '57  
Sonoma, California*

Much has been said about Cornell's "Silent Generation" of the Fifties. The CAM piece seemed to suggest that the students of these years were deficient in social awareness, unwilling to address needed social changes, etc. Having been on the Hill from 1952 to 1958 I disagree with those conclusions.

The times were the aftermath of World War II. Our parents—the so-called Greatest Generation—had survived the Depression and struggled through the deprivations of the war, all the time providing for us kids growing up in a shaky economic environment. I and many of my peers were the first generation of our families to attend a residential college pursuing at least a bachelor's degree. Our parents sacrificed greatly to send us away to college; we were their pride and hope for a better future.

We were at Cornell to get an education, not to risk suspension by skipping classes and attending protest rallies. I hardly remember most of what the CAM piece detailed, although I do remember the disturbance at President Malott's house.

My friends and I all read the *Sun*, but felt that the heated rhetoric should not be allowed to get in the way of a real education, as we saw it. And we could not imagine disappointing, even crushing, parents and grandparents who scraped to put us through college.

We thought that a proper education should be the first thing a person should get before charging out to change the world. I think that many of the excesses of subsequent years might have been avoided if student leaders had learned about the world as it really was, not as their often-privileged upbringing had provided them. After that, a Cornellian might then try to rectify the social ills of society, which we were aware were many.

*Thomas Nytch, DVM '58  
Owego, New York*

The excerpt in CAM brought back memories of that turbulent time on campus. I was there, in the midst of it. The reflections and reminiscences on that era prompted thoughts on my life as an academic after graduating from Cornell. I was a philosophy major in the mid-Fifties, a time of great prominence of the department.

I was one of the "independent" (non-Greek) students who thought of ourselves as aspiring intellectuals. With zero or one degree of separation from the leaders of the movement described in the excerpt, I joined them. But how did that involvement—getting rid of parietal rules, a relatively small development—affect my subsequent intellectual life?

Until I read the article in CAM, I hadn't realized how much. The chapter from Altschuler and Kramnick's book reminded me of how my views were transformed in 1958. We students—at least the women—viewed *in loco parentis* as the norm. Even if we were more liberated by our parents at home, these were the rules at Cornell. The movement told us we could challenge the rules.

Since then I have been challenging the rules. My professional and social commitments have led me to question authority, in responsible ways. It began way back then, with engaged student leaders. My professional work has focused on ethics in medical practice, research, and health policy, seeking to ensure that the lives of patients, subjects of medical research, and vulnerable populations can be improved and their rights guaranteed. Thanks to Cornell—and in part, to the activism of 1958—my life's work has been dedicated to this goal.

*Ruth Chimacoff Macklin '59, BA '58  
Professor of Bioethics, Albert Einstein  
College of Medicine, Bronx, New York*

I was an officer of the Student Council in 1958–59, and challenged Ms. Humphrey-

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ville's outrageous statement that "apartments were conducive to petting and intercourse." As a fraternity member and an apartment resident, it was apparent to me that the 40 percent of independent men would be deprived of a normal social life if the Malott Administration followed through on its threatened ban on access to off-campus apartments.

The scene in front of Sage was scary. The organizers of the riot had placed their supporters on the steps where they effectively drowned out anyone who suggested negotiation of the issue. This was my first experience with a mob. Looking back on that night, it was and still is disappointing that a large group would follow the few who urged a march to the President's house.

Their efforts, ill-advised as they were, brought results. Our subsequent meetings with Malott showed that he had a short fuse whenever any of our six-member cabinet said something he didn't like. In fact, he refused to meet with us in the fall of 1958 and ended a tradition of regular meetings with our predecessors.

My takeaway from the events of May 1958 is that repression doesn't work, but that one completely loses one's identity and control if he or she is foolish enough to join a mob. Anyone who thinks the Fifties produced a silent generation is mistaken.

*Harry Petchesky '59  
New York, NY*

### Correction— September/October 2014

A caption at the top of page 36 misidentified one of the red-tailed hawks nesting on campus. The bird is Ezra, not one of his offspring.

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## RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

### Major initiative will promote hands-on learning

The University has launched a decade-long, \$150 million initiative that will ultimately involve all undergrads in community outreach projects designed to promote hands-on learning. Dubbed Engaged Cornell, the effort is supported in part by a \$50 million gift from the Einhorn Family Charitable Trust, led by David Einhorn '91 and Cheryl Strauss Einhorn '91. "Engaged Cornell will institutionalize public service as a cornerstone of every Cornellian's educational experience," says David Einhorn, "a critical step toward recognizing that until we have the skills to work together, we won't be able to effectively tackle the world's greatest challenges."

Described as a new model for higher education, the program aims to integrate community engagement into all phases of learning. As the University said in a statement: "Through this initiative, students graduating from Cornell will enter the world as educated global citizens who practice respect and empathy; seek collaboration, cooperation and creativity; embrace differences and diversity in all aspects of their personal, professional and civic lives; and are dedicated to working together to help solve some of the world's most intractable problems."

LISA BANLAKI FRANK



### Gorge Trail Reopens

A cherished Collegetown-to-Downtown commuting route was finally restored in September, when the Cascadilla Gorge Trail reopened with a ceremonial hike led by Ithaca Mayor Svante Myrick '09 and Cornell Plantations director Christopher Dunn. The trail had been at least partially closed since 2008—undergoing years of work (partly funded by FEMA) to repair damage from ice, a hurricane, and other depredations of Ithaca weather. The gorge, which is maintained by the Plantations, was donated to Cornell in 1909.



▲ Into their gourds: Some thirty paddlers relay-raced on Beebe Lake in the first-ever Big Red Pumpkin Regatta in October. The competitors' vessels: hollowed-out and blinged-out pumpkins, weighing in at several hundred pounds, grown at Dilmun Hill Student Farm.

### Walking the BEAR

Aiming to improve relations with Collegetown residents, students joined local officials, Cornell staff, and Ithaca police officers for the first-ever BEAR Walk in September. The program, which stands for Being Engaged and Responsible, had groups of volunteers roaming the neighborhood to chat with residents and distribute pamphlets outlining city and University resources. It's modeled after Penn State's LION (Living in One Neighborhood) Walk.



### CU Sweethearts

A Cornellian couple has launched a Facebook group devoted to...Cornellian couples. James Sung-Uk Choi '00 and his wife, Susan Son Choi '05, created "Cornellians Married to Cornellians" on the social networking site, with the aim of celebrating East Hill's long tradition of dating and mating.

## DID YOU KNOW...

**That Cornell Dining has "mystery shoppers"?** The program, designed to ensure quality and recognize excellence, sends student diners undercover to campus eateries each semester to anonymously evaluate the customer experience.



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### Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54

#### Ginsburg Reminisces in 'Brooklyn to Bench'

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54 recalled her childhood, her student days, and her storied judicial career in "From Brooklyn to the Bench," an invitation-only event held at the New York Historical Society in September. The talk, styled as a conversation with Arts & Sciences Dean Gretchen Ritter '83, can be viewed online via CornellCast ([cornell.edu/video](http://cornell.edu/video)).

### RIP, Ruloff's

Ruloff's restaurant and bar, a Collegetown fixture since 1977, has closed its doors. Ruloff's is the latest C-town stalwart to pass into history, joining such late, lamented locales as the Palms, Dino's, and Johnny's Big Red. As Cornellians long explained to many a disconcerted visitor, the establishment was named after an infamous nineteenth-century murderer who was executed by hanging. His brain—an unusually large specimen—is preserved in Cornell's collection in Uris Hall.

## GIVE MY REGARDS TO...

THESE CORNELLIANS IN THE NEWS



**Eric Betzig, PhD '88**, and **William Moerner, PhD '82**, winners of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

**Ithaca**, named the number-one college town in the nation by *Business Insider*.

**Jerrold Meinwald**, the Goldwin Smith professor of chemistry emeritus, winner of the National Medal of Science, the nation's highest honor in science and engineering.

The **Cornell Now** fundraising campaign, which surpassed its \$4.75 billion goal in September.

Longtime Major League Baseball executive **Rob Manfred '80**, named the league's commissioner in August.

## 'You will cry here. That's OK. Everything is not perfect, and you are not perfect.'

— TV weatherman Dave Price '87, speaking to new ILR students during Orientation Weekend

### Gates Dedicates CIS Building

► Microsoft co-founder and global philanthropist Bill Gates came to campus in early October to dedicate his namesake building. Gates Hall, home to computing and information sciences, was funded in part by a \$25 million gift from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Afterwards, Gates held an hour-long question-and-answer session in a packed Bailey Hall, fielding queries from students on such topics as innovation, philanthropy, entrepreneurship, and politics.



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### We're Number 15

Cornell rose one spot over last year in *U.S. News and World Report's* annual college rankings, coming in fifteenth. It ranked ninth among national universities for economic diversity, down from eighth last year.



## 150TH TRIVIA CORNER

### Whither "Big Red"?

In 1905, the football team held a contest to write a football song. The winner was celebrated humorist Rym Berry 1904 with a ditty called "**The Big Red Team.**"



LISA BANUARI FRANK

◀ **Truck o' noodles:** Students, faculty, and staff have another lunch option: Franny's food truck is open for business behind Milstein Hall. It features a pan-Asian menu including banh mi sandwiches, rice and noodle bowls, salads, and dosas.

### Soaking Up the Rays

Cornell's "solar farm" went live in mid-September. The eleven-acre facility, located near the Ithaca airport, boasts 6,778 photovoltaic panels that will produce about 2.5 million kilowatt hours annually.

### Suicide Suit Settled

The University has settled a lawsuit filed by the father of Bradley Ginsburg '13, who committed suicide in 2010 by jumping off a gorge bridge. Under the terms, Cornell will offer a scholarship in Ginsburg's name.

**'Learning is not the reward of idleness. I never knew a person to draw a prize in the lottery of Knowledge who purchased his ticket of Sloth.'**

– Ezra Cornell

## R + D

More information on campus research is available at [www.news.cornell.edu](http://www.news.cornell.edu)

**By letting single-occupant hybrid cars** use carpool lanes during rush hour, the State of California inadvertently increased congestion and created about \$4,500 per car in adverse social costs each year, professor Antonio Bento reports in the *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*.

**Researchers at Cornell and MIT** have teamed up to give photographers a boost: they're developing intelligent, hovering drones that can be used to light photo shoots.

**With a five-year, \$4.7 million grant** from the National Science Foundation, campus researchers are exploring the genetics of tomatoes, both for the crop's own cultivation and as a model for understanding the biology of fleshy fruits.

**A mathematical analysis** has demonstrated the benefits of sharing taxis with strangers, reports professor Steve Strogatz. He and colleagues found that if a sharing system were put in place—and riders were willing—the total number of cab rides in New York could drop by 40 percent, with minimal delays in arrival times.



COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

### 'E-3' Update

E-3—the young red-tailed hawk who was hurt in June when his right wing was caught in the automatic vent of a campus greenhouse—continues to improve. Although his injury means he can't return to the wild, his keepers report that he's adjusting well to life at the Cornell Raptor Program. He'll remain there as an education bird, and is expected to make his public debut this fall. A photo essay featuring E-3 and his parents, Big Red and Ezra, appeared in the September/October issue of CAM.

## In the Line of Fire

Two local teenagers face misdemeanor charges after a series of paintball attacks on and around campus. The youths are accused of firing paintballs at pedestrians from a moving car. The incidents prompted the University to issue two separate crime alerts.

## Intercontinental MMH-MBA

The Hotel school has teamed up with the China Europe International Business School in Shanghai to offer a dual Master of Management in Hospitality and MBA program. Its first students, who will spend a year on each campus, matriculate in fall 2015.



CAROLYN BENEDICT FRASER

## TEST YOUR CU IQ

Which campus building's namesake founded Dragon Day?

- A) Goldwin Smith
- B) Willard Straight 1901
- C) Martha Van Rensselaer
- D) Frank Gannett 1898



ANSWER: B

▲ Rock of ages: MFA student Jenn Houle staged an art installation, entitled *Featherlight (Foul Falls)*, in the Ithaca Falls gorge in late September. Comprising colored lights and shadow puppets—five bald eagles made from recycled plastic bags—the work was meant to “morph the stone walls of the gorge into a modern-day cave painting,” Houle says.

KARI O'MARA/JOHNSON MUSEUM OF ART

► Meal on wheels: Artist Vincent J. F. Huang displayed his sculpture *Polar Bear Hamburger* on campus in early September, parading it on a horse-drawn carriage. Huang's work is featured in the Johnson Museum's exhibition “Jie (Boundaries): Contemporary Art from Taiwan,” which runs through the end of the semester.





## Sports Shorts



Stephen  
Bâby

ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

**INTO THE HALL** The Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame expanded in November with the addition of the eleven members of the Class of 2014. The newest honorees are **Stephen Bâby '03**, men's ice hockey; **George Boiardi '04**, men's lacrosse/special category; **David Eckel '58**, men's cross country and track and field; **Clarence G. Fautleroy '54**, men's lacrosse; **Hannah Garrity '04**, women's track and field; **Carrie Giancola '02**, women's lacrosse; **Mike Kalfopoulos '85**, baseball; **Michael LaRocco '96**, men's lacrosse; **Debbie Quibell '04**, volleyball; **Ricky Rahne '02**, football; and **Kate Varde '04**, softball.

**NICE THROW** Pitcher **Brent Jones '15** lived up to the expectations of being Cornell's highest baseball draft pick, going 7-3 with a 3.29 ERA for two teams in the Arizona Diamondbacks organization. This summer, Jones started with the Hillsboro (Oregon) Hops in the short-season Class A Northwestern League, going 2-1 in six starts. That earned him a promotion to the South Bend (Indiana) Silver Hawks, a long-season Class A team in the Midwest League, where he was 5-2 with one shutout while helping the team to a division title. The Diamondbacks made Jones their fourth-round selection in the 2014 amateur draft after he struck out 47 batters while allowing only 13 walks in 50 innings for the Big Red in the spring.

**HORSE SENSE** **Joanna Novakovic '04** is the new head coach of the Big Red equestrian team. She has been working at a pair of Ithaca-area stables since graduation, in addition to jobs as a research assistant on campus and a therapist with Family Counseling Services of Cortland County. She has won four U.S. Equestrian

Federation national championships as a professional rider and one Welsh Pony & Cob Society of America national title.

**STICKS & STATUS** For the first time in its history, Cornell field hockey has been ranked among the top teams in the country. After getting off to a 7-1 start, the Big Red earned the 19th spot in the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division I Poll for September 30. The start included a seven-game winning streak.

**KICK STAR** **Chris Fraser '17** is gaining attention as one of the nation's best punters. Ivy League Rookie of the Year in 2013, he was named the College Football Performance Awards' Punter of the Week this fall. That week against Bucknell, he had three punts downed inside the 12-yard line; the fourth went a career-long 72 yards.

**ROW THEIR BOATS** After two years as a volunteer with the Big Red lightweight rowing team, **Bill Brumsted '11** has been named an assistant coach. A four-year member of the team as an undergrad, Brumsted was responsible for the lightweight third varsity eight boat that posted back-to-back undefeated regular seasons and helped the lightweight crew program win the 2014 Jope Cup as the top scoring team at the Eastern Sprints. In other news, Cornell rowers continued to post impressive results through the summer. **Daniel O'Neill '17** and **Jack Ruske '17** won the men's under-23 pairs race at the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta in St. Catharines, Ontario, one of the top meets in North America. And **Tracy Eisser '12** helped the United States take a bronze medal in the women's quad at the World Rowing Championships in Amsterdam.

PATRICK SHANAHAN



Tracy  
Eisser

**ON THE MAT** After an incredible freshman season, **Gabe Dean '16** showed he's as successful in international wrestling as he is at the collegiate level. Competing in his first international meet, Dean finished third at 84 kilograms in the FILA Junior World Championships in

Zagreb, Croatia. Dean easily won his first two matches, but lost by one point in the quarterfinals to a wrestler from Kazakhstan who eventually finished second. Dean then rallied through the comeback bracket and won the third-place bout by injury default. During the collegiate season, Dean went 40-3 and finished third in the NCAA championships at 186 pounds.

**CONFERENCE CALL** **Noreen Morris '87** was named the inaugural Conference Commissioner of the Year from the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC). Morris is in her fifth season as Commissioner of the Northeast Conference (NEC). During Morris's tenure, the NEC has landed TV rights deals that have resulted in every football and basketball game being aired by a national carrier. Morris was a two-year letter winner on the Big Red soccer team and went on to serve in administrative positions at the University of Connecticut, Northwestern University, and Conference USA before joining the NEC.

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<b>Family Scotland</b>	August 5 - 16
<b>Piedmont: Feast for the Senses (Cycling Italy)</b>	September 13 - 20
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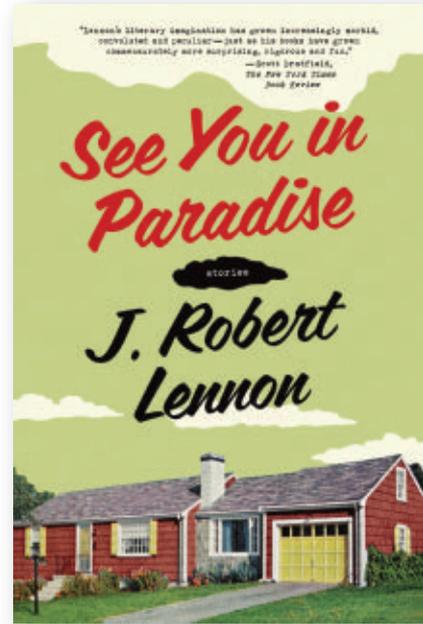


# Domestic Dystopias

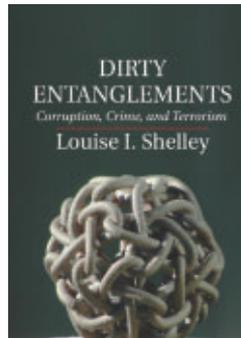
## See You in Paradise

by J. Robert Lennon (Graywolf)

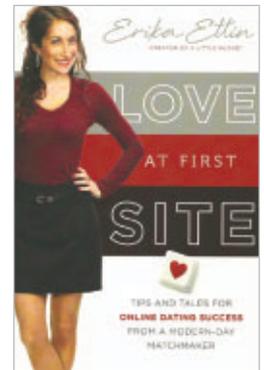
In his second collection of short fiction, the author of *Familiar* and *Castle* reveals the strangeness that lies beneath the surface of modern life. A malfunctioning portal to another universe opens in a backyard, an editor makes a bizarre deal with a CEO, and a roommate terrorizes the man he rents from. As one narrator observes, “The magic has to come from someplace, right? It’s out there, bestowing itself on somebody else’s wife, somebody else’s kids, somebody else’s life. All I want is to get a little of it back.”



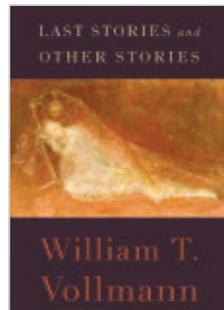
**Dirty Entanglements** by Louise I. Shelley '72 (Cambridge). “The interaction of crime, corruption, and terrorism is having a tremendous impact on both security and the global economy,” writes the director of the Transnational Crime and Corruption Center at George Mason University. “Globalization has created a world where international businesses can combine in remote locales. But globalization has also created a world in which money, arms, and people move readily across borders, making such sites vulnerable.” She argues that companies are not only the victims of terrorist attacks, but also facilitate this activity through the payment of large ransoms to insurgent groups.



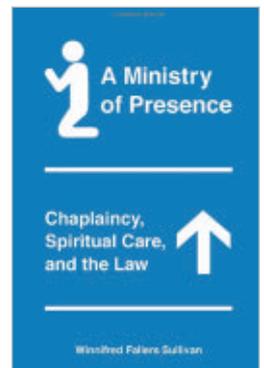
**Love at First Site** by Erika Ettin '03 (River Grove). The founder of A Little Nudge offers advice on dating, including tips about online profiles, what to do and not to do, e-mail etiquette, online safety, what to wear, who pays the check, and the importance of follow-up. “It will likely take some time to find the right person (and you may have to kiss a lot of frogs),” she writes, “but throughout the process, you learn what you like and what you don’t like. Love is out there, but it just takes some time and some work to find it.”



**Last Stories and Other Stories** by William T. Vollmann '81 (Viking). “This is my final book,” writes the winner of the National Book Award for the novel *Europa*. Whether he means the remark seriously or in jest, he is preoccupied with death and the supernatural in this exhaustive—more than 650 pages long—collection of ghost stories. Several stories are set in the conflict zones where Vollmann has done reporting, especially Sarajevo (“Escape” and “Listening to the Shells”) during the Bosnian war, while other dark tales arise in such places as Japan (“The Cherry Tree Ghost”), eighteenth-century Trieste, and Mexico during Emperor Maximilian’s last moments.



**A Ministry of Presence** by Winnifred Fallers Sullivan '71 (Chicago). “The role of the chaplain in American institutions today displays the idiosyncrasies of modern American religion in particularly revealing ways,” writes the chair of Religious Studies at Indiana University. The shift away from the traditional spiritual guidance of rabbis, ministers, and priests has, paradoxically, opened up a space for chaplains. Sullivan explores how chaplaincy sits uneasily at the intersection of law and religion, spiritual care, and government regulation. She argues that U.S. chaplains exemplify the “peculiar and shifting terrain framed by the religion clauses of the First Amendment.”



## Fiction

**2094** by John Lauricella (Irving Place). Eighty years in the future, J. Melmoth leads a life of leisure, and a microchip keeps him entertained. On Mars, "adepts" monitor life on Earth and seek the philosopher's stone. But there's a flaw in paradise: why does Melmoth's microchip malfunction, and why can't the alchemists on Mars turn base metals into gold?

**The Symmetry Teacher** by Andrei Bitov, translated by Polly Gannon, PhD '97 (Farrar, Straus and Giroux). In a case where life imitates art, Gannon, a teacher in St. Petersburg, Russia, translates Bitov's novel, in which the narrator tries to reconstruct his half-forgotten translation of an English novel.

## Non-fiction

**Oberlin, Hotbed of Abolitionism** by J. Brent Morris, PhD '10 (North Carolina). Oberlin College was a center of abolitionism in antebellum America. One newspaper branded it a "manufactory of fanatics," while to Frederick Douglass, whose son attended the school, it was a "Gibraltar of Freedom." Morris, an assistant professor of history at the University of South Carolina, Beaufort, argues that Oberlin avoided the squabbles of Eastern abolitionists and maintained its radical fervor for reform.

**Does Every Woman Have an Eating Disorder?** By Stacey Rosenfeld '95 (Siena Moon). A clinical psychologist who specializes in eating disorders and body image issues challenges Americans' unhealthy fixation on food and weight.

**Enacting the Corporation** by Marina Welker (California). Using fieldwork in Indonesia and Denver, an assistant professor of anthropology at Cornell examines the interactions between corporate managers, villagers, NGOs, and government officials at Newmont Mining Corporation's copper and gold mine in Sumbawa, Indonesia.

**Last-Minute Survival Secrets** by Joey Green '80, BFA '81 (Chicago Review). The author of *The Ultimate Mad Scientist Handbook* offers DIY tips on using everyday materials to deal with emergencies. He shows how to create a wi-fi antenna with a coffee can, start a fire with potato chips, build a solar cooker, and make a life vest from condoms.

**The King's Body** by Nicole Marafioti, PhD '09 (Toronto). An assistant professor of history at Trinity University examines the role of funerals in English succession, from the death of Alfred the Great through the Norman Conquest.

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# Paint the Town Red

Sesquicentennial festivities kick off in the Big Apple



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Big Red Apple (clockwise from above): The Empire State Building sports Cornell colors; kudos from the NASDAQ; the Marching Band on Rockefeller Plaza; and President David Skorton performs on flute with trumpet great Wynton Marsalis at Jazz at Lincoln Center, with the Suspension Bridge in the background.

**T**he Big Red Bear greeted “Today” show fans on Rockefeller Plaza. President David Skorton jammed with Wynton Marsalis at Jazz at Lincoln Center. The Empire State Building and the NASDAQ sign were lit up in dazzling red and white.

All that and more fueled the launch of Cornell’s Sesquicentennial celebrations, kicked off by a weekend of events in New York City in September. They included two performances at Jazz at Lincoln Center (one with a champagne brunch, the other with a gala dinner) of “The Big Idea!,” a 150th birthday show featuring famous Cornellians, music and dance acts, sets evoking East Hill, carnelian-clad alumni, and bucketloads of Big Red spirit.



The show—which will travel around the U.S. between November and May, plus performances in Hong Kong and London—was hosted in New York by actors Jimmy Smits, MFA '82 (“NYPD Blue,” “The West Wing”), and Adepero Oduye '99 (*Twelve Years a Slave*); actor and football star Ed Marinaro '72, BS '73; and TV journalist Kate Snow '91 (gamely appearing in a cast following a recent leg injury), among others. It included performances by the Cornell Bhangra dance squad, the Big Red Marching Band, and the University Glee Club, plus some vaudeville-style banter—Marinaro poked gentle fun both at his former team’s less-than-stellar record and at the intellectual acumen of his alma mater, the Hotel school—and appearances by some beloved campus fixtures. (Who and what, exactly? With the show going out on tour, organizers asked CAM not to ruin any surprises.)

The next performance of “The Big Idea!” is set for November 14 in Washington, D.C. For more information, go to [150.cornell.edu](http://150.cornell.edu).



Lights, CU, action!: (clockwise from top): President Skorton, Kate Snow '91, and the Big Red Bear at the Empire State Building lighting ceremony; "Big Idea!" co-host Jimmy Smits, MFA '82, onstage; and some mood music before the evening show, complete with a view of Columbus Circle



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Poetry in motion: Cornell Bhangra leaps into action in Barton Hall.

## Rhythm and Hues

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**F**or ninety seconds, the eyes of millions were on Cornell Bhangra. The student dance team had earned a coveted slot on “America’s Got Talent,” and its members were determined to make the most of their mid-August performance at Radio City Music Hall.

Six pairs of dancers clad in elaborate, brightly colored costumes moved to a fusion of hip-hop rhythms and Indian melodies. Halfway through the routine, another dancer leapt out of the audience and joined the rest onstage—their swirling, kaleidoscopic performance earning rousing applause. Though the group didn’t advance to the next round, its members were thrilled to have made it that far. “It was a crazy journey, and we were blessed to represent not just our school, but also our cul-

ture,” says co-captain Armaan Kapoor ’15, a Hotelier. “It was amazing to be able to bring India’s culture to the mainstream.”

Founded in 1997, Cornell’s squad is one of America’s best-known bhangra dance teams, with two championships in the World’s Best Bhangra Crew Competition to its credit. Each spring, the group hosts Pao Bhangra: The Bhangra Olympics, the largest student-run event at Cornell. The biggest bhangra exhibition in the country, it usually sells out Barton Hall and draws thousands of spectators. The team also tours North America, with performances in Boston, Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Toronto, Vancouver, and California in recent years, as well as a September appearance at Jazz at Lincoln Center for the launch

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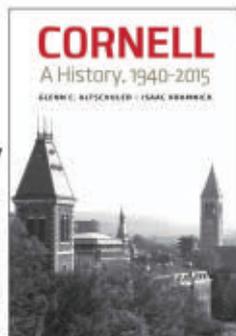
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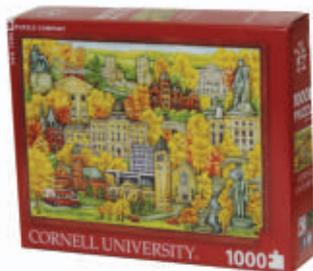
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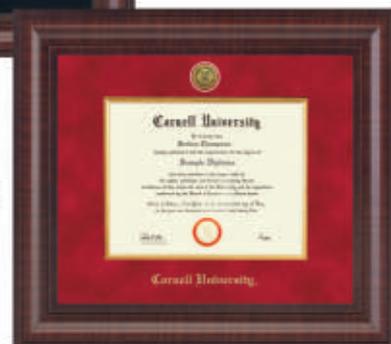


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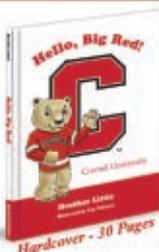
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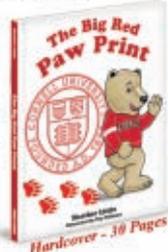
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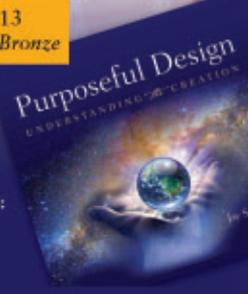
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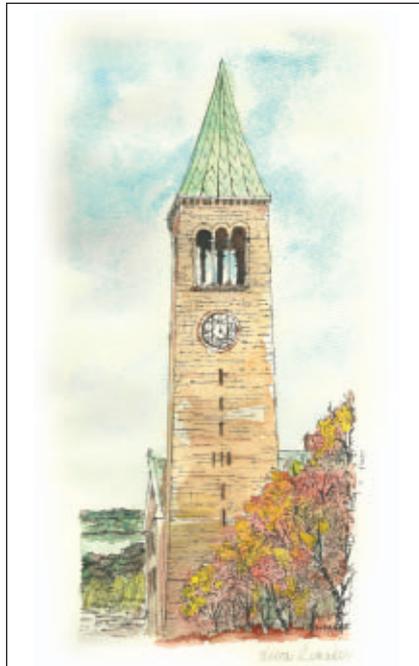


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of Cornell's Sesquicentennial celebration.

Bhangra means “to be intoxicated with joy”—an appropriate description of the folk dance from the Punjab region in northern India. “It’s a very upbeat style of dance,” Kapoor says, “and it matches extremely well with hip-hop and pop music.” Traditionally, bhangra is performed at annual harvest festivals in Punjab, which influences some of the moves. Arms and hands flow to represent crops swaying in the wind; the festivals’ fireworks inspire some of bhangra’s explosive footwork and hand movements. The dancers also use props such as a *sapp*, a small wooden device that is collapsed and expanded to the beat of the music. “Bhangra is a fun, powerful dance with a lot of culture and meaning behind it,” says human development major Ashley George ’16, who adds, “Part of the reason I joined was because of how strongly the team stresses that girls and guys dance at the same level of intensity—something that very few styles of dance share.”

Cornell Bhangra attracts a variety of students, many of Indian descent but some who are not. Performing and media arts major Darah Barnes ’15, who is African American, has been on the team since freshman year. “For me, the most challenging thing about bhangra was getting the cultural, stylistic elements down,” she says. “At its most basic form, bhangra is just a lot of stepping and skipping—but the Punjabi flavor is what makes it so cool.”

Cornell Bhangra first auditioned for “America’s Got Talent” last spring; it advanced to the next round, but had to withdraw because performance dates conflicted with finals. But in June, the team was invited to perform in a talent competition on the “Today” show. Its Rockefeller Plaza routine won the popular vote, propelling it to the “America’s Got Talent” quarterfinals. That performance can be seen on YouTube, where it has had more than 250,000 views. “When it comes down to it,” Kapoor says, “that was the most memorable minute and a half of my life.”

Back on campus, Cornell Bhangra aims to continue its momentum into the school year. The group hosts the largest dance tryouts on campus: nearly 200 students auditioned in September, with twelve new members rounding out the twenty-eight-person roster for this year. “Our team really is a family,” George says. “As important as competing is, we never let it sour our interpersonal relationships. At the end of the day, we’re celebrating our love for our culture and dance. Whether or not we place at a competition doesn’t change that.”

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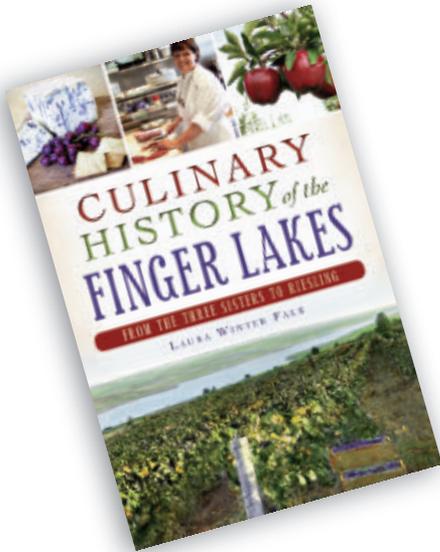
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# Pie, Recalculated

A survey of Finger Lakes cuisine offers a novel take on a holiday staple



In her new book, *Culinary History of the Finger Lakes*, Laura Winter Falk '87, PhD '97, offers a regional tour that she subtitled "From the Three Sisters to Riesling." The sisters are the traditional name for the staple crops of the Iroquois: corn, beans, and squash. The Riesling, of course, is the signature product of the area's burgeoning wine industry, which attracts tourists and locals alike for tastings, often with a lakeside view.

A member of the Guild of Sommeliers who holds a doctorate in nutritional sciences, Falk is co-owner of an Ithaca-based touring and events company. As for many Cornellians, the area beckoned after graduation, and held on. As she writes: "There is something truly magical about New York's Finger Lakes region: nine thousand square miles of deciduous rolling hills that put on an autumn finale of luscious bounty and mind-blowing Technicolor each year."

Published by American Palate, the book features a historical survey of the region's agriculture and cuisine, including the impact of the Revolutionary War and Prohibition. It also includes recipes for such dishes as "Three Sisters Soup," savory apple dumplings, and a "tower" of beets layered with goat cheese and served with herbs, oranges, and candied walnuts. All come with local wine pairings.

Just in time for the holidays, Falk offers CAM readers an unorthodox pumpkin pie recipe, created by local chef Brud Holland. It's paired with Great Western Extra Dry Champagne from Hammondsport, an hour west of Ithaca.

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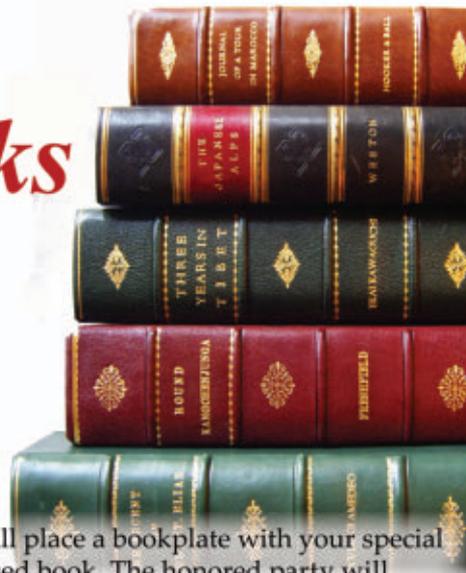
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### For the crust

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 pinch sugar  
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 ½ cup whole milk

In a large bowl, add the flours, salt, sugar and butter. Using a pastry cutter or your fingers, cut the butter into the flour until it reaches the size and thickness of a dime. Add the cheese and milk and mix into a soft, tacky dough. Dust with flour and roll onto a floured surface, rolling the dough to ¼ inch thick. Cut into 1½- to 2-inch pieces. Place on a baking sheet and bake in a 375-degree oven until golden brown, about 15 minutes.

### For the filling

¼ cup sugar  
 2 tbs. water  
 ½ cup cream  
 1 lb. roasted pumpkin  
 2 eggs  
 2 tbs. ground dry ginger  
 additional ¼ cup sugar

In a small saucepan on high heat, cook the sugar and water until the mixture turns dark brown, about 8 to 10 minutes. Add the cream and swirl off the heat until the caramel dissolves and the cream is light brown. In a large bowl, add the caramel mixture and whisk together with the pumpkin, additional ¼ cup sugar, eggs, ginger, and cream. Pour evenly into lightly oiled 4-ounce ramekins. Place ramekins in a baking dish filled with an inch of hot water. Bake in a 325-degree oven for 25 to 30 minutes or until the filling is set and a toothpick inserted into the mixture comes out clean. Refrigerate until cold and firm.

### Plating

Run a sharp knife around the edge of the ramekin. Turn pumpkin filling onto a small dessert plate. Place crisp pastry pieces around the outside edge. Top with freshly whipped cream and a slice of aged cheddar cheese.



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Best buddies: Adrian Kinsella '08 (right) celebrates Fourth of July with his roommate and former translator, Mohammad.

## No One Left Behind

A Marine fights to rescue an Afghan interpreter and his family from the Taliban

**W**hen Marine Captain Adrian Kinsella '08 was deployed to Afghanistan in 2010, an interpreter named Mohammad was attached to his unit. The two men grew close during Kinsella's seven-month tour, and it was hard to say goodbye.

In Afghanistan, Kinsella's unit endured roadside bombs and occasional small arms fire, but returned safely; he describes his deployment as mostly a peaceful, "hearts and minds" type of operation. His first real battle began stateside, when he applied for a visa for Mohammad to come to the U.S. to escape retaliation

from the Taliban for his service to the American military. "He was an exceptional interpreter and one of the bravest men I've ever worked with," says Kinsella, now a third-year law student at Berkeley training for a career as a Marine judge advocate. "We were lucky to have him, and I wasn't going to leave him in mortal danger."

Under a system known as the Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) program, the State Department has pledged to assist Afghan and Iraqi citizens who helped American forces in the post-9/11 wars. But by 2012, only 12 percent of a proposed 1,500 annual visas had been granted. It took three and a half years for Moham-

mad—whose last name Kinsella asked be withheld for security reasons—to be freed from bureaucratic limbo. “I thought the whole process would take maybe three months,” he says. “But the red tape and lag time were staggering.”

A Seattle native who studied philosophy and classics on the Hill, Kinsella abides by the Marine motto “semper fidelis”—always faithful—and the Corps’ commandment to leave no one behind. In that spirit, he was relentless in his efforts to get Mohammad out of Afghanistan. After repeatedly seeking assistance from

deprived and couldn’t speak for days. The family fled to another country. It was there that Mohammad finally got his visa, and the two men were reunited at the San Francisco airport in January.

As Mohammad said in a recent phone interview: “Because of me, my family is not safe anywhere.” Securing their entry into the U.S. is Kinsella’s latest uphill battle. “We just re-sent the paperwork, again, to the immigration service,” he says. “The first time, they said we did not adequately prove Mohammad’s family’s level of financial hardship and sent the whole 300-page application back.” Kinsella has learned to bite his tongue. But he admits that the process is exhausting and discouraging. The first rejection letter, he notes, demanded W-2s and tax returns. “Mohammad’s family cannot leave their house,” says Kinsella. “They are unable to leave their house and

**‘I thought the whole process would take maybe three months, but the red tape and lag time were staggering.’**

members of Congress, nonprofits, and other supporters, he eventually helped persuade the U.S. government to honor its commitment to a man Kinsella calls “my brother.”

These were not the sort of battles that Kinsella envisioned when he enlisted. He joined, he says, because, “I’d been so privileged and received so much, I felt responsible to give something back.” During his Cornell days he lived in Telluride House, studied abroad in Paris, helped excavate Neolithic pottery at an archeological dig in Greece, rowed lightweight varsity crew, and volunteered with the Cayuga Heights Fire Department. Five days after graduation, he reported to Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Virginia.

By the time Kinsella and his interpreter met in 2010, Taliban reprisals had already led to the brutal death of Mohammad’s father. After being tortured for information about his son, he was murdered and his mutilated corpse tossed into a river. By the time his remains were found, his wife only recognized him by the sandals he wore; they were a gift from Mohammad.

Kinsella first got a call for help in 2011, when he was back in the U.S. Two years later, the Taliban abducted Mohammad’s toddler brother, holding him for a ransom that the kidnappers demanded be placed on their father’s grave. “Mohammad was frantic and afraid for his family,” says Kinsella. “And I was afraid for his life.” The money—about \$35,000, most of Mohammad’s earnings from interpreting—was paid and the boy returned; the child was severely dehy-

live as if in a prison, in constant fear of a third Taliban reprisal. How can they produce tax returns?”

Mohammad says he doesn’t regret his service, but doesn’t know how he’ll explain the death of his father to his little brother, now five. “Will he hate me for what I did for my country,” he wonders, “or love me?” Despite his family’s perilous situation, Mohammad knows he’s among the lucky ones. He got a job as a technician, earned his driver’s license—on his third try, Kinsella notes with a laugh—and now rooms with Kinsella and another friend in Berkeley. But with the prospect of another U.S.-led invasion of Iraq looming in the battle against ISIS—and along with it the potential for redeployment—Mohammad worries about his best friend. “If he goes back, I want to go with him,” he says. “I want to help protect him. I owe him my life.” Kinsella sees it the other way around; Mohammad’s work, he says, was instrumental in helping his Marines return safely.

Kinsella and Mohammad have traveled to Washington, D.C., to lobby for other stranded interpreters; thousands of Iraqi and Afghan citizens who aided the U.S. military are thought to remain at risk. In August, Congress passed a rare bipartisan bill that added another 1,000 visas to the SIV program—but unless lawmakers vote for an extension, the program will close at the end of December. “We made a promise to people like Mohammad and his family,” says Kinsella. “As a Marine, as a human being, I feel it is my responsibility to see it fulfilled.”

— Franklin Crawford

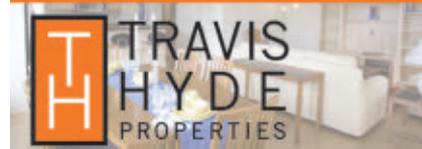


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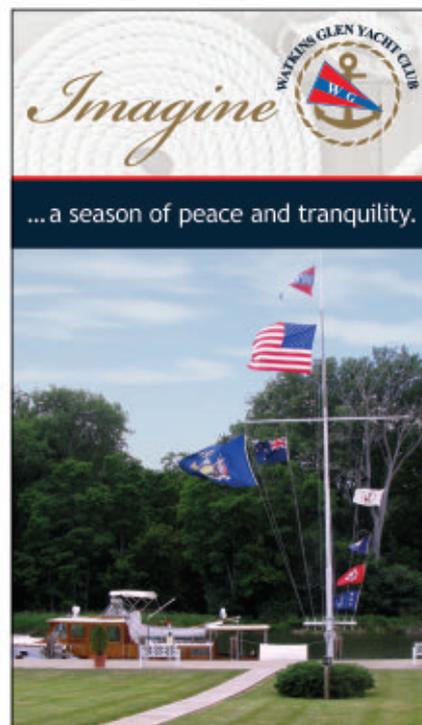
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## Reporter at Large

Practically overnight, a former *Sun* editor becomes a major player in the Ithaca news scene

**T**hanks to a stint as a crime reporter at the *Syracuse Post-Standard*, Jeff Stein '13 has developed what he calls "scanner ears"—the ability to half-listen to the police band and instantly divine when a big story breaks. That came in handy in June, when tragedy struck the Ithaca Commons: a tractor-trailer lost its brakes and careened down East Hill, smashing into Simeon's restaurant and killing a young bartender and her unborn child. Stein was among the first reporters on the scene, arriving before police cordoned it off.

It was just the fifth day in business for the *Ithaca Voice*, an online-only publication that's the brainchild of the former *Daily Sun* managing editor. Devoted to covering news and features in Ithaca and Tompkins County, it aims to fill the void left by the diminution of local media, particularly the Gannett-owned *Ithaca Journal*. "The infinite variety, excitement, and energy in this town has yet to be explored in the manner it deserves," he says, chatting over coffee in a downtown Starbucks. "There are so many exciting things happening here that aren't being told in the way they should be."

Stein and his small staff of contributors have indeed been covering the city with a vengeance, reporting on everything from petty crime ("Robber Snatches Purse from Woman in Ithaca's Collegetown") to human interest ("Ithaca Woman Starts New Business After Getting Cancer, Losing Commons Eatery in Fire") to continuing coverage of ongoing stories ("Simeon's Owner: 'We're Going Through on the Rebuild'"). For Ithacans, the *Voice* has quickly become a go-to news source—an impressive accomplishment, particularly since it's produced on a shoestring. The *Voice's* office, Stein says, is "whichever coffee shop I haven't been to recently."

A Manhattan native and the son of lawyers, Stein caught the journalism bug as a teen, when he did a piece for his high school paper about cafeteria workers whose attempts to unionize had been stymied. "That was a crystalizing moment," he says, "when I realized that journalism is an amazingly powerful, interesting, impactful, deep profession where you can really make a difference in people's lives." As a staffer at the *Post-Standard*, he won an Associated Press award as the best young journalist in New York State, and another for spot news for

covering the murder of a pizzeria owner.

On the Hill, Stein majored in history—an apt field, he notes, given that journalism is known as history's first draft. He joined the *Sun* as a freshman—"I was one of those weird kids who e-mails the editors the summer before school saying how excited they are"—and that year was named the paper's top reporter. He admits to some mistakes in his greener days, including a few misquotes and an excess of zeal; part of maturing a journalist, he says, was understanding that not every story is a scandal yearning to be broken. "I came into the *Sun* with a sort of bull-in-the-china-shop attitude; I'm much more professional now," he says. "Especially as a freshman, I wanted to break big stories all the time. I had passion and fuel and fire, but it wasn't always justified. And now that I have a lot more experience, I'm able to apply it more sparingly and therefore more powerfully."

The *Sun* stories that Stein is most proud of include coverage of the alcohol-related death of George Desdunes '13 following a fraternity ritual, and a human-interest piece on a cafeteria worker whose Cambodian wife was struggling to get through immigration. Then there was the one about the rapper who ran up a \$1,000 bar tab in Collegetown and left

without paying; it got picked up by *Rolling Stone* and made national headlines. "What's so refreshing about Jeff's work is that he takes the time to look at the issues from all sides and engages with the key stakeholders, refusing to simply engage in blind parroting of the University's talking points," Matthew Nagowski '05 observed in his Meta Ezra blog in 2010. "It's actual reporting. And the news pages of the *Sun* haven't shined so brightly in quite some time."

Stein left a well-paying job at the *Post-Standard* to start the *Voice*, entering a less-than-stellar economy at a time when the journalism industry is in decline—and even major players haven't figured out how to profit from online news. Which begs the question: Is he nuts? "I'm young, and I have the luxury of doing this when I don't have a family to feed," Stein says. "The destruction of the business model for local newspapers is a huge problem if people can't get good, in-depth reporting about what their city officials are doing. And I'm proud to say that within a few months of starting, we've added heat to the fire and done meaningful journalism that otherwise wouldn't be done. Someone needs to figure out how to make money with online journalism, and I have a bunch of ideas of how I think we can

crack that puzzle."

Follow-up question: How?

