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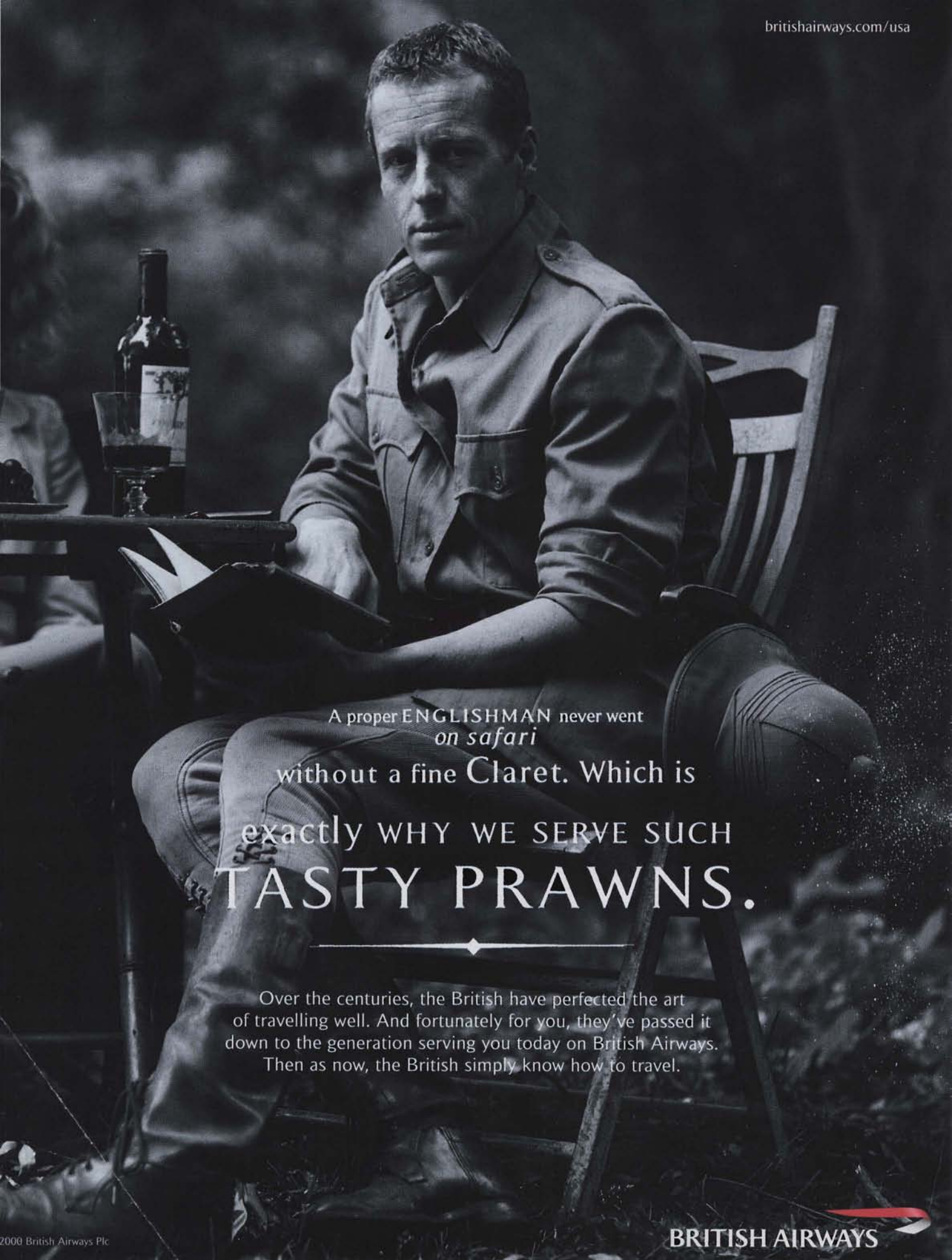
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HAROLD BLOOM



"Information is endlessly available to us," the literary critic writes in his new examination of the benefits of reading well. "Where shall wisdom be found?" With electronic media threatening to eclipse the simple pleasures of the book, Bloom contemplates the power of reading as an act of self-discovery. Among his literary compatriots: Shakespeare, Emerson, Dickens, Browning, Milton, Borges, and Dickinson.

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The annual rite of June drew 6,300 people to campus for three days of parties, talks, games, wine-tasting, music, remembrance, and general getting-together. A round-up of Cornell's record-breaking reunion weekend, from the wit of William Safire to a trip down the Big Red aisle.



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## 'A UNIQUE LINK'

**T**HIS ISSUE OF *CORNELL MAGAZINE* IS THE FIRST PRODUCED UNDER the leadership of editor and publisher Jim Roberts '71. A third-generation Cornellian, Roberts has had a distinguished career in magazine publishing, most recently as group publisher of *Guitar Player*, *Bass Player*, *Keyboard*, and other specialty publications for Miller Freeman Inc. in San Francisco. After responding to an ad published in *Cornell Magazine*, he was hired as director of communications for Alumni Affairs and Development and returned to campus last year.

Following the departure of David Gibson in March, the magazine search committee reviewed the résumés of nearly two dozen highly qualified applicants. Roberts's publishing experience and strong Cornell connection made him the obvious choice. We welcome him to his new responsibilities and wish him good luck.

This change in leadership comes at a time of considerable introspection on the part of the Cornell Magazine Committee, the publication's alumni advisory board. A group of graduates published the first issue of the *Cornell Alumni News* on April 5, 1899. "The objects of the *Alumni News* will be threefold," they wrote. "First, to reflect faithfully and especially for alumni the present life at the University. . . . Secondly, to keep alumni accurately informed concerning the attitude of the University body, students, and faculty towards the various questions of University policy. Athletics will of course receive its due share of attention, and questions of general University economy will not be neglected. Thirdly, and this is perhaps the most important of all—to keep alumni informed fully and as accurately as possible about the whereabouts and doings of Cornell men and women, and thus not only to foster the interest in classmates and alma mater, but also to increase the enthusiasm and loyalty of every Cornellian for the college on the hill."