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In September, the *Voice* rolled out its new video ads. But Stein notes that the publication's financial goals are modest in any event, since it's built on a nonprofit model: it has gotten logistical help from the San Francisco-based Media Alliance, and in September it received a \$35,000 grant for operational support from the Park Foundation. Otherwise, the *Voice* has been fueled in large part by Stein's savings—and his indefatigable zeal. On Labor Day weekend, he notes, he managed to go a leisurely sixteen hours between posting stories. Then he started to get twitchy. "I think there's something internal," he says with a laugh, "that every time I post a story, a ticking clock in my head starts counting down."

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# When to Fold 'Em

## Better living through origami

**F**or the most part, professor Itai Cohen's physics lab in the basement of Clark Hall looks like any other. The tables are covered in computers, calculators, and...intricately folded sheets of paper? Cohen's team has been studying ways to apply the Japanese art of origami to manipulate the physical properties of materials—work that has potential applications in robotics, medicine, engineering, and more.

The fold that Cohen's lab has been working with is called the *miura-ori*. Invented by Japanese astrophysicist Koryo Miura in the mid-Nineties, it comprises a grid of alternating mountains and valleys that can be collapsed into a small, compact shape with a single motion, like an accordion. The lab's research—spearheaded by former grad student Jesse Silverberg, PhD '14—centers around the idea that the *miura-ori* is a “metamaterial,” which means that its mechanical properties derive not from the composition of the material but from the arrangement of the fold. “We can add ‘defects’ to the fold pattern, where we take a valley and turn it into a mountain,” Cohen explains. “By pushing one of the vertices through to the other side, the whole paper becomes much stiffer. So we can put these defects in different spots to ‘program’ the stiffness of the paper.”

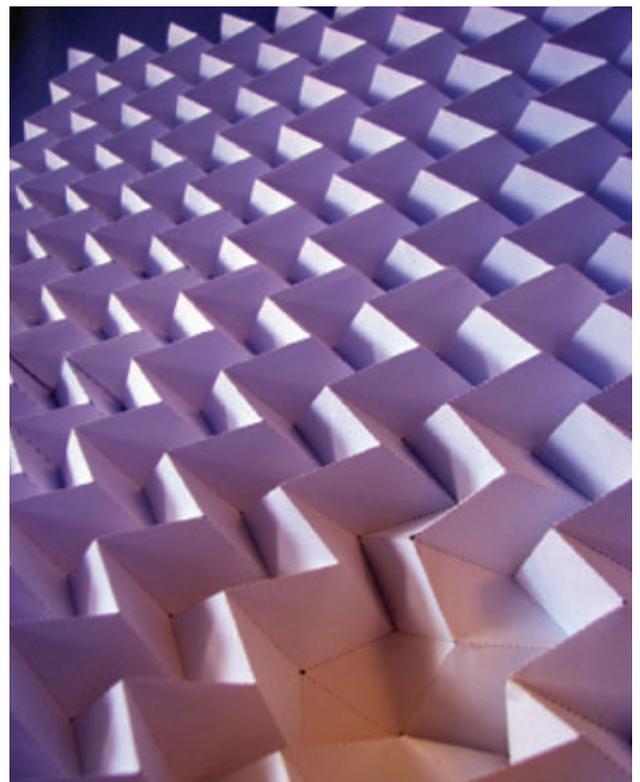
The project—a collaboration with a team at UMass, Amherst—began three years ago when the National Science Foundation called for proposals for origami-inspired science. The Cohen group focused on the *miura-ori* due in part to its origins; it was invented as a way to efficiently pack solar panels for space missions. (The pattern is also seen in nature, in the developing intestines of human embryos and in the unfurling of leaf buds.) “The beautiful part about it is that the disorder—that defect that you introduce—is completely reversible,” Silverberg notes. “You put it in and the *miura-ori* becomes stiff, you take it out and it becomes soft.” He recalls with a laugh the meeting where the group had its “aha” moment: “We’re sitting there popping these defects in and out, making all these interesting observations on the fly. Imagine a bunch of physics, math, and science geeks staring at paper and mumbling to themselves. It really was a scene.”

The *miura-ori* has a wide variety of potential applications. Silverberg imagines, for example, a snake-like robot that could search for survivors after an earthquake. The robot would crawl through the rubble, then unfold into a protective structure in which to carry the victim to the surface. Another idea—already being pursued by a company in Sweden—is a foldable exoskeleton that could be sewn into clothes, creating back and neck support for workers who stand all day. The group's collaborators at UMass have succeeded in translating the designs to the microscale by using tiny polymer sheets that fold and unfold with temperature changes. Says Silverberg: “You look at this flat sheet under a microscope, heat it up, and all of the sudden: a folded *miura-ori*.”

Applying origami to technological fields is a hot topic, Silverberg says. Already, its design principles are used in solar arrays and car airbag systems; medical researchers are even exploring using origami for drug delivery. “Imagine folding a microscale box,” he says, “and the box unfolds and releases drugs when it detects a cancerous cell.”

Silverberg has been an origami enthusiast as long as he can remember, having received his first book on the subject in second grade. “I’m a tactile person,” he says. “There’s something gratifying about taking a blank sheet of paper and using your imagination and creativity to sculpt a beautiful structure just by folding it.” Last summer, he attended a conference in Japan devoted to origami science—and encountered one of the field's superstars. “Lo and behold, who was the speaker but Professor Miura?” Silverberg marvels. “I said, ‘Can I get a selfie with you?’ And now I have the picture on my phone. How cool is that?”

—Katie O'Brien '16

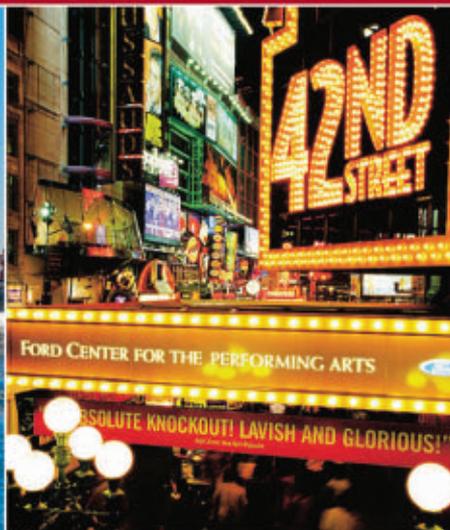


Paper chase: The *miura-ori* fold in action

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The grapes were crushed at Atwater, the juice was transported to Trumansburg, and the first Bellwether wine was born. The following year saw the addition of several Rieslings to the Bellwether fold. They were so distinctively



good that Bellwether garnered a mention in British wine writer Stuart Pigott's book, *The Riesling Story: Best White Wine on Earth* (Stewart, Tabori, and Chang, 2014). Of Matthewson's acumen, Pigott says, "This smart, young winemaker's dry Riesling wines blew me away."

Bellwether's latest release lends credence to Pigott's enthusiasm. The Bellwether 2013 A & D Vineyard Dry Riesling is a thoroughly compelling wine. Bone dry and aged for nine months on its lees, it is a sleek melange of yeasty aromas, citrusy fruit, and a distinct minerality. It is a wine likely to turn some heads.

The Bellwether Dry Riesling would be a fine choice for this year's Thanksgiving dinner; its mouth-watering acidity and sleek fruit will make it an excellent accompaniment to the feast's vast array of flavors. For more information or to order, visit [www.bellwetherwinecellars.com](http://www.bellwetherwinecellars.com).

— Dave Pohl

*Dave Pohl, MA '79, is a wine buyer at Northside Wine & Spirits in Ithaca.*

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# Meet the President

For its thirteenth leader—the first woman to hold the post—Cornell picks a legal scholar from USC

By Beth Saulnier

Photographs by Robert Barker / University Photography

**A**s of July 1, 2015, half the presidents in the Ivy League will be women. That's when Elizabeth Garrett, Cornell's president-elect, will take office in Day Hall. Harvard, Penn, and Brown already have female leaders.

Garrett, currently provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at the University of Southern California (USC), was announced as Cornell's thirteenth president in late September, at a press conference held at the Law School. The location was no accident: Garrett is a legal scholar whose résumé includes clerking for Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall. "I'd like to point out to everyone here how difficult the job is to find a president for this great institution," Board of Trustees chairman Robert Harrison '76 told the assembled reporters. "There are few universities in the world that are as complex, ambitious, and far-reaching as Cornell University. And what that means is we set our sights very, very high in terms of the attributes and the experiences that we require of somebody capable enough to lead Cornell into the next 150 years—and I could not be more



Making history:  
President-elect Elizabeth Garrett, flanked by search committee chair Jan Rock Zubrow '77 (left) and board chair Robert Harrison '76

certain that we have found the perfect person in Beth Garrett.” Added Jan Rock Zubrow ’77, chair of the board’s executive committee and of the search committee: “Among a truly world-class group of candidates, there was one person who emerged as the clear winner, who possessed all of the core competencies that we set out to find.”

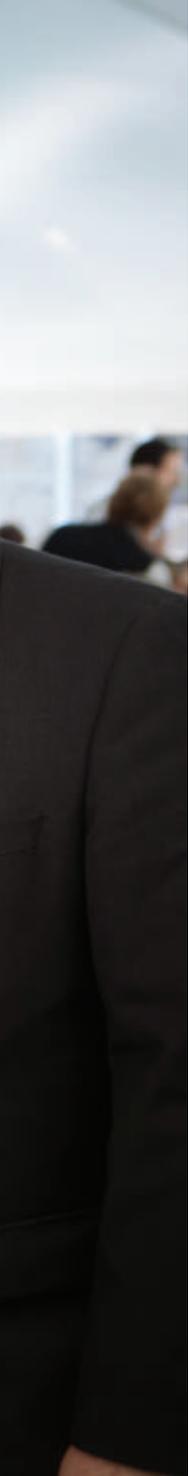
An undergraduate alumna of the University of Oklahoma—where she earned a BA in history with special distinction—the fifty-one-year-old Garrett has a JD from the University of Virginia. At USC, where she was the first woman to hold the number-two job, she oversees the college of arts and sciences, the medical school, and sixteen other professional schools, as well as the divisions of student affairs, research, libraries, religious life, and more. She is also the Duggan Professor of Law, Political Science, Finance and Business Economics, and Public Policy. At the announcement in September, she called her new job a “once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.” “Cornell is committed to academic excellence; the breadth of that excellence is unmatched anywhere in higher education,” Garrett said. “Faculty, staff, and students work throughout the schools, the departments, and the institutes every day doing research, scholarship, and creative work that advances innovation, improves lives throughout the world, and contributes to the search for truth.”

The search that culminated in Garrett’s hiring kicked off six months ago, following President David Skorton’s announcement that he would step down at the end of the 2014–15 academic year to become secretary of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.—leading the world’s largest museum and research complex, affectionately known as “America’s attic.” The search for a successor to Skorton, who assumed the presidency in 2006, was aimed to be the most inclusive in University history. “As an undergraduate, I was a student trustee—and the world then was a lot less democratic than it is today,” Harrison noted. “I think the president of the University was selected by the



Presidential quartet: Garrett (sporting a new Cornell scarf) at a post-announcement reception with (from left) President Emeritus Frank Rhodes, President David Skorton, and former President Jeffrey Lehman '77. Right: Garrett with Ithaca Mayor Svante Myrick '09 (left) and Joel Malina, vice president for university relations.





chairman of the board in those days. I don't think there was a lot of thought given to including other groups in the process."

Four decades later, by contrast, the search involved not only trustees, but alumni, faculty, staff, and students; a website offered updates, and anyone was welcome to suggest a candidate online. The search committee comprised nineteen members—including two student trustees—plus two advisors, board chairmen emeriti Peter Meinig '61, BME '62, and Harold Tanner '52. They began with a list of 200 names. "Jan ran the discipline process; she basically killed all our summer vacations," Harrison quipped. "We had an exhaustive review of a subset of that 200, many presidential search committee meetings and face-to-face meetings with individual candidates, and ultimately the selection of Beth."

Asked what put Garrett head and shoulders above the rest, Zubrow cited her success in advancing USC, where she has been provost since 2010 and previously served as vice president for academic planning and budget. "The thing that really stood out was the way she did that: by creating cross-college and interdisciplinary initiatives—big ones—that really brought colleges and campuses together," Zubrow said. "And they used these initiatives to go out and recruit top faculty, and that is what advanced the institution. We saw, in that, great power to bring Cornell together."

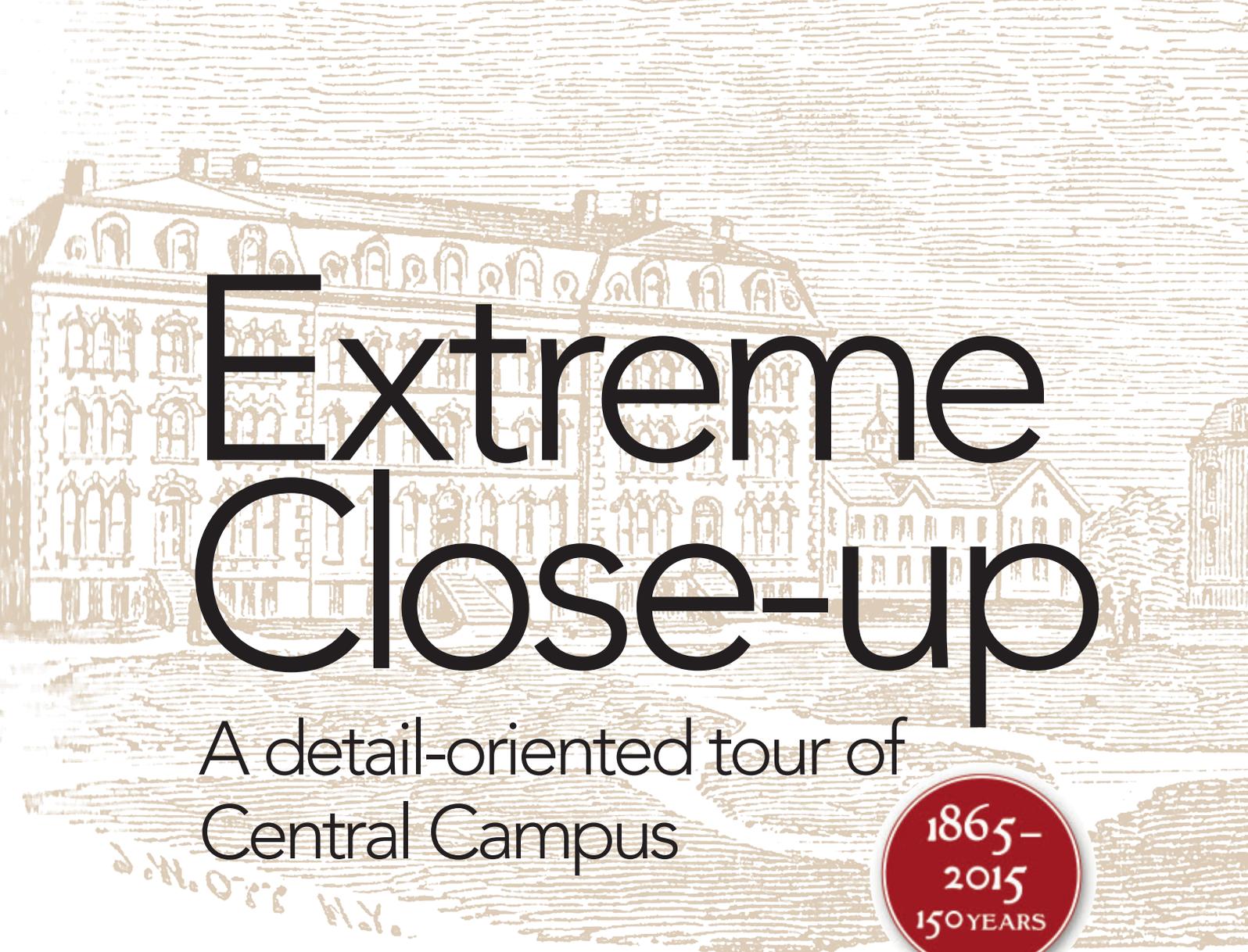
Garrett's scholarly interests center on the legislative process, democratic institutions, tax policy, and the federal budget. In addition to clerking for Marshall, she served as legislative director and budget and tax counsel to Senator David Boren, a Democrat from Oklahoma. At Cornell, she'll hold a tenured professorship in the Law School with a joint appointment in government. "I was an unusual law professor, in that I'm really focused more on what happens in legislatures and in administrative agencies than on what happens in courts," Garrett observed. "Most of what happens in the law actually doesn't happen in a courtroom. It happens in administrative agencies that make enormous amounts of policy; it happens in the state and federal legislature." In 2005, President George W. Bush appointed Garrett to the bipartisan Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform. She also served four years as a commissioner of California's independent political oversight agency.

Garrett's husband, Andrei Marmor, is a professor of law and philosophy at USC. He will join the Cornell faculty, with joint appointments at the Law School and in Arts and Sciences. An alumnus of Tel Aviv University and Oxford, Marmor is the author of ten books—most recently *The Language of Law*, published by Oxford University Press—and serves as editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Ethics and Social Responsibility*.

**G**arrett's outside interests include a passion for travel; the couple's latest trip, last summer, was to Cambodia and Vietnam. She's a fan of reading mystery novels—particularly on airplanes—and is an avid cross-stitcher and needlepointer. "I was a competitive debater in high school," she said, "and if any of you debate you know there are long periods of time between rounds where you're waiting for results to come in. So I learned to use my time productively and I've made a tremendous number of pillows, shawls, baby gifts, etc." Asked whether she'd continue Skorton's tradition of performing live music, she responded with a laugh that although she is a "great connoisseur and enjoyer of music," she will not be performing—"to everyone's great relief."

Over the coming months, Garrett and Marmor plan visits to the Ithaca and New York City campuses, as she gets up to speed for her installation in Day Hall through conversations with Cornellians of all constituencies. "I want to listen to what faculty, staff, and students share with me about their dreams for Cornell," she said, "and I hope to hit the ground running on July 1 when I move to Ithaca as a permanent resident." But as CAM asked at the press conference, held on a picture-perfect autumn day: coming from sunny Southern California, has she been forewarned about Ithaca's less appealing climes? "Well, I was at the University of Chicago before USC," she replied with a smile, "so I have some knowledge of winter." ■

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# Extreme Close-up

A detail-oriented tour of  
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● Photographs by Lisa Banlaki Frank  
Observations by Kermit Parsons

**I**n celebration of Cornell's Sesquicentennial, CAM offers a chance to test your memory of University buildings. The following pages feature up-close images of architectural elements throughout Central Campus, accompanied by quotations from the seminal book of Cornell architecture: *The Cornell Campus: A History of Its Planning and Development* (1968) by the late Kermit Parsons, MRP '53, then chairman of the Department of City and Regional Planning.

"In a university as large and as diverse as Cornell," Parsons wrote, "one hopes there will always be room on the campus for the best of the older, memory-evoking buildings, for green open spaces, long views, trees, walks, benches, and gates as well as for up-to-date, forward-looking buildings, for paved spaces, closed courts and quadrangles, sculpture, parking lots, and bus shelters; and one expects and hopes that there will continue to be variety within unity, clean unadorned laboratories as well as elegant museums, machinery as well as sculpture, and a sense of formality as well as natural beauty."

*How many details do you recognize? For the answers, go to page 70.*



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‘Ezra Cornell was not insensitive to beauty. He simply knew what he wanted. If the things he wanted in buildings were not always beautiful, it was probably because the service of some social or practical end indicated a need for economy.’



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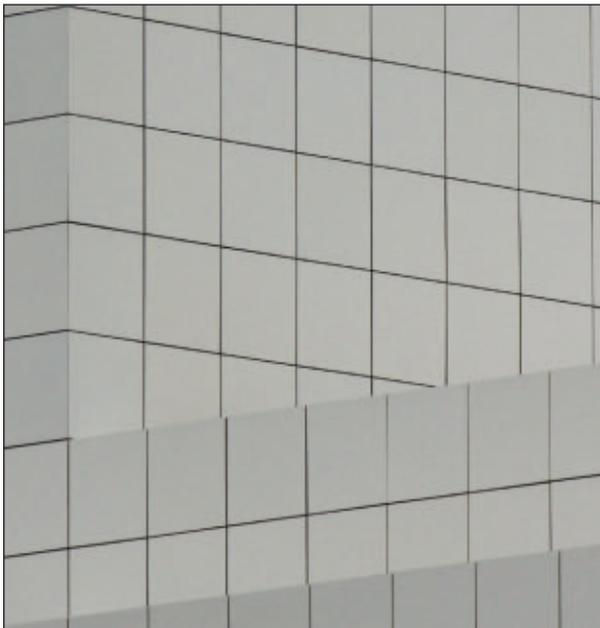




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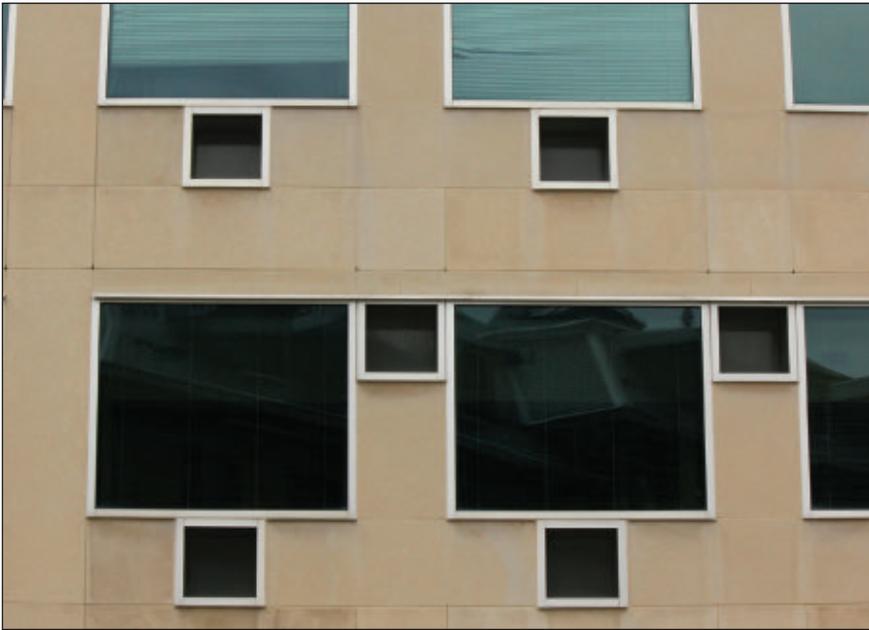
‘Andrew D. White’s earliest interest in architecture was intellectual and emotional . . . He was probably what psychologists might now call a visualizer; that is, one who thinks of situations and places as mental pictures, one who “sees” imaginary landscapes and structures.’

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‘If the architectural lines of the two buildings are not in the same plane we cannot tell what sort of trouble will be produced. But I am certain we will deeply regret it.’



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‘Those who came to Cornell in its first fifteen years never failed to recall the beauty of the place—and its primitive conditions.’



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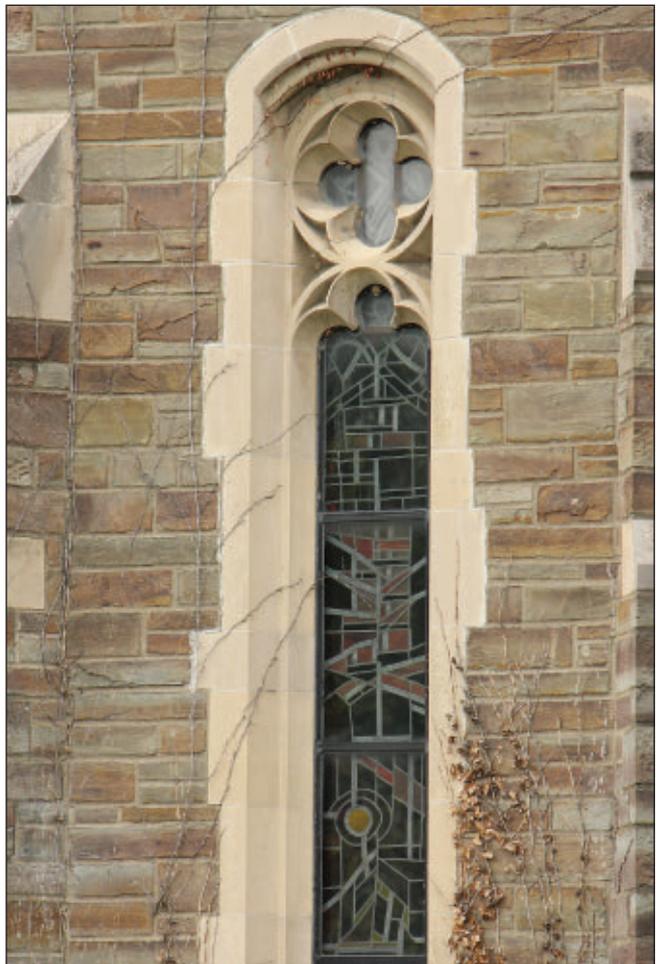
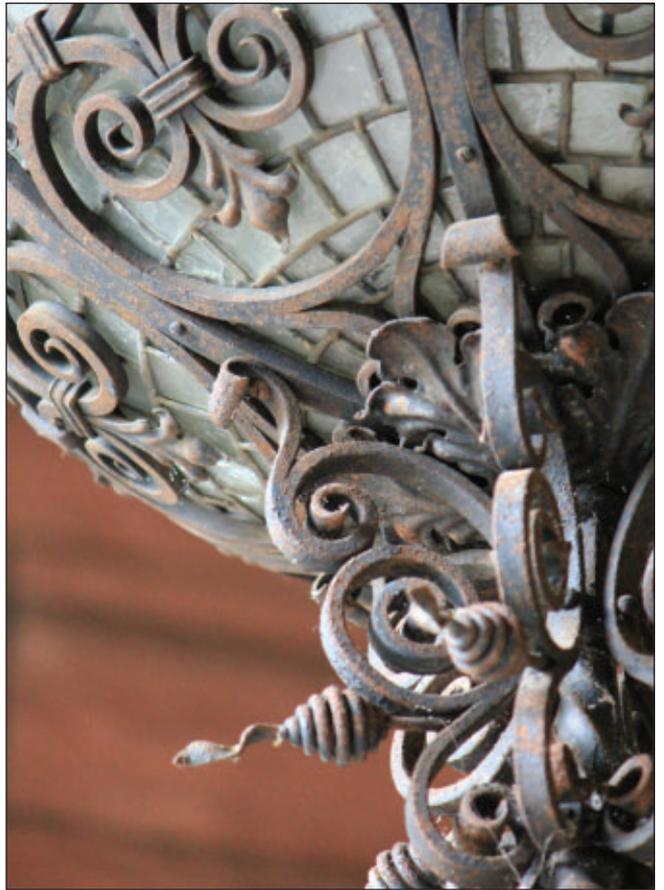
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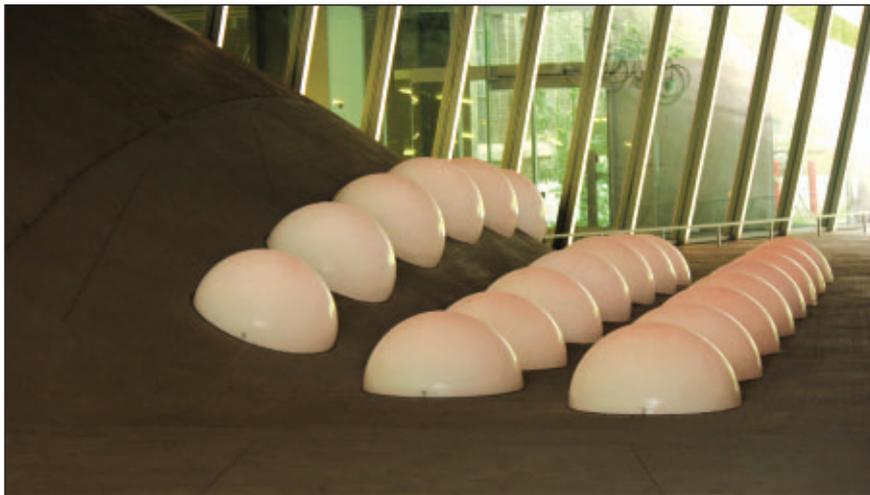
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‘The three factors which contributed most toward making life difficult for early Cornellians were rapid growth, scattered facilities, and difficult terrain. The University was unexpectedly successful in attracting large numbers of students.’



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‘In short, one hopes that the Cornell of Andrew Dickson White and Ezra Cornell will continue to express beauty as well as utility in the evolution of its campus on East Hill.’



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# What Seems to be the Problem?

In an excerpt from the memoir *Reaching Down the Rabbit Hole*, neurologist Allan Ropper '70, MD '74, offers a 'politically incorrect guide to malingering, shamming, and hysteria'

By Allan Ropper and Brian David Burrell

*In his decades as a neurologist in Boston, Allan Ropper '70, MD '74, has seen his share of challenges and curiosities. There was the salesman who drove around the same traffic circle for an hour, then told the cop who finally pulled him over that he didn't know how he got there. And the recent college grad whose violent arm tremors had no physical cause. And the elderly man who obsessively scribbled pages of incomprehensible notes and insisted that Ropper had been a football star at BU. (He hadn't.)*

*Ropper, a Harvard professor whose patients include actor Michael J. Fox, revisits those cases and more in *Reaching Down the Rabbit Hole: A Renowned Neurologist Explains the Mystery and Drama of Brain Disease*, published in late September by St. Martin's Press. In the same "narrative nonfiction" genre as works by Oliver Sacks, the book chronicles life on the front lines of neurology, which still relies heavily on personal observation even in the age of high-tech scans such as the MRI. "It's a specialty in which the clinician can be of tremendous value," observes Ropper, a former math major who co-authored the widely used textbook *Principles of Neurology*. "You have to communicate with another individual's brain on a level that isn't always tangible, using your cleverness, experience, and understanding of human nature. It's ever-changing and infinitely interesting."*



On the brain: Neurologist  
Allan Ropper '70, MD '74

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**H**er name is Lauren H, age twenty-three, white, brunette, five foot seven inches, 129 pounds. Born in North Carolina, she came to Boston as a student at age nineteen, and is currently employed in public relations.

“I understand that you suddenly became unable to speak this afternoon,” I ask her in a rhetorical vein.

“I . . . I . . . I . . . k . . . kkk . . . can . . . can . . . can’t . . . t . . . t . . . t . . . t . . . talk.”

“How come?”

No answer. She stares blankly ahead. Her eyes blink a few times. Hannah takes me aside and says, “She’s aphasic. She must be seizing. Let’s put on a hairline.” A hairline is a quick and dirty electroencephalogram done with an abbreviated set of sticky electrical leads connected to an EEG machine. The object is to find out if she’s in *status epilepticus*, a fancy way of saying that she is seizing uncontrollably. The eye blinking could be a tip-off.

“Okay,” I tell her, “go ahead, and I’ll keep her talking while you’re setting up.”

I turn back to the patient. “Is there any reason you

may not be able to speak? Has anything unusual or difficult happened to you today?”

A few tears begin to well up in her eyes, and she shifts her gaze away from me toward the window.

“Is it something you can talk about?”

“N . . . N . . . N . . . No.”

“Does that mean that nothing unusual has happened or that you don’t want to talk about it?”

She pulls the bedsheet up to her nose so that only her teary eyes are showing.

“It’s very important that we talk about this because some of the tests that would be done to sort out why you can’t speak have risks, and it would be bad for you if we did them for no reason.”

A sniffle and a passive look back toward me, but no response. A few absent minutes pass while Hannah Ross, the chief resident, gets the material together for the EEG. It’s fairly clear that Lauren comprehends me. This would be quite unlike any true aphasia. For one thing, the well-articulated single syllables that stutter up to a full word are very hard for the brain to do. The language areas in her brain must be calling on all of their powers to produce this bizarre speech pattern. From the first sounds out of her mouth, I conclude that it is very

unlikely that we are dealing with damage to her brain from a stroke, seizure, or any other acute problem.

Again I ask, “Did anything unusual happen to you today?” Her sister, who has been sitting passively in a chair at the foot of the bed, now pipes up: “She broke up with her boyfriend this morning. Go ahead and tell them, Lauren.”

“Was that traumatic for you, Lauren?”

“M . . . m . . . may . . . may . . . b . . . be . . . may . . . be.” She sniffles.

“Is that why you can’t speak clearly?”

“I don’t know.”

“That’s very good. You can speak in a clear sentence. Can you try to speak to me more clearly now?”

By this point a junior resident has finished hooking up all the leads, and the EEG machine is running. It may be a primitive test, but the brain waves

look pretty normal.

“Can I get you to say Massachusetts?”

“Mass . . . Mass . . . Mass . . . massmassmass.”

“How about Boston?”

“Bos . . . boss . . . boss . . . ton . . . ton . . . ton.”

The residents want to get her downstairs immediately for a CT scan and a CT angiogram to see if she’s had a stroke. I suggest they may want to slow down and see what happens, but they feel the stroke issue has great time value. They prevail, and she heads off the floor to get a big dose of radiation. She’ll be gone for a good hour. I go to see some other patients in the meantime. Later that evening I run into Hannah in the hall.

“What happened with the young woman who couldn’t speak?”

“All the studies were normal including her CT angiogram,” she tells me.

I manage to resist saying, “Aha!” On rounds the next morning, I ask, “How are you, Lauren?”

“I’m feeling pretty good. Isn’t it amazing, my

speech came back.”

“Yes, it is amazing.”

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The majority of hysterical symptoms—symptoms that have no basis in disease and are subject to suggestibility—look like real neurological diseases. These include paralysis, inability to walk or speak, blindness, deafness, seizures, and weakness. All are manifestations of an organ that sometimes fabricates problems. But it gets even crazier. People who cannot feel on one side of the body will say they are deaf on that side, or blind on that side, unaware that this is an anatomical impossibility. The hardwiring of the human nervous system cannot produce these defects. This is not disease doing something to the nervous system, but rather the brain doing something to itself. The stomach doesn’t have a mind of its own to create stomach problems, nor do the colon, the lungs, or the skin. Ulcers, asthma, psoriasis, eczema, once thought (incorrectly) to be psychosomatic, or originating in the mind, were all shown to have tangible causes, and have been reclassified as nonpsychological diseases.

Only one organ has a mind of its own, and it is constantly causing problems for itself. These problems, once termed “hysterical” and “psychosomatic,” are now called “functional” or “somatoform.” The conditions themselves are referred to as conversion disorders, implying the conversion of psychic distress into physical symptoms. It is one of the last vestiges of Sigmund Freud’s legacy still lurking in mainstream medicine.

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*Symptoms* are what a patient reports. *Signs* are what a physician sees in an examination. Symptoms are thus subjective, and signs objective. When a patient reports a symptom, we have to take it at face value: a headache, dizziness, numbness, lower back pain. We have no tests for such things, and accept them as real until something in the patient’s behavior gives the game away.

The claim of blindness, on the other hand, can be tested. People follow the image of their own eyes in a mirror. Not only that, even if they don’t flinch when I bring my hand toward their face quickly, most will involuntarily glance at a \$100 bill that I wave in front of them. An old-school neurologist tested this effect. What denomination will get a blind hysteric to follow the bill? A \$1 bill doesn’t work; a \$100 bill works almost all of the time. So he always carried a C-note in his wallet just for that purpose.

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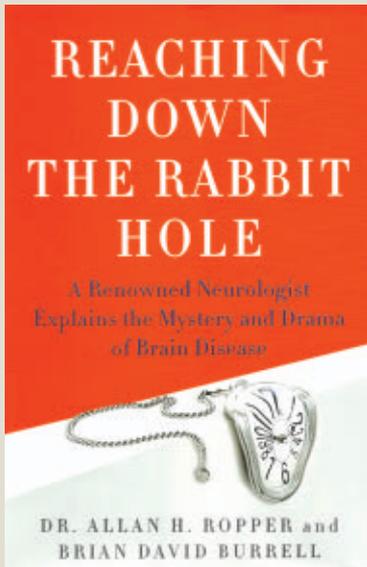
Lucinda H is a Latina in her late teens, from Roxbury, with short-cropped and spiky hair, a bit blocky. She is half sitting on the edge of an Emergency Department gurney with her elbows propping her up. Healed slash marks on her wrists stand out against her dark skin. Her mother lurks at the bedside.

“Doctor, she can’t see! Oh my God, she’s blind, she can’t see! *Dios*.”

That’s the first red flag: Why is her mother speaking for her and why is the girl so calm?

“When did it start?”

“When I came over this morning to pick up the



baby. She told me she couldn't see."

"It would be good if I could hear what happened from Lucinda. How about it, Lucinda, what exactly happened?"

"I don't know . . . I'm blind. Isn't that enough?"

"I know it must be frustrating to tell your story over and over to every doctor who comes in, but it's important that I hear the details so that we can get your vision back."

"I can't see anything. How would you feel if you were blind? Tell me that, okay? It's like I'm blind."

"Are you blind in both eyes?"

"That's what being blind means, doesn't it?"

"What were you doing when it started?"

"Nothing."

"Can you see my hand in front of your face?"

"Nope."

"Okay, let me hold your arm and get you up to see how you walk."

I ease her off the gurney, and her feet hit the ground naturally. Without being asked, she makes a left turn and heads for the wall and bumps into it at full stride, but manages to stick her belly out just before hitting, so that neither her head nor knees make any contact. Even before this, I was thinking, *Ho boy!* Now I'm thinking, *Oy, vey!*

I help her back onto the gurney.

"Let's try some other tests. Follow my finger." She stares blankly ahead as I move my finger back and forth. I pull a small mirror out of my bag, and move it from left to right in front of her face about a foot

away. Her eyes follow their own images in the mirror. It's gimmicky, like the \$100 bill trick, but seeing eyes almost always follow the mirror.

"You know," I say to her, "I think you can see, but for some reason, maybe one you don't want to talk about now, you are just upset or distracted and are shutting down your vision."

"Well, you're the crazy one, so screw you."

*Oy, vey*, indeed.

"I'm not saying you are crazy, just that something is bothering your brain in a way that is beyond your control."

Her mother blurts out, "So what are you going to do about it? I can't take her home like this!" Hands are waving all over the room as the mother begins to pace alongside the stretcher, invoking the gods and the prophets at a high pitch. The temperature seems to be rising. I need to leave for a few minutes to cool off.

That's the extent of my plan.

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Nomenclature: *Hysteria*, *psychosomatic*, and *pseudo-seizure* are OUT. Neurologists still use these words all of the time, just not in front of patients and their families. Other words we take pains to avoid are *psychiatric* and *psychiatrist*. People tend to hear these as *crazy* and *shrink*, and this rarely goes over well with anyone. Terms that are IN include: *conversion disorder* instead of *hysteria*, *functional* instead of *psychosomatic* (the two are not equivalent in any case), and

Making the rounds: Ropper in the neurological intensive care unit at Boston's Brigham and Women's Hospital

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## Most of these patients would rather see a neurologist than a psychiatrist anyway. In their minds, they are sick but not insane.

psychological non-epileptic seizure—or P-NES (I kid you not)—instead of *pseudoseizure*, as in, “This lady has a P-NES.” That’s now a term of the art. It was coined either by someone with a very devious sense of humor, or no sense at all.

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Susanna B is a nineteen-year-old woman from a devout Pentecostal family living in Plaistow, New Hampshire. She has just started nursing school. She is surrounded by five family members, all seated around her bed, including a hulking brother who has taken the lone easy chair, is fiddling on his laptop, and never once looks up from the screen.

As I rush into the room with the residents, Susanna’s arms are shaking, her whole body is shaking. Clearly this is a lovely young woman, but just as obviously, she’s in distress. She is fluttering her eyelids at about twice per second, her eyeballs are rolled upward, and her neck is arched backward.

“Susanna!” I say to her. “I’m Dr. Ropper. Can you hear me?”

Her violent movements continue, and her mother eventually stands up and leans over the side of her bed,

getting her face as close to mine as she can, and says, “Why aren’t you stopping this? We’ve been here for hours, and we are going to call the patient-care representative. This is unacceptable. We have a lawyer we can talk to.”

“You’ll have to give me some time to sort this out. It might help me if I could examine her without so many people in the room. Would you mind giving me a few moments alone with her?”

“No way! We’re not leaving her alone. Who knows what might happen? She’s a virgin, you know.”

Wow! That is not high on my list of diagnostic questions, but it raises an entirely new concern. I want them out because this exotic motor performance is characteristic of a pseudoseizure, undoubtedly triggered by the unnerving family dynamic. The quickest way to stop it, I’m convinced, is to send the audience out to the lobby. The neck and back arching, in particular, are not characteristic of most epileptic seizures. Rapid eye blinking can be part of a true seizure, but the way she’s fluttering her eyelids suggests otherwise. When the spell finally stops, I speak to her, and find that she is naturally calm, soft-spoken, and quite polite. She knows that the spells are happening, but has no control over them. They were occurring up to

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several times an hour prior to her admission, and have become totally disabling over the last several days.

From dribs and drabs I pick up from the family, I find out that she represents a great hope for the entire clan. Everything is riding on her success, and they make this expectation very clear at the young woman's bedside. The virginity thing comes up again for no apparent reason, and it gives me the creeps. This is one of the most controlling families I've ever seen.

"Susanna, these are not epileptic seizures. They usually come from . . ."

"What are you saying, Doctor?" The mother again. "We'd like someone else to see her immediately, and if they don't, we will be speaking to people who can make that happen."

"As I was saying, Susanna, it is very important to start by making the correct diagnosis. If we felt that this was an epileptic problem, it would be treated very aggressively with medicines for seizures, but it is not. Somehow, this pattern of motor behavior has gotten into your head, and taken on a life of its own. After a while, movements like this seem to appear without you willing them. Knowing this is very powerful, since it opens up some ways of unlearning the movements, and eventually getting rid of them by retraining the mind."

She tells me that the spells come out of nowhere, have no clear trigger, continue for days, sometimes lasting a minute, other times up to an hour, then suddenly go away. It is very telling, however, that they do not interrupt her sleep, and the video monitor attached to her continuous EEG recording will confirm it. The spells exhaust her, but she lacks any insight into their character. The family gets more and more aggressive, and on two occasions I'm on the verge of offering to transfer her to another hospital, particularly when they suggest they might sue me for malpractice. This is one of the few times that I feel more anger than sympathy toward an anguished family. I take the virgin business, coming up so repeatedly, to be both an admission and a warning: we know that childhood sexual abuse is closely connected to these types of dissociative states, and they are saying, "Don't you dare go there." I'm not going to bother.

The spells stop on the fourth day, and we send her home over the forceful protests of the family that there had been no resolution. They refuse to accept my diagnosis of conversion disorder. I don't hear from them for about five months, when she returns with the same problem, to us no less, requiring another three-day hospitalization.

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The Brits call this sort of thing Functional Neurological Symptoms, or FNS, the psychiatrists call it conversion disorder, and almost everyone else just calls it hysteria. There are three generally acknowledged, albeit uncodified, strategies for dealing with it. The Irish strategy is the most emphatic, and is epitomized by Matt O'Keefe, with whom I rounded a few years back on a stint in Ireland.

"What are you going to do?" I asked him about a young woman with pseudoseizures.

"What am I going to do?" he said. "I'll tell you what I'm goin' to do. I'm going to get her, *and* her family, *and* her husband, *and* the children, and even the feckin' dog in a room, and tell 'em that they're

wasting my feckin' time. I want 'em all to hear it so that there is enough feckin' shame and guilt there that it'll keep her the feck away from me. It might not cure her, but so what? As long as I get rid of them." This approach has its adherents even on these shores.

The English strategy is less caustic, and can best be summarized by a popular slogan of World War II vintage currently enjoying a revival: "Keep Calm and Carry On." It is dry, not overly explanatory, not psychological, and does not blame the patient: "Yes, you have something," it says. "This is what it is [insert technical term here], but we will not be expending our time or a psychiatrist's time on it. You will have to deal with it."

Predictably, the American strategy holds no one accountable, involves a brain-centered euphemistic explanation coupled with some touchy-feely stuff, and ends with a recommendation for a therapeutic program that, very often, the patient will ignore. In its abdication of responsibility, motivated by the fear of a lawsuit, it closely mirrors the beginning of the end of a doomed relationship: "It's not you, it's . . . no wait, it's not me, either. It just is what it is." Not surprisingly, estimates of recurrence of symptoms range from a half to two-thirds of all cases, making this one of the most common conditions that a neurologist will face, again and again.

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"I'm not saying you're crazy, just that something is bothering your brain in a way that is beyond your control." This is the basis of all non-Irish appeals. "The brain learns these patterns, sometimes they're hard to unlearn, but it's important to know that there's no damage to your brain going on." It doesn't blame the patient, doesn't give a psycho-dynamic explanation, but does give the patient an out.

"This pattern can be unlearned. It is within your power." That's the moderate tack, not necessarily the American one, because the American sensibility obliges us to add: "Why don't we sit down and find out why you are doing this."

If you pick up any conventional psychiatry book, it will advise you that there is a psychodynamic explanation, or there is a genetic susceptibility, and that by identifying the underlying psycho-problem, talking about it, getting it out in the open, and realizing what it has done to you, you can get rid of the symptoms. If the psychiatrists want to handle it that way, fine by me, but I'd rather not. Besides, most of these patients would rather see a neurologist than a psychiatrist anyway. In their minds, they are sick but not insane. Most of all, they resent the implication that they have a weak character, that they are faking an illness because they can't deal with their lives. I happen to think nothing of the sort, but how do I tell them?

In many cases of hysteria, the ideal treatment would be hypnosis. We used it when I was a resident, and it worked, just as it worked for Sigmund Freud and his teacher, the French neurologist Jean-Martin Charcot over a century ago. It worked because patients with hysterical symptoms are suggestible, and, having fooled themselves into the symptoms, they can be fooled out of them. Deception works, but in the modern age, in the age of informed consent, we are not allowed to fool patients about anything, even if it is the only way we can help them. ■

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## That Was Then, This Is Now

*The second in a two-part series*



bring my plane. I joined the Air Force ROTC and immediately became the major's best friend since we now had air superiority and could beat the Army and Navy ROTC units in every battle. I even flew WVBR's transmitter to Schenectady to have it recalibrated at the GE plant, so the station was only off the air for twenty-four hours. Those were the days.

**Butler:** I experienced total independence for the first time. Connections to home were limited: a weekly letter and call on the hall phone.

Those were the days: Ersatz campus signage (above left) as seen in the 1961 *Cornellian*, and female students on a group hike in an area gorge in the Thirties.

As Cornell continues its Sesqui-centennial celebration, *Alma Matters* concludes its two-part series comparing the thoughts and recollections of some of Cornell's great volunteer leaders, all Frank H.T. Rhodes Award winners (Eleanor Applewhaite '59, Ruth Zimmerman Bleyler '62, Esther Schiff Bondareff '37, Nancy Taylor Butler '64, William Eaton '61, Penny Skitol Haitkin '65, Muriel "Micki" Bertenthal Kuhs '61, and Richard Lynham '63, BME '65), with those of campus leaders from the Class of '15 (Atticus DeProspo, Rachel Gerber, Lipi Gupta, Courtney Koelbel, Karen Li, Eric Pesner, Casey Phlegar, Thaddeus Talbot, and Haley Velasco).

**Alma Matters:** Describe a unique freshman-year experience that you'll never forget.

**Bondareff:** When I came to Cornell—as a country girl—I was overwhelmed; there were so many people. Freshman year I didn't join a sorority, but someone told me it would be helpful to get around, and it was. It was fun to go to the fraternity dances, which were supposedly highly chaperoned . . . but really weren't.

**Eaton:** It was my unique method of arriving on campus. At sixteen I soloed in a 1947 Aeronca Chief—a single-engine, two-passenger, side-by-side, wood-and-canvas airplane. When I learned I could not have a car on campus, I decided to

tions to home were limited: a weekly letter and call on the hall phone.

**Lynham:** One unforgettable experience was being elected president of the Baker Dormitories, along with two of my high school classmates who were elected presidents of their dorms as well. That meant we dominated the Freshman Class Council, so we suggested that "goodness" and "mercy" should be added to the watchwords "freedom with responsibility." Those were heady times, and we Council members were looking for ways that freshmen could have an impact on an institution as large, prominent, and important as Cornell.

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**Kuhs:** First impressions do count: growing up in NYC, I had to get used to the quiet of the campus and people actually smiling as they walked across it.



Micki Bertenthal Kuhs '61

**Haitkin:** Although it was not freshman year, the celebration of Cornell's centennial—a much easier word than sesquicentennial—was a magnificent experience, full of pomp and circumstance with Adlai Stevenson speaking to a crowd-filled Arts Quad. What an amazing privilege to be a part of the Cornell community celebrating its 100th, 125th (our 25th Reunion), and now 150th birthday.

**Applewhaite:** My worst experience at Cornell occurred early in my freshman year. There was something called a “corridor date” which would be arranged by an RA in the girls’ dorm and one from the boys’ dorm. Just imagine, in 1955, ten white guys, nine white girls, me—I’m African American—and the two RAs going to a restaurant with a juke box for dancing.

#### From the student leaders:

**Gupta:** I was very shy when I arrived at Cornell, until I met someone on my floor who asked me to join her and her roommate for dinner. Naturally, we’ve been inseparable ever since. It was a simple thing, but I was excited to meet new people and enjoy that first meal with new friends.

**Valesco:** One unique experience was my first Slope Day after joining my sorority, Alpha Epsilon Phi. It was such a fun and exciting day and I loved being able to share it with my sisters. I remember running to Appel for a huge breakfast and then joining all of my new friends at our mixer. It was one of the best days of college.

**DeProspero:** I remember eating lunch at Mac’s Café on a Friday afternoon when

I saw several students dressed in business attire walking toward Statler Auditorium. Out of curiosity, I followed the crowd into the auditorium, where the vice president of Carnival Cruise Line was speaking to first-year Hotel students about how he used his Cornell education throughout his career. I remember thinking how remarkable it was to have the opportunity to learn from leading experts in numerous fields all in one place and feeling blessed to have the opportunity to attend Cornell. The experience motivated me to make the most of my education.

**Talbot:** I never thought I’d be in an all-male pageant until I competed in the first ever Men of Substance showcase, hosted by a women’s empowerment organization called Les Femmes de Substance. The contestants had to perform a talent, model swimwear, and answer questions to win \$500. I won second place and \$300, enough to replenish my Big Red Bucks account.

**Li:** I was a part of a campaign to call for Cornell to end our business relationship with Adidas over labor rights violations. The campaign was successful, but only after a sit-in at the president’s office in early May. I’ll never forget staying up the night before to write the press release and do last-minute recruitment, having the



Sister act: Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority in 1936. Esther Schiff Bondareff '37 is on the far right in the third row.

sit-in the next day, then going out for Slope Day a few days later before crashing for finals. It was crazy, but worth it.

**Gerber:** I had the opportunity to be a part of the launch of the Cornell Now campaign—waving red flags, with confetti falling. That was the first time I felt like a true Cornellian, a true member of the Class of 2015, and a part of something much bigger than myself.

**How has Cornell changed since you graduated fifty or more years ago?**

**Haitkin:** It has changed in so many ways. It is a world-class university with some of the most accomplished, intelligent, curious, hardworking students on any campus. What has not changed is adherence to Ezra’s vision of “any student, any study,” and “freedom with responsibility.”

**Butler:** Sexist restrictions on women—curfews, dress, where to live—are gone. There were few students of color in the early Sixties and the faculty was virtually all male. The ratio of men to women was three to one, whereas now there are the equal proportions. There’s a variety of housing choices, including well-planned living/learning communities, and an expectation of success for all students—not the “look to the left, look to the right” mentality.

**Eaton:** Cornell has changed in a million ways, but every time I set foot on campus, I get a rush of emotion that brings back the best of memories. Almost every building has changed, but at the same time one always feels at home. There was never enough time to take all the courses you wanted to, and now the problem is exponential.

**Lynham:** Women are omnipresent in leadership positions; there are no curfews, no dress code, and Cornell has attempted to ensure they have the training to be the boss. I gather there is more learning taking place outside the classroom than there was fifty years ago. Women are more integrated socially, which may be the reason why charges of sexual harassment are more frequent.

**Bleyler:** Socially, I think women experienced the biggest change soon after our class graduated. Before then, we had to be in the dorm by 10 p.m. on weekdays, midnight on Fridays, and 1 p.m. on Saturdays. We could not wear pants on campus unless the temperature was really low. We were also not allowed in the men’s dorms or graduate students’ apartments. Current students have so much freedom, but need a lot more maturity to deal with it.



Ruth Zimmerman Bleyler '62

**Kuhs:** Cornell has become far more diverse, and offers students many more opportunities for community involvement.

**Applewhaite:** If Cornell had not said that it would act *in loco parentis*, I

would not have been permitted to come. Even with the rules that existed in those days, I felt I had great freedom to grow. Second, today's transportation is both a blessing and a curse in my view. Because it was not easy to go far from campus and because the size of the student body was only about 7,500, life turned inward to the Cornell community, which was the experience I wanted and got. I also believe that it's easier today for students to befriend faculty, who all seemed very distant in my day.

**Bondareff:** It's such a technical age, and the technology is changing. However, I remember one year I was asked to come back to campus and live in a dorm with the students—and I was shocked because some of them wanted to learn how to play bridge.

**Class of '15: How do you think the Cornell experience is better for you than it was for students who attended fifty to seventy-five years ago?**

**Phlegar:** I imagine that the campus has become much more diverse than it used

to be. Living and learning among such talented people from all over the world has truly been an opportunity I am grateful for.

**DeProspero:** I think the experience has improved greatly, especially for me as an openly gay man. The environment and culture today makes me feel comfortable to be who I am and express myself. There is an LGBT resource center on campus, gender-inclusive housing, several LGBT student organizations, courses, and health services. While there are still improvements to be made, I wouldn't have enjoyed my Cornell experience if it weren't for all those who came before me, who made sacrifices to improve the climate of acceptance.

**Pesner:** The Cornell experience has



Casey Phlegar '15

improved because of the greater amount of diversity than there was fifty years ago. Students today come from much more varied backgrounds, and this provides us with new perspectives.

**Gupta:** Cornell has such a diverse community. I can't imagine I would have been able to meet so many interesting, fun, bright, and enthusiastic people if I had not come to Cornell in 2011.

**Koelbel:** As someone of mixed race and a woman in engineering, I truly appreciate Cornell's commitment to diversity. While I think there's still room for improvement, Cornell has made tremendous progress over the last few decades.

**Valesco:** The University continues to push boundaries in terms of inclusion. Cornell has continued to embrace the "any person . . . any study" philosophy on which it was founded. Every day, new advancements are bettering our university. One day, I hope to look back on my time at Cornell and see how far it has come.

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**38 Shirley Richmond Gartlir '40** (Palm Beach Gardens, FL) sadly reported the death of her husband and our classmate, **Bernard**, in March 2014. "My favorite memory of Cornell," she wrote, "was meeting Bernie when I was a freshman and he was a junior. He was a loyal and loving Cornellian, and we did lots and lots of traveling when we were younger!" We send our sincere condolences to Shirley and her family.

Last seen at Cornell at his 75th Reunion in 2013, **John Clement** sent this update shortly after receiving the summer issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*: "I just received the July/Aug '14 issue of the Alumni Magazine, and the Class of '38 is hanging by a thread. Here's more news to hold our space. June 6, 2014 was a special day for me: I celebrated my 80th Reunion at Cranbrook School, a secondary school in Bloomfield Hills, MI. Being the first of this event, the school made it a very festive occasion. Now, God willing and the creek doesn't overflow, I hope to make my 80th at Cornell in 2018. Taking all precautions, I have enrolled in an online Cornell course by Prof. Emer. **T. Colin Campbell, PhD '62**, Nutrition for a Healthy Heart. I want to stay connected to the university and look forward to every opportunity." Thank you, John!

Classmate **Harold Smith** got a great write-up in the *Finger Lakes Times* in early September on the occasion of his "Honor Flight" to Washington, DC, and the send-off he received at his assisted living community in Newark, NY. The 100-year-old graduate of the Ag college grew up in Ithaca, was drafted while in Cornell's Army ROTC program, and was stationed at Fort Benning, GA. He was a white officer with the all-black 92nd Infantry, and championed the unit known as the Buffalo Soldiers. He served in Italy and Austria during World War II, and was later called back from reserve status for the Korean War, working in military intelligence at the Pentagon.

Harold retired from the military in 1956 with the rank of Major and received the Bronze Star from Gen. Mark Clark. He worked for more than 40 years for GLF (Grange League Federation), which later became Agway, and was also an auditor for H&R Block in Arizona, where he lived for about 20 years ago before becoming a resident of the Terrace of Newark.

Harold's daughter Deb Gittens escorted her father to D.C. and was in Newark, along with 25 fellow residents of the Terrace, for the patriotic send-off. According to the article, "The ceremony included an Honor Guard from Arcadia Memorial Post 2883 VFW and remarks from Dave Borland and John Schlafer of Palmyra American Legion Post 120. Following the ceremony, Smith and Gittens were escorted to the Rochester Airport by the Wayne County Sheriff's Office and 30-plus members of the Patriot Guard Riders." "It was a wonderful and moving experience," Deb said later. "He enjoyed the trip very much!" Send '38 news to: [Class of 1938, c/o Cornell Alumni Magazine, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu](mailto:Class of 1938, c/o Cornell Alumni Magazine, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu).

**41 David Altman**, BA '40 (Menlo Park, CA) sent an update at the end of August about a cruise he and wife Beverly planned to take in the future. "Since I've had to give up golf and tennis because of my bad knees and age-related balance, I thought it was about time to write some memoirs. Beverly and I like sailing, so we thought we'd take a cruise to the Hawaiian Islands from San Francisco, which will probably be our last."

He continues, "I thought the two-week relaxed atmosphere would be conducive to spending some time dwelling on the past, recalling both personal events and any worthwhile accomplishments. Having written more than 40 articles, I should find some items of interest to both my family and colleagues. I'm fortunate to have a niece who volunteered to help, since at 94, my handwriting is crummy, and I've never been a touch-typist."

Happy Holidays to all classmates! Send news and copies of Christmas letters to: [Class of 1941, c/o Cornell Alumni Magazine, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu](mailto:Class of 1941, c/o Cornell Alumni Magazine, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu).

**42** Thanks for your news! **Herman Jones** (Leesburg, FL; HLJones@embarqmail.com) says he'd like to hear from any Engineers left in the Class of '42. He writes, "I lost my regular dinner partners, **John Borst '41** and his late wife, **Lucile (Heise)**, here at Lake Port Square. They moved to assisted living, and Lucile died there after a short period. John has stayed there in a beautifully decorated room done by their daughter, **Pam Borst Bland '67**, BS Nurs '67. I entered this continuing care residence in 2004 after retirement in 1982 and living in Naples, FL. My wife, **Jean (Copeland) '43**, died in 2000."

Herm continues, "My biggest activity was a wonderful trip to Washington, DC, on an 'Honor Flight'. They are being done all over the US now, honoring veterans. I could not have been better cared for. There were 50 veterans and 50 guardians, and we were watched and cared for at all times. (I was moved about in a wheelchair all day.) I was picked up at 2:15 a.m. and returned home at midnight—a long day. The cemeteries and memorials in D.C. are truly beautiful and well done, but the outstanding thing was the applause and attention given at all times by everyone in the airport terminals. And all bus trips were accompanied by sirens and flashing lights—a police escort! It was a truly fantastic thank you to veterans for service duty."

**Richard Shotwell**, MS '54 (Glen Cove, NY) and his wife, Edna, spent last winter in Florida and moved back to Long Island in May. The weather will take them back to Florida this winter. "We love to read, dance, and go to flea markets and health fairs. My challenges are bad eyesight and old age. Life is much different at 94 years old!" Richard lists **Charles Stansbury '44**, BS Ag '47, as an old Cornell friend he'd like to hear from. **Dorothy Dewey** Goodding (Sherman Oaks, CA) says that moving to assisted living is a challenge, but she wanted to live near her son in California instead of staying in Texas.

**Howard Simpson** (Lexington, MA; hsimpson@sgh.com) writes, "My wife, Harriet, passed away in 2013, and I have since re-married to Barbara Dickenson. The clerk at the Lexington Town Hall remarked that it was the first time she had issued a marriage license to a 91-year-old groom! I am still active with my firm (we have just opened our sixth branch office—in Chicago), but expect to retire when I get old." Congratulations to Howard and Barbara! Send news to: [Class of 1942, c/o Cornell Alumni Magazine, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu](mailto:Class of 1942, c/o Cornell Alumni Magazine, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu).

**44** It is our sad duty to report the death of our esteemed classmate **Art Kesten**, BA '49 (Westport, CT) on Sat., September 6, with **Dotty Kay Kesten**, his wife of 68 years, at his side. After a virtual lifetime of involvement in the university and Class of '44 activities, Art's last experience at Cornell was his 70th Reunion in June, where he was surrounded by his longtime friends and where memories were reawakened as the Hangovers sang the old Cornell songs. Over the years, Art served as reunion chair, president, class council member, and webmaster, helping to create one of the most informative and entertaining websites among any of the classes.

Art was editor of the *Cornell Daily Sun* in 1942, but his college education was interrupted in 1943 by active military service. In 1945 he received orders to join the 11th Airborne Division in the Philippines for the anticipated invasion of Japan, and later served as a member of the US Occupation Forces in Japan until 1948. He then returned to Cornell and finished his BA in 1949.

Upon moving from NYC to Westport, CT, in 1955, Art quit his day job so that he and Dotty could devote full-time to the monthly publication of *Army Aviation* magazine, which they had co-founded in 1953, and to turning the Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA), a group he founded in 1957, into the most dynamic and successful Combat Arms Branch association in the US Army today. Tens of thousands of Army aviators have benefited from Art's legacy. In addition, the AAAA Scholarship Foundation Inc. currently awards more than \$450,000 every year to soldiers and their families for college education. Art will be honored at a ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, and his ashes interred there, in the spring of 2015.

In 1998, Art and Dotty received the prestigious Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award for their decades-long volunteer activities on behalf of the university and the class, the first husband and wife team to be so honored. Art will be long acclaimed and greatly missed by all of us, and we send heartfelt condolences to Dotty and their whole Cornell family: children **Dale Kesten '72**, BA '75, and **Lynn Kesten Coakley '74**, and grandchildren **Lauren Coakley Vincent '04** and **Shannon Coakley '07**.

As promised, we also share some news from last spring and summer. **Yorke Knapp**, BS Ag '47, and Joette, his wife of 63 years, live in Kendall,

NY. Yorke, who has macular degeneration and hasn't driven for 20 years, is the third generation to live in the house where he was born. "I still have my garden," he writes. "I rototill and mow the lawn and have two wonderful neighbors to do things I can't. I appreciate what I can do, though, and also enjoy my 'talking books.'" He was sorry to miss Reunion last June. **Gretchen Eichorn** Facq (Bridgewater, NJ; gefacq@gmail.com) writes, "I'm enjoying life and health at 92 in a cozy two-room, fourth-floor apartment in a Friends continuing care facility close to where I have lived the last 50 years. I am also enjoying the response to an exhibition of 29 of my paintings here at Arbor Glen."

**Anne Bishop McKusick** (abmckusick@gmail.com) lives at Blakehurst Retirement Community in Towson, MD, and is taking genetics courses and attending genetics meetings. "I will attend the annual Short Course in Medical Genetics at the Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor that my husband started in 1960. Will go on to my old house in Nova Scotia." **Edward Carman** lives in the Cloverwood retirement community in Pittsford, NY, and in good weather still plays tennis (doubles) twice a week. "I attended the 70th Reunion and enjoyed seeing classmates, especially **Hank Baxter**, with whom I shared ME classes, as well as V-12 and Midshipmen School." Edward would like to hear from another '44 ME: **Larry Boutchard**, BME '47.

Send your news, and we'll share it here. Write to: **Class of 1944**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; or **Dorothy Kay** Kesten, 168 Long Lots Rd., Westport, CT 06880; e-mail, dotkes10@optonline.net. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

**45** Your scribe Julie has been acquiring calendars for the coming year as her readers have probably also been doing. She advises leafing through the pages to June 2015 and circling the weekend of June 4-7. Why? Our class's 70th Reunion, that's why! Details will come later, but for now you'll want to keep the dates open for 1945 class doings.

**Sarah "Sally" Reed** Reidinger (Chestertown, MD) has been nursing a broken wrist and having therapy, so she's spending her time just keeping herself ambulatory. By the time you read this, Sally, we hope you'll be dancing—maybe to a Glenn Miller melody. **Maralyn Winsor** Fleming (Ithaca, NY) sold her home of 50-plus years and moved to Kendal at Ithaca. **N. Bruce Weir**, BCE '45 (Cocoa Beach, FL; nbweir@aol.com) has been visiting friends and family in Florida. He was facing eye operations in April. Everything went well, we trust, Bruce. He sold the family home in Glenside, PA, where he was born and married, and relocated to his condo in Florida. Already a plus, he says—he avoided a bad winter.

**Victor Parsonnet** (Whitehouse Station, NJ) is a full-time physician at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. He is emeritus director of surgery there and also emeritus chairman of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra. Writing and marriage/family doings also occupy his time. He would like to hear from **Marvin Moser**. **Bernard "Barney" Mayrsohn**, BS Ag '47 (Miami Shore, FL) is busy and active in good health. He is a 106th Infantry Division veteran and current association president and sent a report of the 106th Infantry Association "Bulge Chapter" (European) Official Consecration Ceremony, over which he presided. This chapter, reads the announcement, "was conceived by a multi-national trio of loyal friends of the 106th, to represent the

Golden Lions' historical legacy in the border region where their story during the Battle of the Bulge unfolded in valor and tragedy. Its ongoing mission is to create diverse historical features preserving the stories of sacrifice by GI's and local citizens during World War II." The ceremony took place on May 3 in St. Vith, Belgium.

**Richard Weishaar**, BA '49, MD '52, now lives in Machipongo, VA. **Dorothy Scott** Boyle (Eastport, ME; scottieboyle2@yahoo.com) tells us that, at 91, she is not golfing! She is reading, gardening (with help), and doing watercolors and folk art. When she wrote, she was also recovering from pneumonia. She would like to hear from **Alma Morton Blazic**, BA '44. As to her experience at Cornell, she wishes she had taken more art classes. Keep in touch with us! We like hearing from our classmates. **Julie Kamerer Snell**, 3154 Gracefield Rd., Apt. 111, Silver Spring, MD 20904; e-mail, julie.snell@verizon.net; **Bob Frankenfeld**, 6291 E. Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, CA 90815; e-mail, betbobf@aol.com.

**46** Class president **Lloyd Slaughter** (Morgantown, WV; lslaughter594@aol.com) reports, "Our 70th Reunion (praise God) is coming up in June 2016. In order to get a jump on planning, I expect to attend the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) meeting to be held in Boston, January 16-18, 2015. To get maximum input, I strongly encourage all the officers to join me in Boston. I look forward to seeing the following officers at CALC: **Ruth Critchlow** Blackman (Newtown, PA; rcblackman@juno.com); **Allen Boorstein** (NYC; allenatamber@cs.com); **Bob Nist** (Trinity, FL; bobnist@msn.com); **Louise Greene** Richards, PhD '65 (Ithaca; lrch7@twcny.rr.com); **Paul Levine** (Pleasanton, CA; pblevine@juno.com); and **Richard Turner** (Lakewood, NY; dickturner5@gmail.com). It will not be all work, with time also for fun and sight-seeing."

Lloyd's garden has been bountiful this year. His bumper crop of cucumbers translated into a monster job for Marilyn. She canned over 40 jars of dill pickles, distributed mostly to their neighbors. Lloyd's neighbors harvested their cucumbers, beans, lettuce, and tomatoes while he and Marilyn took a ten-day jaunt to Wrightsville Beach near Wilmington, NC. The jaunt was wonderful, except for Marilyn's returning with a touch of pneumonia. But that was cured and things are wonderful now.

**Oscar Fuller** (Gaffney, SC) is leading the transformation of an entire community in South Carolina. Under his exceptional leadership, a whole county has become focused on education and especially educational success for the disadvantaged, both adults and children. His project, called Know(2), is unique in the nation because it is based on psychological research about how best to communicate opportunity and personal potential to people who have what the Stanford psychologist Carol Dweck calls a "limited mindset." Oscar's goal is for Cherokee County to become the best educated county in our country by 2025. A V-12 transfer from Louisburg College, he graduated from Cornell as a civil engineer. Oscar was president of ASCE on campus, chairman of the Civil Engineering Honor Committee, and a member of the Big Red Band.

To list your e-mail address in your submissions, e-mail me at the below e-address. Include your name, city, and state. Send news to: **Paul Levine**, 3273 Streamside Cir. #202, Pleasanton,

CA 94588. tel., (925) 201-7575. Class website, <http://classof46.alumni.cornell.edu>.

Welcome to **Dorothy Taylor** Prey, the new women's correspondent for the Class of 1946! Her first column will appear in our Jan/Feb issue.

**Joyce Manley** Forney (Dallas, TX; jmforney@sbcglobal.net) sent a wonderful update earlier this year. "Days have never been fuller. I live in a senior village with interesting friends and too many activities to choose from. I read to a group of folks with macular degeneration every Tuesday, am an assistant editor and writer for our monthly 12-pager, and try to keep my vocal cords in shape with the Village Singers. In some ways, this campus makes me feel like I'm back at college: 65 acres with good places to walk with my dog; the proximity of others who share news, problems, and joys; and the freedom to shut all that out if I want to hole up with a book." Joyce adds, "My friend Elaine, 92, and I, 90, went skylarking off to Galveston, TX, recently. We shared driving and took in all the local happenings we could. We weren't in a hurry and stopped to admire landmarks."

Joyce offers her fond memories of her time in college. "I remember being at Cornell during the war years when there were no cars and we developed 'telephone pole' legs from walking up and down hills. And, in the coldest months, I remember the below-zero days that seemed to go on forever. In those days, we couldn't wear pants in the dining room and I'd set out in my skirt, bare legs, saddle shoes, and socks for the Home Ec or Ag campus, no matter the temperature. And the year I lived at the Tri Delt house beside the bridge, we slept on the screened porch, even as snow blew in and piled up on beds. Really! If I were young, I'd do it all over again." Send news to: **Dorothy Taylor** Prey, 1 Baldwin Ave., #501, San Mateo, CA 94401-3849; e-mail, dmprey@aol.com.

**47** Active! It is great to learn how many members of the Class of '47 are active in our communities. **Mary Lou Gedel** (Montgomery, AL; lgedel@bell.south.net) enjoys long walks, line dancing, and choral singing. She says Schatzie, her female German shepherd, "is a great companion." **Ray Fox**, PhD '56 (Ithaca, NY) wrote that he enjoys his cat and is looking forward to traveling and the gardening season.

**Robert Schultz** (Murrieta, CA; jahobb@iinet.com) is playing golf once a week and singing in a 40-member chorus that he started back in 1992. He is also lending his engineering expertise to upgrading the chorus auditorium from analog to state-of-the-art digital. **Eileen Farley** McDonnell (Stow, MA; mcdonnell\_e@verizon.net) volunteers with first and second graders twice a week and with seniors once a week. She went to Bermuda in October for her grandson's wedding. She says, "I am blessed with a large family living in six states, so I have many places to visit." **Richard Greenfield** (Boulder, CO; rkggpps@gmail.com) also has a large widespread family with four children and six grandchildren spread from Boston to St. Louis and from Dallas to Boulder. **Renee Brozan** Goldsmith (Delray Beach, FL; rendon1942@att.net) is still working as a licensed interior designer and playing golf and bridge. **Waldo Scott** (Hamilton, NY) had a 90th birthday party at a pub on the Colgate campus last summer.

Lyricist and composer **Theadora "Teddy" Liebman** Marten (Great Neck, NY) sent some programs

from the recent performances of her music. Her songs have been performed at a 9/11 memorial, churches, libraries, and a cabaret in New York City. Teddy writes, "At age 87, I feel blessed and grateful to be here, living in my own apartment, sharing my life with my wonderful family and some good friends." She plays bridge and attends lectures, movies, book discussions, and a variety of musical performances. She exercises daily and serves on the board of managers of the condominium complex where she lives. **Ralph** and **Johanna Geiger** (Cornwall, PA) are also feeling lucky: "At ages 92 and 90, we are still together in a house, blessed by being together for 66 years." When asked what's next, Ralph responded, "We

golf course and country club. I would like to know the ratio of liberal vs. conservative professors at Cornell. It would be great to know." (Ed: Does anyone know? I don't.) "At 86, I don't take many excursions, but we do watch 'Western movies' on TV, as well as the political programs. If God helps me (or us) to stay healthy, there is a good possibility of my visiting Cayuga Lodge in June for my 66th anniversary."

**Lily Lukert Rodgers** (Vero Beach, FL): "I'm a caretaker. Retired, but hope to become more active with volunteering of some kind. My husband, Ed Rutkowski, reached 90 years in September 2013, but he's since passed away. He was disabled since he fell in the hurricane of 2004. We

been recorded back to Indian times, but movement has never been actually observed. Nevertheless, there they lie, hundreds of feet from the ancient shoreline. A nephew scientist and his cousin have received park permission for their own up-close investigation using enormously clever rock-embedded GPS's and computer chips. You can Google 'Racetrack Death Valley' for endless accounts of the phenomena and learned scientific papers that might be an explanation. Stay tuned!"

**Ray Schumacher** (Milford, OH): "For kicks, I serve as a docent at our historical museum in Milford, and, when I'm in New York, at the Chittenango Canal Museum, east of Syracuse. Also, I go into the seven elementary schools in Milford and talk about old tools to second graders." ☐

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## ‘Every age has its advantages and disadvantages.’

Paul Reszel '51

hope to eventually find out for ourselves that heaven is real when our time here in God's waiting room is over and he invites us to come in."

Speaking of music, I was fortunate to attend a concert in August at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester featuring 21 trombones. (They couldn't fit the other 55 in the hall.) The concert marked the finale of the Eastman Summer Trombone Workshop, and my grandson, Lee, was one of the performers. Lee, whose father is my son, **Roger Anderson '78**, is a junior at UMass, Amherst, where he's studying bass trombone. He's been playing trombone for more than ten years, but this was the first opportunity my husband, **Doug '50**, and I had ever had to see Lee perform live. (We have seen him perform on TV in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and the Rose Bowl Parade.) It was a real thrill for both of us!

It was nice to hear from **Eugene Streicher**, MA '48, of Rockville, MD, and **Yetta Haber** Farber of Ridgewood, NJ. I wish you and your families a very happy holiday season! ☐ **Artie Williamson** Anderson, 238 Dorchester Rd., Rochester, NY 14610; **Sylvia Kianoff** Shain, irashain1@verizon.net.

**48 Betty Buchsbaum** Weinstein (Indiana, PA): "Reading novels and professional literature as well as the news. Listening to classical music, spending time with son and grandson and unpacking in new home (moved from Rye, NY). My only grandchild is 12 years old. I'm meeting new and interesting people in Indiana. The population consists of teachers and students at U. of Indiana, as well as people in a wide range of occupations. They all like living here and I look forward to getting to know the place better. The post office, bank, doctor, hospital, Walmart, and a lake are all less than 15 minutes away. Husband Bill and I were in NYC about three months ago. I hope to return and see all the things I miss so much now."

**Vincent Greci** (Olympia Fields, IL): "Enjoy communicating with kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids. I'm past president of Olympia Fields Country Club and was chairman of the 2003 US Open. Future US Open tournaments are coming up. I've met Arnold Palmer and Jim Furyk. Everything we need is within one or two miles, especially the

have one grandchild, 21, in White Plains. I'm eight miles from the ocean, six miles from the doctor and hospital. Everything else is closer. Last big city I visited was Seattle, 20 years ago." **Russell Yamaga** (Costa Mesa, CA): "Education keeps me busy. Grandson is sophomore at UC San Diego. Oldest grandchild is 19, youngest is 17. They both live with Tamiko and me."

**Joanne Norton** Mayer (Marblehead, MA): "Busy getting replacement joints and doing volunteer work. I'm a local TV panelist. Oldest grandchild is 23 in Boston, youngest is 16 in Maine. We're 25 yards from the ocean, 15 miles from the doctor and hospital, one and a half miles to the yacht club, and three miles from Walmart and Home Depot. I go to Boston often. Filling this out makes me realize I'd better get going and make some travel plans before it's too late!" **Constance Avery** Mix (Virginia Beach, VA): "Enjoying our lovely place and people, 500-plus, here at Atlantic Shores. I do gardening and read avidly. I've loved every place we've lived: Winthrop, MA; Plymouth, MA; Cornell; Saint Paul, MN; and here. The people in Thailand are warm and caring. We have traveled extensively and are content to enjoy our lovely Atlantic Shores with family, other friends, and church nearby. Just took a long walk down to our pretty lake. We have four children, 15 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren living all over the US. Our favorite travel now is back to New England and its memories."

**Alan Strout** (Weston, MA): "Big 2013 news was finally receiving a draft copy of the long-awaited book, "One Hundred Years and Counting: A Love Story," celebrating 100 years, 1912-2012, of our lake community's existence (270 pages, 272 photos on 195 pages). I've spent spring, summer, and fall scrounging pictures and some other new materials. I pushed the limits of Microsoft Word 2010 and had to overcome a lot of computer screw-ups. Caroline and I joined several others in April 2013 who were trying to unravel a true and long-standing mystery in Death Valley National Park. The mystery involves the 'Racetrack,' a perfectly flat 'playa' or ancient filled-in lake several thousand feet above the depths of Death Valley. Large and small rocks on the surface move around, some for considerable distances, as evidenced by tracks in the dry mud surface. Their positions have

**49** Your first job. In remembering that experience, did it have any relevance to your later professional life—or your personal life, for that matter? Many of us worked during high school and college breaks, or even took time off for a full-time job.

Coming to the Hill for the first time, **Marty Coler** Risch (Warminster, PA; mcrisch@aol.com), one of our three newly elected class VPs, brought clothes, a typewriter, and a year's work experience in the treasurer's department of Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey in New York City. Bringing us up to date, she wrote, "Bob died June 2011. I'm spending my time getting rid of paper and excess stuff when I'm not traveling or joining son Jim's family for celebrations. I spent a few days with **Mary Louise Beneway** Clifford '48 in Alexandria, VA. She has just published *Drummer Boy of Company C: Coming of Age in the Civil War*, a fascinating look at the Civil War through the diaries and letters of her grandfather at age 14-18."

Your class correspondent got her first job when two friends said they were going to do so and I joined them. Working at the Peerless Pattern Co. in NYC, which in those days sent patterns shown in the newspapers out across the country, I earned \$.40 per hour. My friend's aunt got her the job and we just followed her in. The day the atomic bomb exploded over Hiroshima, I was working in the photo newsroom of the Associated Press in New York. We were transfixed as the photos came in and were sent out across the country, but I don't think any of us could really understand what we were seeing in that horrendous mushroom cloud.

Architect **Alfredo Larin** (San Diego, CA) writes, "I'm very busy—enjoying life. I'm donating thousands of architecture books to universities." He would like to hear from **Walter Rutes**, BArch '50. **William Feinberg** (Ocean, NJ; fdfllaw@verizon.net), married to Joan, says, "I'm working for the Yankee dollar." A counselor at law, he is a partner in Feinberg, Dee & Feinberg in Bayonne, NJ, but says he wishes he could be "going back to Tahiti." Bill would like to hear from Prof. **Howard Evans '44**, PhD '50. When he arrived at Cornell for the first time, Bill brought a large trunk full of clothes via Railway Express.

**Dorothea "Dot" Dashefsky Fast** (Livingston, NJ; fastdotmom@aol.com) wrote last year, "I'm living leisurely—family, friends, the quieter life." She added, "I'm still in my home of the last 54 years, realizing it is the place I have lived the longest, and I'm hoping to continue. I'm still cleaning up from last fall's super storm, though."

Dot was married to the late **Sheldon Fast, JD '50**. When she first arrived at Cornell, Dot said she brought brand new, never heard of before, stadium boots. **Stephen Profilet** (Winona, MN; sprofilet5130@charter.net) is reading and singing in the Winona Area Barbershoppers. He writes, "Last year, I was visiting the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, having cardiac surgery in February 2013." He says he would like to be visiting a warm area and would enjoy hearing from any 1949 graduate. Coming to Cornell the first time, Stephen was relatively unencumbered: he says he brought a change in clothing. **Bob Nafis** (Ithaca, NY; rnaifs@twcny.rr.com) was equally conservative. He says he brought one small trunk. Last year, Bob, who is married to June, was recovering from an aortic valve replacement. These days he's reading, following Cornell soccer and lacrosse, and working in the garden, but would rather be visiting family in Oregon. He'd like to hear from **Dave Kay '45**, B Chem E '49, MBA '50.

**Fann Weiss** Markel (Buffalo, NY; thefloristry@prodigy.net) tells us that she is working at her companies, painting, planning events, and traveling. What would she rather be doing? "Same," she says. She would like to hear from **Norma Fell**, BA '51. When Fann arrived on the Hill for the first time, she was well supplied with paints, watercolors, a radio, clothes, and her tennis racquet. **Anne "Sue" Sheary** Bieter (Sun City West, AZ) writes, "I knit crib blankets for battered women, attend five exercise classes a week, play duplicate and regular bridge, and stay busy with a smattering of entertainments. I live in a retirement residence and usually dine with the same people in the evening." Sue says that she would rather be traveling, but she does not feel up to it. She brought only clothes and a radio when she first came up to Cornell.

**Jan Steele Regulski** (Clearwater, FL), married to **Lee**, BCE '49, reports, "Lee does crossword puzzles. I read and play Solitaire on the computer. We've been fortunate—both of us are able, agile, and active. We do a bit of traveling—north to New York and the US Tennis Open—and we hug our grandkids frequently. Sixty-four years have passed. Regretfully, time has taken many of my friends. I miss them." When they first came to Cornell, Jan adds, "Lee brought a slide rule. I brought a dictionary and a typewriter." **Eleanor Flemings** Munch (Gaithersburg, MD) tells us she is engaged in senior activities and has been knitting caps for Korea. What did she bring when she first came to the Hill? She remembers, "Two suitcases!"

**Mary Heisler** Allison (The Villages, FL), our newly elected class secretary, had a lively time last year. She wrote, "Took two short trips, driven by a wonderful chaffeusse, daughter **Ginny Miller** Petrisin '76. We stopped in Savannah to pick up **Polly Wallworth** Riggs at the airport, then went on to Hilton Head Island. Polly looks great! We had a ball with water aerobics, boating, watching the dolphins play, visiting friends—and dining, of course! More recently I went to Lake Greenwood, SC, for a family reunion. Everyone brought their dogs—seven total, with one in heat! All breeds leapt into the water, chasing balls and sticks. **Rodney Miller** joined us, with dog, of course, and we joined him at his house on the lake. He loves to fish and eat them when they're large enough! It rained a lot, but never a dull moment!"

Classmates, how about telling us some of your first work experiences? We'd all enjoy hearing about your adventures in those early days. **Dorothy "Dee" Mulhoffer** Solow, c/o Solow, 1825 Kent Rd., Upper St. Clair, PA 15241; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com.

**50** The annual mid-winter Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) will be held in Boston, Friday through Sunday, January 16-18, 2015. In conjunction with the conference, our annual mid-winter class dinner will be held Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. Make dinner reservations by mailing \$85 to **Stan Rodwin**, P.O. Box 904, Scottsville, NY 14546. The annual class meeting will be held the next morning, Saturday, January 17.

Reunion co-chairs **Stan Rodwin** and **Jane Wigsten** McGonigal, PhD '84, send a reminder. "Now's the time for advanced planning to attend the 65th Reunion of our Class of the Century—June 4-7, 2015. This will be a gala event coinciding with the many activities of Cornell's sesquicentennial celebration." They also happily report that your registration package will be paid from our Class Century Fund! Accommodations will be at the Statler Hotel or Best Western University Inn. Class events will be held at the Statler or at Willard Straight. Reunion clerks will arrange transportation between events. So they may begin to plan the activities schedule, Stan and Jane need to know what you would like to do and whom you would like to meet. Please send them your ideas. E-mail Stan at rodpkg@frontiernet.net or Jane at jwm7@cornell.edu.

**Janice Briwa** deChadenes (Colorado Springs, CO) is a retired property manager, but still does landscape advising to homeowners associations and cares for displays at the Museum of Mining and Industry. Otherwise, Janice stays entertained with Bunco, gardening, and dog walking. **Paul Kirchner** (Niskayuna, NY; pkirch2422@verizon.net) was an engineer at GE, where he worked on telecom networks and radio propagation in space. In retirement, Paul is a softball league scheduler, an income tax instructor, and a tax preparer for seniors. He served in the WWII Army of Occupation in Japan.

Class secretary **Ruth "Midge" Downey Crone** and husband **Walt** (Longmont, CO; rdk12@cornell.edu) e-mailed from the Woodmark Hotel on Lake Washington in Seattle to report on a lovely family reunion with Walt's children and grandchildren, 20 in all, five children and spouses and nine grandchildren, with three grandkids unable to attend. From there, Midge and Walt were off to round out the summer at their condo in Ocean City, MD. Both are eagerly anticipating next year's reunion. An informative note from **Caroline Madden '93** reported the death of her father, **William Madden**, who passed away after a long illness. William served in both WWII and Korea. Caroline proudly notes his work on the Great California Aqueduct. With great pride, he gave his Cornell ring to Caroline's two sons, fourth-generation legacies Sean and Connor.

**Richard Pearce** (East Greenbush, NY) was a professional engineer with the NYS DOT. He earned a Purple Heart in infantry combat in the European Theater. Now he volunteers at the V.A. Hospital in Albany, NY. **L. Jerome Krovetz** (Boynton Beach, FL; ljkrvetzmd@aol.com), a pediatric cardiologist, still sees patients two days a week. He enjoys golf and, at the urging of his wife, is learning to play Canasta.

**Paul Joslin** (Johnston, IA; phj4@cornell.edu) with wife, Erma, and their four-generation, 37-member family, had a gala dinner to celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary and the retirements of five of their five kids or spouses: a pre-school teacher at the Science Center of Iowa; a church organist; an RN and director of a women's health

center; a physician and chief of medical staff at Iowa's second largest hospital; and a U. of Missouri VP. Paul is program chair for the Des Moines area Golden K Kiwanis, a community service club for retirees, gives talks to community groups on a variety of topics (mostly on the science/theology interface), and has taught courses for the local senior college on numbers, measurement, epistemology, and "Science Meets the UFO Enigma" (based on his book of the same title).

Our class book, relating the stories of our times on the Hill post-WWII, and the fascinating happenings in our lives in the 65 years since, is progressing nicely and will be available at next year's reunion. There is another book about our classmates that all should have and read. It's **Marion Steinmann's** *Women at Work: Demolishing a Myth of the 1950's*. It's a remarkably revealing account of how the women of our class went against prevailing gender discrimination, social expectations, and the belief that females should be content with only a few post-college options such as nursing, teaching, the convent, or marriage. It's surprising and enlightening to find how many bucked the system and went on to graduate degrees and successful careers in then-male-dominated fields such as engineering, finance, academia, medicine, and the law. The book is available on Amazon.

This issue's correspondent lives in Iowa in the Midwest. But what is the Midwest? Depends on whom you ask. For us Midwesterners, it's from Ohio to Nebraska and North Dakota to Oklahoma. For "coasters," it's half of Pennsylvania and New York to Arizona, Tennessee to Idaho, and Michigan to Texas. **Paul Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50131-1560; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phjoslin@aol.com; **Marion Steinmann**, 237 W. Highland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118-3819; tel., (215) 242-8443; e-mail, cjoiner@ix.netcom.com.

**51** News has arrived from classmates less frequently heard from. For example, in a first update ever, **Sonia Mogensen** Adsit (Bogart, GA) reported "five children, six grandchildren, and almost two great-grand" when she wrote in June. "I am a member of Kiwanis, read to second graders at the local school, manage a farm with 18 Angus cattle, am a Stephen Minister at my Lutheran Church, and do chair caning in my spare time. I keep in regular touch with **Betty Goldsmith** Stacey." Sonia's fondest memories of Cornell are of "wonderful, challenging professors and spring in Ithaca." **Ben Johnson** checks in from Pasco, WA, with no news.

Also new to this column, **Paul Reszel** (Fort Wayne, IN) writes, "I retired in 1998 after 32 years of orthopedic practice—four years at the Mayo Clinic. I didn't graduate from Cornell, as I went to the NYU med school after three years. My mission now is caring for my wife, who is in a nursing home. Every age has its advantages and disadvantages. I was happy working and am happy now." Paul adds, "I fondly remember sliding down the hill behind the library on a circular cafeteria tray, bare branches spread boldly against pervading blue in the background."

Cynthia Weil, daughter of our classmate **Robert Weil**, writes from Rochester, MI: "It is with a heavy heart that I report that my dad passed away on April 5, 2014. He was just 11 days short of his 85th birthday. Many thanks to the dedicated alumni who kept him up to date on

the latest Cornell happenings. He always spoke fondly and reverently about Cornell and the quality education it afforded him. His grandson and my son, John, visited Cornell for a tour, but being from Michigan, he chose (with his grandfather's blessing) the U. of Michigan, also in pursuit of an engineering degree. Dad's fondest memory: playing tuba in the Big Red Band. We had an aerial photo of him in the field at his funeral visitation. Thank you, Cornell!"

**Sarah Thomas** (Southampton, NY), who last appeared in this column in 2004, has a bed and breakfast in the Hamptons that is open all year: the Thomas House BNB. Her fondest memory of Cornell: "Picking apples on the Ag Campus." **Suzanne "Suzy" Briggs Johnson** (Huntertown, IN), last seen here nine years ago, writes, "I went on for graduate level training and certification to work with secondary kids with reading disabilities after my husband, **Harry, PhD '54**, passed away in 2007." Her fondest memories of Cornell: "The view from the then math building and walking on campus with a raincoat over shorts. Shorts on girls was allowed outside the dorms only in sports." **Alfred Ginty** (Orange, CA), most recently in our May/June 2006 column, writes, "My wife, Vivian, passed away in August 2012 after 55 years of a wonderful marriage. It's very lonely without her. I've decided to write 'The Story of My Life.'" Fondest memory: "A great, all-around education—a five-year BEE program (started with non-veterans in 1946). Theta Xi fraternity was wonderful for me."

Also not heard from since 2006, **Jan Witmeyer Bone** (Palatine, IL) writes, "My husband, **David '49**, died in 1997 (Alzheimer's). He was a scientist and researcher, and was named Quaker Oats 'Inventor of the Year' in 1996 from the Inst. of Food Technologists. He had 77 patents, 13 of which were US. I am now with partner Michael Kearns, an attorney and teacher at Roosevelt U., where I also work. We teach online from the house. I have eight books still in print and have earned many local and national writing awards. I have four sons and four grandchildren: Emily, the oldest, married in Orlando, FL, in May; Jennifer is at Carnegie Mellon bioengineering graduate school (third author of a paper in *Science* magazine, 2013); grandson Jeff plans to graduate in 2015 with a degree in aeronautical engineering; and grandson David graduated from high school this past spring. (My grandsons are each 6 ft. 7-1/2 in. tall.) My fondest Cornell memory is Octagon Club 1951. I'm still playing parts for various community events. I also have Parkinson's disease and am essentially unable to walk unaided, but am teaching a summer '14 class, Intro to Academic Research, from home on the Internet."

**B. Allen Weiss** (Hackensack, NJ), last in this column eight years ago, writes, "I recently retired from the practice of general and breast surgery. I fondly remember rowing in the freshman crew on Cayuga Lake." And last here six years ago, **Grace Ann Ellis** Gartland writes from Carlsbad, CA, and says that she feels lucky that the recent fire there missed their home.

Most recently in the column in 2009, **Helen "Susy" Brown** Entenman (Naples, FL) is about to change her address. "They're about to tear down the building that I'm in. I haven't decided whether to move to another building here at Bentley Village, move to my condo in South Ft. Myers, or move to Buffalo, where I'll be near my three nephews. My daughter lives in Rye, NY, my middle son is just outside London, England, and my younger son is in a suburb of Chicago. It might be

nice to go back to my old stamping grounds. I grew up four blocks from the famous cataracts of Niagara Falls—and of course I'd be closer to Ithaca." **Helen Osborne Jenkins '49** (Copley, OH) writes, "I regret to report that my husband, **Jerry**, is in skilled nursing with Parkinson's disease."