That vision has been maintained for the last 100 years. The magazine is owned by the alumni body through the Cornell Alumni Federation, but receives no direct funding from either the federation or the university. Originally, magazine subscriptions were sold directly to individual alumni. Circulation hit 900 in 1902 and continued to rise steadily to 6,000, about 17 percent of the undergraduate alumni body, in 1924. Substantial increases began in 1947, when subscriptions were offered in bulk to the alumni classes; circulation peaked in 1969 at 45,000, representing 48 percent of undergraduate alumni. There has been a gradual decline over the last thirty years; the present level of 28,000 subscriptions equals 20 percent of alumni. Perhaps even more alarming, the subscription rate for graduates of the Eighties is 14 percent, and for graduates of the Nineties only 13 percent.

Since its founding, *Cornell Magazine* has chronicled dramatic changes in the university, but perhaps none is more striking than the shifting makeup of our student body. As our students change, so do our alumni—and so does their connection to the university. We want to be a magazine of interest to all graduates, no matter the nature of their relationship to Cornell. As we study this issue I invite you, our readers, to be part of the discussion. Are we providing the magazine you want? How can we reach out to the large numbers of alumni who don't subscribe? I encourage you to send your ideas to *Cornell Magazine*, 55 Brown Road, Ithaca, New York 14850, or by e-mail to [cornell\\_magazine@cornell.edu](mailto:cornell_magazine@cornell.edu).

We believe this magazine is a unique link between Cornell University and its alumni community. We look forward to working with Jim Roberts and his staff, the federation, Alumni House, the university administration—and with you, the alumni—to further develop that link.

—Larry Eisen '66, ME '67  
Chairman, Cornell Magazine Committee



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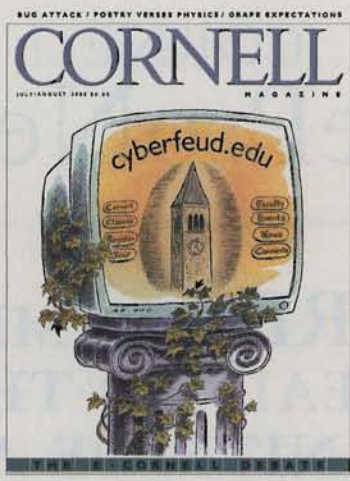
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## IN THE ROUGH

I WAS DISMAYED BY THE NUVEEN AD ON THE back inside cover of the July/August issue. The most important rule in golf has nothing to do with the quality of the shot, but rather the quality of the person taking the shot—in other words, etiquette! That most important rule is “always leave the golf course in better condition than you found it.” I can only hope the creator of that offensive ad intended to follow it up with one showing the grandmother replacing the divot after she had learned the most important rule in golf.

Betty Anne Steer Merritt '58  
Boonton, New Jersey



I FIND THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE *Economist* in the July/August 2000 issue offensive. The combination of the photograph of an old, first-time bride and the words “In international affairs, it isn’t always the virgin who gets deflowered,” are derogatory to women, reducing them to sexual objects. The age of the woman reinforces the stereotype of an old maid desperate to get married. The *Economist* has a long history of citations in the “No Comments” section of *MS. magazine* for ads that denigrate women. I was surprised and disappointed to find ads of this caliber in a magazine that caters to a highly educated and socially progressive audience.

Joy Song '93  
Edison, New Jersey

## DEBATING ECORNELL

THE DISTANCE-LEARNING ENTITY that came to be known as eCornell in December 1999 was not incorporated in March 2000 as asserted in “Virtual U” (July/August 2000). Incorporation will occur after planning is completed and all issues are fully resolved by the administration working with the faculty and the Board of Trustees. The entity will not involve outside investors; it will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of the university. Approximately \$25 million will be required to launch eCornell. Revenues derived from online programs will be used to enhance on-campus education and research activities.

The eCornell proposal focuses on the development of asynchronous programs in the areas of executive and continuing education. While your article asserts that “comparatively little has been said about the educational nature of Cornell’s online incarnation,” the academic programs proposed for eCornell have been described in detail in a number of reports and in over 200 talks around campus. The academic and business plans support the fact that eCornell is not only a viable activity and an educationally sound one, but a very attractive one. The first eCornell programs will be launched in 2001. They are certificate (non-credit bearing) programs in computational finance, human resource management, hospitality management, and systems engineering.

The name eCornell was finally decided in June with that spelling. I chose the original name, e-Cornell, in December from a long list of possibilities developed by David Lipsky. A librarian in our rare books collection—seeing it in print—connected it with E. Cornell’s signature. Since January that has not been the intended name of the legal entity. Far Above, Inc., will be the incorporated name and eCornell will be licensed to the company for use with Cornell University programs.

Mary Sansalone, PhD '86  
Vice Provost, Cornell University

HAVING BEEN A DEAN FOR A DECADE and a faculty member for more decades

than I care to admit to, I thought that nothing a university administration could do would astonish me. Shock, appall, horrify, yes. Astonish, no.

I was wrong. I now learn that the Cornell administration has moved more than half a continent away to launch a commercial teaching venture not only without consulting the faculty but to all appearances hiding from it. Having done that, I suppose it follows quite naturally that the administration regards its “business plan” as secret.

I imagine that should the faculty of the endowed colleges draw the appropriate conclusion and seek to unionize, the administration would maintain that under the Yeshiva decision, faculties of private institutions are “managers.” Inadvertently, it seems, Cornell has struck a blow against this bizarre and already shaky notion, but no doubt we all wish it hadn’t picked quite this way to do it.

Donald Mintz '49, PhD '60  
Ringwood, New Jersey

## THE RACE QUESTION

I WAS HAPPY TO SEE YOU TAKE UP THE issue of race (“The Color Green,” May/June 2000). Although I loved Cornell, I felt sad about the lack of any real effort to encourage dialogue among students of different backgrounds. This takes a toll. At our twentieth reunion there was only one African-American in attendance.

I’m sure that the administration can do more to foster a more tolerant, open atmosphere among students. It could sponsor more events and activities to bolster communication, as well as social activities. I hope this article kicks off a new attitude for improved race relations at Cornell.