**Sally Williamson** Williams (Staten Island, NY), last here in 2010, reports, "My offspring are doing well: Keiko in Jericho, VT, and Tim in Boise, ID. My grandchildren comprise three dogs and three cats. I'm keeping quite busy with the Greenbelt Conservancy and the College of Staten Island Foundation. **Peg Healy** McNulty and I enjoy museum previews and all Cornell lunches and cocktail parties." Please send your news to:  **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, [bbond101@suddenlink.net](mailto:bbond101@suddenlink.net).

**52** The Class Council met in Ithaca on July 21. Attending were **Bob Conti**, MS '54, and **Don Follett**, co-presidents; **Jack Carpenter**, treasurer; **Joy Rees** Hoffman, secretary; **Joan Boffa** Gaul, class correspondent; **Bibbi Antrim** Hartshorn, archivist/historian; **Paul Blanchard**, webmaster; **Sue Youker** Schlaepfer and **Dick Dye**, MPA '56, 65th Reunion co-chairs; and **Tom Cashel**, LLB '56, affinity chair. Lauren Coffey and Brenda Teeter represented the university. Sitting in were **Cappy Heyl** Innes, who left with a new job, and friends **Ellie Hospodor Conti**, MS '54, **Mibs Martin Follett '51**, and Stuart Gaul. Unfortunately, Joy Hoffman's co-secretary, **Jan Hofmann** McCulloch, couldn't attend. We missed her.

A brief report: Jack Carpenter announced that the Class of 1952 balance as of June 30, 2014 was \$20,866.40. Joan Gaul reported that our class's extraordinary flow of news may shrink as News and Dues notices will not go out again until January or February. She asked for contact suggestions. Bibbi Hartshorn continues to be hard at work as archivist/historian—so hard at work that Cappy Innes was appointed co-archivist/historian. Bob Conti reported that there are more than 800 mailable members of the Class of '52, of which almost half are duespayers. Actual numbers: 836 mailable, 349 duespayers. Duespayers are receiving and, we hope, reading *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. Please look at the list of missing classmates in the latest directory. If you know of anyone's whereabouts, the university and the class would like to update their records.

Don Follett reported on the Annual Fund. A Class of 1952 Giving History was distributed. We have actually done quite well. Not shown on the list were the amounts contributed to the Scholarship Fund or the 117 members of the Cayuga Society. Reunion co-chairs Sue Schlaepfer and Dick Dye have been working on our 65th Reunion. Themed "Thank You Cornell," it is scheduled for June 2017. They have come up with a Draft Conceptual Framework, which was discussed. For now, the definites are that there will be a block of 40 rooms at the Statler with additional off-campus rooms blocked at the Best Western. Reservations can be made starting in the summer of 2016. Tom Cashel is the affinity chair. Many of you will soon be hearing from him.

Tom, a retired lawyer, is a resident of Lake Wales, FL, and summers in New York. His major interests are family and old cars. Tom likes where he is and likes what he is doing. From the online news form (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>), **Frank Laimbeer**, BS

Ag '55 (Warrenton, VA; [flaimbeer@aol.com](mailto:flaimbeer@aol.com)) reported that he is retired but does math tutoring. He enjoys his six grandchildren. He had recently contacted **Margot Pringle** Liberty '53 and found it great fun. The past winter did not remind him of his time at Cornell as Virginia's snow really has a different texture from Ithaca's. What next? "Continued math and fun with grandchildren till the Lord calls me."

**Barbara Kirk** Andrews-Hail, MA '53 (Warren, RI; [barbarahail401@gmail.com](mailto:barbarahail401@gmail.com)) responded to the same online form. "I continue with research and writing, museum anthropology, and native North American ethnographic material culture." She had recently been honored in an exhibition of Rhode Island Women of Distinction. Barbara's grandson Daniel Byers is an award-winning expedition filmmaker for USAID, *National Geographic*, and others. Her son, Clinton Andrews, is professor and associate dean at Rutgers U. Daughter Cindy Elder directs communications for the Rhode Island Food Bank. What she likes most about her life right now is "time to enjoy being alive." Least: "Aches and pains of arthritis." What next? "I hope for a continuum, with not too much of a downturn, so that I can enjoy the unfolding careers of my children and grandchildren."

**Frederic Rubinstein**, LLB '55 (New York, NY) was looking forward to a river cruise to Belgium and Holland, which was scheduled to begin May 4. Recently he has been working with Common Cause NY, which his wife, Susan, chairs, to get money out of politics. He is part-time at Kelley Drye, his law firm, travels, and reads historical nonfiction and European spy and detective fiction. At Cornell, he learned "how not to get so involved in extracurricular (Octagon Club) activities as to barely pass Economics 101 and Calculus." **Ed Biederman Jr.** (State College, PA) says, "I'm continuing to write novels, most of which are based on actual events." Currently in print are *Polar 44 Ring 5* and *The Interviews*. His stories cover historical events and life after the university. In addition to writing, he says he works inside and outside his home trying to keep things working and looking cared for. Reflecting on campus culture then and now, he writes, "Electronics have taken over where there used to be face-to-face conversation. At Cornell, I learned to think for myself and not to follow the trends that consume intellectual life at universities."

**Fraeda Aronovitz** Parish (Arlington, VA) writes, "Recently I have been moving—from warm Florida to winter in the D.C.-Virginia area, but the advantage to having family around makes it worth the move!" At Cornell, Fraeda says, "I learned how to be an independent being." **John Talmage** ([seagull2@optonline.net](mailto:seagull2@optonline.net)) is still in Riverhead, NY. **Marilyn Goldstein** Jeffs, BS Nurs '52 (Ann Arbor, MI; [mjjeffs3@att.net](mailto:mjjeffs3@att.net)) would love to be able to travel to Europe, but can't as her legs are very unstable due to bone and joint damage from a 1986 car accident. However, she does remain involved in classes at Temple Beth Emeth in mediation, Torah discussion, and a spirituality book club. Marilyn is also involved in International Neighbors, a group of women who live in Ann Arbor temporarily because their husbands are at the U. of Michigan or in the auto industry working on Japanese cars. She does water aerobics and uses upper body weight machines. Marilyn studied at the medical campus in New York, and says, "I had an awesome nursing education."

**Evelyn "Kris" Hoffmann** Huffman (Kansas City, MO) has been busy. "Moving—downsizing. Can't

find a thing. Trying to get a new hip and selling the old house. Whew! Looking for stuff and talking to medical personnel. Moving is hard especially when too much stuff is chasing too few shelves." Kris says she would also like to be traveling to Europe, running in races, and looking at a clean desk. She compares campus culture then and now: "Gracious living is gone—too bad, but not signing in and out is good." What did she learn at Cornell? "The Greek alphabet. This is a good question, but a dangerous one. I guess I learned to be a better student and how to take a punch."

Please note my report at the Class Council meeting. No new news forms between September and January. Thus, no new news, unless you e-mail me (see below) or call (see directory). Or tell me who you would like to know about, and I will try to contact them. ✉ **Joan Boffa** Gaul, joangaul@mac.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**53** Discharged twice from the Army and once from the Navy, **Glenn Crone** (Ashland, VA) circled the planet three times before the age of 30. Armed forces of the nation made Japan his home for two years. He went on to professional problem-solving for five years in Indonesia. Back home in the US, he undertook split careers in real estate, radio/TV, and theatre. He estimates that he has appeared in 50-some motion pictures so far, most lately *Lincoln*. At one time, his five children were abducted. It took two and a half years dealing with Rhodesian courts to get them back. "We were successful." That bearded S. Claus is coming to town any day now. Glenn will be sitting in for him as he has been doing, professionally, for a half-century. His book, "US," of 49 letters between Claus at the North Pole and St. Nicholas, alive and well, in Bari, Italy, was scheduled for release this year, as was his "An Almost-Was on the Threshold of Being a Has-Been."

**Stu Warshauer**, MBA '54 (Naples, FL) went to Washington to get 2014 started. At the National Zoo, he welcomed a newborn panda. At the Int'l Spy Museum, he looked into "spies, intelligence operations, and deceptions that changed the course of history." He found himself in James Bondsville. Word is that many of the unbelievable 007 devices that were dreamed up for the flicks were "actually developed and used by US intelligence." Some idea of what he encountered at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum can be seen on a 38-minute film—*The Path to Nazi Genocide*—via [www.ushmm.org/learn/introduction-to-the-Holocaust](http://www.ushmm.org/learn/introduction-to-the-Holocaust). The trip was topped by a family bar mitzvah celebration in a building with a bright night view of the White House, brilliantly lit by spotlights. He could pause to reflect on it all from his new condo in Florida, seven floors above sea level, "with the Gulf of Mexico in sight from every window. There's a boardwalk below, with alligators, turtles, and various tropical birds to be watched at reasonable distances after a stroll through a mangrove forest." Stu and his seven-piece Naples Klezmer Revival Band can be heard in jazz/dinner clubs and the like and Googled.

Here's a toast to **Jane Little** Hardy (Ithaca, NY), who has donated hours, imagination, expertise, and effort to creating a '53 60th Reunion scrapbook. **Claire Nagel** (Cape May, NJ) has been given time to, among other things, bring attention to the needs of children whose parents are incarcerated, besides mentoring a local college student.

Asked about interesting people she has met, Claire cited a somewhat distant cousin, the noted Prof. Mecke Nagel of SUNY Cortland, who has taught at Cornell, and is, for one thing, co-editor of the article "Prisons, Peace, and Social Justice." They met for the first time this year. **Edie Wilson** Kutscher (NYC) and partner **Jay Ostrow** went to see *Act One* at NYC's Lincoln Center last spring and found themselves seated smack in front of **Sandy Posner**, MBA '54, and **Ira** and **Myrna Zimmerman**

(Germans). Son of a Great Lakes ore carrier captain, Koontz was a keen student of the US Constitution and, says Geiger, taught him much about it. They also shared a fondness for Bavaria, where Geiger was raised. An Army ROTC lieutenant, Koontz was stationed in Salzburg and was warmly welcomed on visits to Geiger's family. He was the last American officer to leave Austria after the Soviet occupation. Back in the US, he studied ship engineering and became chief engineer on an ore

‘Moving—downsizing. Can't find a thing.’

Evelyn "Kris" Hoffmann Huffman '52

**Miller '54**. "It was nice to see our old classmates in good health and looking so well," said Edie. She also fondly remembers a cruise from Valparaiso, Chile, to Tahiti—via Easter Island. **Sheila Olsen** Chidester, MEd '54 (Madison, NJ) reports "visits to my young families, who are not so young anymore. The grandbabies whom I cared for so joyfully could now pick me up and carry me."

**Al Packer** (Granville, OH), seen and heard at recent years' reunions with vintage Cayuga's Waiters (approximate triple-quartet) of the Fifties, enjoys mentoring international college students from faraway places. He mentions, but not in overwhelming detail, "tagging along" on an intriguingly named Guys' Play Trip with two college seniors to L.A., S.F., Berkeley, and Yosemite. He says he "still does a little commercial real estate and a few small rentals." He tells of "an Air Force wedding at Offutt AFB, which was a landmark get-together of my crew. It warmed the heart of this old USAF retiree." That mention of his crew occasioned a leap to the conclusion that it was maybe a Strategic Air Command air crew and there would be some compelling telling of tales of the Wild Blue Yonder. Well, it turned out to mean crew in the sense of family—the wedding of his first son's first son. He says his family is "a wonderful bunch of adult kids, grandkids, and especially a half-dozen great-grandkids."

Al adds that the Air Force sent him to Sampson AFB, Alaska, and elsewhere. Called back to the Air National Guard in Minneapolis, there came a time when Hubert Humphrey arrived at the ANG base and needed a lift. So Al got to chauffeur him. "I noticed that if you asked him a question he would look you squarely in the eye. You knew that he had heard your question and was giving it serious consideration. The answer would be pure gold. Sometime later it came to me that he hadn't answered the question at all."

So, when asked in our questionnaire about "interesting individuals I've met or heard," Al replied that he's been listening to the conservative voice of Dr. Ben Carson "with high respect and hopes." Carson, you may recall, was the first surgeon to successfully separate twins conjoined at the head. Furthermore, Al reports a lot of Internet research on autoimmune diseases. "I refuse to accept 'cause unknown' and 'there is no cure.'" He lives in interesting times.

Friends since their college days, **Erwin Geiger**, MBA '54 (Palm Harbor, FL) wrote a warm tribute to **Richard B. Koontz**, whom he met in Economics classes. They lived in the same rooming house, and their friendship endured until Dick's death last April. He was born in Kitchener, ON (it was called Berlin until 1917, and was home to many ethnic

carrier. Geiger and Koontz remained in close touch until and through retirement years. Grateful for all that Cornell gave him, Koontz, who had no children, left his entire estate to Cornell. ✉ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 First Ave., #8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, [jch46@cornell.edu](mailto:jch46@cornell.edu).

**54** I enjoy writing this column, but have come to realize it has an earthshaking effect of huge proportions. A tad of history is necessary here. While writing the column in October 1989, I was frightened by the sensation of a jumbo jet landing in my driveway in Kentfield, CA. On further investigation, it was not a jet, but something of greater significance: the Loma Prieta 6.9 earthquake. A quake of that magnitude gets one's attention. In August 2011, again while working on the column, I felt a familiar vibration. I was, at that moment, on the phone with my son in California. Said I was experiencing another quake and, as sons will do, he very patiently told his ancient mom, "You live in Virginia. They do not have quakes." Oh yes, they do. It happened again this morning. Was up early typing with the radio on when the Napa Valley experienced a 6.0 quake. My daughter lives in Napa. Am pondering the probabilities—coincidence or something else?

The glow of Reunion remains, and if you wish to check who was there or continue a conversation, check our class website for a list of attendees. I regret that I was not able to acknowledge and thank all of the following who were at Reunion and helped make this column possible.

Patti and **Duane Neil**, who married this past March 15, joined us for Reunion. For their honeymoon, they cruised from Miami to Barcelona, stopping along the way in Bermuda and Casablanca. They saw a good bit of **Ruth Carpenter** Bailey, who, with Herm, has moved from the Blue Ridge Mountains to Clive, IA, for age-related issues—not for the salubrious climate. **Nancy "Lisa" Rink** Kelly moved to Tucson, AZ, after living in New Hampshire and Vermont, where she taught music. Lisa was involved with the Girl Scouts and was circulation supervisor for Keene State College library, along with caring for her husband during his eight-year battle with cancer. She now resides in a warmer climate and has become both a creator and collector of quilts.

**Linda Stagg** Long is still very pleased with her move from the Big Sur area of California to Dublin, OH, where she is closer to her daughter, her grands, and her new great-grand. **Sylvia Taub** Bernstein-Tregub traveled from Encino, CA, as she has for several reunions. Sylvia hopes never to

move for reasons many of us understand (i.e., the effort of moving life's accumulation of precious memories). With moving a non-issue, she can sing in her temple choir and work for several boards. **Diane Freeman Kuehn** was glad to be back and spend time with her college roommate **Ruth Behrens White**. She saw **Toni Mullen Walsh**, who lives in Scotia, NY, and, like Sylvia, has no plans to leave. Her volunteering involves politics, the library, two theatres, and her church, along with the Cornell Club of the Capital District.

**Bob, LLB '54**, and **Alice Green Fried** traveled to Reunion from West Orange, NJ, where Alice has lived her entire life with no plans to move—well, except to Florida for six months each year for a bit of wardrobe, scenery, and temperature change. Lois and **Arthur Auer** have moved recently to reduce stress and simplify their lives, but still live in the D.C. area, where Art volunteers at the National Museum of Natural History. **Gil Henoch**, LLB '58, is, at the moment, fully involved in the law. He may retire next year, at which time he plans to travel across the country to see towns he has never heard of. I love that idea, but it might take a couple of lifetimes to do.

**Bernice "Bunny" Rotter Schmid** left Brooklyn and moved eastward to Mineola, NY, to be

nearer one of her daughters. She volunteers in the gift shop of the Nassau County Museum of Art. She, too, would like to see those places she has yet to visit. **Bob '53** and **Lou Schaefer Dailley** dropped by Reunion as one of their stops on a month-long, 6,000-mile driving tour to see family and friends. I guess once you leave Florida in the summer, you keep going till it cools. Clem and **Betty Wagler** Striso were looking forward to seeing Cornell's new buildings, and they did get to Gates, which was a treat. Betty says, "I garden, ski, and read a lot. Do some community stuff—like art shows, theatre, museums, etc." The list now includes one building project. They too would like to see places not yet seen. Now why is it I have been to China twice and Africa six times?

No Cornell event would be complete without Su and **Ken Hershey**, and they were there, bringing with them their marvelous sense of *joie de vivre*. The Hersheys have lived in the same location for 55 years and I doubt a move was ever considered. There are few sports at which they do not excel, but Ken still dreams of a golf score lower than his age. ☐ **Les Papenfus** Reed, [lesliejreed@me.com](mailto:lesliejreed@me.com). Class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**55** Memories . . . Both **Beverly MacNamara Wait** and **Francine Goldberger Rubenstein** cherish the memory of living in Sage sophomore year. Fran explains, "Our alarm clock was the chimes, right outside our window." She goes on, "What a shame the word 'government' has been given a bad name, but I've never lost interest in it."

Neither has **Gerald McDonald**, who writes that he's retired as a civil trial attorney. Jerry lived at Sigma Phi Epsilon for two years. He graduated from Albany Law School and, until this year, was involved in law practice, Bar Association activities, and pro bono assignments. "It's been an exciting and memorable journey." **Andy Dadagian** remembers studying under Nabokov in Goldwin Smith and living in Baker Hall from 1953-55. He feels his education prepared him well for his career as a surgeon. Ophthalmologist **David Berler**, MD '58, is still seeing patients, "but no surgery." Both his sons attended Cornell and he would "absolutely" recommend a Cornell education to a young person today.

Good news from **Nancy Eisenberg** Grabow, who says, "I recently moved to NYC to live with my longtime friend, Jack Goodman." Nancy stays in touch with **Axel Hochkoepler**, among others. **Ann Overbeck** has checked off all the destinations

on her travel bucket list, including (last year) London, Philadelphia—to see the Flower Show and museums—Russia, and California. She's "already done Africa, the Arctic and Antarctica, India, Bhutan, etc." (I love when people say "etc." It leaves multitudes of destinations to the imagination!)

Sophomore year was a biggie for many of us, to judge from your comments. Ann lived in Comstock B with **Carol Jenne Welch**, **Ann Blodgett** Brown, and **Jan Lepard** Danaher. Across the street, **Elinor Rorhlich** Koepfel and **Margot Oppenheim** Robinson called "Grisley Risley" home, but had a good year there. **Tara Prince** Goldman enjoyed Comstock with **Elaine Travis** Diamond and **Hilda Bressler** Minkoff. "Of course, meals in Risley were a pain," she adds. **Ann Busch** Githler also cited 1952-53 as a banner year, living in a Comstock apartment with **Jane Morgan** Nichols, **Sue Hurd** Machamer, **Audrey Kinney** Pabst, and **Jane Rippe** Eckhardt.

**Eugene Smith** has had a remarkable career. He explains, "From 1962 to 1964 I was an NIH post-doctoral research fellow at the Mt. Sinai Hospital in NYC. I collected sera from highly immunized hemophilia patients and found antibodies to an unknown antigen. Dr. Baruch Blumberg heard about my work and found the antigen was hepatitis B. He then developed the hepatitis B vaccine and won the Nobel Prize in 1976." Eugene and Marcia now live in Norwood, NJ, where he says he's "a competent skier" but struggles with the piano. "Mozart is doable, Beethoven a reach." He remembers living in a Collegetown apartment with **Greg Siskind**, **Mort Schnee**, and **Mike Olichney**, MD '60, with **Clive Usiskin** nearby with his new wife.



### Extreme Close-Up: Answers (From pages 46 to 53)

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South Albany St. was the first address for **Bill Andrews** and his bride. "The answer to why it was most enjoyable should be obvious." During his first two years, Bill lived on Kline Rd., in converted Sampson Air Force barracks, and washed pots at Risley ("21 hours for 21 meals!"). He remembered Major Rex Morgan, who was "totally unforgettable during our senior ROTC training. He was a born entertainer, and his specialty was hypnosis." **Karl Wendt**, BArch '61, lives in Cortland and keeps busy charter boat fishing on Lake Ontario for king salmon and lake and brown trout. Along with **Hal Foster**, BArch '56, and **Richard Abbott**, BArch '58, Karl lived at 636 Stewart Ave., and the three have been "lifelong friends."

**Barbara Brott** Myers was the "night girl" in Balch. "I had my own room, but so many friends!" **Howland Swift** had a great year at Grandview Ct., with Hotelies **Dave Clark**, the **Deardens**, **Bill Smith**, and **Al Warner** nearby. **Lou Altman** enjoyed living in Collegetown his senior year, and remembers Prof. Grantham, who taught Physics ("See how far the Earth has rotated since you were sleeping!"). We send condolences to **Anders Kaufmann**, BArch '56's widow, Peggy, who notified us of his death. She wrote, "Andy never lost his love of Cornell and the many friends he made there. He led an active life: teaching, acting, sailing, singing, and continuing his architectural practice right up until his death last February."

Bringing you up to the present, **Danny Krouner** and his wife were notified that since they've been Celtics season ticket holders for over 40 years, their names will be put on a banner and hung up in the Boston Garden, with all the players' retired numbers and 17 championship banners. "Wow! Up there with Cousy, Bird, Russell, Auerbach, and the others!" Danny exults. He remembers being with Hotelies, fraternity brothers, and basketball teammates. "I had the best people in the world as friends, while even learning some schoolwork."

**Eva Konig Ray** and **Philip Harvey** are planning to host a Class of 1955 get-together in early February in the Philadelphia area. It will feature a tour of the incredible \$25B (yes, that does mean billion) Barnes collection of major Impressionist artists. This collection has been moved to a new home on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, less than a mile from the marvelous Philadelphia Museum of Art. A cocktail party and supper will be scheduled for the evening at Eva's Villanova home. If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Eva (ekr3@cornell.edu; (610) 223-3817) or Philip (harvey1933@verizon.net; (610) 357-9655). E-mails containing your phone contacts would be preferred. More details clarifying a date, meeting times, and directions will be sent later to interested classmates.

**Joel and Sherry Vogel Mallin**, BS '54, collectors of contemporary art, once again hosted classmates on September 7 at Buckhorn, their 15-acre home. Among the woodlands, gardens, and orchards are 70 outdoor sculptures and an art barn. We thank the Mallins for graciously opening their home to us for the fifth time. **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancypetrie@optonline.net. Class website, <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**56** **John Harney**, described in the *New York Times* as the "missionary who spread the Gospel of Tea," passed away in June. John was the founder of Harney & Sons, a specialty tea company that helped restore the American palate for high-quality

teas. John served in the Marine Corps and then graduated from the Hotel school. Four years later, he moved to Salisbury, CT, to become part owner and innkeeper of the White Hart Inn, a 200-year-old restaurant and hotel. John had two absolute rules in making a good cup of tea: first, use furiously boiling water; and second, make sure it is properly steeped. "Five minutes," he said. "No more, no less."

**Chuck Feeney** was recently honored by *Forbes Magazine* with the Forbes 400 Lifetime Achievement Award. He was described in the magazine as "the James Bond of philanthropy." In addition, it was announced that Chuck is a 2014 recipient of the Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award. This award honors alumni who have demonstrated extraordinary service to Cornell through long-term volunteer activities. Our class, by the way, has contributed more than \$150 million to Cornell since graduation, and this does not include the extraordinary sums given by Chuck. **Roy Curtiss III** (Paradise Valley, AZ) was just awarded the 2014 Founders Faculty Research Award from Arizona State U., and the 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Society for Microbiology (the highest award given by ASM). To celebrate, Roy went to Brazil to watch eight World Cup games with his children.

Co-correspondent **Steve Kittenplan** and wife Gail were my hosts at a delicious dinner this past summer, where I got to hear about their summer vacation on Martha's Vineyard. **Barbara Rapoport** and I shared a tour of the High Line in Manhattan with others on a Cornell alumni-sponsored event this past May. And while I was waiting for co-reunion chair **Carole Rapp** Thompson to arrive for our bridge game, there were Rosa and Frank Rhodes waiting for their bus to take them back to Ithaca! Wasn't I lucky to have them all to myself for a catch-up conversation. Barbara also dined with **Norma Redstone** Shakun in NYC to speak their mutual second language: French. Norma and her husband, Melvin, divide their time between Paris and Brattleboro, VT. Barbara also reported a recent mini-class reunion at the Four Seasons in NYC with **Arlene Shatsky** Chasek and **Syrell Rogovin** Leahy.

**Dan Silverberg** and wife Linda spent most of the summer at Chautauqua, and then were off to Florence, Italy, with 16 members of their family. **Anne Markley** Mays (Quincy, IL) wrote, "In June, I moved into an independent cottage at a retirement home. Three of my sons, ten of my 14 grandchildren, and four of my eight great-grandchildren are here in Quincy. With 40 immediate relatives (and my being an only child), I love spending time with my family. My church takes up most of my volunteer time." Anne adds, "Illinois had a rough winter—like the good old days in Ithaca."

**Carole Biller** Goldfarb (Old Westbury, NY) is staying active volunteering for the League of Women Voters and Planned Parenthood. She writes, "I've been teaching creative writing to seniors for the last few years, and I'm really enjoying it." Carole adds, "I have two grandchildren in Steuben, ME, and two in San Diego, CA, which makes family get-togethers challenging. I'm enjoying the museums, concerts, and theatre here on Long Island and in NYC. We're contemplating a move to San Diego in the near future, but haven't finalized any plans yet."

**James Yates** (Lemoine, PA) writes, "I'm still active in central Pennsylvania as a plastic surgeon, and have been for 47 years." James was recognized by *Harrisburg Magazine* in their "Simply the Best" section for his work as a surgeon. **Stephen Hall** (Sarasota, FL) has been dealing with his

Parkinson's disease, but, he says, "My reduced mobility has not affected my ability to be creative." Indeed, Stephen was working on his new book, "Plumb Bob," when he wrote. He says, "It is a book about achieving excellence both personally and for the organization, and it is an easy read for everyone who wishes to make excellence a part of their life." He adds, "Living in Florida, I try to avoid thinking about snow, but with one grandson at Cornell and another one at Ithaca College, it is hard not to think of the snowy winter mornings I spent trudging up the Slope."

**Margot Lurie** Zimmerman's son Jonathan, a professor of education and history at New York U., wrote recently on the op/ed page of the *New York Times*: "As a former Peace Corps volunteer—and the son of a former Peace Corps country director—I was distressed to read about the tragic death of Nick Castle in China. My heart goes out to his family and to the loved ones of the other volunteers who lost their lives. But it would compound the tragedy if these reports dissuaded Americans from joining the Peace Corps. Of course the agency should do everything possible to protect volunteers' health and safety. Yet there will always be a degree of risk, which is the cost of working in remote places where Westerners rarely venture. My father lost a volunteer when he was a director, and I lost a Peace Corps friend as well, both to travel-related accidents, so I don't take the costs lightly. But I also believe that Americans need to take more risks—not fewer—if they want to understand how the rest of the world lives. The Peace Corps made my dad and me into the people that we are. I wouldn't trade it for the world." Thank you, Jon.

Plans are beginning to shape up for our 60th Reunion in 2016, and you will hear more about these plans in this column in 2015. **Phyllis Bosworth**, [phylboz@aol.com](mailto:phylboz@aol.com).

**57** How are you celebrating your 80th birthday? **Mabel Klisch** Deal was honored with a party given by her four children and celebrated with friends near her home in Stanley, NY. **Connie Santagato** Hosterman sent along an article from the *Schenectady Daily Gazette* about **Marilyn Greene** Abrams, who recently won the French equivalent of the Tony, the Molière Award, for Best Comedy. *Shear Madness*, one of the longest running non-musical plays in the history of theatre, had its first showing in Lake George with Marilyn in a starring role. She continues to oversee several productions of the play throughout the US.

**Betty Starr** King took a trip to the Holy Land last summer and stayed in Bethlehem and Nazareth. She was able to visit Petra in Jordan, take a boat trip across the Sea of Galilee, and view the Wailing Wall and the Mount of Olives, among other places. A few weeks after she returned, Betty headed off to Chautauqua for a conference and ran into **Ted Raab**, who has had a summer home there for a number of years.

My first on-campus CAU experience was interesting—living in Court Hall for a week and taking meals at Purcell Student Union. What great food choices the students have today. The weather cooperated for the Golf Clinic, in which I was a "student" and I put my lessons into practice on the Robert Trent Jones course. Lunch breaks were in the **Jack McCormick** Grill at Moakley, a lovely facility thanks to Jack's generosity. **Joe '56**, MBA '58, and **Sue DeRosay Henninger**, **Tom '56** and **Marilyn Way Merryweather**, and **Bob '55**,

MBA '57, and **Vanne Shelley Cowie** were also on campus to take the Altschuler/Kramnick course on Cornell's America and America's Cornell. At the afternoon cocktail hour (yes, there was drinking in the dorm!), the day's lecture would be discussed. **Nancy Krauthamer Goldberg** made arrangements for our CAU group to have dinner at the Country Club of Ithaca one evening along with **Marj Nelson Smart** and **Bob Camp '58**, MBA '60, and Nancy's husband, **Stan '55**. In reminiscing, Marilyn recalled arriving at Cornell via the old Lehigh Valley RR—and one of the first classmates she met was **Bobbie Redden Leamer**. When Nancy arrived in Ithaca from Cleveland she met **Carol Cobb** Divier, and Nancy has remained in the area ever since.

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Svein Arber '59

She continues with her Learning Foundations of Ithaca, which focuses on helping students to be accepted into their choice of academic programs.

It's not too late to get in touch with **Judy Richter** Levy, LLB '59 (judrylevy@aol.com) if you'd like to attend a '57 dinner before the November 29 hockey game at Madison Square Garden. ☒ **Judy Reusswig**, 19 Seburn Dr., Bluffton, SC 29909; e-mail, JCreuss@aol.com.

**58 Robert C. Camp**, MBA '60, of Ithaca, was recently honored with the American Society for Quality's Distinguished Service Medal—the highest distinction for service from that society. Bob has excelled in “benchmarking,” a system described by the title of his bestselling book, *Benchmarking: The Search for Industry Best Practices that Lead to Superior Performance*, which he has used effectively with major corporations and during his 23 years with Xerox Corp. His book has been translated into 14 languages and used around the world, where he has traveled extensively in speaking of his experiences in that area of expertise. Congratulations, Bob.

We can report that we have just visited with good friends and fellow Cornellians **Larry '57** and **Marilyn Zeltner Teel** and **Roger** and **Irene Rizzi Metzger** in early August in Western New York. The Teels' oldest grandson, Jimmy, son of daughter **Kathleen Teel Wagner '87** and husband **Dan '87**, is a senior at Penn, having played football the last three years there; **Tommy Wagner '17**, the second grandson, plays baseball for Cornell; and Michael is a high school senior in Victor, NY, and a football star wooed by many colleges these days. Roger Metzger says he is not doing so well (“old age,” he'd say), and Irene is a great caregiver, now getting some help at their home in East Aurora. We caught up at the Chautauqua Inst. with retired pastor **Barry Grevatt** and his wife, Mary Lou. They still live in New Hampshire and are getting along well, especially so for Barry after his severe stroke five years ago. He's had a marvelous recovery, with Mary Lou's help, and except for reading, which strangely his mind will not allow him to do, he's fine. The Grevatts can be reached at cgrvttnh@aol.com.

Finally, in this news-input-short column, we can report that **Al Podell** is safely back from his 15th (and last, he says) trip to Africa, where he completed his saga of legally visiting (i.e., with a proper visa, not sneaking over the border) every known country of the world. His forthcoming book, now with a title, should be hilarious, in ways only Al can make it so, as well as probably serious on some fronts, as he presents his views on customs and people worldwide. *Watch for Around the World in 50 Years* at your favorite bookstore, or (no doubt to Al's dismay) your local library, around March 2015. If you really want to keep track of its progress, check out the website: 50yearsaround.guru.

With hopes for news of what you're doing these days, we send best wishes again to all '58ers for happy holidays and good health in the New Year. ☒ **Dick Haggard**, richardhaggard11@gmail.com; **Jan Arps** Jarvie, janjarvie@gmail.com.

**59 Harlan Harrison** of Schenectady, NY, has finally retired after practicing law for 52 years. “He finally got it perfect, so he could stop practicing,” comments son **Dan '91**, who notes that his father now has lots of time for golf and travel—but “definitely will not be learning how to use a smartphone or set up a Facebook account.” To help celebrate retirement, Harlan and his wife, Helen, vacationed in Napa, meeting up with Dan and his wife, Libby, and their daughters (“future Cornellians, I hope!”).

When we last mentioned **Svein Arber**, he was on the verge of moving from San Francisco to Northampton, MA. “These days I'm a substitute teacher at Northampton High School four or five days a month. I've joined a group of cocktail-hour patrons at a nearby pub, and I make regular trips to NYC to visit my daughter and reminisce about those long-ago years when I lived in Manhattan, worked in book publishing, and took full advantage of the many perquisites available to young bachelors in the '60s and early '70s. I'm also plugging away at a novel, unconcerned about what will happen to it when I'm done. At this age, I have the luxury of writing fiction without putting my ego on the line; I can barely see the scars from my three previous efforts that went nowhere.” **Margaret Chamberlain Beringer** and her husband, **Bob '58**, moved in 2013 from New Jersey to Topsham, ME, to be closer to two sons and their families. Peggy has become a big sister to a third grader in Topsham, joined a neighborhood sewing group, and sings in the Highlands Choral Group.

In May, **Ratan Tata**, BArch '62, became the first Indian to be awarded the Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire (GBE) since India became a republic in 1950. The GBE is one of the highest honors given by Queen Elizabeth II to civilians. Speaking after the ceremony, the British

high commissioner to India said, “Ratan Tata's leadership, vision, and integrity will remain the gold standard for generations of aspirational British and Indian business people. His contribution to the deep ties that exist between the UK and India has been invaluable.” Ratan, chairman emeritus of Tata Sons, is a member of the UK-India CEO Forum and the British Prime Minister's Business Advisory Group. He also maintains close links with UK academia, including the London School of Economics, where the Sir Ratan Tata Fellowship is available to scholars with experience researching on South Asia in the social sciences.

**Ron and Sally Schwartz Muzii** and their good friends **Dexter** and **Linda Pritchard Kimball** enjoyed a springtime river cruise aboard the MS *Amalegro* up the Seine, visiting Giverny, Rouen, the Normandy beaches, etc. “To our delight, we met classmate **Marshall Bernstein** and his wife Marilyn on board the ship,” writes Sally. Also this past spring, **Dick Horwich**, accompanied by his wife, daughter, and two grandchildren, journeyed to Mexico. **George Vernardakis** spends about two months each year on Cyprus, where he was born, and enjoys cruising (among the best: the Norwegian fjords). **Benson Simon's** recent trips included cross-country skiing in Vermont and scuba diving in Martinique. Benson, BA '61, MBA '62, is also studying cinema history and theory at the U. of Maryland. Another '59 scholar is **Linda Rogers** Cohen, who recently completed her second MOOC course.

A fun-filled weekend in Maine about a year ago brought together a group of Cornellians—eight of them Alpha Delta Phi brothers—and their spouses and family. **Cal** and **Ginger Carr** hosted the gathering at their bayside home in Boothbay. Joining in were **Bill**, BArch '61, and **Jan Dring**, **Hans** and **Barbara Lawaetz**, **Dan**, BA '61, and **Ann Hall**, **Sherry Walther** Kaplan, **Stan Lomax**, JD '62, **Tom**, BEE '61, and **Margret Martin**, **Bob** and **Penny Nelson** (and their daughter), **Sally Eaton** Vrooman, and **Gordy Anderson '58**. A highlight of the event was an overnight visit by boat to Monhegan Island. The weekend also featured a lobster bake, a guided tour of Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences, a stroll through the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, and a night out in Boothbay Harbor. Before a dinner at the Carrs', the group shared remembrances of **Dave Vrooman**, a regular at these periodic Alpha Delt reunions, who passed away early in 2013.

Two classmates who weren't at our reunion in June—**Ron Demer** and **Erik Gregersen**, BME '61—missed the occasion because (quelle horreur!) they were at their 50th Reunion from Harvard Business School. Ron sent along Erik's profile from the event, in which Erik notes that he and his wife, **Sandy (Wolf) '60**, “enjoy a full life of travel, sailing, volunteering, and just having a good time.” (Among Erik's nonprofit activities: membership in the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County and the Solvang Heritage Association.) After retiring, the couple built a house on a ranch in Solvang, CA, that has been in Erik's family since 1910. They're in the middle of one of the best wine-producing areas in the world, which in 2013 was granted its own Ballard Canyon American Viticultural Area. ☒ **Jenny Tesar**, jet24@cornell.edu.

**60 Carolyn Carlson** Blake reports enthusiastically about a long trip she and **Alys Chew** Yeh took to China not long ago. They spent almost a

month touring such places as Shanghai, Beijing, Xian, the Yangtze River, Tibet, and Hong Kong. "It was quite an adventure," Carolyn says. "Amazing to climb the Great Wall, view the 7,000 terra cotta soldiers, and see the Three Gorges dam and power plant. The diversity of the country, the enormous building going on, the friendly people, the pandas, and the Himalayan Mountains all left us with so much to absorb. For Alys, it was also a time for a special reunion with her brother-in-law and family in Hong Kong." Carolyn adds, "I was impressed by the way our tour group made a great effort to introduce us to the everyday life of those living in small villages as well as activities in the large cities." She is now at home in Allendale, NJ, and Alys is back in Oakland, CA, both presumably looking over new travel brochures.

**Albert Tripodi** says, "I am currently enjoying the sunshine, beach, cycling, and tennis on Longboat Key, FL, with my fiancée, Fran Harris. I am medical director and a member of the board of governors of the Friendship Centers in Sarasota. I also enjoy teaching at the Lifelong Learning Academy affiliated with the U. of South Florida in Sarasota." In May, he reported, he attended his grandson Dylan's graduation from Union College and his granddaughter Eliza's marriage in Syracuse.

In late May, **Dixie Palmer** Peaslee, BFA '60, left her painting studio and family in Seattle to spend a week in New York City visiting museums and galleries and catching up with old friends on the East Coast. Several classmates made the trip to the Big Apple to see her. The first group who came included **Nancy Hoefft** Eales of Malvern, PA, **Gretchen Zahm** Babarovic, BArch '60, of Sharon, CT, and **Julie Erb** Meyers, BFA '60, of Guilford, CT, followed by your correspondent, who traveled from Boston to enjoy some long city walks with Dixie and a memorable dinner at the Metropolitan Museum hosted by **Dan '58** and **Barbara Cyrus Martin**.

**Dolores Furtado** is now president of the League of Women Voters of Kansas, and points out that her organization is focused on changing state regulations, which keeps it monitoring the impact on voter registration and voting. "As a former member of the Kansas House of Representatives," she says, "I am concerned about the funding cuts to education, both in the K-12 and the university sector. And as a professor emerita from the U. of Kansas Medical School, it concerns me greatly to read that legislators are wanting to quantify the return for investing in research and in tenure. These are challenging times!"

"At the risk of being bumptious," writes **David Simpson** from Tenaflly, NJ, "I will report that my two Cornell children are both pursuing academic careers. **Gideon '03** has just joined Drexel U. as an assistant professor of mathematics, and **Catherine Simpson-Bueker '96** has been awarded tenure as an associate professor of sociology at Emmanuel College in Boston and is also a visiting professor at Harvard. My only excuse for this sort of shameless display of pride is my appreciation for their having chosen careers of value and integrity and the fact that they would never send in this kind of information to the *Alumni News*." Also in the proud parent category is **Davi-Linda Katzin** Friedman, BS HE '68, of Laconia, NH, whose three daughters include **Ann-Isabel Friedman '82**, described by her mother as "one of New York's outstanding historic preservationists," and Karen and Debbi, "outstanding social-worker-teachers in Massachusetts." Davi-Linda and David have been married for 54 years and are enjoying their eight grandchildren,

who range in age from just 3 to 25, and include twins who are all-star baseball players.

**Edith Rogovin** Frankel of Colts Neck, NJ, notes that she has made use of some of her winter vacation time in the sunny South over the past few years by giving lectures in the Lifelong Learning program at Florida Atlantic U. A political scientist whose published work has focused on Russia and the Soviet Union, Edith says, "This year I gave a lecture series on 'The Jews and the Tsars' at FAU in Boca Raton and on 'Jewish Life in the Pale of Settlement' at the Jupiter campus. To do this, I had to master the art of Key Note for my presentations. It's great fun." She was also pleased to discover various Cornell alumni in her audiences.

Don't forget to put June 5-8, 2015 on your calendars for our 55th Reunion in Ithaca. You can check out our class website, [www.classof60.alumni.cornell.edu](http://www.classof60.alumni.cornell.edu). And, please, please, send your news for the class column to me at: [Judy Bryant Wittenberg, jw275@cornell.edu](mailto:JudyBryantWittenberg@cornell.edu).

**61 Harris Rosen** (Orlando, FL) writes, "I will be visiting Ft. Bragg in September for my sixth year in a row to celebrate my birthday. This is where I did my basic training during my junior year at Cornell. Rosen Hotels & Resorts will be celebrating its 40th anniversary on June 24, 2014. We started with a 256-room motel we purchased for \$20,000 and assumed a mortgage. Today we have 6,400 rooms and no debts. My four children are all in college, three of them at the Rosen College of Hospitality Management and one at the Culinary Inst. of America." Thanks, Harris, for the news. Meanwhile friends, we need to hear from you too. **Doug Fuss** and I know how much you like to read the column, and it's good to learn what's going on in your lives. We'll be sending an e-mail solicitation for news in early October, so we hope that will bring plenty of updates for our upcoming issues. If you haven't written yet, please do. Or you can go directly to the online news form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

Doug suggested, "Write about your retirement." Well, we went on the road right away after my husband's last day. Up to Canada, then a bit later to Colorado and Santa Fe to join up with my daughter and her family vacationing there. We needed to visit Palo Alto soon after to look after Bill's mom, and it's been at-home ever since. I'm up to my eyeballs in local library volunteer work, and Bill practices guitar each day leading to a soirée at our home in a couple of weeks where he'll play the music of the Brazilian composer Heitor Villa-Lobos. He doesn't miss the pulpit, but does miss leading the choir. I tease him that it's the black robe that I miss. What's ahead? Most likely a move to the East near daughter Heather. We both love history and there's enough there to fill lifetimes.

And there it is. And you can write just as much stuff as I just did. We can't ask you enough. Please write us. [Susan Williams Stevens, sastevens61@gmail.com](mailto:SusanWilliamsStevens@sastevens61@gmail.com); **Doug Fuss**, [dougout@attglobal.net](http://www.attglobal.net). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**62** The Class of 1962 has entered the 21st century! This summer we launched our new class website—[cornellclassof62.org](http://cornellclassof62.org)—where you will find virtually everything class-related for the past half-century-plus at your fingertips. Beginning on

Home Page, viewers have a choice of easy-to-use navigational tabs and submenus with which to explore the entire site. Looking for old school friends? Click on the tab CornellConnect and then select Find Alumni. Want to read old class newsletters, see our 25th and 50th Reunion yearbooks, or view the 50th Reunion video? They're all there under the Archives tab. Want to relive our class get-togethers with dozens of photos from various reunions? They are there, too. There is a link to Cornell's Alumni Events Calendar for you to check university-related happenings on- and off-campus including those in your own locale.

Want to know about all the class gifts we've presented to Cornell through the years? Select Our Legacy to find images of all those fabulous photographs in the Class of 1962 Photography Collection at the Johnson Museum of Art, bios of some of our Class of 1962 Tradition Fellows, info on the Hoy Field baseball scoreboard, our environmental projects, and more. We've included just about everything we could get our hands on from our university and personal archives. We're pretty sure, however, that many classmates have info, documents, memorabilia, and photos that would be wonderful additions to this website. If you have material you would be willing to share, please contact **Judy Prenske** Rich ([jpr33@cornell.edu](mailto:jpr33@cornell.edu)). It is thanks to the hard work and persistent efforts of Judy Rich and **Ruth Zimmerman** Bleyler, along with **Laurie Musick** Wright '75 of LMW Designs, that [cornellclassof62.org](http://cornellclassof62.org) is finally a reality. Check it out.

While you're on the Web, look at [alleitchart.com](http://alleitchart.com) to see some of the work by **Al Leitch** ([leitch@moore.sc.edu](mailto:leitch@moore.sc.edu)). Al has begun painting again after retiring from full-time teaching at U. of South Carolina. He and Paula live in Lexington. In North Carolina, **Sandy**, BArch '63, and **Bobbi Stevenson** ([bobbiansandy@hotmail.com](mailto:bobbiansandy@hotmail.com)) are in Hertford since he retired after 44 years as leader of the architectural practice at JRS Corp. They enjoy golf, cooking, and travel. Sandy will be president of his local Rotary in two years. "Hot summers are a drag, but better than the winters in Michigan." Diana and **Houston Stokes** ([hhstokes@gmail.com](mailto:hhstokes@gmail.com)) are delighted to announce the birth of Natalie Ann to son **William Stokes '02**, MS '04, and wife **Melissa (Stickle) '02** of Stanton, MI. Natalie Ann joins brother Thomas William, 3. "Thomas and his parents were at Cornell in 2012 and had a great time." Houston and Diana enjoyed a Rhine River trip last year and a cruise from Paris to Normandy this year. "This fall I am starting my 48th year at the U. of Illinois, Chicago. The years seem to have slipped past before I knew it. At Cornell I majored in Economics, which became my life work after a PhD at Chicago in 1969."

**Anne Kaczmarczyk** Evans (Ashland, PA; [evans25@ptd.net](mailto:evans25@ptd.net)) checks in. She summers in Ocean City, NJ. Ballroom and polka dancing, travel, golf, foreign language study, and church activities keep her busy. Anne visited classmate **Susan Scarborough** Stark in Savannah last April. **Allen Male** ([allen.m1@verizon.net](mailto:allen.m1@verizon.net)) is in Willow Grove, PA. From Columbus, OH, **Frederick** and **Carol Perlmutter Luper '64** ([fluper@lnlattorneys.com](mailto:fluper@lnlattorneys.com)) report that their daughter, Betsy, has been appointed judge of the Ohio 10th District Court of Appeals. **Elizabeth Pomada** ([epml@aol.com](mailto:epml@aol.com)) and husband Michael Larsen are literary agents and co-founders of the San Francisco Writers' Conference and the San Francisco Writing for Change Conference.

In the small world department, there are three Cornellians living in the small building where I live

on this small island in Seattle. The other two are **Cork Hardinge '53**, MBA '54, and **Charlie Crane '58**. Please send along a copy of your annual newsletter if you write one, or just share your news with your classmates. Happy holidays! 📧 **Jan McClayton** Crites, 2430 76th Ave. SE, #331, Mercer Island, WA 98040; e-mail, jmc50@cornell.edu.

**63** **Peter John** and his wife, Sherry, live in downtown Chicago. Peter is happy with everything he is involved with now: practicing law, playing golf, and painting with oils. Thinking back on Cornell days, he wishes he hadn't had to take French. He writes, "It was a waste of 18 hours and I had to petition the faculty to be able to graduate without passing the final tests." Peter would love to hear from **Webb Nichols**, BArch '64. **David H. Davis** recently published *Comparing Environmental Policies in 16 Countries*—his fifth book. He plans to retire soon from the U. of Toledo, where he has taught political science for 25 years.

**John Rasmus** (Kansas City, MO) was recently appointed to the task force of the board of trustees of the Appraisal Foundation. He says, "I'm enjoying 27 years of service to the appraisal profession through activities in the Foundation." **David Sheaff** and wife Trisha moved in April from Houston, TX, to "beautiful Harpswell, ME, after packing and sorting 22 years' worth of accumulation!" David wishes he had visited more of the beautiful Finger Lakes area during his Cornell days and could have attended more class reunions. "The 50th was great!"

**Maury** and **Miriam Browner Lacher** are busy in Poughkeepsie, NY. Maury is past president of a local birding club and does advocacy for psychologists by lobbying state and federal legislators. He was given an award for advocacy by the state association in June. He and Miriam visited **Peter '64** and **Diana Owen Showman** in California last September. Maury says he wishes he had taken an Economics course and Philosophy of Science with Max Black. Miriam is still working as a neuropsychologist and is the Hudson Valley Psychological Association representative to the NYS Psychological Association Council. She says she wishes she had taken a Behavioral Ornithology course and Comparative Psychology. Maury and Miriam both enjoy birding and travel.

**Mardee Greenfield** Jenrette has retired. She has become a commuter—traveling back and forth to Denver to spend time with her daughter and family, which now includes twin boys. She has joined a running group, done a half-marathon, and traveled to Japan. She would love to "touch base" with her two senior-year roommates, **Penny Handler** and **Maria Ferraro** Chapin. **Marcia Beiley** Laris sent an e-mail mentioning the passing of classmate **Carmine DiGiacomo** in Myrtle Beach, SC, in June 2013. **Michael '61** and **Susan Goldberg Polansky** live in Plainview, NY. Susan writes, "Aside from travel and family, I am still actively officiating track and field and traveling all over the country doing meets. Retirement is great—lots of worldwide travel, most recently a tour of the Rhine River area. I spend a lot of time with grandkids—no need to explain why! They're great!" Susan would love to get in touch with **Judy Fischer** Reinach—and coincidentally, the next paragraph is about Judy.

Judy Reinach leads an active life in Key Biscayne, FL. She wrote, "On June 20, I strapped on a parachute, boarded a plane, and jumped out—

free fall." She did this to raise money to buy a van for her pet charity, Miami Bridge. Miami Bridge provides 24-hour shelter and care for its at-risk beneficiaries and also helps young people learn to cope with anger and emotional turmoil. Judy is the non-profit's professor emeritus. She wanted to add a little background to her adventure: "Please explain that although I am a bridge director and I teach bridge, I did not fundraise for poor bridge players."

**Madeleine Leston** Meehan (East Hampton, NY) writes that she has a two-month solo exhibit of her MostlyMusicArt at the German Consulate in Miami, FL. It opens November 25. Madeleine had a recent trip to Florence, Italy. She had hoped to return to her "home island," Cuba, but banking troubles in Washington, DC, mean that visas are not being issued to Cuban-born visitors until a new bank is found. Madeleine says, "I had a wonderful visit from corridor-mate **Judy Wyman** Adamson for the ninth annual Water Island Classical Music Festival in USVI. It was produced by a former client of Judy's law practice in Boston." Madeleine has been attending the Piccolo Spoleto Spotlight Concert series in Charleston, SC, for 30 years. She attends life music performances and "captures the musicians in images." At the end of each festival, she presents a portfolio of her drawings to the festival. This year, the festival honored Madeleine by featuring some of her drawings in this year's Program Guide and as the image on the Spotlight poster. There was a wonderful article about Madeleine in the *Charleston Post and Courier* on June 5. You can search "Charleston, SC, Post and Courier Madeleine Meehan" and find it.

**Warren Icke '62** and I had a wonderful 11-day walking trip on the Cotswold Way in England in June. We walked 102 miles and were treated to an unusual phenomenon: no rain for the entire 11 days. That just doesn't happen in England! That's all for this month! 📧 **Nancy Bierds** Icke, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, icke63@gmail.com.

**64** What a pleasant surprise! I don't know the reason, perhaps because it's our 50th Reunion year, but I've been getting news from classmates who have never been in this column, or it's been years since I've heard from them. Whatever, y'all keep it comin'! Here's a start; more to come in subsequent issues.

**Carol Wiley Bossard** writes, "After retiring as director of the Schuyler County Office for the Aging, I began writing a column, 'Home, Garden & Other Wonders,' for a regional paper." Carol apparently enjoys that column, for she adds that she would like to expand her writing venue along with working on collage art projects. Carol reports that she and husband **Kermit '63** recently "acquired two delightful granddaughters." The Bossards live in Spencer, NY, where, she notes, both of them are active in community projects. **John Baker** recently sold his business (what business he doesn't say), and since retiring, says, "I enjoy fishing, hunting, rafting, running a ranch, horseback riding, and volunteering at the elementary school in our small town of 400"—Wallowa, OR, where he lives with wife Tarrah. John adds, "I am doing what I have wanted to do: hobbies and not being gainfully employed."

**Roger LaMont** (obviously a French-origin writing of the surname we share, not the Scottish version like ours), who last appeared in this column in 1980, reports he's retired from full-time

farming, having leased his apple orchard to a neighbor. He remains active as chairman of the 144-member cooperative he helped found, New York Apple Growers, which is in the process of commercializing two new apple varieties developed by Cornell at its Geneva Agricultural Experiment Station. NYAG is planting 940 acres with the new varieties, and had its first crop last year. One of the varieties, SnapDragon, was sold through members' farm markets last autumn; the other, RubyFrost, could be found in select New York supermarkets last winter. The proceeds were split between NYAG and Cornell. Roger and wife Ingrid still live in Albion, NY.

**Betty Bond Snyder**, last here 23 years ago, and husband **Dave '63**, MBA '68, who live in Broomfield, CO, both retired earlier this year and are looking forward to more travel, volunteering, and spending time with their eight grandchildren. **Edward Schulman**, last here in 1992, shares a trait with my husband, Jim: he apparently never tires of train travel. At his high-tech marketing support company, Perceptions, Ed most enjoys designing train-related paper model kits for Barnes & Noble and other companies. He recently was in Switzerland (he collects model trains from there) and writes that he'd rather be riding trains in Switzerland. When Ed does alight from a day coach or sleeper, it's to the home in Ithaca he shares with wife Renee. **Gary Miller**, also last in this column in 1992, has retired from being Lockheed Martin's chief mechanical engineer, and is currently working as a technology analyst at Binghamton U. He is also assistant editor of the *ASME Journal of Electronic Packaging*. Gary has two grandchildren, lives in Vestal, NY, and enjoys golf, working out at a fitness center, and stock market investing. Recent travels have been as varied as Houston, Cleveland, Lake George, Philadelphia, and NYC.

**Rich Gould**, yet another classmate last seen here in '92, lives in Richmond, CA, where he works as an enrolled agent in tax preparation and analysis. **Peter Wendt**, JD '67, not here since 1993, lives with wife Mary Elizabeth in Brooklyn. He writes that they spend weekends at their country place in Columbia County, NY. He is still a Housing Court Judge in the Civil Court because, he says, "I love the job." **Susan Simon**, last in this column in 1996, retired two years ago after 30 years doing analysis of Washington politics and policy for financial markets, the last 20 as co-owner of an independent firm, Capitol Insights Group. She writes, "I enjoyed covering Washington, but not so much lately. Love being retired. Surprisingly, I have a full-time companion, an old friend who lost his wife in 2011. Worth waiting all those years. We travel and visit his children, my sister and her children, and lots of new places."

**John Brahm**, last here 15 years ago, appears to have no interest in retiring. He's owner/wine master at the Arbor Hill Grapery/Winery in Naples, NY, where he lives with wife Katie. Plus, he opened a new restaurant three years ago, Brew & Brats, which gets the highest raves at tripadvisor.com. John writes, "I am still healthy and maintaining a full work schedule. Introducing three new products this year." **Richard Berman**, also not here since 1999, is Senior US District Court Judge for the Southern District of New York. Last April, he was back at Cornell to judge the Moot Court Competition at the Law School. His recent work-related travel (he mentions nothing about leisure travel) has been to China, Albania, and Turkey to speak about "Rule of Law" and "Independence of the Judiciary." He and wife Elizabeth live in NYC.

**Marjorie Rosen Harris** (Los Angeles, CA), last here 13 years ago, writes that she's having "lots of fun" being involved with the Osher Lifelong Learning Center at UCLA and studying Italian. And, as deputy commissioner at the Beverly Hills Courthouse, Marjorie is officiating at civil marriage ceremonies. She and husband John travel, visit with family, enjoy book and movie groups, spend time with friends, and, in general, are "trying to stay healthy."

Enough for now. Please keep the news coming, either via e-mail or regular mail or our class website ([www.cornell1964.org](http://www.cornell1964.org)). Plus, you can visit and post at our class Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cornell1964>. We hope to see you at our 55th Reunion! ☑ **Bev Johns Lamont**, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, [blamont64@comcast.net](mailto:blamont64@comcast.net).

**65** The days are moving forward to our fabulous 50th Reunion! Please send Ron and me news of your interesting retirement adventures! Perhaps you've started a new career, are active in a worthwhile volunteer effort, or are moving into a meaningful later-years pursuit. We all want to know!

**Dianne Zimet Newman** and husband Martin (Providence, RI) enjoyed Passover in Italy. She writes, "We were in a beautiful Victorian hotel on Lake Maggiore with a view of the Alps from our balcony. Son Ari, who lives in Jerusalem, my brother **David '69** and his fiancée, and the oldest grandson joined us. We did day trips to Turin and into Switzerland." The Newmans are planning to be at reunion and encourage all their friends from Cornell to join them. Austin, TX, will receive two new city-dwellers this year when **Jane Harris** ([janeellenharris@yahoo.com](mailto:janeellenharris@yahoo.com)) and her husband, Joseph Longino, move down from Pennington, NJ. Joseph retired in January, and their daughter, **Moira Longino '00**, lives in Austin with her 7-year-old son. "She teaches English and creative writing at Westlake High School in Austin." Jane's son Tristan is a family lawyer in Houston, TX. He and his wife are enjoying their 3-month-old daughter.

**Bruce Bennett** (Oakdale, CA; [profbrucebennett@comcast.net](mailto:profbrucebennett@comcast.net)) writes, "There is travel, cycling, book clubs, and Spanish study, but it's more about the inner journey as I get older." Meanwhile, Bruce is working with a personal trainer to improve his cycling. Also important is his private tutoring for high school and college students. "Tutoring gives me some of the pleasures of teaching without the stacks of papers to grade." Bruce comments that California is getting hotter and hotter even in the winter, and wonders if climate change has reached Ithaca! Wife Ellen Case and he would like to travel more to Europe, but, Bruce says, "I dread having to squeeze into an airline seat that couldn't even accommodate my 1965 body size!"

Another comment on weather is offered by **Joan Elstein Rogow** (Flemington, NJ; [psuruts@comcast.net](mailto:psuruts@comcast.net)). She claims that this past winter was worse in Flemington than any Cornell winter. Joan and husband Stephen took two one-week cruises with their son's family, and then with their daughter, **Debbie Rogow Silverstein '91**, and grandkids, ages 15, 13, 9, and 2-1/2. Joan continues to work part-time supervising student teachers. **Henra Solomon Briskin** (Pittsford, NY; [Henpen20@aol.com](mailto:Henpen20@aol.com)) has sold her home of 41 years and moved to a one-floor residence. "I still can manage the stairs quite well, but I'm told that the knees don't last forever!" She is looking forward to reconnecting with friends at reunion.

**Dennis** ([dblack@mesirowfinancial.com](mailto:dblack@mesirowfinancial.com)) and **Joyce Ostroff Black '66** live in Deerfield, IL. Having left private law practice five years ago, Dennis is now the general counsel of Mesirow Financial. They recently celebrated the birth of their fifth grandchild, who is the first girl in the family in three generations! He writes, "I love my family and my job and am in good health. What's not to like?" Wonderful—and his children gave him a big 70th birthday party.

**Joe Jaffe** ([Jjaffe@dsfx.com](mailto:Jjaffe@dsfx.com)) was promoted to chief compliance officer and deputy general counsel at Guidepost Solutions. He is overseeing regulatory compliance issues and assisting with legal matters while continuing to lead the company's Europe, Middle East, and Africa practice. Joe joined Guidepost Solutions in 2012. His extensive background includes serving as district attorney for Sullivan County, NY; spending seven years in the US Attorney's Office for the Southern

‘I spend a lot of time with grandkids—no need to explain why!’

Susan Goldberg Polansky '63

There are many events leading up to the huge Sesquicentennial for Cornell. Our 50th Reunion will be the capstone! Plan to come, have fun, enjoy, and meet up with friends of years past and make some new friends during the weekend. **Myron Jacobson**, reunion chair, and his team are planning a terrific program. These folks, plus the leadership council of the class, welcome your ideas, including suggestions to the agenda. Keep sending your news! ☑ **Joan Hens Johnson**, [joanhjp@comcast.net](mailto:joanhjp@comcast.net); **Ron Harris**, [rsh28@cornell.edu](mailto:rsh28@cornell.edu).

**66** As you receive this, the leaves will have peaked in Ithaca, and cooler winter winds will have started to flow down the lake. When we were there, we'd gotten out our winter jackets and ski caps and were preparing to return home for the Thanksgiving and December holidays. Hope that these holidays still bring you family, friends, and joy. And now, the news.

**Alvin Rosenfeld** (Stamford, CT; [arosen45@aol.com](mailto:arosen45@aol.com)) writes, "I continue to practice psychiatry full-time in New York City and Greenwich, CT. I am delighted to have just been made a clinical professor of psychiatry at Weill Cornell Medical College. Back home with Cornell again." Alvin adds, "My eldest, daughter Lisa, is a second-year medical student at Harvard Medical School; Sam graduated from Brown a couple of years back and is loving teaching technology at Greenwich Country Day School; and **Michael '15**, my youngest, is a Cornell junior majoring in Computer Graphics and loving the school. My wife, Dorothy, is just about to retire from the pediatric practice she co-founded 31 years ago—she has earned it!" He also said that he's healthy and is looking forward to lots of work, travel, and pleasure. He says, "Dorothy and I have lots of grandparent envy, but no prospects of getting to that status anytime in the near future. Something to look forward to!"

Some sad news to report: **John Egger**, ME '68 ([jbe9@cornell.edu](mailto:jbe9@cornell.edu)) wrote that his wife and our classmate, **Helen (Perry)**, a CALS alum, died recently from stomach cancer. Helen, a "townie," met John at the Royal Palm. They were married 48 years and lived in Towson, MD. Helen was a professional accountant and a financial analyst. She also enjoyed family time, hiking, canoeing, and especially time spent at the family's Adirondack camp. More detailed information will be carried on the class website.

District of New York (SDNY) as an assistant US attorney, deputy chief of the Criminal Division, chief of the Official Corruption Section, and administrative assistant US attorney; and serving as an acting chief inspector for the DEA. Upon his promotion, Joe said, "I look forward to strengthening Guidepost's regulatory compliance programs to assure that the company continues to keep pace with today's increasing and evolving regulatory oversight environment."

**Pete**, MBA '68, and **Ruth Dritch Salinger '67** have recently become grandparents, which is unusual, because they didn't have kids! A family from Germany moved in across the street about a year ago, and the Salingers became good friends of the family, which includes two little girls, then ages 7 and 3. When the German grandparents came to visit, they said, "Oh, so you're the American grandparents—thank you so much!" Pete was also asked by the mom to tutor their first grader, which was fun and helpful.

We received a press release from the American Holistic Nurses Association, stating that **Lynn Gates Keegan**, BS Nurs '66, was named the 2014 Holistic Nurse of the Year. The award recognizes her for her career of innovations and significant contributions promoting holistic nursing. Lynn, who lives in Port Angeles, WA, also received an MSN from Loma Linda U. and a PhD in nursing from the U. of Texas, Austin. She has served as a nursing professor at numerous educational institutions. Previous honors include being named a Distinguished Alumnus at Cornell and an American Academy of Nursing Fellow (FAAN). She is the author and co-author of numerous books, nursing chapters, and journal articles, and has received five American Journal of Nursing Book of the Year Awards for her publications. One of her most significant publishing accomplishments is being co-author of all six editions of *Holistic Nursing: A Handbook for Practice*. She also co-authored the 2013 edition of *The Golden Room: A Practical Guide for Death with Dignity*.

**Keith Jurow** (Ansonia, CT; [kjurow45@yahoo.com](mailto:kjurow45@yahoo.com)) wrote that in January he gave a presentation on "The Wisdom of Knowing When to Sell" at a Risk & Liquidity Forum in Manhattan that was sponsored by Institutional Investor. Keith wrote, "I am too busy to consider retiring. I have a mission to save the assets of those willing to hear my warnings." ☑ **Pete Salinger**, [pete.sal@verizon.net](mailto:pete.sal@verizon.net); **Susan Rockford Bittker**, [ladyscienc@aol.com](mailto:ladyscienc@aol.com); **Deanne Gebell Gitner**, [dgg26@cornell.edu](mailto:dgg26@cornell.edu).

**67** **Liz Fein** (Brooklyn, NY; lizamy928@aol.com) informed us that her play, *Double I*, was being performed in October at the Manhattan Repertory Theatre. She reports, "I have worked on this piece for over 13 years, first as a screenplay. It had producers and options, but the movie never got made, so I finally decided to adapt it to a play. And I couldn't be happier that it was chosen by MRT's Fall Play Development Program. It's a timely piece about a young woman struggling to come to

Although she says she'd rather be "starting four years at Cornell again," Fran was off to Hong Kong and Myanmar for vacation. She recalls bringing Weejuns, Bonnie Doon knee sox, and stitched-down pleated skirts, with oxford cloth button-down shirts and a typewriter when she first came to Cornell.

By the time you read this, football season (which is a month away as I write) will have concluded, and the Big Red cage quintet will be heading for a New Year's Eve date with Syracuse at the

makes three grandchildren for the Negrins. **Alan Stoll**, MPA '70, is a principal with TWM & Affiliates, healthcare advisors and investors in Worcester, MA. Alan recently completed the second and final year as executive in residence at Cornell's Sloan Program in Health Administration in the Policy Analysis & Management Division of the School of Human Ecology.

**Barry M. Shaw** keeps busy doing some teaching, singing in a barbershop chorus, and playing pickleball since retiring from his orthodontic practice late last year. Barry and his wife, Annette, still live on the way to Cornell in Vestal, NY, and are thrilled that their daughter **Natalie '00** gave birth to a girl last year, and that daughter Lindsay is getting married in September. **Susan Harrison Berger** has been a real estate agent with Evers & Co. in Washington, DC, since 1985. Sue resides in D.C. with her husband, **Sandy '67**, and, like many of us, singled out her grandchildren as a constant source of joy for them.

**Tom Noble** is finally fully retired after 36 years in his medical practice, which gives him more time for golf, hiking, reading, and playing with his dogs. With the scarcity of quality homes for sale in his hometown of Bluffton, SC, Tom is weighing the options of building or waiting for something he likes to come on the market. **Richard Heck** and his wife, Sandra Price, enjoy their lives on serene Mascoma Lake in Enfield, NH. Richard has been singing in an a cappella group and also performing in the local improv group at Valley Improv. He also writes about his genealogy on Ancestry.com. Richard's daughter **Stacie Heck Fitzgerald '93** and his grandson Jordan are visiting from Atlanta, and Richard is doing a college tour with them—of course beginning with Cornell. The mountains of snow that fell last winter reminded Richard of an essay he wrote during our campus years that expressed his feelings about life's choices. As he made his early morning trek through the narrow paths on the Arts Quad, he thought about creating his own new path, but he purposely walked on the edges widening the narrow path for those who would come after him. Please continue to send your news and e-mails to me: **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

## 'Bill Besgen and his wife, Catherine, have 13 grandchildren, all living within 15 miles of their home.'

Chuck Levitan '68

terms with the two opposing sides of her identity against the background of the turmoil in the Middle East." Liz adds that her son, Josh, graduated last May from Fordham Law School and started work in September for the general counsel in the New York State Legal Dept.

**Karen Kaufman** Polansky (Carmichael, CA; kkpolsky@gmail.com) does Cornell's Continuous Reunion Club—those folks who manage to attend reunion on the Hill every year—one better, as this is her second "mini-reunion report" this year: "Four DPhiE sisters got together at the end of June for a mini-reunion at the Oxford, MD, waterfront home of **Jim and Marian Flinker Brodsky**. Present were myself, **Sally Shoolman** Mechur, and **Marsha Beirach** Eisen, joined by **Paula Blumenthal** Bell, who lives in Oxford. We had a ball reminiscing about our Cornell antics." **Terence McGlashan** (Orlando, FL; canadian1@bellsouth.net) says he's working longer hours as each year passes. His company, Cap Inc./DBA Universal Crematory Co., manufactures human and pet cremation equipment, and also provides service and parts worldwide.

**Claudia Sack** Adams (Silver Spring, MD; Claudia.adams@hhs.gov) is senior equal opportunity specialist in the US Dept. of Health and Human Services' Office for Civil Rights. "I supervise a team to conduct civil rights reviews of healthcare providers and design and implement outreach programs to spread the word about federal laws and regulations that prohibit discrimination," she writes. "The work is still very engaging, interesting, and tiring," she adds. Claudia has managed to fit in some trips ("the last big one was to China"), photography, and family outings ("sometimes with our two grandsons"). She'd like to hear from **Pamela Mattice** Thompson.

**Ted Feldmeier** (Eliot, ME; JoanFeldmeier@yahoo.com) is retired, but, he says, "I spend my time exercising, traveling some, mowing the lawn, raking the leaves, shoveling snow, arguing with neighbors—what else? Life has been good!" He says he's been waiting for **Bob Kurzon**, whom we can't track down either, "to show your face!" **Fran Keller** Fabian (NYC; fpfabian@aol.com) says, "My favorite activity is visiting with my wonderful 2-year-old granddaughter, Emma Jane, daughter of son **Daniel '01**." Fran is working for NYU as a supervisor for student teachers taking a master's program in early childhood and special education and is also selling antiques after 40 years of collecting.

Carrier Dome. The company line touts the club as "looking to rebound after injuries decimated the team a year ago." **Richard Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

**68** If our governmental leaders can aspire to hold higher office well past what most of us would consider normal retirement age, it should come as no surprise that many of our classmates are still at the peak of their careers. **William H. Besgen**, MBA '69, is entering his 25th year with Hitachi and, in addition to his position as president, COO, and director of Hitachi Capital America Corp., he recently was named the president and CEO of Hitachi Capital Canada Corp., tasked with expanding operations in the Americas. Bill and his wife of 46 years, Catherine, say they have been blessed with 13 grandchildren, all living within 15 miles of their home in New Canaan, CT. (I wonder, is that a record for our class for both the number of grandchildren and the average distance per grandchild from our home for any of us with more than just a few grandchildren?) In their free time, the Besgens enjoy traveling, most recently to Halifax, Prince Edward Island, Hong Kong, Thailand, and Japan. They also enjoy fishing with their grandchildren at their vacation home in Key Largo, FL.

**Thomas Silliman**, ME '70, still works full-time as president and CEO of ERI (Electronics Research Inc.), and spends his spare time on horseback, along with his wife, Sally, cutting and branding cattle on their ranch in Chandler, IN. In April, Tom climbed the Freedom Tower in NYC. He has no plans to retire or to stop either climbing towers or following his rigorous exercise routine that keeps him in shape and still enables him to bench press 285 lbs. (Is that another record for our classmates?) Tom still communicates with **Bob Smith**, his captain on the 1968 lacrosse team, where Tom was a midfielder.

**Joel Negrin** is still practicing law, though he's now spending more time traveling and playing tennis. He also enjoys movies, but mostly, along with wife **Linda (Schwartz) '69** (co-chair of the 45th Reunion for the Class of '69), he enjoys time spent with their family and friends. Their daughter, **Meredith Negrin** Safer '98, and her husband, Jonah, recently had their first child, Bram, which

**69** 2015 is a big year for Cornell—the university will be celebrating its Sesquicentennial! There are worldwide celebrations scheduled, and you can check out [www.cornell.edu](http://www.cornell.edu) for the nearest event. Also: log on to our class website, [www.cornell69.org](http://www.cornell69.org), for class and reunion info.

Congratulations to Rabbi **David Nathan Saperstein**, who was recently chosen by President Barack Obama to the post of US ambassador-at-large for international religious freedom at the State Dept., a post that has been held by Christians since it was created in 1998. Rabbi Saperstein leads the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism and teaches First Amendment Church-State Law and Jewish Law at Georgetown U. Following a Senate confirmation, he will monitor religious freedom abuses worldwide for the State Dept.

**Richard Lysle** (lyslelaw@yahoo.com) writes, "My daughter, Lily Rae, has been accepted by the Cornell Law School to join the Class of 2017. Lily graduated from San Francisco State U. with a bachelor's in biology/zoology." **Barry Nocks**, professor emeritus of city and regional planning at

Clemson U., has been named to the College of Fellows by the American Inst. for Certified Planners in recognition of his achievements in urban planning, community service, and leadership. He was inducted into the College of Fellows on April 27 in Atlanta during the American Planning Association's 2014 National Planning Conference. Barry has lived in Greenville, SC, since 1974 with his wife, Elaine, who retired from the faculty at Furman U. They have a son and two granddaughters, who also live in Greenville.

**Joan Finkelstein** Hyde is a senior fellow and adjunct professor at UMass, Boston, and gerontology CEO at Ivy Hall Senior Living. She is proud to announce that their assisted-living unit in Saugerties, NY, is now licensed for memory care and enhanced services. **Phil Callahan** (Pasadena, CA) writes, "I'm still working at the Jet Propulsion Lab measuring the oceans from space with radar. My new mission is Surface Water Ocean Topography (SWOT) to measure lakes and rivers as well." When not spending his free time with his two grandsons, he finds time to run marathons at a pace of 4:20 or better. In March, he was 15th out of 192 in his age group.

**Jim Miller** (jamesm@cortland.edu) is the supervisor of student teaching in the history department at SUNY Cortland. He says he has been "working with **Duane Davis**, BA '73, seeking al-Qaeda submarines on Cayuga Lake as part of Homeland Security." For more info, send him an e-mail. **Tom DeBrock** is still employed at PepsiCo and loves contributing to the productivity of the company. As part of his responsibilities, he mentors young engineers to help them accomplish their goals. He says, "I have absolutely no regrets of anything I did while at Cornell." **Mike Natan** (Wynnewood, PA) is enjoying retirement, doing volunteer work, playing tennis and bridge, and grandparenting. He divides his time among Philadelphia, Boston, and New Hampshire, and follows Cornell wrestling and ice hockey.

Retired UAL pilot **John Laut** is in Florida and looking for someone from "This Old House" to add a second floor roof—"Know anybody?" **Gordon Kent**, ME '70, is working for Lloyds Banking Group in London and plans to move back to NYC in a year or two, where son **Mitchell '98**, who graduated from the ILR school, lives. He vacations with wife Maria in her native Greece. **Roger Moak** arbitrates insurance and reinsurance disputes in New York City. He writes, "I take friends on Moak-guided art tours at the Metropolitan Museum, Frick Collection, and New York Historical Society." E-mail him at rm@rogermoak.com to set up your personal tour. Class co-president **Charlotte Bruska** Gardner works full-time in real estate in Colchester, VT, and takes advantage of the great outdoors gardening, kayaking, and snowshoeing. **Stephen Goldberger** is still an ENT in Farmville, VA. His retirement was postponed in order to work on a new government coding regime for electronic health records.

The Grandparents' Club seems to be the most popular among our classmates, as grandchildren are almost always mentioned first in submissions for Class Notes. **Peter Harvey** is still practicing law at his firm in San Francisco and is an adjunct teacher at USF School of Law. He and wife Susan love to visit their grandchildren, who live in nearby Alameda, CA. **Harvey Leibin** and wife Flo visit their grandchildren, Addie and Cora, who live near them in Avon, CT. Harvey is now an associate principal at Tecton Architects in Hartford. **Leslie DeGroff**, DVM '69, and wife Betsey live in Pery, NY, where Leslie still practices large animal

medicine, and loves spending time with his eight grandkids. The oldest is a freshman in college and the youngest is 4 years old. They must keep you on your toes, Les!

**George Silverman** still works as a flight test captain with United Airlines out of Foster City, CA, and hopes to continue for another three to four years. He has seven grandchildren, with one more on the way. **Ildiko Czmor** Mitchell retired in May to, she says, "take on the important job of babysitting a lovely grandchild three days a week." Her grandkids are 4 and 1-1/2, with another on the way. **Andra Weidenhamer Benson** is a busy lady in Lansing, NY. She and **Chuck** say they are almost retired from their organic dairy farm, caring for baby calves and 16 grandchildren—bet the calves are the easy ones. Andra volunteers with teens at church and, for the tenth year, went to San Lucas Tiliman, Guatemala, with the Cornell Catholic Community to work with students during their spring break.

My husband, **Jeff Riedl '70**, and I joined the club when daughter **Alexis Riedl** Twomey '00 and her husband, Brian, blessed us with Liam Oliver in August. Of course, he's perfect. Happy Holidays to all! ☐ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl048@gmail.com.

**70** As another year will soon draw to a close, I send my best wishes to all of you for a happy holiday season and a wonderful and healthy New Year. At the beginning of 2015, we will start the five-month countdown to our 45th Reunion back on the Hill. The dates for our upcoming reunion weekend celebration are June 4-7, 2015, starting at noon on Thursday. The reunion committee, under the leadership of reunion chairs extraordinaire **Bill**, ME '71, and **Gail Post Wallis**, continues to be busy planning the many and varied aspects of our June party weekend. Our 45th Reunion is also in the midst of the university's super year-and-a-half-long celebration of Cornell's Sesquicentennial. Combining both events will result in quite an exciting, fun, and full weekend. It will be a once in a lifetime experience!

**Patricia Nyren** Marchetti and her husband, John, live in Gaithersburg, MD, a distant suburb of Washington, DC. She is retired and enjoys taking adult education classes at Montgomery College, as well as reading, gardening, sewing, and walking the dog. Patricia likes that she can pretty much do what she wants to do when she wants, but the downside is that she feels there are not enough hours in the day. Recently, she went to Santiago, Chile, for the birth of her new granddaughter, her eighth grandchild. Her activities this past summer included family reunions, her mother's 90th birthday, and traveling to Costa Rica. **Connie Fern** Miller continues to practice law. She also partakes in biking, hiking, swimming, cross-country skiing, downhill skiing at Greek Peak, and traveling. Connie is doing exactly what she wants to be doing. She and her husband, Ted Carleton, reside in Watkins Glen, NY.

**Brian O'Connor** (bmoc@tntech.edu) writes, "I am in my 37th year as a mathematics professor at Tennessee Technological U. All during that time I have sung in student groups here, continuing in the path of my four years in the Cornell Glee Club. In addition, I am finishing my second year as Faculty Senate president, following in the footsteps of my immediate predecessor, **Jeff Roberts '81**." Brian adds, "For the past seven years I have been

the moderator for the High School Academic Bowl at our local PBS station, WCTE, in Cookeville, TN. You can check out the matches at WCTE.org by searching 'Academic Bowl.' " **Narcissa Vanderlip** is the producing executive director of the ETC Theatre Co. in Los Angeles. She writes, "Complete Works, a comic Web series about a collegiate Shakespeare competition, co-produced by ETC Theatre Co., released on Hulu on the Bard's 450th birthday, April 23."

**Jeff Altamari** (jeff.altamari@c-a-m.com) and his wife, Janet, live in the Houston, TX, area. In 2011, Jeff was made an executive officer at Cameron Int'l, and is now the investor relations officer, handling their global investor community. Previously, he served as VP of finance for two of Cameron's product groups. At the end of this year (soon!), after 15 years with Cameron, Jeff will be retiring, and he and Janet will move to Saratoga Springs, NY. Jeff tells us that he has stayed in touch with **John Matteson '69** and **Larry Ward**. In fact, earlier in the year, he saw Larry, who lives in Ithaca, at their high school reunion. Also living in Ithaca are **Steven** (sjalso1@twcrny.com) and **Shirley Beckwith Jalso, MS '64**. Steven says he is enjoying "playing grandparent," investing, and helping their children, but is not so fond of the high maintenance of aging bodies. He plans to try to stay healthy.

**Allan Ropper**, MD '74, lives with his wife, Sandra, in Newton, MA. He is working avidly as a neurologist at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, where he is the Raymond D. Adams master clinician and executive vice chair of the Dept. of Neurology. This past September, he was very pleased that his book, *Reaching Down the Rabbit Hole*, was published by St. Martin's Press. Allan's book is the recounting of 35 years of seeing patients with brain disease. He is also a professor of neurology at Harvard Medical School. **Ellen Saltonstall** (New York, NY; ellen.saltonstall@gmail.com) writes, "I teach yoga and bodywork and write books relating to those topics." She adds that she plans to travel the world to teach. "I like practicing and teaching yoga, but I don't like the cost of living in New York." Ellen's youngest of three sons graduated from Cornell this May.

We are sorry to report the death of classmate **Linda Jackson**, MAT '73 (Mason, MI) on July 29. Linda had been a professor of psychology at Michigan State U., with a joint appointment in the computer science and engineering department, for the past 33 years. When she sent an update earlier this year, she had been writing a grant proposal to the National Science Foundation to use video games to teach science to high-risk middle school girls. Linda is survived by her husband, Mike, son Chris, VP in charge of risk management at Goldman Sachs, daughter Lindsay, who is in her fourth year at Harvard Medical School, and the thousands of students who studied under her. We send our sincere condolences to all of Linda's family.

**Sally Margolick** Winston (Timonium, MD; sallywins@aol.com) also published a book in 2014, with Martin Seif, entitled *What Every Therapist Needs to Know About Anxiety Disorders* (Routledge). Sally is in the planning stage for the next annual vacation together of the Cornell '70 "Quad." She will be vacationing with **Phyllis Rabineau**, **Sharon Sauerbrunn** Doyle, MFA '72, and **Laura Dingle** Avery. I certainly hope that part of their 2015 gathering will include a long weekend at Cornell for our 45th Reunion. ☐ **Connie Ferris** Meyer, cfm7@cornell.edu; tel., (610) 256-3088.

**71** We received news from several people we haven't heard from in a while. Thanks for writing! **Dave Himmelblau** (charleshimmelblau@comcast.net) sounds like he is adjusting very well to retirement. He wrote, "My main occupations are helping manage our condo association (Mountain View, CA), hosting a retirees bridge game, looking at and reading about art, and being a z cushion." Dave is also volunteering for the San Jose Museum of Art as a docent, visiting county schools, and showing examples and talking about art. He said that he wishes he had done "more meeting and socializing with classmates and (just a little) less studying" when he was at Cornell. He seems to be making up for it now!

**Ken Vittor** (kenvittor@gmail.com) has turned 65 and is retiring from his position as executive VP and general counsel for McGraw Hill Financial. Ken had a long (33 years!) and action-packed (e.g., defense of Standard & Poor's as well as the *Business Week*-Bankers Trust prior restraint litigation) career at McGraw Hill. As he looks forward to the next chapter, one of the things he is considering is going on an African safari. **James Newman**, MD '75 (jimmikecraig@gmail.com) is also embracing retirement. He wrote, "I am the most relaxed I've been since my undergraduate days." After 25 years practicing medicine, he is now retired from a second career in medical executive leadership and is trying creative writing. Jim lives in Wilmington, DE, and is now divorced; his son Michael recently moved to D.C. to work for the Treasury and to be with his girlfriend; and his son Craig works in D.C. for the Healthcare Advisory Board.

**Diana Petitti** (Phoenix, AZ; dbpetitti@gmail.com) reports that she left full-time employment to spend time volunteering in various clinics, bicycling, and perfecting her skills as an enamelist. Diana recently (at the time of her note) went to Crested Butte, CO, a place where she first skied in high school. She was thrilled to discover that it remains magical. She would love to hear from her old friend **Sue Anderson Geise**. **Dan DeAngelus**, MBA '74 (dandangelus@msn.com) lives in San Ramon, CA, and is still working as a financial consultant. However, he notes that he would rather be playing golf (there's a surprise!). Dan would love to hear from his old friend **Leslie Roth Silverstein '73**.

Many of our doctor and lawyer classmates are still working, but they are pursuing their athletic and artistic interests in their spare time. **Jeffrey Liddle** (jliddle@liddlerobinson.com) works as managing partner of Liddle & Robinson, a Manhattan law firm that he founded 35 years ago. He reported that he continues to "play hard court tennis with a much younger group of primarily former Division 1 players." He and his wife, Tara, belong to the Int'l Wine & Food Society and have consumed "some serious wine." **Joanne Trifilo Stark** (joanne@starkimmigrationlaw.com) is an immigration lawyer (solo practice) in Phoenix, AZ. She has enjoyed fishing in Alaska, singing in chorales, and chasing her grandchild in her spare time. She would love to hear from her old Cornell friends **Karen Barned-Smith**, **Nancy Morgan**, **Kristin Vandenberg** Whitfield, **Vic Lena**, ME '72, **Marsha Ackermann**, and **Robert Dietz**.

Classmate **David Fried** (davidfried@outlook.com) also has his own law firm; he practices employment and discrimination law in Massachusetts. He writes, "I wish I was bicycling across America—a long-held and still unsatisfied ambition—and star-gazing at a dark and unspoiled sky." That sounds like an excellent combination! **Carl Dukes**

(cedukes49@gmail.com) lives in Shavano Park, TX, with his wife, Rebecca. He is board certified in internal medicine and nephrology and specializes in treating kidney disorders, diabetes, and high blood pressure in San Antonio. While he is spending most of his time working, he would also like to be studying astrophysics (!) and playing classical piano. He would love to hear from his old friends **Patrick Slaney '70** and **Hugh Stedman '70**.

**Elliot Abbey** (abbey@wustl.edu) lives with his wife, Kathryn, in a town with the interesting name of Town and Country, MO. He says he enjoyed listening to former Cornell professor and Arts and Sciences dean Don Randel's "finely woven and exquisitely delivered tapestry of a talk at the Cornell Libraries Appreciation Lunch in Manhattan on a frigid day in January." What would he rather be doing now? "Reliving the awesome time Kat and I had at our middle son, Macy's, wedding in Los Gatos, CA." **Peter Gordon** (eyedocdad@aol.com) is an ophthalmologist in Atlanta, GA, where he lives with his wife, Norma. He wrote, "The continuing use of new surgical technology, including laser cataract surgery, keeps me interested in the practice of ophthalmology." When he isn't working, Peter enjoys swimming, biking, travel, and family. He wishes he had played more rugby and done more skiing while he was at Cornell.

And now for some news from a classmate who has managed to turn his artistic interests into a career. **Thomas "Tim" Lamm**, PhD '76 (TML36@cornell.edu) wrote, "I research, reconstruct, perform, and teach historical social dance from the Renaissance through the Jazz Age. I also teach and perform some contemporary dance." He and his dance partner, Paula Harrison, work in Lexington, KY, under the name "Steps In Time Historical Dance." Tim lives in Berea, KY, with his wife (and our classmate), **Carol (Klingbeil)**, MA '74.

We still have some news that we weren't able to fit into this month's column, so look for it in a future issue. More importantly, keep those news reports coming! **Gayle Yeomans**, gyeomans@gmail.com; **Linda Germaine-Miller**, LG95@cornell.edu.

**72** Class president **Nancy Roistacher** (nr34@cornell.edu) reports from our class mini-reunion held at the Cornell Plantations in July that Ithaca is beautiful and the weather was pretty good. The weekend, she said, kicked off with a terrific cell phone photography course for those who came early. The opening session on Plantations history and organization was followed by walks in the gardens or a hike in the newly restored Cascadilla Gorge. There were 24 in attendance, mostly from our class with some class officers from '71 and '73. The group saw *Hamlet* in the Plantations Arboretum on Friday evening and then some went to Fuertes Observatory. Unfortunately, it was cloudy and it is an antique telescope. Nancy continues that the group included her husband, **Wayne Merkelson '73**, JD '75, her college roommates and their spouses, **Stan '69**, ME '70, and **Rita Leventhal Blacker** and **Irene Weiss**, MD '76, and husband Charles Baltman. Others from D Phi E were Fred and **Lenore Tytelman** Decovsky, **David**, PhD '77, and **Susan Farber Straus**, and **Jan '71** and **Debbie Greene Rothman '73**. **Rick** and **Maryanne Banks**, **Jessica Schwartz**, and **Sherrie McNulty** also attended. Nancy concludes that it was a lot of fun to be together in a smaller group and without the distractions of a large reunion. Madame president emphasized that the class can arrange other similar events if there

is interest. Nancy would love to hear from classmates about what other mini-reunion topics would draw you to Ithaca.

In the spring I was pleased to host **Bill Trommer** and his companion, Ann Edwards. The pair traveled to Northern California from their homes in Maine so that Bill could run in the Big Sur Int'l Marathon just south of Monterey. Bill's performance in the marathon was commendable as he finished in the top 40 percent in his age group. Bill and Ann did some sightseeing around San Francisco the week after the marathon and said that their most memorable discovery was how inexpensively they could purchase avocados compared to the price in the supermarkets of Maine. **William "Wes" Schulz**, ME '73, vacationed in Hawaii with his wife, Debbie. A helicopter flight over Oahu, a luau, and lots of pineapple were some of the highlights of the trip. The couple lives in Bay City, TX, where Wes is employed as a nuclear engineer. **Larry Baum** and spouse Trudy celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary. The Baums reside in Ithaca, where Larry is owner of the Computing Center. **Bob Tausek** and wife Marjie traveled to Charleston, SC, to visit daughter Allison.

**Patricia Gross Kalik** (patkalik@comcast.net) is president of Professional Teledata, a telecommunications company in Manchester, NH. Pat recently worked as the co-chair for the sixth annual New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival. **Bruce Hazen** (Portland, OR; bruce@3questionsconsulting.com) enjoys his full-time practice as a career and management coach. He published his first solo book, *Answering the Three Career Questions*, which is reviewed and available on Amazon. Bruce likes the fact that his job gives him a constant sense of helping others, but is frustrated that the days aren't long enough. He journeyed to Wales and Holland, where he and *Business Model You* author Tim Clark delivered a workshop that combined the career management strategies from each of their books. **Bruce Gelber** was promoted to deputy assistant attorney general in the US Dept. of Justice's Environmental and Natural Resources Division, which is the senior career position in the division. Bruce and wife **Marianela (Villacorta)**, MS '71, live in Bethesda, MD.

**Thomas Giordano**, ME '73 (Scarsdale, NY; tg33@aol.com) worked the past five years at the accounting and consulting firm of Anchin, Block & Anchin LLP in NYC. He is director of the firm, providing business valuation services, including litigation projects. Tom's wife, **Gail (Fitini) '73**, is a reading program teacher, grades K-2, in the Bronx. Son Chris and his wife, Alli, live in Brooklyn. Chris is senior sales manager at Conrad Hilton, while Alli is a film director in the US and Finland and a journalist and photographer. Tom loves to travel: a Baltic cruise in 2005; a visit to Helsinki for his son's wedding with add-on trips to Tallinn, Estonia, and St. Petersburg in 2010; the Imperial cities of Eastern Europe in 2011; a Netherlands cruise and Florida in 2012; and a southern Africa safari in 2013. Send news to: **Alex Barna**, ab478@cornell.edu; **Gary Rubin**, glr34@cornell.edu.

**73** Please be sure to visit <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm> and send us your news. It's quick, free, and simple, and it makes these columns all about you and yours!

**Madeline Griffin** was named the All About Developmental Disabilities (AADD) Family Support

Center (FSC) coordinator in July. AADD is located in Atlanta, while the FSC serves both metro Atlanta and the State of Georgia. As the FSC coordinator, Madeline will oversee many of the community programs and services provided by AADD. Madeline was also the first female assistant district attorney in DeKalb County and served as a judge of the Juvenile Court. She has two children, one of whom has Down syndrome. Madeline has been involved in the developmental disability community for more than 30 years.

**Roger Jacobs** was re-elected as chair of the New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority (NJEFA) in May. The NJEFA finances a wide array of projects for New Jersey's colleges and universities. Roger, a labor and employment attorney, is managing member of Jacobs Law Offices, located in Roseland, NJ, where he focuses on arbitration, mediation, and alternative dispute resolution. **Barry Hartstein**, also an employment and labor law attorney, was recently recognized as one of the nation's most powerful employment attorneys. Barry is co-chair of Littler's EEO and Diversity practice group and has earned a national reputation during his career of over 35 years, particularly in dealing with EEOC issues on a local and national level. Barry is also active in the American Bar Association and has held a number of leadership positions for ILR. We reported in 2011 that Barry received Cornell's prestigious Judge William B. Groat Alumni Award for his work in the field and contributions to ILR.

That's all that was in the mail for this column, but we'll be including responses to the fall e-mail blast in future columns. Wonder what's happening between columns? Keep up with photos, the latest news from classmates, and how your officers are working for you. "Like" Cornell Class of 1973 on Facebook ([https://www.facebook.com/groups/87659675088/?ref=br\\_tf](https://www.facebook.com/groups/87659675088/?ref=br_tf))! We love to get your news. ☐ **Phyllis Grummon**, phg3@cornell.edu.