Diana Bletter '78  
Westhampton Beach, New York

“THE COLOR GREEN” WAS ONE OF THE most disappointing articles I have ever read in your magazine. You mention the armed takeover of Willard Straight Hall in 1969. Any decent administration should have expelled all the involved students, and one of them should never be a Cornell trustee. There was even an incident in which President Perkins was threatened by a student with a two-by-four. The student should have left



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New York State has objected to minority dorms like Ujamaa and nothing has been done about it. The *Wall Street Journal* reported that a white man visited Ujamaa and was told by a black, "You don't belong here." Who is trying to prevent integration? You write that in attempts to adhere to state regulations, President Rawlings tried to divest the racial residences of freshmen. For this he was rewarded by diatribes. Diversity depends on integration. Separate dormitories do not produce integration.

John Hooley '38, MD '42  
Merritt Island, Florida

DIVERSITY AT CORNELL IS COSMETIC, limited to race, color, and ethnicity, and does not include intellectual diversity. This failing prompted natural resources professor Richard Baer to complain, "the diversity that the university has so far encouraged is largely of the politically correct sort. My belief is that one of the best ways to diffuse tensions on campus is to welcome more diversity. When the university discourages or even suppresses open and honest discussion of issues like affirmative action, homosexual rights, abortion, school choice—by not hiring faculty who take politically incorrect views on these issues or, to take another example, by excluding religious student groups from Student Assembly Finance Commission funding—it makes it more, not less, likely that relations among students will be strained. And such censorship will also make our claim to being a liberal institution sound increasingly hollow."

Over 85 percent of the Cornell faculty is of the liberal persuasion. Conservative viewpoints are discouraged. The bottom of the food chain on campus is the straight, white, conservative male. This will not change until intellectual diversity in faculty hiring is achieved. Only pressure from concerned alumni will make that happen.

Richard Reade '51  
Setauket, New York

### POET'S CORNER

ARTHUR LAURENTS'S MEMORIES OF Professor Raymond Short reminded me of English Professor Walter J. "Body-Boots-and-Britches" Thompson, a

peach of a fellow ("The Way He Was," May/June 2000). One day he made an impossible assignment: compose an original poem. The groan was terrible to hear. Unbrilliant though I was, as a natural at poetry manufacture I dimly perceived that by renting out my pen I would be expressing my love for my fellow man by relieving their tortures—and making money, the last real motivator. There were about fifty students, and with exception of one or two holdouts, I suddenly got busy at \$5 a head.

Of some difficulty was the task of varying my style. Since Professor Short never handed out a bad mark, everybody passed. These many years later, I think he knew all along about the deception and, kindly, supportive man that he was, decided to encourage the only guy in the class seemingly with a modicum of talent by keeping mum. I still wonder—did my offer cut off somebody in that class who might otherwise have discovered himself to be a Homer?

Ray Ward '43  
Waverly, New York

### INDEPENDENT LIVING

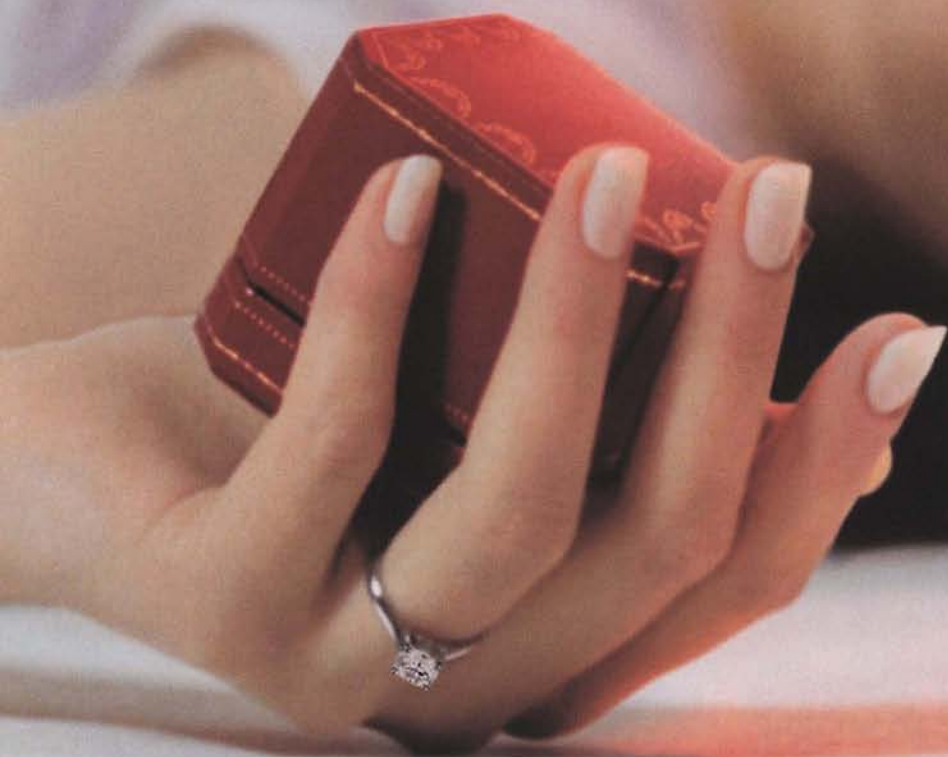
AS A FUTURE OLD PERSON, I WAS INTERESTED to read that, according to professors Chi and Laquatra, "group housing offers elderly people lower costs, greater independence and social interaction, and a variety of health and household services" (From the Hill, January/February 2000). But you neglect to tell us why "less than one percent of seniors presently enjoy such accommodations." Could it be that most "seniors" prefer the "greater independence" of living in their own homes, hiring their own health and household services when necessary, and making their own decisions about whom to have "social interaction" with? Group housing may be better than a nursing home, but for true independence and privacy, nothing beats living on one's own or with family and friends of one's own choosing.

Felicia Ackerman '68  
Providence, Rhode Island

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**The Old South: Defining and Defending a Regional Culture  
Charleston, South Carolina**

October 14-18, 2000

Led by Stuart Blumin, our goal is to combine a visit to one of America's most beautiful cities with a careful plan to uncover its rich, intriguing, and often controversial past.