**74** The **Kronstadt-Bendix** family is celebrating another Cornell milestone. Our daughter, **Nicola '14**, graduated from Arts and Sciences this May, and as if this were not enough cause for joy, her high school sweetheart of six years proposed to her only a few days before!

**Marianne Stein** Kah reports from Houston. "I still enjoy being the chief economist of Conoco Phillips and interacting with host governments around the world, though I'm getting tired of traveling and not being able to control my schedule." Marianne is also building a house in Santa Fe, NM. She bemoans that her business travel to Doha kept her away from Reunion this year, a common refrain from classmates whose work obligations prevented their attendance. **Dennis Meermans** recently retired from being the general manager and COO of the Round Hill Club in Greenwich, CT. He recently moved to the wine country in Northern California.

**Laurie Kaufman** Amber, MBA '75, has been serving as a traffic judge in Miami, FL, for the past three years. Her older son recently joined the Cornellian ranks when he accepted a fellowship in musculoskeletal radiology at Hospital for Special Surgery in NYC. Laurie reports that her younger son recently matched in dermatology at UC Irvine. **Marilyn Krinsky** Price has also reared a future generation of Cornellians. Two of her three sons, **Wayne '98** and **Andrew '01**, ME '02, are living in California. Wayne is a freelance producer and completed a trek to the Mt. Everest base camp, where

he was working on a UN film project. Andrew is using his chemical engineering PhD at a startup company in Pleasanton, CA. Marilyn's third son is married and works in Louisville, KY. She is hopeful that her 2-year-old granddaughter will join the Cornell Class of 2034.

After leaving the State Dept. last April, **Shelly Porges**, MPS '77, launched a women's entrepreneurship initiative and became the director of the Global Entrepreneurship Program. She has given more than two dozen speeches, including at Cornell, where she was a keynote speaker at the annual Entrepreneurship at Cornell event last spring, and at a women's leadership symposium this spring. She informs us that she has traveled to many countries this past year, including Azerbaijan, Denmark, France, Greece, Israel, Malaysia, Mexico, Spain, Sweden, and Turkey. She also serves on the boards of various entrepreneurship development organizations and mentors entrepreneurs as they launch

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their businesses. She shares this from the Huffington Post regarding her recent trip to Mexico for a group of executive women and entrepreneurs: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/shelly-porges/memories-of-mexico-city\\_b\\_5024962.html?utm\\_hp\\_ref=women&ir=Women](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/shelly-porges/memories-of-mexico-city_b_5024962.html?utm_hp_ref=women&ir=Women). Finally, Shelly reports that she is the national finance co-chair for the Ready for Hillary PAC, which is mobilizing support for Hillary Clinton to run for President in 2016.

**Mira Tetkowski** Berkley has served as chair of the Dept. of Curriculum and Instruction in the College of Education at SUNY Fredonia. She will return to teaching early childhood education at the end of the term. Mira wrote that she had to miss Reunion because she was accompanying her students to Plymouth, England, in June. **Linda Rodd** is of counsel to the law firm of Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, where she is a labor attorney on the union side. Linda has three children: Helen, 27, at Harvard Business School; Jack, 25, at NYU Law School; and Henry, 23, an analyst at JP Morgan. **Wendy Goldberg-Hammond** hails from Fairfax, CA, where she creates and sells art, and installs art exhibits for private individuals and organizations. She says that after her visit to Cornell last fall, she was reminded about why she paints landscapes. She describes Ithaca as "one of the most beautiful places anywhere."

**Ruth Mulcahy** would like to hear from **Catherine Hagerty '75**. Ruth spends her time with her land use governmental work, shoveling snow, playing with her dogs, and partying with her sons. In reflecting back on the start of her freshman year, she remembers "a tremendous amount of self-consciousness and nervous anticipation about the level of difficulty of the coursework." **Kevin Egan** writes, "My sixth novel, *Midnight*, will be published in July. *Midnight* is a noirish thriller set largely in the New York County Courthouse. *Publishers Weekly* commented that 'late-action twists and reversals ensure that nothing turns out as expected' and called it 'a thrilling read.'" Kevin appears on the

Cornell Writers website, and his profile can be viewed at: <http://kjeganfiction.com/wp/index.php>.

**Steve Wilson** is chairman of Crescent Manufacturing, a global manufacturer of precision fasteners for the automotive, defense, and aerospace industries. Steve and wife Beth hoped to attend Cornell's Adult University this past summer. **Marsha Feinman** Byrnes lives in Lexington, MA, where she and her husband are working on a startup called Profit Isle. She has two sons, one in real estate finance in Seattle, and the other a post-doc at Harvard in applied physics. She is the proud grandmother to a baby born in January. **Ron Pies** retired from his clinical psychiatry practice and is publishing a novel, *The Director of Minor Tragedies*, with iUniverse.

**Mary Berens** recently attended a performance by **Nate Mattingly '14**, recipient of our Christopher Reeve Scholarship, in an original play entitled *The Middle of the Night*, inspired by Charlie Chaplin's

silent film *One A.M.* She describes the show as "non-stop physical stunts," and Nate's performance as "brilliant." ☐ **Helen Bendix**, hbendix@verizon.net; **Jack Wind**, jjw@mwhlawfirm.com.

**75** Does anyone really feel as though we are 40 years older than the day we were handed our diploma in May 1975? Sure, we have a few gray hairs, and walking up Libe Slope is far more challenging, but from the voice of experience, a return to campus is like finding the Fountain of Youth. In June 2014, several members of our class attended the 40th Reunion of the Notable Class of 1974 to catch up with "older" friends and enjoy a prelude to our own 40th gathering on the Hill, including our reunion chair **Susan Fulton**, co-chair **Jeanne Fattori Smith**, class president **Deb Gellman**, MBA '82, VP **Joan Pease**, **Laurie Musick** Wright, **Myrna Bank Gardner**, **Dan Malone**, **Michael Motes**, and **Richard Adie**. What a fabulous four days! Under the guise of gathering resources for our own 1975 reunion, we enjoyed the numerous venues across the campus, sampled cuisines, shopped for Cornell memorabilia at the Campus Store, re-lived the big games at sports team receptions, bonded with fraternity brothers and sorority sisters, and reconnected with friends and classmates. And now we're all anxiously awaiting June 4-7, 2015, when we will not only share memories with the Class of '75, but will celebrate Cornell's Sesquicentennial . . . 150 years of history.

So who are some of the class officers planning our upcoming reunion? Our reunion chair and co-chair are both graduates of the School of Hotel Administration. Susan (Sfulton@teamwash.com) and husband **Alan Burrows '76** live in the metropolitan Washington, DC, area, where she is director of marketing and store development for Team Washington in Vienna, VA, a company that operates restaurants including Domino's Pizza.

Jeanne (jmf37@cornell.edu) and husband **Nick Smith '74**, MBA '75, reside in Florida, sharpening their golfing skills in the southern sunshine when not traveling to visit children and grandchildren along the East Coast. Rounding out the reunion planning team are **Jack Brewster**, **Debbie Reading Mace**, and Michael Motes.

Our class president, Deb Gellman, lives in NYC and works for BB&T Capital Markets in the fixed income department. She plays tennis and enjoys attending local Cornell games including football (Columbia game in NYC November 15!), lacrosse,

a change. As VP of international business development with Starbucks, his work has taken him to the UK, Netherlands, France, China, Japan, the Middle East, and Mexico. James enjoys his work, but does wish to be closer to family members. As he thinks back to what he packed as a freshman at Cornell, he remembers bringing hiking boots, a parka, and a stereo. (Do freshmen of today even know what a stereo is?)

Please take a few minutes to send us highlights of your life after Cornell, friends you have seen, and memorable moments on campus, and

Springfield, MO. She says, "I've been spending my time growing my small business, serving on multiple local boards, and reading, eating, and drinking with my book club." At the time she wrote, she was preparing for a week-long family reunion in Vermont. What would she rather be doing right now? "Laying on a beach somewhere." Thinking back on time at Cornell, she wishes she had done more studying and a semester abroad, and less visiting the pub at Noyes. She'd most like to hear from Cornell pal **Debbie Malewski Anderson**.

**David Dennihy** (Brooklyn, NY) is an emergency physician who had military combat experience from 2009 to 2011. His youngest is starting college. What does David like most and least about his life? His happily married life rates highest; he then lists "today's electronic technology," which I assume is his least favorite thing—I know a lot of doctors do feel that way about electronic medical records. Not only this past winter, but "everything" reminds David of Cornell. **Carla Holder** reports, "This winter, my husband and I got five crowns between us, so our dentist's holiday season was very jolly." What does she like best and least about life right now? "Best: the feeling of competence and mastery. Least: the rise of health issues." Even in Harvest, AL, this winter reminded Carla of Cornell. "There were dips into cold temps, but now, as a homeowner, I'm running out with sheets and blankets to cover up tender landscape plants." And **Roni Pelzman** Brissette, and husband Stephen live in Brookline, MA.

By the time you see this column, I hope that my Cornell pals **Karen Krinsky Sussman**, **Ellen Cord Dember**, and **Karen Polivy** and I will be in New Orleans together to celebrate all of our landmark birthdays. We'll raise a glass to our whole class. Cheers! **Pat Relf Hanavan**, patrelf1@gmail.com; **Lisa Diamant**, ljdiamant@verizon.net; **Karen Krinsky Sussman**, Krinsk54@gmail.com.

## ‘Is it coincidence that summer brought lots of catch-up news from professors?’

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basketball, and hockey (Penn State at Madison Square Garden November 29 with pregame tailgate!). As one of four class correspondents, Deb tries to keep up with as many classmates as she can and always welcomes seeing classmates who travel to New York. Class of '75 affinity chair **Rich Marin**, MBA '76 (rmarin117@gmail.com) divides his time between NYC and Ithaca, where he is president and CEO of the New York Wheel project and professor of Asset Management at the Johnson School. Rich recently authored *Global Pension Crisis*, which examines the problem of underfunded pension plans and how we can avert what is described as a looming disaster.

Another classmate in NYC is **Amy Cohen** Banker. Amy is artist-in-residence at the Cornell Club, teaches watercolor, designs jewelry with semi-precious stones based on her drawings and paintings, sells art at amycohenbanker.com, and is a freelance reviewer for *Artist Forum*. Next up for Amy is preparing for her solo exhibition at Artifact Gallery 2016 while she sells at Kit & Kaboodle in North Adams, MA, and at art fairs. In nearby Bronx, NY, **Madeline Ginzburg** spends her time "fixing teeth" in her dental office. She also manages to find time to teach at Columbia School of Dental Medicine and would enjoy hearing from **Lois Landin '77**. Madeline recalls what she brought to Cornell as a freshman: a clock radio, towels, clothes, and bedding—pretty sparse!

**Fran Smith** (Dobbs Ferry, NY; fsmith@aol.com) and Sheila Himmel have written *Changing the Way We Die*. These medical journalists and bloggers at *Psychology Today* write, "Hospice occupies a strange uneasy place in the healthcare system, in the popular imagination, and in a famously youth-obsessed society that does not like to think about mortality." Their research shows how hospice is much more than a way to relieve the discomforts of dying. **Walter MacFarland III** (Media, PA; retlaw1923@verizon.net) says he spends his time "paying bills" and would rather be golfing in Florida. He wishes he had spent more time playing football while at Cornell.

Now the senior director of product development at AMVAC (American Vanguard Corp.) Chemicals, located in Newport Beach, CA, **Peter Porpiglia** lives in Irvine with his wife, Trudy. Further up the coast in Seattle, WA, are **James** and **Catherine Chang Ko '76**. James remarked that his move from the Connecticut countryside to in-city condominium living in downtown Seattle was quite

we'll share the news in our upcoming columns. And DO join us for our 40th Reunion in June! **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com; **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Karen DeMarco Boroff**, karen.boroff@shu.edu; **Mitch Frank**, mjfgator@gmail.com.

**76** Is it coincidence that summer brought lots of catch-up news from professors? Something to do with the academic schedule perhaps? This spring, **Mary DellaValle** Balliet was promoted to the rank of full professor at New York Chiropractic College, and her son, Brendon, graduated from Niagara Falls Culinary Inst. He is now working at the Buffalo Club as a chef. Did this past winter remind her of her time at Cornell? Mary says, "Yes, it was cold and snowy then, too." In retrospect, the wisdom of the long break in January becomes clear!

**Kari Weil** says, "I'm still a professor and am now director of the College of Letters at Wesleyan in Middletown, CT." Her daughter is looking at colleges. **Arden Handler** is a professor of community health sciences at U. of Illinois in Chicago and co-director of its Maternal and Child Health Program. She says she spends her time being a professor, walking dogs, taking care of her mother, and watching Netflix. What does she wish she'd done more of at Cornell? "Football. Never went to one game, and, having had a son who was a high school football player, I wish I'd gone to Cornell games." Arden lives in Evanston and would love to hear from her old Cornell friend **Donna Flax**.

**David Bloom** is Clarence James Gamble Professor of Economics and Demography at the Harvard School of Public Health. He and wife Lakshmi live in Weston, MA. Daughter Sonali graduated from Yale College in 2009 and is married to an attorney. Son Sahil graduated from Stanford in 2013 and received his master's in public policy there in June. At the time of his note, David's plans for the future were to spend July on sabbatical leave and to travel to Switzerland, India, Australia, New Zealand, United Arab Emirates, and Italy . . . I'll assume not all in July, but you never know!

Beyond academe . . . **Rena Natansohn** Epstein lives in Potomac, MD, with spouse Gordon. She is semi-retired and working as a consultant with Centra Technology in Arlington, VA. **Sheila Collins** is owner and president of SC Surfaces in

**77** The "news coffers" are pretty thin these days. Thanks to those of you who shared news for this column.

Some sad news also arrived: **Peter McGee**, BS Ag '79, passed away last spring. Peter was a patent attorney in Washington, DC, who was a member of the Congressional Chorus. We received word that the Congressional Chorus dedicated its May 31 concert and established a scholarship fund in honor of his memory. We extend our condolences to Peter's family and friends, and send our thanks to the Congressional Chorus.

On to happier news . . . Major **Karen Juli** (Ret.) (Hinesville, GA) informed us that she works as a civil servant employee for the US Army. She planned on retiring this summer and moving back to her hometown of Auburn, NY, and looks forward to being closer to Cornell and to participating in events there. Karen's travels took her to Italy this past Christmas to visit family and friends. She says, "It is always hard to leave." When Karen arrived at Cornell, she had packed almost everything she owned into a cardboard suitcase and a brown paper bag. Not sure today's students could fit all their electronics in there!

**Sheryl Checkman** (New York, NY; sheryl@checkmandesign.com) writes that she loves practicing yoga, skiing in the winter, and scuba diving in the summer. She has a graphic design business (Sheryl Checkman Design) that provides both print and Web design services for small to mid-sized businesses. She traveled to Mexico this summer to assist on the creative side of a sales

incentive trip at the Four Seasons. Not too shabby by an assignment, Sheryl, as you said. She also received her first wholesale account for her brand-ed “Life is Balance” T-shirt and jewelry line.

Classmate **Elaine Mead Alexander** and her husband, **John '74**, MBA '76, were two of the recipients of this year's Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award. For those of you, like me, who are not totally familiar with this award, it was established in the spring of 1994 by the Cornell Alumni Association, with the endorsement of the Board of Trustees' Subcommittee on Alumni Affairs. According to the alumni website, the award “honors alumni who have demonstrated extraordinary service to Cornell through long-term volunteer activities within the broad spectrum of Cornell's various alumni organizations. Such service may be reflected in the leadership roles that the individual has assumed, or through the unique contributions made by the individual as a part of his or her service to Cornell.” Congratulations, Elaine!

**Dixon Kim** (New York, NY) writes that he spends his time both practicing and teaching martial arts and is really enjoying it. Speaking of martial arts, I recently started studying Japanese Karate and am enjoying it. I have passed my first belt advancement test and am practicing for my second! Also, by the time you read this, I will not only be married, but will have returned from my honeymoon. I married a wonderful man and I hope you won't hold it against him that he went to Princeton. Getting married in one's 60s is interesting. Having three separate celebrations is slightly mad, but our ceremony was family-only and we have friends on both coasts—so we had a party on each coast for our friends. For our honeymoon, we spent five weeks visiting Venice, Vienna, Prague, Paris, and London. Some of those cities I had never been to, and others I had last visited the summer before my junior year at Cornell. Things have changed a little. My new hubby and I are having a great time. It's all a matter of attitude, I say.

And I also say that I wish I had more news to share. Please e-mail or write and let your classmates know what you've been up to lately. You can send news via e-mail, snail mail, or the Class of 1977 website (<http://classof77.alumni.cornell.edu/>). **Annette Mulee**, [annette@mulee.com](mailto:annette@mulee.com); and **Howie Eisen**, [Howard.Eisen@drexelmed.edu](mailto:Howard.Eisen@drexelmed.edu).

**78** From the class Facebook page, **Cliff Cockerham** tells of his travels to Atlanta this summer to testify at the EPA's public hearings in support of the proposed Clean Power Plan. He writes, “The proposed new rules will reduce carbon pollution, therefore slowing the GhG avalanche toward catastrophic climate change, while also reducing human exposure to a host of co-generated disease-causing molecules.” The need to reduce this air pollution is desperate in Tennessee, which has the second highest infant mortality in America. “Yes, there is an economic cost to enacting these new regulations,” Cliff notes, “but there is evidence that the healthcare savings alone may outweigh these costs. Sure, avoidance of unnecessary regulation is a virtue, but I cannot believe the word ‘unnecessary’ applies when the human cost is so high and so unevenly shared.”

Although busier than ever as managing member of Colman-Knight Advisory Group LLC and his private law practice, **Richard Colman** has been

doing a lot of travel—to China and Tibet for charitable projects and South America, Southeast Asia, and Europe for vacations. He's hoping to do some hiring to allow more time for these pursuits, while he and his wife enjoy their empty nest in Carlisle, MA. As a senior principal consultant for ACA Compliance Group, **Victoria Proctor** Hulick does regulatory compliance consulting for investment advisors, investment companies, broker-dealers, and CFTC/NFA registrants. She looks forward to annual vacations with friends in Cabo San Lucas and Europe, but wishes for more time to enjoy that which she earns.

**Court Williams** was promoted to CEO of HUS Executive Search. Despite extensive business travel, he has been enjoying time with family and friends around the country, including a trip to Italy with his wife, daughter (who attends UVM), and son (who goes to Penn State). Court anticipates another ten years or so in the work world as he supports his children's launches. **Liebe Kazan** Gelman is practicing psychiatry in Huntingdon Valley outside Philadelphia. Her oldest son, a graduate of West Point, is in his third year of medical school at Temple. Her second son appears to be following in those footsteps as a pre-med student at West Point, while her daughter is majoring in finance and accounting at U. of Pittsburgh.

**Helen Ferrara**, who relocated to Short Hills, NJ, is the regional judicial officer of the EPA—a cause dear to her heart. Helen has a 15-year-old son, an 11-year-old daughter, a dog, and a cat. Ithaca has been home for **Laura Call** Andolina, MBA '86, for the past nine years. Her older son, a Cornell sophomore, is a member of Chi Phi and plays club lacrosse. She also has a student attending Ithaca High School. **David Fernandez**, also in Ithaca, is president of Cayuga Landscape. **Karen Kuhn** is superintendent of process controls at Lima Refining in Ohio. In her off-hours she helps find homes for dogs without them.

**Manette Mallon** Scheininger, MS '80, recently left PVH Corp. after more than 30 years in the global design field. She is interested in consulting opportunities with financial firms looking to evaluate apparel business. Manette was back at Cornell in May, celebrating her daughter's graduation from the Johnson School. **Andrew Paul's** son, meanwhile, is at Cornell's Dyson School of Business. And **Langdon Neal's** Cornell legacy continues with one daughter's graduation in 2011 and another's coming up in 2017. **Michael Gallup** interviews about a dozen Cornell applicants from the Houston area each year. Impressed with their backgrounds, he repeatedly wonders if he would be accepted today! Michael works with an infrastructure fund and sits on the boards of three companies, including a Warsaw-based broadcasting infrastructure company. He'd like to know about any classmates living in Poland.

A Cornell-Penn lacrosse game in Philadelphia brought together fraternity brothers **Mark Pinnie**, **Halsey Knapp '77**, **Joe Magid '79**, **Matt Adler '80**, and **Rich Kauffeld**. They all recounted the great fun they had at college and wondered why fraternities seemed to have such struggles with the administration. Thanks to all for staying in touch. We hope to hear from more of you for the next column. If you're more socially inclined, check in on Facebook and LinkedIn, or send e-mails to: **Ilene Shub** Lefland, [ilefland@snet.net](mailto:ilefland@snet.net); **Cindy Fuller**, [cindyjfuller.com](mailto:cindyjfuller.com). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**79** We are still receiving news from classmates who are gushing about our amazing 35th Reunion. Many of us were thrilled to catch up with classmates we had not seen in many years and also make new friends through the pre-reunion and reunion activities. During Reunion, we spent many hours talking, eating, and dancing in our dorm lounge and in the tents on the Quad.

**Cindy Green** was at Reunion, along with her daughter **Claudia Cohen '09**. Cindy filled us in with her post-Cornell history. She moved to New York City right after graduation, married Lee Cohen (U. of Penn) a year later, then moved to Chelsea in 1981 after finishing her master's degree. In the intervening years, she worked in public policy in the state and local government sector, raised three children, and earned a PhD in public finance at night. Their children are her love and joy! Claudia has become her New Yawka lawya daughter who is a third-year associate at Milbank Tweed. Son Ben Cohen graduated from Syracuse U. in 2013 after four years as a student manager for the men's basketball team and now works at DKC in New York City. Her baby, **Aliza Cohen '18**, spent her junior year of high school abroad in Rome and is now in the College of Human Ecology—just like her mom, her uncle, and her sister! Four more years at the Big Red!

Many other classmates also traveled from NYC and provided Reunion updates. **Dee Babich** Proctic and her husband enjoyed themselves thoroughly, reconnecting with old friends and Cornell. They thought it was the best, most well-organized reunion ever. Two weeks later they were up at Cornell again depositing their son, a rising high school senior, for the summer program. For him, as for Dee, Cornell was love at first sight, now reaffirmed by his summer experience. **Liz VanHarnik** Douglas attended Reunion with daughters Sara and Aly, and was joined by her sister **Christine VanHarnik** Coyne '87 and her daughters Clare and Kate. All had an amazing time! With three of the cousins in high school and one in middle school, Liz and Christine are hoping they will be Cornellians soon!

Former Cornell Concert Commission chairman **Ben Liemer** lives in the Bronx and is continuing to live out his dream working in the music business as director of sales for the Orchard, the leading independent digital music distributor, with offices in 26 countries. The Orchard supplies musical, video, and movie content to iTunes, Amazon, YouTube, Vevo, Spotify, Pandora, and so on. He also sells to Amazon, Target, FYE, Newbury Comics, and other physical music retailers across the country. He continues to pursue his love of all things musical, artistic, and literary in NYC. **Terri Grodner** said it was great to see everyone at Reunion. “What a fun time!” She also said it was one of the best reunions she had ever attended, and sent a big thanks to all the organizers! Terri lives in the Boston area and works for the state WIC program as a nutrition education specialist and manages the state's metabolic food and formula program. Her two sons are happily pursuing artistic goals (music business and film scoring) at Berklee College of Music.

We heard from two classmates in the Philadelphia area. **Sue Morand** Meyers, who attended her very first Cornell reunion last June, wrote, “Initially a very reluctant alum, I've mended my ways and am now a CAAAN chair and am thoroughly enjoying it. Son **Zack '18** will join older brother **Alex '15** on campus this fall. I live in the western

suburbs of Philly with husband Fred and we'll celebrate our 30th anniversary this autumn." **Tim and Laura Hitt McCann** are enjoying being empty-nesters. With offspring in Africa, Los Angeles, and Hawaii, they make regular trips out of their Philadelphia area home base. They try and stay around for the summer to enjoy water activities in the northern part of the Chesapeake Bay, where Tim can commute to work at DuPont while enjoying the rural beauty of Cecil County, MD. An unusual, taxing, and trying adventure was allowing their summer cottage to be used as a location for a full-length movie shoot. Their daughter **Amanda '09** was co-writer and an executive producer on a film called *June, Adrift* that was shot in Maryland and Los Angeles. A crew of 25 filmed for more than two weeks at their small cottage. The film will be submitted to film festivals, but the end result reflects well on Cornell's film department!

Of course **Jeff Berg**, ME '80, MBA '81, our immediate past class president, was at Reunion, along with his wife, Debra Paget. They also attended the Homecoming/TCAM weekend in October. They are spending November to May in Scottsdale, AZ, and had the opportunity to have **Jeff Goldberg**, ME '80, and **Steve Sues**, ME '80, MBA '81, visit them. Together with **Todd Rethemeier '93**, ME '94, MBA '95, they won first, third, and fifth places in a member-guest golf tournament. This past winter was not a reminder of Jeff's time at Cornell because there is no snow and cold weather in Scottsdale!

**Jerry McQuie** made the trip east for Reunion! He moved to Colorado seven years ago and loves living in a place where one can get outdoors as easily as Ithaca. He has been married to Beth for 25 years and has two kids in college. **Lynda Black** also traveled to Ithaca from Colorado, and it was great catching up with her. She truly enjoys the Colorado mountains. **Bob**, MS '80, and **Stacy Buchler Holstein** brought their two daughters to Reunion. Everyone talked to the girls and encouraged them to consider Cornell as their college choice. During Reunion, Stacy led demanding fitness classes for our athletically minded classmates.

We received lots of Reunion news, but would love to hear from all of our classmates. You can also keep up with class events by joining CornellConnect (<http://www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/CEL/homepage.cgi>), our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Cornell1979/>), and the Cornell Class of '79 LinkedIn group. As always, you can submit news to us throughout the year at class of79@cornell.edu, or directly to: **Linda Moses**, mosesgurevitch@aol.com; **Kathy Zappia** Gould, kathy.gould57@gmail.com; **Cynthia Ahlgren** Shea, cynthia.shea@sothebyshomes.com.

**80** Our class welcomes you to celebrate with us at our 35th Reunion on June 4-7, 2015. **Nancy MacIntyre** Hollinshead (nancy.m.hollinshead@gmail.com) and **Jodi Diehl** Nestle (Jodi.nestle@gmail.com) have been working hard with the class council and other officers to plan a very special reunion, which will involve our classmate **Kathryn J. Boor**, dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. Prior to her appointment, Dr. Boor served as professor and chair of the Dept. of Food Science.

Cornell kicked off the sesquicentennial celebration with "The Big Idea!" in Manhattan on September 13 at Jazz at Lincoln Center. Our classmates gathered for a pre-party event at the Stone

Rose Lounge in the Time Warner Center. The 150th celebrations will continue at Homecoming in Ithaca on October 16-18 and in various cities in the US and abroad, so please check <http://150.cornell.edu>.

Cornell's ice hockey team is returning to Madison Square Garden on November 29 of Thanksgiving weekend for its sixth game in the Big Apple, facing off against Penn State. Our class is hosting a block of seats as in prior years, and **Esther Elkin Mildner** (eemesq@aol.com) is once again coordinating ticket seating arrangements. Please join us in cheering on our alma mater.

In August, I spent time with fellow parents and classmates **Michael and Lucy Avellino McQueeney** at Delta Upsilon helping our sons set up and clean their room. Michael and Lucy are the parents of **Michael '17**, a sophomore in ILR who happens to be the roommate of my son, **Jason Radin '16**, a junior majoring in Economics in the Arts college. Michael was a classmate at ILR and became a labor and employment attorney, and Lucy lived down the hall from me in U-Hall 2 and joined Alpha Epsilon Phi. They have two older daughters who graduated from Cornell and currently live in Atlanta, and Michael recently accepted a legal position in Manhattan.

Congratulations to **Rob Manfred**, who was appointed Commissioner of Major League Baseball in August. Rob was promoted to COO in 2013 and has worked at MLB since 1998 as EVP of labor relations and human resources after an illustrious career as a labor and employment attorney at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius. We wish Rob the best of luck and look forward to hearing his "war stories" at reunion. Congratulations to our classmates who have children starting at Cornell: **Mark Steckel's** youngest daughter is now a member of the Class of 2018 in the Arts college; **Margery Salshutz** Brauner's daughter Caroline will be majoring in Nutrition in HumEc in the Class of 2019 after a gap year in Israel; and **Jeffrey Estabrook**, JD '83's daughter **Sarah '14** graduated from Cornell and started at Cornell Law School this fall.

**Nanette Cooper**-McGuinness (nmc22@cornell.edu) is continuing her work performing, singing, and translating. She has appeared in world premieres by David Garner and Elena Ruehr with the Jewish Music and Poetry Project, and in five concerts with the Vinaccesi Ensemble, her Baroque group, including the grand reopening of the Salon Doré at the Legion of Honor and reprising the role of Mimi in *La Bohème*. This fall Nanette will be on a Hungarian tour with the Jewish Music and Poetry Project and will become the translator for Capstone's two series, "Sherlock Lupin and Me" and "Emerald Emporium." Her husband, **Dave McGuinness '79**, is working for a startup, Open Placement; and her son, Nick, graduated from UCSD with a degree in mechanical engineering and is working at Hewlett Packard.

**Niel Golightly** has relocated to The Woodlands, TX, and is adjusting after spending five years in London. He tells us that he is indulging his midlife crisis by pursuing aerobatic flying in a Yak 52 and experimenting with Twitter (@nielgolightly). **Ira Halfond** (halfondlaw@yahoo.com) is practicing law in Craryville, NY, where he lives with his wife, **Ellen (Kaplan)**, a fellow U-Hall 2 resident. Ira has been enjoying the Adirondacks, including snowshoe hiking, working his vegetable garden, and cutting wood. **Donna Fremed** (San Diego, CA; dlfred@gmail.com) works in human resources. She enjoys walking 3.3 miles three times per week and tutoring elementary school

children, but says she would like to be spending more time walking on the beach, experiencing new places, and having tea and coffee in sidewalk cafes. Donna would like to hear from classmate **Geri Belk Savitt**.

**Grace Sharples** Cooke (grace.s.cooke@gmail.com) and husband Merritt live in Bryn Mawr, PA. Grace is involved with land stewardship for 37 acres of wetlands and meadows and has been engaged in a number of projects including removing 200 non-native trees and planting 150 new native trees and shrubs, restoring the apple orchard, and clearing an old railroad bed. She has also been organizing the Quaker Fair in Philadelphia, serves as treasurer for the Haverford Quaker Meeting, and does other volunteer work with Quaker organizations. She writes that she has greatly enjoyed watching her children grow up. She has one son who is majoring in philosophy at Princeton and is currently pursuing a spoken Latin and Ancient Greek program at the Vivarium in Rome, and another son who graduated from the U. of Chicago Phi Beta Kappa and is working in the Web marketing division of Sid Mashburn Co. in Atlanta, GA. Her husband, Terry, recently published a new book, which was launched at the Kissinger Inst. of the Woodrow Wilson Center. Terry's nonprofit, China Partnership of Greater Philadelphia, promotes collaboration on public/private cleantech initiatives between Philadelphia and the People's Republic of China.

**Michael Rolband**, ME '81, MBA '82 (Clifton, VA; mrolband@wetlandstudies.com) recently sold his company to Davey Tree Expert Co. and looks forward to running Wetland Studies and Solutions Inc. as a subsidiary. Michael's company is a leading natural and cultural resources consulting company that partners with private sector builders and public works agencies to obtain regulatory approvals relating to wetlands, streams, forests, and cultural resources. Michael has been building a new pond for his black Labs, with obstacles for retrieving training. "I am trying to be a better dog handler," he says. **Hal Ginsburg** (Jamesport, NY; hginsburgllc@lawyers.net) runs his own law firm, Ginsburg & Misk, in Jamaica, NY. He says he is also having fun developing Clovis Point, a winery located on the North Shore of Long Island.

Please continue to send your news and attend Cornell events as our class prepares for our 35th Reunion! **Leona Barsky**, leonabarsky@aol.com, **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25@cornell.edu, **Dana Jerard**, dej24@cornell.edu, **Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco**, caa28@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**81** Just a couple more months and we'll be ringing in 2015! The year has flown by. My son, Brayden, has entered kindergarten, and daughter Ella, now a third grader, has taken on a new sport: she's gone from gymnastics to swimming and absolutely adores it. I am still very involved with the PTA as the VP of fundraising for their elementary school. **Scot Martin**, MBA '83, tells us that after 30 years as an investment banker in Toronto, he has opted for a change of career, becoming co-owner and co-CEO of an interactive digital signage company. That and his 3-year-old are keeping him rather busy these days. He writes, "What doesn't kill you . . ." I guess we are both in the same boat with our little ones!

We are disheartened to hear that Ruloff's has closed. I can't imagine Collegetown without that establishment! The bar's lease expired on the last

day of August and wasn't renewed. It will go the way of the Palms, Johnny O's, and Dino's. A sign of the times.

**Robin Rosenberg** Segall's oldest daughter, **Rena '14**, graduated in May from Arts and Sciences with a double major in Government and French. They had a blast during Commencement weekend—the weather was amazing and the convocation speaker, Ed Helms, was terrific! Robin enjoyed an SDT reunion with her big sister **Annette Kriegel-Davidoff '80** (her son **Perry '14** graduated too!) and Annette's big, **Mary Maxon Grainger '79**, MPS '87, at CTB right before convocation. Needless to say, Robin is going to miss all of her excursions to Ithaca to visit her daughter, but she will find another reason to get to Cornell. Her middle daughter, Felice, is a sophomore at Washington U. in St. Louis, and her youngest, Ruthie, is in high school. Robin reentered the paid workforce in May 2013 and works for the Rosenthal JCC of Northern Westchester, specifically for Sunrise Day Camp, which is a full summer day camp for children with cancer and their siblings. Robin says it has been a rewarding experience and is very different than what she had been doing in her earlier career.

**Amy Schwartz** Goober is a health coach for an optimal health company. She helps clients lose weight and keep it off! She's living in Burlington, MA, with three children (21, 18, and 13). **John Boochever** tells us that Fijis who are turning 55 this year are reconvening on campus at the end of October, like they did five years ago. John adds that our late classmate **Doug Calby** organized the last one, and they had 40-plus brothers from 1979-83.

**John Tuttle** spends part of his time at his home in Saratoga Springs, NY, and part of his time in Washington, DC, at his new position as a senior commercialization advisor with the US DOE in the Advanced Research Projects Agency. He works with academic and private sector groups developing next-generation energy technologies. **Jorge Loynaz Garcia**, BArch '81, MArch '82, tells us that he enjoys sketching and drawing. Another classmate who enjoys his spare time is **Marty Jacobson**. He is still playing basketball and recently was visited by fellow hooper **Mark Oshinskie**. Marty works in renewable energy with a group of young MBAs—he feels they have the real energy! He has also been able to travel a bit; he went to France for a family reunion and then hiked in Colorado.

**Brock Tredway** was looking forward to becoming a grandpa soon. On the business front, Brock and a colleague have developed a new piece of equipment for snowboards. In short, their company is called ImedgeBoards LLC, and, if all goes well, they're going to be able to attach a digital screen (and more) to the nose of the board for videos, Internet, recording, playback, etc. One use will be with GoPro cameras. They have a patent and recently got a grant from Maine Technology Inst. The U. of Maine is working on the prototype, and they plan to test when the snow flies. Lots of work ahead before they will know if they've got a winner. We only wish him the best!

Cornellians around the globe will begin to "paint the world red" while celebrating the university's first 150 years: Cornell's Sesquicentennial! There are many ways that you may participate! Cornell kicked things off at Homecoming on October 17-18, featuring the third annual Homecoming Fireworks and Laser Light Show and the Homecoming 5K. Many classes have reserved blocks of tickets for the Frozen Apple Cornell vs. Penn State hockey game at Madison Square Garden on Saturday, November 29 at 8 p.m. We certainly

have! If you are interested, please contact **Lisa Kremer Ullmann** at: lkremerullmann@aol.com. There will be a pre-game all-alumni tailgate party held right at MSG's Chase Bridges at 6 p.m. Earlier in the month, join **Alice Katz Berglas '66** and her brother **Bob Katz '69** for the 41st year of the **Sy Katz '31** Parade! Cornell kicks off against Columbia on Saturday, November 15 at 12:30 p.m. At 5 p.m., the parade down 5th Avenue begins—led by the Big Red Band, followed by a post-game all-alumni tailgate at the Cornell Club-New York.

Class president **Steve Ritchey** sends the latest update on our class giving. We had 656 donors during the last fiscal year, and total giving from the class was \$2,612,123.00!

## ‘Ernest Block was appointed trauma medical director for the State of Florida.’

Doug Skalka '82

I wish you and your family well. Ring in the New Year with some good cheer and positive thoughts always. Whether you are enjoying the cold or warm weather where you live, live life to its fullest and have fun! We would love to hear from you, so please write and tell us what's new.

✉ **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net; **Barb Amoscato** Sabaitis, beachba@hotmail.com; and **JoAnn Minsker** Adams, joann@budadams.net.

**82** Another year is winding down and our class seems to be as busy as ever. Classmates continue to apprise us of new jobs, careers, and family milestones. Please keep the news coming. We all enjoy learning about our classmates' activities.

Our first career update comes from **Stephen Kagan** (Atlanta, GA; kagalo@comcast.net). Stephen is working at Pfizer in vaccines medical affairs, but he will soon be relocating to the New England and New York region. His wife, Caryn, works in diabetes medical affairs at Boehringer Ingelheim. Their older daughter, Shayna, is a speech pathologist and lives in D.C. with her husband. Younger daughter Juliana is a freshman at U. of Colorado, majoring in anthropology and sociology. Stephen and Caryn are adjusting to life as empty-nesters, but, Stephen notes, "the adventure is revving up, not winding down."

We received another employment update from **Nancy Boyle** (Ballston Lake, NY; me@nancykaneboyle.com), who continues her work as a paramedic doing both 911 calls and transports. She writes that she's glad her daughter, **Lyla Rudgers Furey '10**, and husband **Dan '10**, have both safely returned from deployments in Afghanistan. **Mark Dwortzan** (mark@dwortzan.com) writes from Newton, MA, where he recently launched Green Village Communications, which provides comprehensive editing and writing services for organizations advancing a more sustainable future. For further details on his new venture, you can go to [www.greenvillagecommunications.com](http://www.greenvillagecommunications.com).

One of our class members was recently appointed trauma medical director for the State of Florida by the state surgeon general. **Ernest Block** (Winter Park, FL; ernestblock@cfl.rr.com) writes that, in addition to his new appointment, he is

still working full-time as an acute care surgeon on Florida's Space Coast. Ernest's son, **Geoffrey '14**, just graduated from ILR and is now a Navy Ensign, awaiting a move to serve on the USS *Blue Ridge* in Japan. Ernest has been keeping up with our Class Notes and recently learned that **Cameron Fish** will also be serving on the same ship. Ernest noted, "How small a world is it that my classmate and my son, both Cornell grads, will be serving together? Guess they can go out for Zinck's Night."

**Brooke Hines** Schertle, DVM '91 (bschertle@yahoo.com) lives in Beavercreek, OR, with her husband, Paul. Brooke writes, "I spend my time tending and tweaking the launch pad for three

promising teenagers and one 20-year-old mezzo soprano, as well as playing guitar." Brooke notes, "Playing in sticky gin joints turns out to be great therapy for all ailments of aging." **Lillian Hall**, BS Ag '84 (sembrandopazcolombia@gmail.com) and her husband, Ricardo, are still working in Colombia. They are supporting the work of Sembrandopaz, promoting student delegations, receiving visitors, developing their experimental farm, and doing outreach. Lillian has been traveling a bit, recently visiting her elderly parents in Arizona and going to Russia with her 89-year-old father. She would like to hear from **Bill Barclay**.

One of the editors in our class, **Henry Herz**, writes that he has edited a fantasy anthology, *Beyond the Pale*, which was published in August 2014 by Birch Tree Publishing ([www.birchtreepub.com](http://www.birchtreepub.com)). *Beyond the Pale* features 11 short stories by award-winning and *New York Times* bestselling authors. Thank you again for your news. Please take a few minutes and send us a short update on your latest activities, whether it is career related, a family update, or regarding your latest get-together with classmates. We want to hear from you. ✉ **Doug Skalka**, dskalka@npmlaw.com; **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu.

**83** I hope everyone is enjoying a fantastic fall and spending quality time with family and friends. Thank you for sending your news. Barb and I appreciate getting and publishing everything we receive.

Get ready for the big event in November 2014! Big Red Hockey is coming back to Madison Square Garden for the 2014 Thanksgiving weekend. Cornell will play Penn State in the 2014 "Frozen Apple" on Saturday, November 29 at 8:00 p.m. Class of '83 has a block of 75 tickets in the second level (section 225, 226, or 227 TBD) at \$57.00 per ticket. See [http://www.athletics.cornell.edu/tickets/MSG\\_hockey\\_classes.html](http://www.athletics.cornell.edu/tickets/MSG_hockey_classes.html) for more details. If you are interested in sitting in the Class of '83 block, contact **Lynn Leopold** at [lynnleopold@gmail.com](mailto:lynnleopold@gmail.com), and send a check payable to "Cornell Class of 1983" to Lynn at 35 West 92nd St., Apt. 2B, New York, NY 10025. We may also arrange a pre-game event at Lucy's Royale Cantina at the corner of 34th St. and 8th Ave. (next door to the

Garden), since last year was so much fun! With respect to hockey tickets, they will be sold on a first come, first served basis, and only received payments for tickets will assure your seat. We sell out every year, so do not wait!

And now the news. Classmate **Richard Amoroso**, a shareholder of the national law firm Polsinelli, has been elected to the board of directors of the Arizona Captive Insurance Association (AZCIA). AZCIA is the official voice of Arizona's captive insurance industry. Richard practices in the areas of insurance business and regulatory law and insurance recovery litigation. **Geoffrey Williamson**, PhD '89 (geoffrey.williamson@comcast.net) is living in Chicago, IL. In December 2013, he was awarded the Ludlow Griscom Award for Outstanding Contributions in Regional Ornithology by the American Birding Association. Way to go, Geoffrey—Cornell is big on birds!

**Gayle Moncreif Bicknell**, MBA '84, is still the chairman of the board of directors for Corning Christian Academy in Corning, NY, and is also involved with other volunteer activities. Her husband, **Van '82**, MS '84, still works for Corning Inc. as a global sourcing manager. Their oldest daughter, Keleigh, is a third-year industrial engineering

student at RIT; middle daughter Logan is a freshman at Taylor U. in Indiana; and their youngest, daughter Hailey, is a sophomore in high school and an avid soccer player. Gayle says they had a ton of snow this year, which reminded her of her skiing days at Greek Peak and traying down Libe Slope.

**Robert Cima** (Robert.Cima@fourseasons.com) is the regional VP and general manager of the Four Seasons Hotel in Vancouver, BC. His son, Sandy, is going to prep school in Utah, and daughter Alessia is doing a semester in Chicago. Robert has been traveling to find new sites for Four Seasons Hotels, including São Paulo, Rio, Brazil, Colombia, and Argentina. He'd like to hear from **Paul Winter '82** and **Mike Cooney '82**. **Marcia Hedges Stang** (Stangmk532@aol.com) is working full-time as a veterinarian at Concord Veterinary Center in Springville, NY. She has a small flock of commercial and Dorset sheep. She also has a small herd of commercial beef cattle. If that wasn't enough, she and her husband have four kids. Marcia spends time with her daughter in horse shows and trail challenges.

**Lois Gans Kemp** (lkemp1989@yahoo.com) writes in from Georgia, where she lives with husband Lee. Lois is working at NCR with their channel

partners in the financial industry improving customer experiences through consumer transaction technology solutions. **Heather Robbins** (hrobbins2k2@yahoo.com) writes in from New Jersey, where she continues to maintain a private voice studio, teaching individual lessons and directing choirs. Heather also enjoys singing in a country band as well as a bossa nova band. Her nephew, **Asher Robbins-Rothman '16**, is in Mechanical Engineering and a third-generation Cornellian. His grandmother (Heather's mother) is **Lucille Wallace Robbins '58**.

**Peggy Britt** (peggy.britt@me.com) is the executive director of the Women & Family Life Center in Guilford, CT. Peggy has two kids out on their own and another one in high school. Her future may entail a move to Boston (once the nest is empty). **Linda Copman** (lcopman@gmail.com) works at Cornell as the Climate Action Plan coordinator. She is looking for innovative financing to move this plan forward. Send us news! **Jon B. Felice**, jbfelice@jbfelice.com; **Barb Warner Deane**, barbdeane@barbdeane.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>.

## String Theory

### Desiree Elsevier '83, BS '82

As a CALS student majoring in agricultural economics, Desiree Elsevier found herself uninspired by her required courses, and yearning for more artistic pursuits. "I realized the only homework I was ever doing on time was for my music courses," Elsevier admits. "I thought maybe I should pay attention to that." An aficionada of the violin and viola since childhood, Elsevier opted to follow her passion: she finished her Cornell degree in three years and enrolled in the Manhattan School of Music as a transfer student. "I had violin lessons from the time I was five, but my parents never intended for me to be a professional musician," she says. "That was a bohemian life, and they didn't approve." But Elsevier's gamble has more than paid off: for the past twenty-seven years, she has played the viola in New York City's Metropolitan Opera Orchestra.

Elsevier describes her instrument as having a mellow, middle-range type of sound, comparing it to a bassoon or French horn. "The viola is like a back-up singer," she says. "It's like an inside voice. It's not the lead singer; it's the harmony." At the Met, she plays in up to thirty operas a season, with four performances per week. "It's an incredibly taxing job," she says. "The performances start at 7:30 or eight o'clock—and the standard opera is four hours. So you get home at midnight and then you have rehearsal the next morning at eleven." She notes that playing in an opera orchestra is a singular skill: while symphonies perform their pieces exactly as rehearsed, an opera orchestra has to be flexible and responsive to stay in sync with the singers on stage. "You have to be open and relaxed, but you also have to be incredibly on the ball," she says. "We're like the guy in an ice-dancing couple. He has to be ready to catch his partner if she trips, or aware that she might come out of a spin early."

In the off-season, Elsevier teaches at a chamber music conference in Vermont and does studio work; she has been heard on the albums of such artists as Paul Simon, Sting, Carly Simon, and Bruce Springsteen. Last summer, she traveled to London to perform with the World Orchestra for Peace, a group founded by famed conductor Georg Solti to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations in 1995. "The idea of it is people coming together from different countries," she says, "making beautiful music and being harmonious."



— Kayla Prochnow

**84** The Sesquicentennial Celebration kicked off in New York City on September 13 and at Homecoming in Ithaca (October 17-18), and will continue in Washington, DC (November 14), Hong Kong (December 15), Boston (January 17, 2015), West Palm Beach (February 14, 2015), San Francisco (March 6, 2015), Los Angeles (March 8, 2015), London (May 14, 2015), and at Reunion 2015. I hope you will be able to join in the fun at some point!

Thanks for all the news! **Bob Geise** is still working as an infectious disease physician in Kirkland, WA, and just assumed the role of vice chief of staff! But the big news is that he and partner Tim finally tied the knot after 15 years and two daughters (cue the Big Red Band)! Bob is most grateful to Washingtonians for allowing the union, and I am sure daughters Lucy and Sophia (9 and 6) were thrilled to attend their parents' wedding! No word on whether a tuba was in attendance. **Keith Kefgen**, managing director and CEO of Aethos Consulting Group ([www.sethoscg.com](http://www.sethoscg.com)), has been building a new consulting firm, playing golf, going on college tours with his daughter, and doing lots of business travel. He recently moved to Brooklyn after 25 years in Manhattan. He still manages to see **Mike Cahill**, and they go to the World Poker Tour every year! Keith wishes he had done more computer programming at Cornell and says he "should have invented Priceline." Me too, Keith.

**James Coppola** is an executive VP at AXA and is living in Basking Ridge, NJ. He has been spending

time traveling, playing guitar, and, oh yes, opening his own winery! He started from scratch and now has his very own winery in Ovid, NY, called Toro Run (ToroRunWinery.com). He wishes he had participated in more on-campus activities while at Cornell, but he was commuting from Auburn, NY. **Anthony "T-bone" Bonett** is practicing general internal medicine/primary care, with offices in Woodbury, NJ, and Pennsauken, NJ, and is devoted to his patients. When he isn't working he is coaching, cheering on his children at sporting events, and active in his church. He would love to hear from **Ed Coleman '87** and **Draython Baker '85**. He says he wishes he had had more time to enjoy the beauty of the Cornell campus.

When **Linda Singletary** is not practicing medicine in New Jersey, she is collecting art and visiting her second home in Georgia. She would like to be traveling and would love to hear from **Wendy Bethel** Cleare, **Meredith Brown** Bryant, and **Cynthia Nwizu**. While at Cornell, she wishes she had considered Cooperative Extension and gone abroad. **Margaret Crupi** Skelly is busy taking care of her family and working on her second book of poetry. She is also writing professionally for the marketing department of edX.org, a non-profit joint venture between MIT and Harvard that provides online higher education. Cornell is an affiliate, and Margaret shares that one of Cornell's most dynamic professors, David Chernoff, is offering an amazing course in Relativity and Astrophysics that her 11-year-old son took and passed with a 98 average! Margaret says she wishes she had taken more courses and done more socializing and more exploring of Ithaca while at Cornell.

**Jim Mandell**, MD '92, and his wife are celebrating! Son **Zachary** is in the Cornell Class of '18! Jim is a neuropathologist, clinician, and investigator at the U. of Virginia. He would love to hear from **Larry Lazar** and wishes he had attended more U-Hall 3 late-night bluegrass jams and bull sessions while at Cornell! One of our favorite meteorologists, **John Toohey**, and his wife are also celebrating, as their son **John** will be studying Atmospheric Sciences at Cornell (like his dad!), also with the Class of '18!

**Thomas Hall** is up in Massachusetts and just took a new job as executive director of Holt In-t'l Business School! Charles Oppenheim is busy practicing health law and enjoying life with his wife and two boys (15 and 13). He completed the NYC Marathon in November 2013 and, when he sent in his news, was anxiously awaiting our 30th Reunion! Yes, Charles, there is a bit of a time delay from receipt of news to publishing. **Lindsay Liotta Forness**, our class president, and husband **Bob '87** are packing as I write. They will be moving to Bermuda and Langhorne, PA! Son Brian has deferred his acceptance to Cornell and is in Richmond, VA, playing hockey for the Richmond Generals, and daughter **Keri '15** is finishing up her senior year at Cornell.

A sincere thanks to those who sent along news. Please send us more updates via e-mail, and remember to check out *Cornell Alumni Magazine* on your iPad or smartphone at: <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>. No special access or registration is required to view the Class Notes (and they are NOT searchable by Google!). All e-mail and website links are active hotlinks. ☒ **Janet M. Insardi**, insardij@hotmail.com; **Catherine "Kitty" Cantwell**, catherinejcantwell@gmail.com. Class website, <http://classof84.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**85** Much news to report this time! Congratulations to **Bruce Gilardi**, who writes of his June nuptials in Umbria, Italy, to Paolo Marchi. Cornellians **Wai-Leong Chan '83**, ME '84, MBA '85, **Noah Brodsky '02**, **Michelle Gilardi '91**, **Hamdi, MBA '88**, and **Feleksan Firat Onar '88**, **Muriel Mizrahi Lasry '88**, and **Alok '86**, MBA '87, and **Majini Sehwan Oberoi** were in attendance from Singapore, London, Istanbul, Paris, and NYC. The couple has been in Sarajevo for three years. Paolo is the head of child protection for UNICEF, and Bruce runs an investment management business ([www.brigiml.net](http://www.brigiml.net)) and a design firm ([www.soba-design.com](http://www.soba-design.com)).

Many in our class are returning to Ithaca to see their children continue the Cornell tradition. **Richard Shapiro**, an estate planner with an elder law practice in Goshen, NY, shares that his daughter, **Emily '17**, is in ILR. **Debra Heller** Hand (Chappaqua, NY) is proud of daughter **Lindsay '18**, who was accepted early decision. And **Laura Rabinowitz** Lefkowitz sent son **Adam '18** to Cornell in the fall. Laura writes, "Adam will be performing on violin with his music trio in St. Petersburg, Russia, this summer. Very exciting!" She has been married 26 years to David and has her own podiatry practice in Beverly Hills. **Josh Divack** is thrilled to announce that his daughter **Pamela '18** is now a freshman in the College of Arts and Sciences and loves Cornell. Josh adds that it was great to be back on campus, and takes pride in his third-generation Cornellian. **Tara Shuman** Gonzalez, an event planner in New Jersey, is getting her oldest, son **Jesse '17**, ready to return to Cornell for his sophomore year.

Other alumni with children starting college include **Barry Greenblatt**, manager of a counterparty risk team at Wells Fargo Securities. His twins, Jacob and Brandon, are at Georgetown and George Washington. He and wife Karen are looking forward to being empty-nesters! **Lisa Cohen's** oldest son will be a freshman at Bates College. She and husband Gary have a blended family of five kids, ages 11-18. Lisa has a new job as EVP of clinical affairs at StrataDX in Lexington, MA, and they have a "weekend" home on Martha's Vineyard. Lisa writes, "We are building a pool and continuing to enjoy the beautiful days in New England and the Boston area. We spend a lot of time with **Jill Kreutzer Orent** and her husband, **Eric '80**."

**Joseph Kulakofsky**, who runs the engineering group for a small laser company in Silicon Valley making OEM laser systems for anything from bio-med to civil police forces, writes, "I think we make the lasers that kill you and cure you as well." His oldest is at USC. His twins are in high school and one has her eyes set on Cornell. **Ara Daglian**, GM at the Woodmere Club (a private country club), has son Ara Jr. at college, and next year daughter Katie will be a freshman. Ara loves living and working in New York, but also has homes on Fire Island and in Connecticut . . . just not enough free time.

Co-class correspondent **Risa Mish**, JD '88, has been teaching and guest speaking. She was the keynote speaker for the Cornell Club of Boston's 2014 annual meeting and spent time there with **Debbi Neyman Silverman**, **Amy Groden Katz**, **Jeff Freilich**, and **Marian Rambelle**. Risa was honored with the Globe Award for Teaching Excellence by the Johnson School's Executive MBA graduating Class of 2014, for demonstrating "a command of subject matter and enduring educational influence in motivating students to achieve and excel." Congratulations, Risa!

**Nicholas Theodore** recently sold his company, Excelsius Surgical, to Globus Medical. His company focused on a next generation image-guided robotic platform for brain and spinal surgery with applications for the entire body. He has just been honored with a \$1.6M DOD research grant to study novel therapies for acute spinal cord injury. I know we ALL hope you are successful in your research. **Frank Liao** joined the Princeton, NJ, law firm of Meagher Emanuel as a partner in 2013 in their intellectual property practice. According to the news release, Frank has extensive experience in worldwide patent prosecution and has successfully defended patents in various appeal and invalidation proceedings in the US, Europe, China, and Japan.

**Ellen Baum** Rabinowitz is managing multiple renovation projects and volunteering as senior project judge for the local high school, all while visiting colleges with her son. She stays in touch with **Laura Weiner** Siegal and **Roberta Zwiebel** Farhi weekly. **Amy Smith** Linton writes, "I bought some abandoned farmland and started taking the Cornell Beginning Farmer webinars. I hope to pick some apples from the old trees and maybe start some hazelnut, walnut, and maple production." **Evelyn McFarlane** has been "bookkeeping, teaching, and oil painting." She says she is happy to "finally have space to paint and work in," as she is building and starting an art center/school of her own. Orthopedic surgeon **Howard Gelb** of Boca Raton, FL, is busy with work, family, and trying to squeeze in waterskiing, karate, and jujitsu workouts.

**Frederic Johnson** continues to volunteer at the Adler Planetarium. He writes, "I have been telescope observing both the solar and night sky using the planetarium's observatory, including a 20-inch diameter reflecting telescope. Also, for the planetarium, I've been designing the initial stages of a Cube Sat, possibly with spaceweather experiments, to be put into low-Earth orbit by NASA." Frederic wants to hear from **Doug Masters** and misses long bicycle trips at Cornell with friend **Joe Finkle**, who passed away some years ago. **Troy Rosasco**, a workers' comp, Social Security disability, and accident attorney in Ronkonkoma, NY, says that last winter didn't remind him of his time at Cornell. "At Cornell I could skip class if I felt like it." **Julie Jerome** McCallen dropped us her business card. She is the president of Cenegenics Denver in Colorado.

I had the incredible opportunity to have a girls weekend with **Leslie Nydick**, **Jill Beckenstein** Lerner, **Maryellen Fisher** Magee, **Debra Eisenstat** DeRoche, **Cindy Cowen** Bowman, and **Karen Magri** Dadd in Jupiter, FL, this June. We picked up where we left off in November. Great to get together, share our lives, and act like college kids again . . . well, almost. We are looking forward to seeing you ALL in June 2015 in Ithaca for our 30th Reunion. Until then, send news to: ☒ **Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett, [cornett0667@comcast.net](mailto:cornett0667@comcast.net); **Risa Mish**, [risa.mish@cornell.edu](mailto:risa.mish@cornell.edu); or **Roberta Zwiebel** Farhi, [rfarhiesq@aol.com](mailto:rfarhiesq@aol.com).

**86** Headline news: Cornell Engineer co-authors book with two Yale professors (one political science and one law) called *Social Insurance: America's Neglected Heritage and Contested Future!* Our author is none other than classmate **John Pakutka** of Branford, CT. Check out John's blog at [www.sixthreats.com](http://www.sixthreats.com). The book is an interesting introduction to America's welfare system and the various public

policies that protect and support families facing the six threats John enumerates on the blog. Good reading for both ends of the political spectrum.

Other headlines and accolades are flowing to **Peter Quinter**, an attorney with a thriving legal practice in Miami at the firm of Gray Robinson PA. Peter was recently listed among Florida's "Super Lawyers," a collection of attorneys considered the highest caliber in the state, and in August he was named to the 2015 list of Best Lawyers in America. Peter also chairs the Int'l Law Section of the Florida Bar and is the longest serving vice-chair of the Customs Law Committee in the section's history.

**Steven Getman** (Ovid, NY) was reappointed to the Tompkins County Ethics Advisory Board. Steven is of counsel to the law firm of Franklin & Gabriel in Ovid and works on a wide variety of civil and criminal matters. He is also an adjunct instructor with Keuka College's criminal justice program. **Lorena Garnezy** (Canandaigua, NY) wrote that she and her husband, Kevin, are enjoying their early retirement and focusing on travel. They built a house in the hills above Canandaigua Lake and are enthusiastically exploring the Finger Lakes. Lorena was planning to celebrate her 50th birthday with a cruise through the Baltic this July.

**Christopher Burdick** (Pound Ridge, NY) observed that this past NYC winter seemed worse than anything he remembered from our time in Ithaca. News from campus would suggest that they also felt it was one of the hardest in memory! Chris is loving time with his family and watching his two daughters enjoy and excel at school and savoring the time before they leave for college in a few years! He and his family are heading to Stockholm to watch one of his daughters sing with her school's choir, the Greenwich Academy Madrigals. **Andy Glasner** (Trumansburg, NY) had the pleasure of attending his second Cornell graduation, this time for his daughter, **Lindsay '14**, who completed her degree in Natural Resources. She will be putting it to good use as she starts her career at Cornell's Lab of Ornithology! What a fun job!

**Martha Peterson Gonzalez** (New Orleans, LA) was also at Cornell's graduation this past June, watching her son, **Frank '14**, graduate. She wrote, "His experience at Cornell was awesome. His time with the marching band, pep band, and jazz band will bond him to Cornell for life. Our daughter, **Eva '16**, is entering her junior year. It has been wonderful sharing Cornell experiences with them." Eva has moved into Ravenwood Apartments, which is where Martha lived during her senior year in 1985-86. "She is active in the Cornell Chorus and also having a fabulous Cornell experience. We look forward to another graduation in 2016."

**Janet Elie** Faulkner (Reading, MA) recently started her own legal consulting practice, Faulkner Legal Consulting, after serving as in-house counsel to various large Boston institutions over the past 21 years. "I originally specialized in employment law and litigation, but became a generalist through my work at Emerson College and Northeastern U. I now focus on my areas of greatest interest—employment law and equal opportunity, including disability law, education initiatives, and data privacy law." Janet adds, "Our two sons will be entering middle school and high school this year. They both are looking forward to attending another Cornell reunion!" **Jeff Cowan** shared some great pictures of his two sons, Matthew and Jason, both 9 years old, vacationing in Whitefield, NH, this summer. They were visiting the grandparents and spent most of their time in or on the water

with swimming or boating. Jeff is active in Cornell affairs in the L.A. area and continues to enjoy success in his legal practice.

**Merrill Rudin** is a chiropractor in the Big Apple. She wrote in about volunteering her chiropractic services in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to an impoverished school in November 2013 called Fresh & Green Academy, which was a highlight of her year. When asked what she is enjoying about life now, she noted, "More wisdom, good accomplishments, great life, and I'm healthy. I am not excited to age, but there is no decent alternative!" She hopes to have more service and travel adventures in the coming years and is really enjoying leadership opportunities in her field. She'd like to continue with these opportunities to create more community support. **Steve Kirson** shared the news of becoming an empty-nester, having just finished cheering his son's high school baseball career. Steve is also an attorney and recently joined Kessler & Solomiany, where he practices domestic relations and family law. His firm works with numerous professional athletes, media celebrities, and other high-profile cases. With all this spare time on his hands going forward, he was recruited by fellow ILR classmate **Ilene Weisbard** Berman to the board of the Atlanta Cornell Club.

We had news from all over this month, for which I am particularly grateful. Thank you to everyone who chimed in with updates. The university has changed the way they do many of our annual class mailings, which has limited our usual source of information. E-mail updates are wonderful, so please let us know the goings-on in your life! Follow us on Facebook (Cornell University Class of 1986) and Twitter (@CornellClass86) as well. **Holly Isdale**, [Isdale@mac.com](mailto:Isdale@mac.com); **Nancy Keates**, [Nancy.Keates@wsj.com](mailto:Nancy.Keates@wsj.com); **Mike Wagner**, [mwagner@maiwealth.com](http://www.maiwealth.com). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**87** Hope you are enjoying a beautiful fall and that many of you had the chance to get back to Ithaca for Homecoming and to start celebrating our Sesquicentennial! Here's the latest news from your fellow classmates.

In this summer's travel news, **Jennifer Sullivan Recker** wrote that she and husband **Rod**, MS '90, traveled out West this summer with their five kids. They visited **Tom Tseng**, ME '94, at Stanford, as well as **Dave '88** and **Kim Gaver Mullarkey '88**, and **Phil Seaman '84** and his wife, Sydney. They visited San Francisco, Monterey, Sonoma, and Yosemite right after the wildfires. Also traveling west this summer were Paul and **Randi Fuhr** Carmichael, who recently returned from Las Vegas and loved every moment of a long overdue visit. She says, "If you have not yet seen Red Rock Canyon National Recreation Area—it's a must-do!" Frequent flyer **Gligor Tashkovich**, MBA '91, made it to Cuenca, Ecuador, Shanghai, and Hong Kong. He reports, "Life continues to be varied and unpredictable—fortunately, in a good way!"

In career news, **Anne Brady** reports, "I got a new job last December as project director of research and evaluation at the Brazelton Touchpoints Center at Boston Children's Hospital. I do evaluations of programs for children and families. For anyone who is curious, Dr. Brazelton is still an active part of life at the office at the age of 96." **Cheryl Berger** Israeloff is starting a new practice specializing in the optometric treatment of headaches and dizziness. She reports that daughter

Risa is a junior at U. of Michigan, daughter Marti is a freshman at George Washington U., and son Evan is a 13-year-old rock star—equally proficient on drums, guitar, and bass guitar.

**Thomas Riford** was recently named VP of funds development for Homewood Retirement Centers. He still does the morning news on radio station WJEJ and serves on the board of a number of nonprofits. He reports that both his daughter and son are students at West Point (USMA). **Matthew Nagler** is an associate professor of economics at City College of New York. "In May, we celebrated my son Joshua's bar mitzvah, and many Cornellians were in attendance including **Perry** and **Melissa Berkowitz Molinoff '88**, **Wendy Wagner** and **Ken Zirkel '88**, **Jim '88** and **Audrey Berg Longfellow '88**, MBA '89, **Eric '88**, DVM '92, and **Debra Shindler Evans '88**, **Jeff Faber '90**, and **Dianne Nersesian McGuire '89**."

**Julia Chu** is the director of Private Banking USA at Credit Suisse Securities. **Dan Glynn** is the director of IT Consulting Sales at the Ashlar Group. He reports that his immigration documentary had its New York area premier back in May at the Hoboken Int'l Film Festival at the historic Paramount Theater in Middletown, NY. **Debito Arudou** (formerly Debito Dave Aldwinckle) just received his PhD in international studies from Meiji Gakuin U. in Tokyo, Japan. His dissertation was on racial discrimination in Japan, analyzed under Critical Race Theory. He is currently converting his dissertation into his seventh book.

**Rob Goldberg** writes from Kalaheo, HI, that he has been busy being father to four girls (ages 13, 11, 9, and 6), practicing law, and teaching law at the local community college. He enjoys spending quality time with his family on beautiful Kauai. Rob would love to hear from **Marc Lacey**. **Bob** and **Lindsay Liotta Forness '84** reported that they are moving their US home base to Langhorne, PA, in mid-September and their international home base to Bermuda in the winter of 2015. "Bob is already commuting!" They look forward to seeing Bucks County, Mercer County, and Philly friends. **Frederick Barber** is the chief analytic officer for MXM, the marketing services arm of Meredith Corp. His daughter attended a music program at Keuka College last year and became friends with the daughter of **Rich Sheiman**. While Frederick and Rich did not know each other as undergrads, they have enjoyed getting to know each other through their children.

In June, I attended a Cornell in Scarsdale Art Salon hosted at the home of **Mamie Dreifuss** Gelfman and husband Peter. The evening was moderated by Nancy Green of Cornell's Johnson Museum and included a panel of alumni artists. **Brad Feinknopf '86**, **Heidi Lender '88**, and **James Siena '79** engaged in a discussion of what influenced their work. Kathleen Flynn from Dieu Donné, the contemporary art nonprofit, also spoke about collecting works on paper and the upcoming James Siena show. There was a house full of Cornellians—nearly 20—including classmates **Sharon Raider**, **Amy Siskind**, **Stacey Neuhofer** Silberzweig, **Gligor Tashkovich**, **Marnie Gelfman**, **Randi Karmen** Guttenberg, and **Sharyn Ruff** Aviv. It was a wonderful evening of fine art, great food, and conversation.

That's all for now—wishing you wonderful holidays! Please be sure to send us your news via the Cornell University Class of '87 Facebook page, a Cornell Alumni news form, or by e-mailing any of us at: **Whitney Weinstein** Goodman, [wwg5@cornell.edu](mailto:wwg5@cornell.edu); **Liz Brown**, [etb29@cornell.edu](mailto:etb29@cornell.edu); **Heidi Heasley** Ford, [hfh6@cornell.edu](mailto:hfh6@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**88** You are probably reading this column to see what's new with your Cornell classmates. And your classmates are doing the same. If we're missing news about you, simply go here: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm> and share your "latest and greatest"—it's a good way to reconnect with old Cornell friends.

Here's some news from a Cornell '88 couple, **Randy and Nancy Henken Stuzin**. Randy has taken a position at New York hedge fund King Street Capital as general counsel after 14 years at Goldman Sachs. Nancy owns a private college counseling business based in Westchester County, NY, called Acceptance Ahead. Randy and Nancy's daughter, **Lauren '16**, finished her sophomore year in Arts and Sciences at Cornell. Their son Devin attended Cornell Summer College, and their younger son, Ryan, 11, is a huge fan of Big Red hockey.

**Aileen Cleary** Cohen lives in Palo Alto, CA, with her husband, Ron. Aileen recently fractured her tibial plateau and tore her ACL and MCL and has been in rehab. She is still able to work as a clinical contractor for a biotech company, but would rather be hiking in Ithaca. She'd like to hear from her old Cornell friend **Jacy Channell Smith '90**. Feel better, Aileen! **Jill Silverman** Greenspan is CFO/senior VP of a commercial real estate development and management firm in White Plains, NY. She has three children in high school and has been touring to see colleges with her 16-year-old daughter. They went to Cornell in August—saving the best for last, of course. What Jill likes right now: her kids, her friends, and lots of travel. Her least favorite thing: lack of sleep. Next up for Jill: seeing her three kids off to college.

**Julie Merritt** Pacaro is an attorney and lives in Lansdale, PA. She recently earned her second degree black belt in Taekwondo. **Suzanne Bors** Andrews is on the board of trustees for the Morris Museum. It is an epicenter of art, science, culture, and history and is the second largest museum in New Jersey. Located in the Twin Oakes Mansion in historic Morristown, the museum claims a permanent collection of more than 40,000 objects, ranging from rocks and minerals to model trains, as well as one of the country's largest collections of mechanical musical instruments and automata.

Our class is fortunate to have many dues-payers. Funds from the class treasury are used to support class events such as social gatherings, lecture series, and reunions, as well as *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. Your dues also entitle you to discounts at the Cornell Club-New York and the Big Red Marketplace, which provides discounts to over 200 national merchants for a wide variety of products and services including clothing, jewelry, travel, gifts, and even vehicle purchases. If you're not caught up with your dues, you can go here to pay online: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/classes.cfm>. To access the Cornell Big Red Marketplace, go here: <http://bit.ly/1mQt1Hc>.

On a final note, Cornell's Sesquicentennial continues in a city near you. Here are the dates for upcoming events: Washington, DC, November 14, 2014; Hong Kong, December 15, 2014; Boston, January 17, 2015; West Palm Beach, February 14, 2015; San Francisco, March 6, 2015; Los Angeles, March 8, 2015; and London, May 14, 2015. We hope to see you at some of these celebrations. Our class Facebook page is another good way to connect: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/8476144284/>. Please send news! **Brad Mehl**, [bradmehl@gmail.com](mailto:bradmehl@gmail.com); **Andréa Meadow** Danziger,

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**89** Many thanks again to **Erika Ange**, **Carol Borack** Copenhaver, and **Debbie Schaffel** for their commitment of time and talents that made our 25th Reunion so fantastic! An extra special 'thank you' to **Vaishali Trivedi** Bhatt for doing such a top-notch job as nominations chair because I get to be a new class correspondent to help with this column! Well done, Vaishali!

Here's some of the news I remember from Reunion 2014. While lunching in the shadows of Lyon Hall, I chatted with fellow Bayside High School alum **Debbie Lee**, who traveled from NYC with her husband, Andrew, and daughter Ashlyn. Professionally, Debbie designed, built, and became patent inventor of Web-based software that is used to build reusable and re-purposable online learning objects and courses for NYU and corporate clients of NYUOnline and Accenture. On top of that, in July 2013, Debbie ran her first half-marathon (from Napa to Sonoma) to raise funds for the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America. Debbie would love to reconnect with old friends from Cornell, so look her up!

**Doug Merrill**, ME '90, MBA '91, arrived in Ithaca from Vermont *avec* wife **Lisa (Peskin) '90** but *sans* their two boys. Doug filled me in on his solar water heating company, consulting work, and teaching at UVM. During lunch with Frank and Rosa Rhodes (love 'em!), **Regina Mayor** related details of her life in Texas with her husband and two boys, as well as her work in business development strategy for the oil industry. During dinner **Mark Tashkovich** filled me in on how his entire family (brother and mom included) has moved to NYC, where he works in investment banking. (This born-and-bred New Yorker, who finds herself living in a widdy biddy town in Ohio, is not the least bit jealous.)

In other news, **Jennifer Beardsley-Smith** lives in Bellevue, WA, with husband Rodney and

son Isaac. She owns a marketing consultancy, specializing in brand strategy and celebrity partnerships. In her spare time, she serves on the board of a nonprofit that provides support services for cancer patients. She also enjoys genealogy and recently found Beardsley ancestral graves, dating from 1800, in a tiny town called Catherine, NY—just 15 miles from Ithaca! Our esteemed webmaster, **Trevor Steer**, works for GM in Detroit, where he uses his engineering expertise on diesel engine components for "forward" (future) car models. Trevor also volunteers with GM Cares as well as the Cornell Club of Michigan and the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN). In addition to what can only be described as an ungodly amount of soccer watching (even in a World Cup year), Trevor spends some of his free time updating the Cornell University Class of '89 page on Facebook, complete with a plethora (I was an English major!) of photos from Reunion . . . most of which are not embarrassing.

Now, how's this for a small world post-Reunion story? **Lisa Spellman** Davis, who is on sabbatical in La Jolla, CA, with kids Erica and Ryan, enrolled the young 'uns in surf lessons when she returned home from Ithaca. Lo and behold, she met (for the first time) fellow '89er **Allison Davies** Norton, who was identifiable by her Cornell hat and shirt. (Lisa has always had excellent powers of deduction.) Allison's 11-year-old daughter was also taking lessons while they were vacationing from their home in Dallas. Allison has stayed in touch with Cornell sailing bud Doug Merrill and related the meeting with Lisa to Doug via e-mail. Doug then pieced things together and realized that Lisa and Allison had been only feet apart in the tents Saturday night in Ithaca—though it took them 2,500-plus miles to actually meet for the first time back in California. And it turns out that fellow Reunion-attender Vaishali Trivedi Bhatt knew Allison from their time as RAs—along with fellow attendees **Mike** and **Lauren Kidder McGarry** and **Rob Ceske**—but managed to miss Allison at the tents, even though she was with Lisa when everyone was just feet apart in those darned tents. Whoa.

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**90** Hello, classmates. I hope that you are well and enjoying the holidays. Here are a few updates from our class.

**Chris Hasser** writes to tell us that his whole family, including wife **Sheila (Richmond)** and three daughters, attended Cornell's Adult University this summer and had a fantastic adventure. Chris spends quite a bit of time coaching soccer. Looking back on his school days, he remembers carting a large stereo to the dorm rooms. Of course, more recently, the large equipment has been replaced by iPods and small desktop speakers. From Garden City, NY, **Angela Pellegrini** Degis tells us that she's enjoying not working in the office anymore and spending time with her kids.

**Winifred Lloyds Lender** is a licensed psychologist working in private practice. She and husband **Daniel '88** happily live in Santa Barbara with their three boys. Winifred recently published a book titled *The Practical Guide to Parenting in the Digital Age: How to Nurture Safe, Balanced and Connected Children and Teens*. Frankly, I wish my parents had had such a book at hand when I was a child and teen. **Scott Rodwin**, BArch '91 (Boulder, CO) has just received his first patent and will shortly launch his new invention—the Loop, an earbud headphone anti-tangling device—at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas. Check it out at [www.ipocketloop.com](http://www.ipocketloop.com). Best of luck, Scott, with your new endeavor!

**Kelly Roberson**, yours truly, writes this column from a Panama City, Panama, hotel room located in the Casco Viejo neighborhood. Casco is a UNESCO World Heritage site where crumbling ruins and tenement buildings are rapidly gentrifying into chic hotels and posh restaurants. Many buildings' exterior walls date to the early 1700s. I'm working on the BioMuseo Building, which is a few miles away and opens on September 30. It tells the story of the Isthmus of Panama's rise from the sea floor, which changed the ocean current flow between the Atlantic and Pacific. In addition, the land became a bridge for exchange of plant and animal species between South and North America. Significant human migration occurred as well.

Speaking of migration, June 4-7, 2015 is our 25th Reunion in Ithaca! There is plenty of time to schedule your travel plans. The 25th is a not-to-be-missed reunion—great for families and kids ([www.alumni.cornell.edu/reunion](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/reunion)). The planning committee is busily cooking up our meal options and activities schedule. I'll be there! In addition, the 150th anniversary of Cornell is in 2015. Show your sesquicentennial spirit and help energize the Big Red community, even before the official celebrations begin. Here's how: send the stories, images, and events that have shaped your Cornell experience, recent or long ago. We'll gather these memories and share them on the Sesquicentennial website: <http://150.cornell.edu/>. Click on the Tell Your Story button.

The Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) is always looking for new ambassadors. Join 10,000-plus alumni volunteers

worldwide who meet with freshman applicants to Cornell (<https://caaan.admissions.cornell.edu/>). In 1989, I met with an ambassador while applying. Because my hometown is far from the East Coast and does not have strong Ivy League connections, I was grateful to speak with an alum in my area. It made the process a little easier.

Well, everyone, please keep all the news items flowing to the class correspondent team.  **Kelly Roberson**, kroberson@lightswitch.net; **Amy Wang** Manning, aw233@cornell.edu; **Rose Tanasugarn**, bigredrose1990@gmail.com.

**91** Greetings from Maine, and happy holidays to all of you. It almost seems like we're wishing time away—we do the notes for the Nov/Dec issue in the heat of the summer! Here in Kennebunk, we finally hit 90 degrees on Labor Day weekend!

Some of you may know that **Jennifer Caci** has been serving in the US Army these many years. She was recently promoted to Colonel and this spring she assumed command of the 47th Combat Support Hospital at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Lakewood, WA. The unit is deploying to Afghanistan next year, and that will be Jennifer's seventh combat deployment. She is looking forward to working on her farm in Guilford, NY, when she retires in a few years. Best of luck, Colonel Caci.

**Denise Law** LaGalia (Mahwah, NJ) writes, "June was an exciting month for us. Matthew graduated eighth grade and Catherine graduated kindergarten. The high school admissions process reminded me a little of college admissions, and naturally I thought of my great times at Cornell and the many friends I made there." **Steven Davi** of Amityville, NY, has recently been appointed to the Executive Leadership Committee of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Long Island. This group serves residents of Nassau and Suffolk counties who have been touched by leukemia, lymphoma, or myeloma. **Carey Jones** Andre and her husband, Scott, live in Moraga, CA.

**Rick Silva** has recently accepted a teaching position at the American Int'l School of Vietnam. He will be working in Ho Chi Minh City. **Jennifer Gray** Moss wrote in from Houston, TX, where she lives with her husband, Brian, and their three children in first, fifth, and sixth grades. She is very busy with them and as president of the PTA. She has noted that Houston winters are nothing like Ithaca winters—although I sensed a bit of nostalgia for snow (maybe).

**Dustin Moskowitz** (Skillman, NJ; dmm48@cornell.edu) writes, "Back in March, I made a trip back to Ithaca for the ribbon-cutting ceremony for WVBR's new Collegetown studio. **Allan Roussele '90** flew in from Seattle and we drove up from New Jersey. Obviously a ton of alums were in attendance, including good friends **Scott Davis** and his wife **Arlene Rivera Finkelstein '92**. On Sunday of that weekend, **Matt Kall '93** drove in from the Cleveland area, and he, Allan, and I went on air at 11 p.m. to do our old 'A Night at the Asylum' comedy show. Even after being off air for almost 20 years, we had a great response from callers, and a tremendous amount of fun reliving the old days behind a mic, playing tracks from comedians

and troupes old and new. Then just a few weeks later, I met up with **Alex Nussbaum '92** at the Cornell Club in NYC to hear fellow WVBR alum **Kate Snow** interview current Ithaca mayor **Svante Myrick '09**, and stayed a little too late to catch up on life with her!" Dustin adds, "Otherwise, still running a family business, requiring one or two trips to China each year; spending time raising our son in central New Jersey; and enjoying some new-found freedom after getting my motorcycle license last summer. Vroom!"

I recently spoke with some of my Cornell friends. **Julie Welch** Alvarez '92 lives with her family—husband Chuck and kids Andrew, Henry, and Olivia—in Fredericksburg, TX. Her oldest is looking at colleges, and we hope to meet up and help him out! **Doug Fudge**, MAT '92, splits his time between Guelph, ON, where he is a professor at the university, and Los Angeles, where his wife, Esta Spalding, is a screenwriter. He has a daughter, Gemma. Doug was recently famous online as the world's leading expert on hagfish slime, a truly remarkable substance. I caught up with him in Toronto and

we shared a pitcher of beer, Collegetown-style. We did not talk much about hagfish slime.

Thanks to all of you who wrote in. We appreciate it! For those of you who read this column every other month, think how nice it would be to see your name in print! Send us some 411 on how your life is going, where

you are, your work, your family . . . whatever your passions are. Hope your holiday season brings you joy.  **Wendy Milks** Coburn, wmilkscoburn@me.com; **Charles Wu**, ccwu@mac.com; **Tom Greenberg**, twg22@cornell.edu.

**92** As you read this, 2014 is coming to a close. I hope you and yours have had a good year. Please try to participate in at least one of Cornell's sesquicentennial celebrations in the months ahead. Check out all the ways to get involved and perfect your pronunciation of "sesquicentennial" (<http://150.cornell.edu/>)!

**Liz Bergren** (Liz.Bergren@condenast.com) has been with Condé Nast Publications for 14 years working in Manhattan and Wilton, CT. She is a senior producer of GolfDigest.com, Golfworld.com, and Condé Nast Entertainment, their newly launched video channel. Liz would love to hear from former classmates. **Mat Zucker** lives in New York City with his spouse, **Bryan Fuhr '93**. Mat recently joined Prophet, a brand and marketing consultancy, as a partner. Mat reports that his niece, **Becky Barnett '17**, is an undergrad in the Arts college.

**Vanessa Whitehead** wrote in about her business, Global Organization and Planning Services LLC. Her company is a certified Minority and Women Business Enterprise (MWBE) and has provided professional event planning and logistics management services since 2002. She recently did Super Bowl XLVIII contract work with the NFL. **Bonnie Wolf** Greenwald lives in Scarsdale, NY, and enjoys working out with her kids.

Please visit us on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/cornellu92>. News this cycle was very light, but we look forward to including your responses to the fall e-mail solicitation in

future columns. Please keep in touch so we have more to share with you! Send an e-mail to any of us or use the online form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. ☐ **Jean Kintisch**, [jmk226@cornell.edu](mailto:jmk226@cornell.edu); **Megan Fee** Torrance, [mtorrance@torrancelearning.com](mailto:mtorrance@torrancelearning.com); **Lois Duffy** Castellano, [LKD2@cornell.edu](mailto:LKD2@cornell.edu).

**93** Hello, '93ers! I am writing to you fresh from a beautiful weekend visit to our fair Cornell. My husband, **Dave Moss, JD '96**, and I returned to Ithaca in August as part of our 15th wedding anniversary trip. The campus is a perfect mix of the "classic" buildings we remember (Willard Straight, Uris Library, Goldwin Smith) and some striking new additions, like Bill & Melinda Gates Hall and the modern and airy addition to the Law School. In Collegetown, we did bemoan the loss of the Royal Palm Tavern, but were happy to indulge our sorrows in some rockin' Nines pizza, washed down with a pint or few from the Chapter House. Cheers, everyone, to a happy, healthy, and humor-filled 2015!

Speaking of celebrations and anniversaries, come party with Cornell like it's 1865! The university is celebrating its 150th year ("sesquicentennial" for all you number types) with festivities in cities around the world. Upcoming events are in D.C. on November 14, Hong Kong on December 15, Boston on January 17, West Palm Beach on February 14, San Francisco on March 6, L.A. on March 8, and London on May 14. Party now, fellow alumni—do not wait another 150 years!

Many Cornellians recently celebrated with **Todd Rethemeier, ME '94, MBA '95**, our dedicated class treasurer, who also served as our class president from 2003 to 2013. Todd married Jennifer Cummins on July 19, 2014 at the Yale Club in NYC. He defended the location by clarifying: "Yes, at the Yale Club, but I was proudly wearing my Cornell cufflinks!" **Bill Dill '92, ME '93**, and **Warren Saft '95, ME '96**, were in the wedding party, as well as the bride's sister, **Becky Cummins**, currently an MBA student at the Johnson School. And among the many Cornellians in attendance was classmate **Jason Markel** and Prof. Jack Muckstadt. Todd and Jennifer moved from New York to Phoenix, AZ, earlier this year. Congratulations!

We received several updates about classmates in the healthcare field. **Jill Levy** Morris wrote that she is no longer doing patient care as a physical therapist, but is working with a hospital's IT department as a clinical informatics specialist. In this capacity, Jill writes, "I serve as the liaison between our clinicians and our electronic medical records, helping the two to work together in harmony (or as close to harmony as medical professionals and computers can achieve!)." Jill also completed the Ironman 70.3 Florida Triathlon. She thought it was an amazing experience, but says she has "no aspirations to complete a full Ironman . . . yet." **Thomas Schenk** has also taken on a new role in the healthcare arena. He has become the senior VP, CMO of HealthNow New York, a large healthcare company that provides a range of insured, self-insured, and government programs and services, as well as related insurance plans and stop loss coverage. Thomas will provide strategic and operational oversight for HealthNow's medical staff and health improvement programs.

**Justin Sacks** is also contributing to the medical and healthcare communities. He is an assistant professor in the Dept. of Plastic and Reconstructive

Surgery at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. He also has a medical practice, where he specializes in head-to-toe reconstructive surgery. **Jonathan Hess** is in the healthcare field—specifically animal health—as a bovine veterinarian. He says he will now be spending time "milking Jersey cows in Idaho" because he recently bought a dairy farm there.

From cows to interior design . . . how to segue? How about if I simply congratulate **Rebecca Dorris** Steiger on her recent appointment as president of the Int'l Interior Design Association's New York Chapter? Rebecca is a senior interior designer and associate at Gensler, a global design, architecture, and consulting firm. Hotelier **Jennifer Zabinski** is also hard at work in NYC, as she has created an event planning company called JZ Events ([JZEvents.com](http://JZEvents.com)). Jennifer and her team specialize in "creative thinking, strategic management skills, and grace-under-fire." JZ Events is based in NYC, but Jennifer has also managed events in Paris, San Francisco, Florence, and several island destinations.

**Lisa Greenberg** Rosenberg is also being creative and entrepreneurial in New York. She wrote to us from Armonk, where she recently started a contemporary art consulting business called LSART. She and her husband, Brad, are enjoying raising their two boys, 7 and 10-1/2. She mused that last year's very (very, very) long winter reminded her of her time at Cornell! Here's to an easy winter for all of us that is just right in every conceivable way. Take care and please share. ☐ **Melissa Hart** Moss, [melimoss@yahoo.com](mailto:melimoss@yahoo.com); **Mia Blackler**, [miablackler@yahoo.com](mailto:miablackler@yahoo.com); **Theresa Flores**, [taf6@cornell.edu](mailto:taf6@cornell.edu).

**94** Hello, classmates! I hope this note finds everyone healthy and happy wherever you are. It's mid-August and I'm looking forward to my daughter's return from sleepaway camp this weekend. Already the phone calls and e-mails have begun to increase about both Lindsay and Joshua's various after-school activities, which, as you are reading this, I'm sure are in full gear. There's something a bit calmer about summer, even though it was also extremely busy. At least there wasn't the additional pressure that comes with homework!

My summer was filled with touches of Cornell memories. We began the summer visiting **Louis Ramos** and his family at his beach house in Ocean City, NJ. Louis and his wife, Michelle, have three children—Matthew, Henry, and Anna—and my whole family loves visiting with them. Having the beach at our disposal was an additional bonus. While we were down the shore, we all went to say hello to **Ted Lynch** and his family, who spent their summer in Sea Isle City, NJ. What's so funny is that my husband, **Michael Marchant**, and I didn't even know Lou and Ted at Cornell! The three men all became friends at law school along with Ted's then-girlfriend and now-wife, Michele. Ted and Michele have two girls, Jamie and Cara, and they were kind enough to let all the kids go tubing on the bay.

Later in the summer, Michael and I visited Cornell and Ithaca for the first time in several years. We were disappointed that we couldn't make it to Reunion, and we have a few friends who were Ithaca College alumni, so four couples (no kids!) traveled to Ithaca together. It was fun to show all the IC folks the beauty that is Cornell. Together we visited both Treman Park and Taughanock Falls, and spent a whole day on the Seneca Lake wine trail. It was a fabulous weekend and we've already booked a return trip for next summer.

Can you tell I'm vamping a lot? It's because we have almost no class news to share! Please make sure to shoot any of us a note to share any updates on you, your family, friends from Cornell, etc. We'd love to hear from you.

Thanks to **Derek Wilson**, who wrote from Frederick, MD, where he runs a small business and sees to the health and welfare of his clients' pets. Derek has recently been cheering on the Cornell polo team from afar, and also hopes to find time to put in the new floor at home that he promised

## WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU?

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his wife for her birthday. Hopefully he's checked off that box by now! Derek would like to hear from **Allan Porowski**—"Haven't spoken since graduation." Not surprisingly, Derek brought a computer to Cornell freshman year, a "somewhat portable" MacPlus that only cost \$2,200! Boy, have times changed! **Anne Paoletti** Bayna ([Sewell, NJ; amp2@cornell.edu](mailto:Sewell, NJ; amp2@cornell.edu)) is happy to share that she got married on March 15, 2014 to Ron, and is still adjusting to life in South Jersey. She'd love to connect with Cornellians in the area.

The last bit of news comes from **Ozlem Denizmen**, who lives in Turkey and works at Dogus Group, one of the largest conglomerates in the country. Her company's news release noted that Ozlem is head of social investments, board member of Dogus, founder of the social enterprise Para Durumu, and founding chair of the Financial Literacy and Inclusion Association in Turkey (FODER). She was also recently selected as a member of the board of directors of the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), an organization that produces sustainability reporting guidelines internationally. She is the first person ever to be selected to the board from Turkey. Congratulations to Ozlem, who is now also a member of the President's Council for Cornell Women. Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season! ☐ **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, [jar1229@yahoo.com](mailto:jar1229@yahoo.com); **Dika Lam**, [dikaweb@yahoo.com](mailto:dikaweb@yahoo.com); **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasyluk, [dmp5@cornell.edu](mailto:dmp5@cornell.edu).

**95** Happy Thanksgiving! I hope you are all able to spend this holiday season with friends and family. Fingers crossed that the upcoming winter is a gentle, kind reminder of our coldest season, much unlike its sister last year, at least in the Northeast. We have a short, sweet column this go-round featuring one bit of news.

**Joyce Leung** Wong was recently appointed by the Cornell Engineering Alumni Association as the new Boston liaison for the Association. Joyce writes, "I am very excited with the new post and

would like to start making connections with alumni in the region. Please e-mail me at J0L1@cornell.edu. Thanks!”

Classmates, we all love our Class Notes column, so please send in some news when you get a chance. If you haven't responded yet to our fall e-mail solicitation, check out the online news form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm> or write us directly. Happy holidays and Happy New Year! ■ **Abra Benson** Perrie, [amb8@cornell.edu](mailto:amb8@cornell.edu); **Veronica Brooks-Sigler**, [vkbrooksigler@gmail.com](mailto:vkbrooksigler@gmail.com). Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>.

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**98** Grab your party hat and roll out the streamers: Cornell is turning 150! By the time you receive this issue, you may have attended one of the regional sesquicentennial events Cornell is hosting in cities around the globe, or you may be considering participating in future festivities. If so, please drop us a line and tell us all about it! Which of our classmates did you see? How did you celebrate together? We would love to be able to share it all in a future column or two commemorating this special time in our alma mater's history.

Congratulations are in order to **David L. Williams**, who informs us that *The Bully*, the children's musical for which he wrote the book, has been published by Dramatic Publishing. *The Bully* premiered eight years ago and has been produced off-Broadway and toured around the Northeast. The *New York Times* said of it, "With a peppy score and lyrics by John Gregor and an insightful book by David L. Williams, *The Bully*, like the best kind of teacher, nudges children toward the truth and then lets them discover it on their own." **Travis Betters** also sent an exciting update: on May 21 he and his wife, Katie, welcomed son Alexander Douglas into their family, which also includes big sister Josie, 2. Travis, co-CEO/CFO of Brothers Int'l Food Corp. in Rochester, NY, is thoroughly enjoying watching both his family and company grow!

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your class correspondents: ■ **Toni Stabile** Weiss, [tls9@cornell.edu](mailto:tls9@cornell.edu); **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, [udj1@cornell.edu](mailto:udj1@cornell.edu).