**Ecology in the Migration Season  
Cape May, New Jersey**

October 19-22, 2000

Master field teachers Richard J. McNeil and Charles R. Smith will lead our forays to explore and understand this wildlife gathering place and the migration season at its peak.

**The 2000 Presidential Election  
New Paltz, New York**

November 3-5, 2000

A look at the candidates, issues, and campaign strategies; where we've been and where we may be headed in the new millennium, led by Glenn Altschuler, Richard Burkhauser, and Joel Silbey at Mohonk Mountain House, New Paltz, New York.

**African Journey: A Family Safari to Kenya**

December 20, 2000-January 2, 2001

Join J. B. Heiser for this family foray to Kenya's great game parks—Amboseli, Sweetwaters, Lake Nakuru in the Great Rift Valley, and the great Masai Mara National Reserve.

**From Columbus to Castro: Landscapes and Legacies of Cuba**

January 8-19, 2001

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**A Different Caribbean: Marine Life, Landscapes, and Culture of Curacao**

February 2-10, 2001

Join Cornell marine biologist Ed Brothers to explore the Dutch Antilles's largest island, from its crystal waters to Mount Christoffel, its highest peak.

**Natural History of the Hawaiian Islands**

February 2-11, 2001

Led by Howard and Erica Evans, we'll explore botany on Oahu, the marine life of Maui, and geology on the Big Island, including an overnight at the edge of Kilauea's caldera in Volcanoes National Park.

**Lands of the Tiger: A Natural History Study Tour to India and Nepal**

March 15-31, 2001

Join biologist J. B. Heiser to explore the finest parks of India and Nepal in search of Bengal tigers, Asiatic elephants, Indian bison, and more; we'll take time to inspect some of the great historical and architectural treasures, too.

**Libraries in Washington, DC**

April 18-22, 2001

Led by Cornell University librarian Sarah Thomas and specialist Peter Hirtle we will visit the Library of Congress, the National Archives, the National Library of Medicine, and the Folger Shakespeare Library, and enjoy springtime in Washington.

**New York: A Spring Theatre Weekend**

April 20-22, 2001

Join CAU favorites Glenn Altschuler and David Bathrick for a weekend of theatre and pre- and post-play seminars.

**The Edge of Knowledge: A Weekend Seminar on the Cosmos  
Skytop Lodge, Pennsylvania**

May 3-6, 2001

Led by Yervant Terzian, with Henry Bauer and Bruce Lewenstein, we'll enjoy the pleasures of Skytop Lodge and ask the impossible questions: What is reality? Is the Universe logical?

**Explorations in the Promised Land: Israel**

May 8-19, 2001

Led by Gary Rendsburg, we'll explore Jerusalem, Caesarea, Bethlehem, Qumran, Jericho, Masada, and the Dead Sea.

**Texas West of the Pecos: Davis Mountains and Big Bend National Park**

May 16-22, 2001

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**The Gothic Cathedral in Burgundy and the Île de France**

May 24-June 4, 2001

Join art historian Robert Calkins to experience and examine the beauty and power of the Gothic cathedral from Dijon and Chartres to Beauvais and Reims.

**Dinosaur National Monument and the Green River: A Rafting Expedition**

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## TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES

**A**re your shoes afraid of mud?" asks Mark Anbinder '89, chairman of the board of WVBR, as he nears the top of Hungerford Hill one afternoon in June. The path to the radio station's transmission tower is treacherous with waist-high grass and rain-sogged trenches, Anbinder explains, and it's not kind to leather loafers. Horseflies buzz and Anbinder swats them

away. Like the mud, the flies are just another of WVBR's occupational hazards.

On May 11, the station was notified by the Ithaca Building Department that its home on 217 Linden Avenue had been condemned. An engineering study commissioned by the station in 1997 had found that, among other problems, the building's back wall was exposed to excessive stress. "The building department interpreted the study in a much more pessimistic fashion than we had anticipated," says Anbinder. "And instead of the city giving us time to figure things out, they told us we had to leave immediately."

The station was in dire straits. Although WVBR's transmitter looks down on the city from Hungerford Hill, its daily operations had been conducted from the Linden Avenue building since the 1970s. All content originated at the studio and was sent to the transmitter via a dedicated phone line, to be broadcast on 93.5 FM. "We knew it would take some time to set up even a temporary space," Anbinder says, as any studio would need to be equipped with the special phone line. And simply closing up shop until a new space could be outfitted with the equipment wasn't an option either. "A radio station that goes off the air even temporarily," he says, "is not a radio station."

WVBR's management decided there was only one option: the Voice of the Big Red would relocate to The Shack, a pockmarked structure at the base of the tower. The space is small and shabby, and roughly half of it is occupied by floor-to-ceiling towers of amplifiers, converters, and generators. The machines buzz loudly and heat up like ovens, and an industrial fan makes a constant din. It's far from an ideal location for a radio station—but for about a month and a half last summer, it was WVBR's home.

Still, the on-air team tried to make the problems invisible to the average listener. "These mics aren't very sensitive to ambient sound," general manager

'THE SHACK,' THE STATION'S TEMPORARY HOME IN A FIELD ON HUNGERFORD HILL



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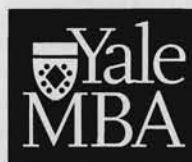
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Brian Lowe '03 says as he shows off the makeshift studio he's set up in one cramped corner. There's a tiny mixing board, CD and tape players, and a small collection of discs. Anbinder donated a garden chair to make things more comfortable. "If you listen for more than a couple hours, you'll hear a recorded message explaining that we aren't operating under normal circumstances," Anbinder says. "But for the most part what our listeners hear is normal."

Anbinder and others at WVBR thought it was important to keep the listening experience "normal"—particularly since the station had just emerged from the abyss of two years ago, when financial constraints forced it to ask its alumni for help. In November 1998, a decade-long combination of fiscal mismanagement and a poor local economy had come to a head. "Revenue was declining throughout the Nineties," he says. "We had fallen way behind on a lot of our debts. We were in a situation where we didn't have money. NYSEG [the local power company] needed a check, or we'd have to shut down."