**99** As the Class of '18 (!) joins the classes of '15, '16, and '17 on the Hill this year, I can't help but think back to our 15th Reunion in June to do the quick math about what class years many of our own kids will be upon entering college. Of the nearly 80 children who attended Reunion with their parents in June, there were quite a few entering kindergarten this fall. Get ready folks—they will be the Class of 2031!

Speaking of young children, **Amanda Reed Michael** and her husband, **Charles**, are busy working and raising two children in Brooklyn, ages 3 and 5. And the Michaels have a new neighbor in Brooklyn. **Brady Dale Russell** moved there last year to launch a career in freelance journalism. He now writes primarily for *Technically Brooklyn* (where he is the lead reporter), *Next City*, *PSFK*, and *Fortune*. While most of his work is online, one of his articles was published in the June print issue of *Fortune Magazine* (check it out—the article is titled "Internet at sea, a life for me"). Brady also had a short story published recently, which is the first chapter of a novel he is working on. And for classmates that knew Brady in college, with a new career in writing, Brady now simply goes by "Brady Dale." We must admit that we aren't that surprised by Brady's wildly successful career as a writer and journalist—he was a former class correspondent, after all!

Brooklyn seems to be THE place these days to find Class of '99ers. **Aaron Arnold** recently moved from Syracuse to Park Slope, Brooklyn, where he is director of drug court programs at the Center for Court Innovation, a nonprofit agency that promotes justice system reform. Aaron and his family love their new apartment, though not the price of rent! In addition to all that the big city has to offer, Aaron is looking forward to being closer to many of his Cornell friends. Say hi if you see him running around Prospect Park. **Rachel Sterling** has been busy as well. She recently had her second baby boy (whom everyone calls "Squishy"—love that!), took a new role at YouTube as the global brand content lead, relocated to the Bay Area, and now owns her own slice of real estate heaven in Northern California that she has been renovating for the last six months. Phew—I'm tired just typing that!

**Laura Kauderer** Batten and her husband, Chris, enjoyed hosting us at Reunion, as they live in Ithaca! They just had a second daughter, Naomi, last August. She joins big sister Fiona, 4-1/2. Laura works as the director of business development at Concept Systems, a consulting company, with an office on the Ithaca Commons. Chris is an assistant professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Cornell. Classmate **Lee Humphreys**, another fellow Ithaca resident, got tenure and was promoted this summer to associate professor in the Communication department at Cornell. Shortly after that, in August, Lee and her husband, Jeff, welcomed their second child, Charlie, into the world. **Chris Comarato** lives in Chester County, PA, raising his two sons, Jacob, 8, and Derek, 5, and working as a technology strategist at Microsoft. In his spare time, Chris enjoys coaching his kids' baseball teams and biking.

Before we sign off, a big shout out to **Liz Borod** Wright and **Beth Heslowitz**—thank you for

your service as the former class correspondents! '99ers, do you have a life update, class gossip, or a recent classmate interaction you'd like to share? Please contact your class correspondents, and connect through the Class of '99 Facebook page.

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**00** This month's column is dedicated to a classmate who sadly passed away recently. Thank you to **Corey Goodman** and **John Cahalan** for sharing this tribute to **Jamie Schou**.

On July 12, 2014, the Cornell community lost a true giant when Jamie Schou passed away after a brave two-year battle with cancer. Many people may remember Jamie for the distinctive impression he left walking around campus, given his 6-foot, 8-inch stature and distinctive white streak in his hair. However, it was his humor, humility, and amazing demeanor that will make us never forget him.

A native of Mill Valley and Lake Tahoe, CA, Jamie arrived in Ithaca as a fresh-faced graduate of Tabor Academy in Massachusetts. He immediately became a large presence in the Class of '17 dorm. He treated friends like family. You couldn't *not* like Jamie. He was known for his great smile, warmth, quick wit, and easygoing personality. He could effortlessly make anyone feel at ease, and he was up for anything.

Jamie loved the outdoors, and spent much of his free time skiing from the highest (and often off-trail) peaks, wake-boarding in Lake Tahoe, and engaging in countless other outdoor activities. He mastered all of them. After college, he moved to Lake Tahoe, where he eventually worked as a realtor and founded Jamie Schou Real Estate, which served both the Lake Tahoe and San Francisco areas.

In 2012, Jamie was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer called a synovial sarcoma. He endured a long and painful surgery and numerous rounds of chemo. After a successful initial treatment eradicated the cancer later that year, he learned that the cancer had spread to his lungs in April 2013. This led to countless additional chemo and radiation treatments. Throughout it all, true to his personality, Jamie minimized his own struggle and remained positive, choosing to live life to the fullest rather than dwell on the negative. He made it his focus to experience all life had to offer, and to continue to engage in life adventures, from sky diving to climbing mountains in between his treatments.

One of Jamie's last acts was to create the Send It Foundation, a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that raises money to create outdoor adventures and experiences for cancer fighters and survivors. The name "Send It" draws from Jamie's maxim to enjoy life to the fullest and give your all in everything you do. For more information on the foundation (and Send It apparel), you can visit <http://www.senditbrand.com> and <http://www.senditfoundation.org>.

Jamie wrestled through this struggle with exceptional courage, kindness, decency, and positivity. When he passed, the outpouring of love and sorrow was genuine and overwhelming. From classmates to lifelong friends to people who had met and interacted with Jamie once or twice, the message was the same: we had lost one of the

strongest, kindest, and most genuine people anyone had come across. Jamie was an amazing son to his parents Audrey and Eric, an awesome older brother to his three sisters, and a true friend to the people who were lucky enough to know him in the Cornell community and beyond. While the sadness and sorrow will remain, Jamie would have encouraged everyone to celebrate and embrace life and to “Send It” in everything they do.

✉ **Christine Jensen Weld**, ckj1@cornell.edu; **Andrea M. Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu.

**01** I just did the math, and most of the kids applying to Cornell right now were infants while we were stressing out over our own SAT scores and college essays. Does that make anyone else feel old? Well, fear not, because apparently we’re still kiddos—at least, according to *Bloomberg Businessweek*, which profiled **Daniel S. Schwartz** in a July 24 story titled “Burger King is Run By Children.” The author credits Dan with turning things around during his first year as the fast food chain’s CEO, describing him as “a trim guy with wavy brown hair, high cheekbones, and a broad smile.” Sounds more like a Burger Prince Charming, am I right?

The magazine also notes that Dan was a dean’s list student in Applied Economics and Management who “spent his time studying and working out.” Well, that explains why we never met—unless “studying” includes regularly sampling the Trillium curly fries, and “working out” references the Sisyphian struggle to walk uphill both ways to class in a snowstorm. Who needed CrossFit when we had Cornell winters?

On the far, far other end of the food court, **Amy Galebach Crone** has launched the Maryland Farmers Market Association, a nonprofit offering programs for farmers, market managers, and customers, while expanding food access for all Marylanders. Check it out at [www.marylandfma.org](http://www.marylandfma.org). Amy and hubby **Tom** have two children—Caeden, 4, and Zoe, 2—who have both already been to Ithaca several times! Amy’s field hockey teammates are also busy these days: **Maureen Sullivan** Mauk and her husband, Hayden, welcomed baby Lucy Mac to the Big Red world in July. Maureen writes, “Lucy joins our 2-year-old, Finnegan Moose, and two big dogs for fun in the sun in Los Angeles!” **Kate McMahon** Galvin and her husband, Fergus, welcomed baby Hayley to their family in May, joining toddler Elle Marie. From Philadelphia, **Christina Peruto** Post and her husband, Kevin, also welcomed baby number two, Owen, in June. And **Catherine Kelly** Mulgrew and her family recently moved across the pond to Glasgow, Scotland.

In other big moves, after 11 years in New York City, **Hanna Shea** decided it was time for a change and moved out to beautiful Colorado, where she works as a legal marketing guru at Holland & Hart in the firm’s Denver office. She writes, “The job is challenging and rewarding and allows me the awesome work/life balance I craved in NYC!” She credits **Brad ’99** and **Angela Ronzio Korch ’00** with introducing her to the wonders of outdoor living. “I’ve learned to ski, taken up biking and hiking, and love exploring my new home.” The Korches live in Louisville, CO, with their two girls, and Angela works as VP of mountain finance at Vail Resorts.

Is it funny that this is the third couple I know that’s a Brad and Angela (not even counting Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie)? Which brings me to a new segment I call “Whatever Happened

To . . . ?” **Angela Bourne**, MMH ’08, and **Brad Schmidt ’00**, BEE ’02, PhD ’07—if you’re reading this, I’m tagging you to get back in touch for our next roundup! Of course, we can get your basic information from my awesome investigative reporting and social media skills, but it’s much less creepy to get news from people voluntarily. Or is that an old person attitude nowadays?

And finally, congratulations to **Mike Fettner** on his first child: Hannah Pauline. Mike works in the IT department at Regeneron Pharmaceuticals in Tarrytown, NY, and wife Lori, a Binghamton ’01 grad, is an author and teacher. They live in Irvington, where Mike is actively involved with the Cornell Alumni Association of Westchester. He started the CAAW’s softball team last year and would love to get more classmates playing next season. For more information, visit [www.westchester.alumni.cornell.edu](http://www.westchester.alumni.cornell.edu).

Between columns, stay connected via our Twitter feed (@Cornell2001) and Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/Cornell2001](http://www.facebook.com/Cornell2001)), Tweet me @BeliefBeat, or e-mail your updates to: ✉ **Nicole Neroulis** Gupte, NicoleMN6@gmail.com; **Lauren Wallach** Hammer, LEW15@cornell.edu.

**02** We received a news release announcing that classmate **Kevin Robinson**, an attorney with the law firm of Zimmerman Kiser Sutcliffe, was selected as a 2014 Florida Rising Star. This honor is presented to no more than 2.5 percent of the lawyers in the State of Florida. Congratulations, Kevin! **Cathryn Kubera** (Stirling, NJ; clk16@cornell.edu) writes, “This semester, I’ve started working as an assistant professor in the biology department at Monmouth U. I’m excited to have the opportunity to shape students’ lives and give them the chance to experience science research firsthand, the same way that I learned and grew in science at Cornell.” **Adam Raiken** (Adamraiken@hotmail.com) and **Michele Glass** welcomed son Ethan Nathaniel Raiken last February. Adam is running the finance department at MetLife Stadium, and Michele is a practicing environmental attorney.

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**03** **Elizabeth Gallerani** checked in with her news and accepted an invitation to be the mini-feature this month. She writes, “I graduated with my master’s degree in May 2005, got married in June 2005, and have been working on academic programs at the Williams College Museum of Art since January 2007. As curator of Mellon Academic Programs, I work with faculty across disciplines at Williams and nearby colleges to integrate art into curricula.” On her daily routine, Liz added, “every day is different: I run the Rose Study Gallery (our museum classroom), coordinate classes in exhibitions, curate a teaching gallery, manage the ongoing Labeltalk project, and work on various engagement and collection projects. I love seeing art through different perspectives—studying Pop Art with an art history

class and later a computer science class. With our new strategic plan we are focusing on developing a Critical Making initiative, waking up the collection, and becoming a center for public intellectual life.”

Liz looked back at Cornell and her current career. “I arrived at Cornell as an aspiring Biology student in the College of Arts and Sciences, but quickly gravitated to the humanities and began my sophomore year as an Art History major. That flexibility was critical. I enjoyed my Art History courses and wrote an honors thesis on Bernini. Working at the Johnson Museum my senior year as the Asian Art intern had a huge impact on my path. I learned so much from Ellen Avril and from researching the collection. I knew that I wanted to engage closely with original works of art in the future.”

Liz offers this advice to current Cornell students and recent graduates: “My internships were invaluable, giving me hands-on experience and insight into the inner workings of museums. With the right internship, you learn about other departments and occupations, too. Don’t hesitate to reach out to former supervisors or professors even after you graduate; their guidance and expertise can make a huge difference. For current Cornellians, really explore the campus and different course offerings. Wines and Swedish Massage were fabulous.” In addition, Liz wrote, “I’m so excited by the expansion and new Mellon courses at the Johnson Museum. Looking forward to visiting!” If you see Liz on campus, please say hello and be sure to ask her about her vegetable and meat CSAs!

We wish Liz the best in her career and future partnerships with Cornell and the extended community. If you or somebody you know would make a good mini-feature, please let me know! I look forward to hearing about the ordinary and extraordinary things our classmates are doing via news and notes submissions. Until then, all the best. ✉ **Jon Schoenberg**, jrs55@cornell.edu.

**04** I am excited to kick off my first edition of our Class Notes with an introduction of our new class council. Hopefully you had a chance to meet them at Reunion. Just about all of our volunteers are new to their positions and excited to serve the class! Many of the council members are returning from the previous term, including: co-presidents **Rachel Herman** Krug and **Juanita Parker** McGonagle; VP **Lee Ann Gullie**; regional VP (Northeast) **Vanessa Matsis** McCready; regional VP (Northwest) **Andrew Berry**; class correspondent **Jessi Petrosino** MacMeekin; and Annual Fund representative **Vikrant Nanda**. New class council members include: regional VP (Southwest) **Alex Koch**; membership chair **Ben Cadwell**; treasurer **Shaun McCready**; secretary/historian **Laura Gonzales** Meyers; and affinity chair **Jennifer Warner**.

We are actively recruiting volunteers for the webmaster and social media chair positions. In addition, we encourage and welcome volunteers in all areas. Please reach out to Rachel Krug ([rachel.a.krug@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.a.krug@gmail.com)) to share your volunteer interests and/or ideas. Sharing is caring.

**Jeffrey ’03** and **Elizabeth Bowers Malchoff** recently moved to Hamburg, NY, with their two sons. They say they are happy to be living in Jeffrey’s hometown! Elizabeth loves staying home with their two sons, and they enjoy walking and exploring together. **Pamela Mirrels** recently started CultureHorde ([www.culturehorde.com](http://www.culturehorde.com)), an arts club based in New York City. The company had a fantastic first year and has been reviewed in quite

a few noteworthy publications including *Gotham Magazine* and *New York Magazine*, which said: "New Yorkers who find there's an inverse relationship between their intention to avail themselves of the city's great artistic institutions and the time they have to do so should consider the recently launched CultureHorde." Pamela looks forward to connecting with Cornell alumni.

For more than a year, **Kevin Nadolny** has been pouring his life into a new project called Runbell. Runbell is a sleek and stylish wearable bell designed for runners. Sounds like the perfect accessory for the urban runner. The bell is made from brass to ensure quality and a powerful sound. Check it out: <http://run-bell.com/>.

Keep up with the Class of 2004 via Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/cornelluniv04>) and Twitter (@Cornell2004). If you would like to share your news (or news of your friends!) with the class, send me a quick e-mail or complete the online news form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. We look forward to hearing from you all. Thanks! **Jessi Petrosino** MacMeekin, [jessipetrosino@gmail.com](mailto:jessipetrosino@gmail.com).

**05** **John Musacchio** is an attorney at O'Connell and Aronowitz in Albany, NY. "In my free time, I've been singing with, and serving as VP of, the Mendelssohn Club of Albany, a 65-member men's chorus. I'm also serving as a board member of the Capital District Italian American Bar Association." John adds: "I'm doing what I love." He says he wishes he had hiked through the gorges more during his time at Cornell.

We received a press release from the law firm Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman LLP with the news that classmate **Paul Pagano** has joined their litigation practice group as an associate. Prior to joining the firm, Paul was a litigation associate for three years at Kagan Lubic Lepper Finkelstein & Gold LLP in Manhattan, where he represented clients in litigation matters and appeared before the Appellate, Supreme and Civil courts. Congratulations, Paul!

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**06** Greetings, classmates! Nathan Windsor, BS Ag '05, known as **Nate Smith** in our college days, tells us that his band, Amerigogo ("Brooklyn's only Disco Drag band"), has been going strong since 2012. Nathan ([iamnathanwindsor@gmail.com](mailto:iamnathanwindsor@gmail.com)) writes, "I love working as a full-time musician. Next year is our first international tour, and we are super excited!" You can hear Amerigogo at: [amerigogomusic.com](http://amerigogomusic.com) or find them on Facebook.

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**07** Happy holidays, '07ers! I hope this column finds you warm and cozy. Any big plans for the New Year? Your classmates would love to hear about them.

**Jieming Fang** (Hershey, PA) writes, "I'm a huge NBA fan. While I don't really have a favorite team, I enjoy good basketball and basketball analysis in general. This also lets me practice skills I wouldn't use otherwise (Hello, tikhonov regularization!). Currently, I'm in my last year at medical school. At Cornell, I was an engineer figuring out how machines worked, so going to medical school and studying what might be the most complex machine of all seemed right up my alley. My mother and father are both doctors, so in a way I'm also continuing family tradition." Jieming says he wishes he could have spent more time at Cornell in the summer. "As brutal as the Ithaca winters are, it's a very nice place to spend a lazy summer day. It's also less hectic with fewer students around."

**Andrew Fox** (Holbrook, NY) is a second-year veterinary resident in diagnostic imaging at the U. of Georgia, Athens. **Lauren Davies** (LMD45@cornell.edu) writes, "I'm planning a wedding in Napa, CA, and decorating the River North condo that my fiancé and I bought last year!" She adds, "I recently graduated from Saint Louis U. School of Medicine and am moving to Chicago, IL, for residency. I'll be at a small, community hospital for my internship, followed by a diagnostic radiology residency at Northwestern." Lauren would love to hear from any '07 alums in Chicago.

**Owen Shieh** (Aiea, HI; [owen.shieh@gmail.com](mailto:owen.shieh@gmail.com)) is the weather and climate program manager for the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center (NDPTC) at the U. of Hawaii. A little research reveals that the NDPTC is authorized to develop and deliver training and educational programs related to homeland security and disaster management, with a specific focus on natural hazards, coastal communities, and the special needs and opportunities of islands and territories. Owen works to create a four-way dialogue between scientific research, operational weather forecasting, emergency management, and public policy communities.

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**09** Hello, friends and classmates! During each Cornell reunion, alumni Class Council officers transition, passing roles to a new group of officers. This June, at our 5th, after working since graduation with a fantastic group of dedicated alumni volunteers, **Michael McDermott** ([mjm282@cornell.edu](mailto:mjm282@cornell.edu)) and I each passed our role as co-president of our alumni class to **Jessica Lebo** ([JAL234@cornell.edu](mailto:JAL234@cornell.edu)), who recently moved to Denver for a position as equity research associate with Janus Capital Group, and to **Brendan Burns**, MBA/JD '12 ([bhb22@cornell.edu](mailto:bhb22@cornell.edu)), who now works for Steamboat Capital Partners in NYC. Join me in welcoming Jessica and Brendan, and the rest of the new class officer team, including **Samantha Berg** as VP of communication and social media, **Michael Misrahi** as VP of professional development, **Phoo Nyo** and **Jason Georges** as VPs of

## WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU?

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events, Mike McDermott as VP of membership, **Milagros Barsallo** as secretary, **Kate Duch**, BS '08, MS '09, and **Cesar Rufo** as Annual Fund representatives, **Tarik Zawia** as treasurer, **Anthony Lopez** and **Omar Quereishi** as reunion co-chairs, **Radhika Arora** as affinity outreach chair, and yours truly as class correspondent. I am excited to share your news—a fitting position as I am finishing up my PhD at Cornell in Communication after a year teaching Psychology at our Weill Cornell Medical College in Doha, Qatar.

The leaves here on campus have already changed and the winter weather is upon us. It is certainly times like this that I am reminded of watching the snow fall from the windows in Statler Hall, trips with friends to the pumpkins at Cornell Orchards, and bundling up for hockey games at Lynah Rink. **Brian Cortina**, a now-promising fitness entrepreneur, also looks back fondly on his time at Cornell. Since graduation, he has been quite busy participating in physical fitness competitions and exhibitions. To name a few, Brian has competed in Spartan races, Krav Maga tournaments, and amateur fighting matches (MMA/XMA style). He currently is enjoying coaching middle and high school athletes, and building the business he started, Prime Time Performance LLC, in Skillman, NC. Brian still keeps in touch with his close friend **George O. Pataki '10**, who is now serving our country as an officer in the US Army stationed in Iraq. Thank you for your service, George!

**John Grunert** graduated from New York Law School in 2012. He now lives in Albany, NY, where he puts his law and undergraduate ILR degrees to use as a labor and employment lawyer. Also on the path to a law degree, **Paige Burroughs** is working hard as a 2L at Harvard Law School. She

is also an editor for the *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy*. Recently, **Elizabeth Rapoport** (edr25@cornell.edu), one of the outgoing reunion chairs whom we have to thank for our incredibly successful 5th Reunion this past June, moved to Pittsburgh to take the role of assistant director of student activities at Carnegie Melon. For those of you who know her, you will likely not be surprised to learn that Elizabeth has also been elected president of the Cornell Club of Pittsburgh. Good luck in your new roles, Liz!

Congratulations to Mike McDermott and **Melanie Martin** (mjm279@cornell.edu), who were married at Cornell this summer on August 16. The ceremony was held in Sage Chapel with a reception following at the Johnson Art Museum. Mike and Melanie were college sweethearts. They met in Orientation Leader Training during the beginning of their sophomore year. The couple was happy to return to campus for their wedding, and touched by the family and friends who joined them. There was an impressive showing of Cornellians in the wedding party and as wedding guests, including alumni from the classes of 1963, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2014. Today, Mike and Melanie live in Boston, where Mike is an attorney and Melanie is a kindergarten teacher. They thank their parents, Father Rich Towers of St. John's Episcopal Church, **William Cowdery '73**, PhD '89, of Cornell, and the many Cornell staff members from the university, Cornell Catering, and the Johnson Museum who helped make August 16 a wonderful memory that will live on for years to come.

Have exciting news to share? Did you move recently to a new city, change jobs, or just want to see your name in print? I would love to hear from you! ☐ **Rebecca Robbins**, rsr38@cornell.edu.

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**11** Congratulations to **Allie Thielens**, who was scheduled to launch a new clothing company in October, based in Boulder, CO! NINOX, says Allie, is focusing on bridging the gap between technical outdoor gear and lifestyle clothing. She writes, "It was created to fill a hole in the market for clothing that can be worn throughout all different aspects of your life, whether you're hiking, going to work, traveling, etc. We may be in the foothills of the Rockies, but our clothing wouldn't stand out on the streets of Manhattan or Los Angeles." Allie adds that although everything is currently sold at their website, eventually they would like to open a storefront in Boulder. Check it out at [www.ninox.cc](http://www.ninox.cc).

Congratulations also to **Marley Lubin**. The Johnson School Alumni Affairs and Development division announced in September that they had welcomed her back to the team as a major gifts and development program assistant, supporting the associate dean and other development officers. Marley had worked for Johnson's Alumni Affairs office as a student, as well as in the Career

Management Center. Marley majored in international agriculture and rural development in CALS, and her international research study included internships in southern India and Kenya.

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**12** **Blythe Woodward Sacho, March '12**, has joined Emerick Architects in Portland, OR, as an interior designer. She is involved with historic renovations and adaptive re-use on a range of commercial and residential projects. Her favorite part of her job, in her own words: "Discovering and savoring the beauty of past craftsmanship while allowing the buildings I am working on to fulfill present and future needs." She says she looks forward to the continued collaboration with clients to create spaces that are poetic and personalized and provide value for years to come.

Also engaged in creative pursuits is **Max Gengos**. After spending a few years working as a womenswear designer for Calvin Klein, he has stepped out on his own with a fashion label bearing his name, Max Gengos (pronounced jenn-joss), produced in New York City. He began the line at the end of 2013 with a made-to-measure business making custom pieces for red carpets, Hollywood premieres, and award shows. He is pleased to announce the addition of his ready-to-wear line, beginning with the Resort 2015 season. Max adds that he is committed to "responsible luxury" and is able to maintain a high level of ethical and responsible production by working with the top manufacturers in the US and the finest mills internationally. He encourages fellow alumni to contact him with any questions. If you find yourself in NYC, he would be honored to show you the line in person!

Please send any news about your life post-Cornell to your correspondents, and thanks to all of you who have already responded to our fall e-mail solicitation. Your news will appear in an upcoming issue. ☐ **Peggy Ramin**, mar335@cornell.edu; or **Emily Cusick**, egc43@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**13** As Dan and I write another Class Notes column, most of us are deep in the "dog days of summer." Some of us are preparing for another school year, others are wrapping up their first summers as mentors to interns and welcoming a new set of grads to their first jobs. Many of us are starting a second year as teachers or are already making career moves. Our "freshman year of life" is coming to a close, but a new one is beginning, which means another year of alumni activities—and this year we are celebrating the Cornell Sesquicentennial!

Since it's been over a year, let's kick things off with a new update from some members of your Alumni Council. Co-president **Jonathan Weinberg** is set to start his first year as a law student at

Harvard U. While his allegiance will always be to Cornell and its ice hockey team, we hope he is off to a successful start. Co-president **Fiona Ismail** just returned from a vacation to South Africa, and council member **Lindsay Boyajian**, MILR '14, moved to Paris. Reunion chair **James Feld** is entering his second year as a Teach For America corps member, teaching algebra to high school freshmen in Nashville, TN. Council member **Brett Allen** took a break from his rapidly growing event planning business and day job at Morgan Stanley to spend a vacation in Tahoe this summer.

Regional representative **Kelly Wilcox** began her master's in higher education at UPenn this fall and hopes to work in student activities, new student programs, or alumni affairs upon completion. Kelly, **Matt Metzler**, and **Lauren Ritter** joined 15 other young alumni at a Phillies game to celebrate the end of summer. Lauren is our regional rep for the Philadelphia area and was recently elected alumni liaison and board member for the Cornell Club of Greater Philadelphia. She became a judicial advocate for the State of New Jersey and now volunteers with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), an organization that advocates for neglected and abused children. In August, she started law school at Widener, where she hopes to continue learning how to best provide services for underrepresented and disadvantaged communities.

In early July, **Karim Abouelnaga** was named the winner at the New York Young Entrepreneur Challenge (NY YEC) in NYC sponsored by FrontStreet Facility Solutions, in partnership with Capital One Bank and Sprint. Karim received \$10,000 in start-up funding, mentoring, and additional support to grow his business, Practice Makes Perfect, which uses the "near-peer" model to support students in all grades through college matriculation. Practice Makes Perfect programs pair skills development for younger students with leadership development, career training, and college preparation for older students.

**Gabriel Rodriguez Diaz** is part of the Financial Leadership Program at Nielsen. He is also the VP of internal operations for Phi Gamma Nu national business fraternity. In his free time, Gabriel trains his new rescue dog. He moved to Shanghai in August. **Nixon Arauz** just completed a master's in health education at Columbia and is now working as a business operations analyst for a company that provides private duty nursing services for medically fragile children in the NYC and Westchester areas.

**Ryan Arsenault** and **Chrissy Lee '14** were married in the Great Smoky Mountains of Tennessee on July 19, 2014—a small wedding that included four Cornellian bridesmaids. They then went on a honeymoon to Croatia, Bosnia, Herzegovina, and Montenegro. Ryan is an employment specialist at the U. of Kentucky in its human resources department, and Chrissy recently started a dietetic clinical residency at the U. of Kentucky/V.A. Medical Center on the path to becoming a registered dietitian. They live in Lexington with their dog, Loki. **Julie Greenberg** works at Ernst & Young and recently relocated to NYC from Boston. She lives with **Elissa Driggin**, who began her second year of medical school at NYU this year. As always, we want to know what you have been up to! If you or one of your friends is up to something interesting and you want to share it with the rest of the class, please do not hesitate to e-mail either of us at: ☐ **Dan Kuhr**, dk453@cornell.edu; or **Rachael Schuman**, raschuman@gmail.com.



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## 1930s

- '30 BA—Morton D. Weill, New York City, April 22, 2014
- '34 BS HE, MS HE '36—Lois Purdey Shafer, Logansport, IN, June 12, 2014
- '37 BA—Louise F. Davis, Haverford, PA, June 18, 2014
- '37—Annette Sacks Friedman, New York City, November 3, 2013
- '38, BA '39—Fr. Christopher Morley Jr., Chattanooga, TN, June 17, 2011
- '39 BA—Mona Brierly Carvajal, Burlington, VT, May 15, 2014
- '39—Gilbert F. Hoppenstedt, Hurley, NY, July 3, 2014
- '39 BS Ag—Mary Strong Irish, Valatie, NY, March 24, 2013
- '39—Sterrett T. Miller, White Plains, NY, April 4, 2012
- '39 BA—Eleanor Colden Shear, Cherry Hill, NJ, June 17, 2014
- '39 BS HE—Elsie Hughes Wolff, Saranac Lake, NY, June 10, 2014

## 1940s

- '40 BS Ag—Donald D. Foley, Greenwich, NY, June 7, 2014
- '40—Ruth Kinney Loomis, Newton Falls, OH, July 30, 2007
- '40 BS Hotel—William C. Mogk Jr., Oxford, OH, June 13, 2014
- '40, BME '41—John H. Zink Jr., Baltimore, MD, July 3, 2014
- '41—Robert C. Newman, Smyrna, GA, April 26, 2014
- '41 BS Ag—Ruth S. Puff, Hartford, CT, May 28, 2014
- '42 BA, LLB '48—John W. Bryant, Naples, FL, June 30, 2014
- '42 JD—Mahlon H. Card, Johnson City, NY, May 30, 2014
- '42 BA—Will D. Templeton, Vista, CA, March 9, 2014
- '42 BS Ag—Regina Machata Thompson, Ithaca, NY, May 18, 2014
- '43 BCE—Carl R. Blanche, Sun City Center, FL, June 29, 2014
- '43—Marjorie Heit Decker, Ann Arbor, MI, June 12, 2014
- '43 BME—Charles H. Goodyear, Reynoldsburg, OH, June 27, 2014
- '43 BS HE—Eunice Jacobson Lundberg, Sherman, NY, June 22, 2014
- '43 MD—Harry T. Powers, Satellite Beach, FL, August 18, 2013
- '43 BA—Arnold S. Relman, Cambridge, MA, June 17, 2014
- '44 BS HE—Barbara Hall Bowne, Sidney, NY, June 9, 2014
- '44, BME '47—William A. Brown, Charlottesville, VA, June 2, 2014
- '44 MEd—Ethel Johnson Crane, Morrisville, NY, July 1, 2014
- '44 BA—Herbert M. Eskwitt, New York City, May 23, 2014
- '44-46 GR—Thelma Crawford Gordon, Ocala, FL, June 14, 2014
- '44, BA '43, MA '44—Jane Pritchard Ierardi, Savannah, GA, May 29, 2014
- '44 MD—Richard C. Karl, Etna, NH, June 24, 2012
- '44 BME—Joseph L. Schwalje, Tarpon Springs, FL, June 28, 2014
- '45-46 GR—Mary Ullrich Barbour, Houston, TX, May 17, 2014
- '45—Davenport Cleveland, Woodstock, VT, April 25, 2014
- '45 BS HE—Viola Feldman Entmacher, Moorestown, NJ, Feb. 16, 2014
- '45 BA—Evelyn Knowlton Lambert, Naples, FL, June 27, 2014
- '45, BS ORIE '48—James K. Mann, Mashpee, MA, June 6, 2014
- '45, BS ORIE '48—David R. Newcomb, East Aurora, NY, June 12, 2014
- '45, BS Ag '47—Lee M. Werner, Lumberton, NC, June 19, 2014
- '46 MD—George V. Coleman Jr., Providence, RI, June 27, 2014
- '46—Robert F. Goldberg, Columbus, OH, June 12, 2014
- '46-47 GR—Edna Sorendo Keefe, Buffalo, NY, July 3, 2014
- '46 BA—Elinor Baier Kennedy, Wernersville, PA, June 13, 2014
- '46 DVM—Byron G. McAvoys, Canastota, NY, June 30, 2014
- '46 BA—Patricia Kinne Paoletta, Lakewood, NJ, June 9, 2014

- '47 BCE—Harold L. Burmeister Jr., Valley Forge, PA, May 18, 2014
- '47 BA—Barry S. Cohen, Keene, NH, June 9, 2014
- '47 BS HE—Beatrice Carlson Murray, Wallingford, CT, May 30, 2014
- '47 BArch—Ruth Gray Spalding, Fort Lauderdale, FL, June 30, 2014
- '48 LLB—Andrew C. Bailey, Dedham, MA, December 25, 2013
- '48 BCE—Richens E. Brigham, St. George, UT, June 9, 2014
- '48 BS Ag—Mildred E. Coury, Utica, NY, May 28, 2014
- '48—Thomas R. Lang, Minneapolis, MN, May 26, 2014
- '48 BME—Charles A. Leslie, St. Pete Beach, FL, May 12, 2014
- '48 BME—Neil E. Munch, Gaithersburg, MD, July 1, 2014
- '48 BS HE—Dorothea E. Underwood, East Aurora, NY, April 30, 2014
- '49, BA '51—Richard E. McErlean, Lyndhurst, OH, June 23, 2014
- '49—Shirley Steele Paddock, Pensacola, FL, May 8, 2014
- '49 BEE—Paul Robeson Jr., Jersey City, NJ, April 26, 2014

## 1950s

- '50 B Chem E—Roger S. Chamberlin, Harpswell, ME, June 27, 2014
- '50 BA—Harry J. Collingwood, Chatham, MA, June 28, 2014
- '50 BA—Elinor Behrman Diamond, Binghamton, NY, February 27, 2014
- '50 BS Hotel—Stephen Jacobson, Cincinnati, OH, May 12, 2014
- '50 B Chem E—William M. Marcussen, Arcadia, CA, May 29, 2014
- '50 BS Ag—Paul D. McLain, Toms River, NJ, June 6, 2014
- '50, MEd '62—Thomas E. Prugh, Crossville, TN, May 13, 2014
- '50 BCE—George J. Segedin, Honolulu, HI, February 1, 2014
- '50, BArch '51—William A. Trautman, Sandwich, MA, May 23, 2014
- '51 BEP—Leon R. Bush, Tarzana, CA, June 9, 2014
- '51 MA—Margaret Murray Clayton, Hilton Head, SC, June 13, 2014
- '51 BS ILR—Walter J. Collins, Lansdale, PA, December 30, 2012
- '51 BA—Stephen B. Gray, Plymouth Beach, MA, June 22, 2014
- '51 BS Ag, MBA '52—David D. Hardenburg, Portland, NY, June 29, 2014
- '51 BA—Paul P. Mok, Reno, NV, May 25, 2014
- '51, BME '52—Frank C. Petrusis, Binghamton, NY, May 8, 2014
- '51, BArch '53—Eugene R. Schutt, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, June 25, 2014
- '51 BA—Jane Newman Springer, Guilderland, NY, March 15, 2014
- '51 BS HE—Martha Caward Stilwell, Trumansburg, NY, June 7, 2014
- '51, BEE '52—Robert E. Weil, Rochester, NY, April 5, 2014
- '52 BS Nurs—Marion N. Keagle, North Chili, NY, May 6, 2014
- '52 BA—Joanne Lippman Melman, New York City, May 28, 2014
- '52 BCE—John E. Newhard, Lilburn, GA, April 22, 2014
- '52 JD—Eric D. Offner, New Hyde Park, NY, June 3, 2014
- '52 BA—Nigel G. Wright, Delmar, NY, May 24, 2014
- '53—Elaine Frazier Corey, Montrose, PA, June 16, 2014
- '53 BA, LLB '55—Joseph Hinsey IV, Lexington, MA, June 13, 2014
- '53, BME '54—Eugene A. Leinroth Jr., Naples, FL, June 14, 2014
- '53 BS Ag—Willard H. Loper, San Luis Obispo, CA, May 14, 2014
- '53—Bonnie Haynes Parsons, Onaway, MI, January 7, 2014
- '53 MS HE—Sylvia Gardels Wahl, Ithaca, NY, June 24, 2014
- '53 PhD—Val W. Woodward, Salt Lake City, UT, June 6, 2014
- '54-55 GR—Francis G. Blanco, Endicott, NY, March 4, 2011
- '54 BA, MD '58—Roland D. Carlson, Naples, FL, June 6, 2014
- '54 BS Ag—Byron N. Craner, Jamesville, NY, June 19, 2014
- '54 PhD—Robert L. Eichhorn, West Lafayette, IN, June 15, 2014
- '54 BS ILR, MEd '55—John G. Kacandes, White Plains, NY, June 20, 2014
- '54—Rollin W. King, Dallas, TX, June 26, 2014
- '54 BS ILR—John J. Mahon, Camden, ME, December 22, 2013
- '54 BA, JD '58—James D. McDonald, Venice, FL, June 10, 2014

'54 BS Ag—Frederick F. Paul, Culpepper, VA, June 5, 2014  
'54 BS Ag—Frank C. Sorochinsky, Farmingville, NY, June 18, 2014

'55 BA—James Feigin, New York City, June 12, 2014  
'55 BA—Frank E. Hano, Longmeadow, MA, June 1, 2014  
'55 BA—Wright B. Lewis, Stowe, VT, April 21, 2014  
'55, BA '57—Werner S. Ramminger, Pinehurst, NC, June 7, 2014  
'55 BS Hotel—Richard B. Wood, Plainfield, IL, June 22, 2014

'56 LLB—Selby V. I. Brown, La Quinta, CA, June 22, 2014  
'56 PhD—John A. Glass, Akron, OH, June 8, 2014  
'56, BME '58—Brandt M. Griffing, Arcadia, FL, March 12, 2014  
'56 BS Hotel—John D. Harney, Salisbury, CT, June 17, 2014  
'56 BS Ag—Frank R. Vadney, Arcade, NY, April 18, 2014

'57, BS AEP '59, PhD '63—Charles A. Berger, Piermont, NY,  
April 17, 2014  
'57 DVM—Stanwood B. Churchill, Orleans, VT, June 11, 2014  
'57, BEE '58, PhD '62—J. Darrell Douglass Jr., Pompano Beach, FL,  
May 23, 2014  
'57 MBA—Richard A. Ehret, Orchard Park, NY, June 21, 2014  
'57 BA—Barbara Flynn Shively, Pompton Plains, NJ, April 20, 2014  
'57 BA—Alan J. Werner Jr., Rochester, NY, March 9, 2014  
'57, B Chem E '58—George J. Zachmann Jr., Coopersburg, PA,  
June 24, 2014

'58-60 GR—Wesley H. Adams, Rockford, MI, June 16, 2014  
'58 MILR—Haig M. Boyajian, Pembroke Pines, FL, June 17, 2014  
'58 BS Ag—Edwin C. Hadlock, Hammond, NY, June 23, 2014  
'58 BA—Joanna Brizdle Lipking, Evanston, IL, February 1, 2014  
'58 PhD—John A. Mortensen, Leesburg, FL, June 16, 2014  
'58 BA—Martin L. Solomon, Miami, FL, May 26, 2014

'59 BS ILR—Victor A. Bacile Jr., Morris Plains, NJ, June 15, 2014  
'59 BA—John H. Fenlin Jr., Bryn Mawr, PA, May 11, 2014  
'59, BS Ag '60—Choong S. Low, Frenchville, QLD, Australia,  
January 15, 2014  
'59 MD—J. Ralph Macfarlane, Spicewood, TX, June 15, 2014  
'59 BS Ag—Thomas L. Marshall, Morrisville, NY, March 23, 2013  
'59—Smith B. Wilcox, Huntsville, AL, March 23, 2014

### 1960s

'60—Michael R. Coddington, Tampa, FL, May 30, 2014  
'60 BS HE—Phyllis Raphael Hundert Lippmann, Croton-on-Hudson, NY,  
June 18, 2014  
'60 MS—Richard L. Masica, Scottsdale, AZ, June 4, 2014  
'60—Carlton J. Rumsey, Jacksonville, TX, June 1, 2014

'61—Alvin L. Pachynski Jr., Sebastopol, CA, April 28, 2009  
'61 MD—J. Terence Sams, Perth, WA, Australia, June 28, 2014

'62 BA—Albert Baernstein II, University City, MO, June 10, 2014  
'62 BS Nurs—Eleanor Morse Bisbee, Smyrna, NC, February 5, 2014  
'62—Thomas P. Hawley Jr., San Diego, CA, May 3, 2014  
'62-63 GR—Thomas W. Higgins Jr., Syracuse, NY, November 7, 2009  
'62 BS HE—Virginia Swanson Neville, Millbrook, NY, May 14, 2014

'64—Jeffrey O. Milman, Rocky River, OH, May 9, 2014  
'64 MRP—Dale J. Price, Columbia, MD, April 10, 2014  
'64 PhD—J. Leon Winslow, Greenville, IL, May 27, 2014

'65 BA—David W. Carr, Rancho Santa Fe, CA, May 1, 2014  
'65 PhD—Philip D. Thacher, Albuquerque, NM, July 1, 2014

'66 BS Hotel—William F. Hoss Jr., Reston, VA, June 21, 2014  
'66 PhD—Khin Maung Kyi, Singapore, September 26, 2013

'66 PhD—Sebald G. Manger-Cats, Leiden, Netherlands, July 1, 2014

'67 BS, PhD '70—Forbes D. Lewis, Lexington, KY, May 17, 2014

'68 BS HE—Jean Smiley Colling, Seattle, WA, May 22, 2014  
'68 BA—Michael R. Gore, Brooklyn, NY, May 10, 2014  
'68 BS ILR—Martin M. Solomon, Delray Beach, FL, June 27, 2014  
'68 MA—Michael N. Yarrow, Seattle, WA, June 2, 2014

'69 MAT—Linda S. Butler, Marlborough, MA, June 5, 2014  
'69 PhD—Ralph L. Mott, Greensboro, NC, June 16, 2014  
'69 PhD—Willis R. Newman, Cortland, NY, June 7, 2014

### 1970s

'70 MPA—David C. Radez, Morehead, KY, June 5, 2014  
'70—Bernard J. Rahilly Jr., South Dartmouth, MA, August 12, 2009

'72 MD—Thomas J. Crawford, Santa Clara, CA, June 26, 2014

'73 MPS—George H. Crittenden, Great Falls, VA, June 29, 2014

'74 JD—Dennis H. Cleary, Oceanside, CA, June 15, 2014  
'74 BS—Charles I. Liff, Layton, UT, May 26, 2013  
'74 JD—Robert J. Valkevich, Pleasant Hill, CA, April 26, 2014

'76 BS Hotel—George O. Kuhrt, Hamburg, NY, May 29, 2014

'77 BA—Barbara Spitzer Hiller, Westfield, NJ, February 28, 2014

'78 BS ILR—Gerard F. Rahilly, Poughquag, NY, April 24, 2014

'79 BA—Blonde Grayson Hall, Philadelphia, PA, June 3, 2014

### 1980s

'80 BS HE—Elizabeth Bunting Warner, Hilton Head Island, SC,  
May 18, 2014

'81 BArch—Hugh J. Connolly, Hopewell, NJ, May 31, 2014  
'81 MS, PhD '86—Todd B. Quinlan, New Paltz, NY, July 4, 2014

'82 MS, PhD '85—Susan B. Horwitz, Madison, WI, June 11, 2014  
'82 MS HE—Lois Hansen Neumann, Granby, CT, June 14, 2014  
'82 BS Ag—Mary L. Nobis, Taberg, NY, June 21, 2014  
'82 PhD—Susan M. Pilch, Silver Spring, MD, April 14, 2014

'83 PhD—Marilyn J. Aten, Rochester, NY, April 30, 2014  
'83 BS Ag—Jeffrey K. Weeks, Mohawk, NY, May 22, 2014

'85 BA—Christian Monacelli Snell, Rochester, NY, May 12, 2014

'89, BS HE '90—Michele Kim Sundin, Alexandria, VA, May 16, 2014

### 1990s

'94, BS Ag '95—Jason Petyk, Corry, PA, June 7, 2014

'96 MA, PhD '00—Elizabeth J. Palmberg, Washington, DC, June 23, 2014

'99 BS Ag—Eleni Doufekias Vavas, Manhasset, NY, July 1, 2014

### 2000s

'06 MBA—Jeffrey M. Zimpleman, Richmond, VA, May 29, 2014

### 2010s

'10 BS—Eric J. Young, Webster, NY, June 3, 2014

'13 BS Ag—Anton J. Tschosik of Chicago, IL, July 4, 2014

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From celebrity jeweler Alex Woo '95, a (little) piece of Big Red spirit

**W**hen is the Big Red Bear quite tiny? When he's dangling from a chain around your neck.

Among the University's Sesquicentennial merchandise is a necklace by jewelry designer Alex Woo '95 depicting the beloved mascot mauling a capital "C." Debuted during the 150th kickoff events in New York in September, it's part of Woo's new line of licensed Ivy pendants. Yale has a "Y" with a bulldog, Brown a "B" inside a bear paw, Princeton a "P" with tiger stripes, and so on. Available online and at the Cornell Store, the Cornell pieces come in silver (\$168), gold (\$998), and white gold with diamonds (\$1,198).

The designer of her own line for more than a decade, Woo works out of an atelier in Rockefeller Center. Her pieces, all made in New York, grace the necks of such boldfaced names as Christina Applegate, Jessica Alba, Jennifer Lopez, Halle Berry, Taylor Swift, Kelly Ripa, and Mariska Hargitay. Former "Desperate Housewives" star Eva Longoria talked up Woo's designs on the Emmy red carpet—their creator, watching at home, was pleasantly shocked—and wore Woo's donkey pendant while campaigning for President Barack Obama. When the stylists for "The Carrie Diaries"—the teen prequel to "Sex and the City"—sought a precursor to the grown-up Carrie's famed nameplate necklace, they settled on Woo's "Little C" pendant (landing the designer on the pages of *People*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Elle*, and more). "It was Carrie's staple piece and she wore it in every single episode," Woo notes, "including in the swimming pool and in her pajamas."

A New York City native, Woo studied art in the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning before transferring to the Hotel school to pursue her other passion: food. An artist and sculptor since childhood, she never seriously considered a career in jewelry until 1998, when a former professor encouraged her to enter the National Women's Jewelry Association's design competition—and she took home the grand prize. Woo's current line is built around hanging charms that have depth and heft despite their diminutive size. "They're not flat, thin pendants," she says. "I treat them like micro-sculptures. They're designed to stand on their own." Themes include numbers, letters, animals, seasons, cities, activism, lucky charms, baseball logos, and signs of faith. "They're tiny little collectables; you can create a menagerie of them," she says. "They're fun, modern, and trendy, but also designed to be classic. A woman in a business meeting wouldn't feel like she's wearing something juvenile."



Golden growl: An official Cornell pendant by Alex Woo '95 (below)



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