Larry Epstein '76, MBA '78, WVBR's general manager for two years in the Seventies and now a member of the station's board, says he was initially skeptical of the call for help. "I had mixed feelings about the station looking to the alumni for money, because the fundamental principle of the station is to teach students to function as an independent broadcasting unit," he says. But when he realized the gravity of the situation, Epstein says he decided that "a one-time infusion of cash was necessary to make the station like it was when I was there," and he began to mobilize WVBR alumni. The station raised nearly \$50,000, more than enough to put it in the black. The money, says Anbinder, "enabled us to pay some of the old debts, invest in new equipment, and take care of ongoing expenses while we got up to speed."

WVBR's ratings rose steadily, thanks in part to a more consistent format (with two regular DJs on the air for much of the day), and it's now number one in the male eighteen-to-thirty-four demographic that advertisers cherish. The station has left The Shack behind, moving to a space at the New York State Holstein Association building at

957 Mitchell Avenue, and it hopes to settle its housing issues soon. WVBR owns the Linden property free and clear, Anbinder says, and the prime Collegetown spot can be leveraged in a number of ways. The station may sell the building and move to a new space, demolish it and rebuild, or sell it to a developer who'd build apartments and lease some space back to WVBR. "As long as it's a location that enables us to broadcast, it'll be a good one," Anbinder says. "A radio station is not a building, or an address, or a physical thing."

—Farhad Manjoo '00

## HEART OF TITANIUM



EARLY TWENTY YEARS have passed since Barney Clark lived for 112 miserable days as the first recipient of an artificial

heart. As the world watched in horror, he endured convulsions, kidney failure, respiratory problems, and severe depression until finally succumbing to a stroke.

Following Clark's death, the concept of an artificial heart largely dropped out of public view. But today surgeons at five major transplant centers are preparing to try again, with clinical trials for an artificial heart made by Abiomed, a small Massachusetts company, scheduled to begin before the end of the year. Already researchers have successfully implanted the device, called the AbioCor, into several dozen calves.

Abiomed CEO and founder David Lederman '66, PhD '73, hopes the AbioCor will help assuage the dire need for donor hearts. Each year tens of thousands of Americans qualify for a transplant, but only about 2,500 hearts become available. "Nothing is better than a human heart," he says. "But for many, their only hope is that someone will be able to make an artificial one."

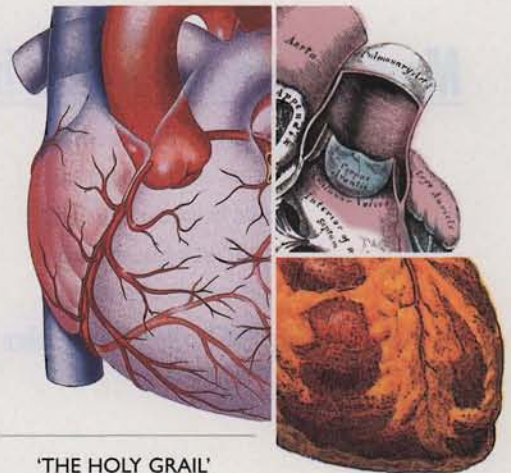
Made primarily of titanium and a polyurethane developed by Abiomed, the AbioCor moves blood through the lungs to the rest of the body, simulating a heartbeat. Unlike its prede-

cessors, the grapefruit-sized device is completely implantable: there are no wires protruding from the chest, giving patients more freedom and decreasing the risk of infection. "It is probably the most sophisticated device ever implanted into a human being," Lederman says, "but it is very simple in concept and operation."

Replacement hearts date back to 1937, when a Russian surgeon replaced a dog's heart with two diaphragm pumps powered by an external electric motor. After the Clark case, however, many researchers redirected their attention to cardiac assist devices, which take over the heart's pumping action until patients can get a transplant or their own hearts recover.

Despite widespread doubts about the future of the artificial heart, Lederman has been working on the AbioCor for nearly thirty years. After earning his PhD in aerospace engineering, he spent two years in academia in his native Colombia. He returned to the United States in the early 1970s looking for a job to see him through the fuel crisis and joined up with Arthur Kantrowitz, a former engineering professor on the Hill. Kantrowitz's goal was to build the first artificial heart—what Lederman calls "the Holy Grail of cardiac surgery."

Lederman's aim from the beginning has been to create a device that would not only prolong patients' lives but allow them to live normally. Although patients with the AbioCor may not be able to run a marathon, surgeons expect they'll be able to engage in most of life's everyday activities including sports, travel—and, yes, sex. "The patient will be



'THE HOLY GRAIL'



able to lead an untethered life and function in society as a normal, productive person," says Laman Gray, a surgeon at the Jewish Hospital Heart and Lung Institute in Louisville, Kentucky, one of the hospitals participating in the trials.

In labs just north of Boston, Lederman's eighteen-year-old company is putting the artificial heart through the final stages of advanced pre-clinical testing to ensure it measures up to the 100,000-beats-a-day standard set by the human heart. (His concerns about the device's performance include blood clots, calcification, and the possibility that the plastic parts will break down in the body.) The AbioCor is powered by an internal battery, continuously recharged by a wireless battery pack worn on a belt. Although current technology requires that the external batteries be replaced every six to eight hours, the internal ones can function on their own for up to a half hour so patients can swim or take a shower. "The only component of the whole system that does

not allow us to make an honest claim that the patients will be able to forget they have an artificial heart," says Lederman, "is the fact that they have to change the batteries."

— Stefanie Doebler

## OLYMPIC, HOPEFUL

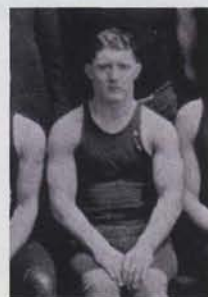


EVERY FOUR YEARS, when the world turns its attention to the Summer Olympics and the parade of nations competing in the name of international harmony, Irving Jenkins '37 recalls a darker time—when other games were spawned by protest, marred by political upheaval, and ultimately over before they began.

The year was 1936. Adolph Hitler had risen to power in Germany, just in time to host the Summer Games in Berlin. It was an unwelcome prospect to those who deplored Nazism, and a boycott movement quickly developed

among European nations. Half a million Americans signed petitions in support of an alternative site, while several college presidents joined labor and religious leaders in forming the Committee for Fair Play in Sports. Even the New York Times joined in the rhetoric, describing Nazi Germany as an "affront to Olympic standards."

But the boycott failed. A year earlier, the Amateur Athletic Union had voted to send a U.S. team to Germany, and it held fast. When the protests continued and a left-wing Popular Front government was elected in Spain in early 1936, the stage was set for a counter-Olympics to the so-called Hitler Games. It was named the *Olimpiada Popular*, the



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**H**ENRY BRINKERHOFF SWARTWOUT PRACTICED MEDICINE IN Port Jervis, New York, for nearly half a century. Known as "Swarty" to his friends, the 1885 graduate of Bellevue Hospital Medical College did his pre-med study on the Hill from 1881 to 1883. More than 100 years later, his grandson (Henry Swartwout Thomassen '40) came across a tattered journal, bound in a leather wallet, that detailed Swarty's expenses during his Cornell years. It begins with a \$5.55 outlay for a ticket on the Erie Railroad from Port Jervis to Ithaca; two years later he'd gained a premedical education at a cost of \$1,099.04.

Some entries:

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Suit of clothes: \$30	Cornellian: \$2.25
Theater ticket: 75¢	Senior Ball: \$1.25

sixteen countries. As Jenkins and his teammates spent the day sightseeing, they noticed people huddling around radios and whispering in cafes. The next day, Chakin led the Americans in workouts at the Barcelona stadium. At dawn on Sunday, the Americans awoke to what they thought were fireworks. "We thought, Gee, this is wonderful," Jenkins recalls. "They're having a celebration to open the Olympics."

The Spanish army had launched a rebellion against the country's newly elected government. It was the end of the People's Olympics, and the beginning of the Spanish Civil War, which would last three years and lead to Generalissimo Francisco Franco's thirty-six-year dictatorship. Civilians erected barricades in the streets and fired from rooftops. Several athletes hung white banners from their hotel rooms to show they were non-combatants. Others joined the fighting.

The Americans stayed indoors, avoiding the pitched battle as best they could. But during a lull in the fighting, Jenkins and some teammates, who had hoped to display their skills on the athletic field, instead made a sprint to the nearest butcher shop. Their hotel had run out of food.

On the third day of fighting, the athletes marched through the streets, demonstrating their support for the people's militia that had risen up against the army. Jenkins was offered a gun—"very tempting," he says—but when a French athlete was killed, the Spanish government ordered the evacuation of all foreign teams. The Americans waited on a ship for three days, until it made a midnight run through submarine-infested waters to a French port.

Upon arriving in New York, the athletes spoke out in support of the newly elected government. But according to Jenkins, the media squashed the story. "Too inflammatory," he says. "Too truthful." He returned to his ROTC training at Cornell, figuring he would "go back and help the Republic." But by the time he'd finished his degree in 1938, his father had convinced him to take a job on a sugar plantation in Hawaii, where he spent the next thirty-three years.

Jenkins, retired and living in Las Vegas, lost touch with his would-be

People's Olympics.

In the U.S., the Committee for Fair Play scraped together a team of working-class athletes, most of whom were participating in labor union intramural sports. Jenkins was just completing his junior year on the Hill, where he competed as a football player, rower, and heavyweight boxer. It was the latter that led to his selection as a member of the American contingent. "It was arranged rather rapidly, like a pickup baseball team," says Jenkins, who joined a handful of gymnasts, sprinters, and pole vaulters en route to Spain. "We were mostly athletes looking for a chance to

shine. I don't think I was on any particular political crusade."

The volunteer coach of the team was Alfred "Chick" Chakin '26. A physical education instructor at City College of New York and former Cornell wrestling champion, he had slightly stronger political views, telling the *Daily Worker* that the Games would be "a powerful demonstration against fascism." There was even symbolism in the event's hymn, which was written by a Jew who had been jailed by Hitler.

On Friday, July 16, the tiny American contingent arrived in Barcelona, joining more than 1,000 athletes from



teammates long ago. It was decades before he learned what had become of his coach. Chick Chakin, haunted by what he had seen in Barcelona, decided to return to Spain, this time as a volunteer in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. Sometime in 1938, he was captured by fascist forces and executed, a casualty of war.

— Brad Herzog '90

## PUMPKIN SPY

**B**Y THE FALL OF 1999, when I was editor-in-chief of the *Sun*, the paper had long given up hope of finding out who stuck a pumpkin on the peak of McGraw Tower in 1997. All investigations had been fruitless; everyone we'd speculated about (the university, athletic teams, fraternities) had denied it. But just before Halloween last year, the paper published a light piece recapping the two-year-old mystery—a story

which, in the end, said that the pumpkin was destined to remain an enigma.

Evidently, the piece caught the eye of a university employee whom I'll call George Washington. Indeed, it made him laugh, and for good reason: he claimed he knew who really did it. "I was a housemate of one of the three individuals involved," he e-mailed, "and now that he has moved away from town I don't see any harm in setting the record straight. I have details on the prank not released by the C.U. police, that could be verified by them to corroborate the truth of what I tell you."

So I called George, and he told me the whole story: how three friends

managed to captivate the campus and the country with nothing more than duct tape, wire cutters, rope—and, of course, a pumpkin. But there was a catch. George didn't want his name printed and he wouldn't disclose the



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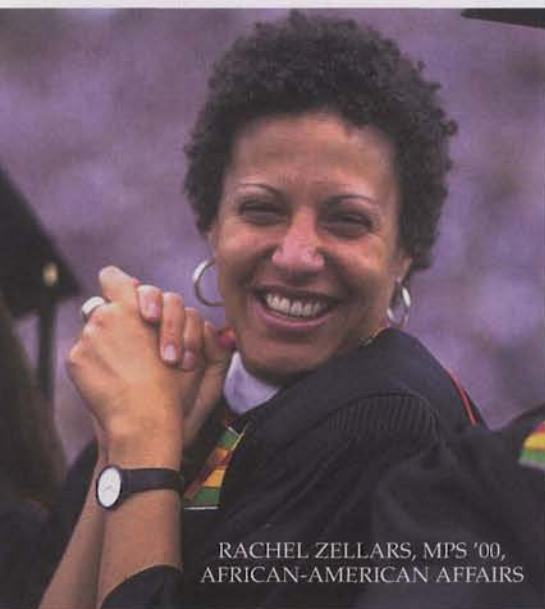
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• University of Southern California	October 3
• College of William & Mary	October 4
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• Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science	October 12-15
• Southern University (Baton Rouge)	October 23
• Loyola University	October 24
• Bates, Bowdoin, Colby Colleges	October 24
• Texas A&M University	October 25
• Rutgers University (New Brunswick)	November 2

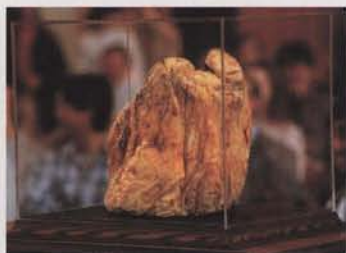


names of the perpetrators.

According to George, the main culprit is a Cornell grad (I'll call him Kennedy) who'd pulled a similar prank in his hometown involving a squash and a steeple. When George talks about Kennedy, it's with awe. Kennedy was brilliant, George says—intelligent, meticulous in his planning, and a great climber. One imagines that when Kennedy arrived at Cornell, he saw the bell tower and knew that he was put on Earth to decorate its steeple. And to that end, George says, Kennedy began

hanging out at local outdoor-sports stores, looking for a few good climbers to help him do the deed. He found two. Call them Reagan and Nixon.

"That night, [Kennedy] went up early, when the chimesmasters were playing, and he hid out," George says.



ROBERT BARKER / UP

"He stayed for about an hour. When he left, he duct-taped the door locks—there are two—on his way out, so that they wouldn't lock. He left, and they all met up and came back at midnight." They came back with the pumpkin, which George says was normal ("no preservatives"), bought from a farm stand and cored. They also had a pair of wirecutters and some rope. When they tried the doors, they saw that Kennedy's duct tape trick had worked. In no time, they were up with the bells.

They surveyed their surroundings. Above, they saw a wire-mesh grating blocking off the roof. Beyond the grating, which was locked with a standard padlock, they saw an access hatch that led to the outside of the tower. "So the plan was to get through that grating, get to the hatch, then go up the roof from there,

and place the pumpkin on top," George says. "They free-climbed the interior beams to reach the lock—three strong guys can do that—and they cut it." From there, Kennedy climbed up to the access hatch. "You can't tell this from the ground, but the roof is made up of two-inch-deep tiles. They're not incredibly solid, but it's going to provide excellent hand- and foot-holds—though up there the winds are brutal, even when it's sunny out."

This is how it went: Kennedy climbed to the peak holding one end of the rope, the other end of which was attached to the gourd. When he got to the top, "He tugged on the rope to let them know he was up. They sent him the pumpkin, he jammed it on the damn thing, and he climbed down." When he got back inside, they laughed for fifteen minutes, then went for a beer.

George has kept the secret out of concern for the three, he says. After the pumpkin became a national sensation, they got scared of getting into deep

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trouble. But George can back up his story. "The newspapers never printed that the padlock had been cut off, but the police would have that detail," he says. "I don't know if they know the doors had been taped."

I called the university police, who confirmed that the lock had been cut. But they wouldn't say anything about the duct tape.

— Farhad Manjoo '00

## WORD POWER

"Since Jon Benet's body was found, the Boulder police seem quite content with the suspect they have settled on: the media."

— Denver journalist Patricia Calhoun on the Ramsey murder probe



AT WESTWORD, THE BLAND don't lead the bland. Many alternative newspapers around the country have torn up their

Sixties and Seventies counterculture roots; as their readers trade bong pipes for decaf latte, their editors spotlight condo conversions, not radical change.

Not in Denver—and not on *Westword* editor Patricia Calhoun's watch. "Frankly, I don't pay much attention to demographics," says Calhoun '76. "We're just interested in putting out really good stories." Those stories include the crisp, irreverent impaling of such powerful targets as a Ross Perot-esque gubernatorial hopeful and the state's influential oil-and-gas lobbyists. From the paper's hotly denied, later-confirmed report of the governor's extramarital affair, for example: "Governor Roy Romer lied. You can read his lips in a six-minute smooch that catches Romer in the middle of a close, personal consultation with his former deputy chief of staff. You can kiss this man's credibility good-bye."

Calhoun has been kicking butt and taking names—skewering university boondoggles and zoning-board fiascoes, murder investigations and TV shallowness—ever since she and two *Daily Sun* colleagues (classmates Curt Travers and Rob Simon) left Ithaca to start the *SandPaper* in Long Beach Island, New Jersey. "At the time, it seemed much more practical, reasonable, and easy to

start a newspaper than to get a job," she says. "We were thinking investigative journalism. We were coming out of the Watergate era. The irony, of course, is that when you're starting a newspaper you don't have time to do much of that. Also, we were on a resort island where no one wanted investigative journalism. They wanted to know where to eat the best cheesecake."

While Travers stayed with the *SandPaper*, which he still publishes, Calhoun and Simon eventually moved to Denver and founded *Westword*. "It was a much better city to do the kind of paper we had in mind," says Calhoun. "So many young people were moving there really eager to create their own future and create their own paths." She recently completed a year as president of the Association of Alternative News Weeklies; its 119 members, she says, range from the "huge, huge *Boston Phoenix* to real shoestring operations, much as we were when we started." But she's found that life on a shoestring frays a paper's quality. "What business success has meant is that we can concentrate on putting out really good stories and not doing what we did our first years at *Westword*, which was staying up all night pasting up the paper, then delivering the paper, paying the bills, and that stuff, and then maybe spending one-tenth of our time on the editorial product. The more successful these papers are, the more you can pay for good journalism."

The alternative press's leading media critic, *Boston Phoenix* writer Dan Kennedy, worries that because papers like *Westword* have flourished, they've become "too attractive" to large corporations, leading to economic ties between the establishment and these presumably independent voices. "The people who read us—a well-educated, young,



'DOROTHY PARKER IN COWBOY BOOTS'

affluent city audience—are the very people who are not reading (daily) newspapers," Kennedy says. He notes that New Times, Inc., the country's biggest alternative newspaper chain, has formed an Internet alliance with media giant Knight Ridder. "New Times has a reputation for being rather corporate and yuppie," he says, "but they put out some pretty good papers which do a lot of investigative reporting and are independent voices in the cities they're in. Now they're feeding content to the website of the local dailies. It's a frightening, frightening trend, and God knows where it's going to end."

Calhoun, who bought out her partners' interest in the paper and sold it to New Times, loses little sleep over its corporate parentage. Neither does she see any danger in the Knight Ridder deal. "The Web has changed so much about journalism in general—how you market journalism. Everybody has tried different deals with Web companies, some big, some small."

Should today's *Daily Sun* staffers, faced with the financial lures of a dot-com universe, go the route she and her classmates did twenty-five years ago? "It was never financially lucrative to go into journalism," she says, "but I



# Thank you from the

## A message from the National Cornell Fund Chair

Laura Clark '85

This year has been another incredible year for the Cornell Fund, with Cornellians contributing to the University in record numbers. Over 34,000 alumni made a gift this year in support of Cornell. The cumulative total of these gifts will have a long lasting and permanent impact on Cornell.

From Reunion Campaigns, to Phonathons, to the results of our Giving Societies, our wonderful success would not be possible without all of our Cornell Fund volunteers. It is a great pleasure for me to recognize the individuals on these pages for their many contributions of time and leadership in our fundraising efforts. Thank you.

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Overall, Reunion Campaigns raised over \$85 million dollars for Cornell—a new all-time record for the University, with over 8,400 participating with a gift. In addition, the 14 reunion classes broke many individual class records through the tireless efforts of all those involved.

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## Fall 2001 Regional Phonathon Schedule

Every year, hundreds of Cornellians meet for a night in their area and contact friends, classmates, and college-mates to encourage their support for Cornell. These phonathons helped to raise over \$1 million for Cornell this past year. If you'd like to join us for one of these nights in your city, to help Cornell and have a good time reconnecting with friends, please contact us at 1-800-279-3099.

ALBANY	OCTOBER 30
ATLANTA	OCTOBER 12
BINGHAMTON	OCTOBER 17
BOSTON	OCTOBER 4
BUFFALO	OCTOBER 24
BURLINGTON	NOVEMBER 6
CHICAGO	OCTOBER 16
HOUSTON	NOVEMBER 1
ITHACA	NOVEMBER 1

JACKSONVILLE	SEPTEMBER 26
LOS ANGELES	OCTOBER 11
MANHATTAN I	OCTOBER 17
MANHATTAN II	NOVEMBER 15
MIAMI	OCTOBER 5
MID HUDSON	OCTOBER 10
MONMOUTH/OCEAN	OCTOBER
PALO ALTO/SILICON VALLEY	NOVEMBER 1
PITTSBURGH	SEPTEMBER 26

PORTLAND, OR	NOVEMBER 16
REUNION KICKOFF NYC	SEPTEMBER 18
ROCHESTER	OCTOBER 2
SAN DIEGO	NOVEMBER 15
SAN FRANCISCO	NOVEMBER 2
SYRACUSE	OCTOBER 23
WASHINGTON DC	OCTOBER 22
WEST PALM BEACH	NOVEMBER 9
WILMINGTON	NOVEMBER 16



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## A message from the National Tower Club Co-Chairs

Robert Appel '53 and Helen Harrison Appel '55

We would like to extend our gratitude to the Tower Club volunteers listed here. They have worked very hard to encourage fellow Cornellians to support our great University. Through their efforts, we have achieved the highest number of Tower Club members in the history of Cornell—3,808. We appreciate the commitment of time and effort of these committee members who were such a vital part of this achievement.

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hope people still do, and that we can figure out ways to do a lot more really good journalism on the web, because that does seem the direction a lot of people are going."

For Calhoun, though, the traditional weekly reporting-editing grind—which, in her case, includes bar-hopping every night in search of tequila shots and news sources—never gets old. "There's nothing more exciting than going after a really great story," she says. "Writing a story is always new, and it energizes you. I go out on the town every night in search of stories, but a lot of it's just going out for fun. Is it work? Is it bad behavior? I'm not really sure." One-liners like these led one writer to call Calhoun a Dorothy Parker in turquoise cowboy boots. When she heard that description, she says, "I thought, 'They weren't turquoise boots. They were purple.' But then I realized I had a different pair on that day."

— Bill Kirtz

## FILM REAL

**T**HEY JUST CALLED IT *THE Ithaca Movie*. The title was under wraps, as were the plot points. But everything else was out in the open, as the low-budget indie film was shot in and around town in June. The production, based on a screenplay by Bob Lieberman '62, MS '65, featured exactly five professional actors imported from New York and one from the Hill. All the other roles were played by locals—so many that Tompkins County gets screen credit. "It's got a cast of 50,000," Lieberman says. "It's bigger than *Ben Hur*."

Merchants on The Commons opened up their cash registers for a shopping montage. Taughannock Aviation lent an \$8.3 million Falcon jet; the county sheriff donated a cruiser. The Ithaca Ballet provided dancers for the big production number, complete with a singer perched on the roof of a taxi cab. The film was shot in the midst of a Rotary Club meeting, at a trailer park in Newfield, outside Cornell's A.D. White House, on a supermarket construction site in Lansing. Big-budget films have the craft services truck; the

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cast and crew of *The Ithaca Movie* got free sandwiches from Ithaca Bakery. "People are just incredible. We've gotten everything we need," says Lieberman, a senior physics lecturer on the Hill. "People are pretty blasé in New York and L.A., but this is virgin territory."

Pre-production on the film started in earnest last fall, when an Ithaca cattle call drew 350 hopefuls. (The aspiring Oliviers included former Ithaca Mayor Ben Nichols '41, BEE '46, MEE '49, who was cast as . . . the mayor of Ithaca.) Lieberman and director Slawomir Grünberg got 1,200 headshots from professional actors after they posted an ad in *Backstage*, which they followed up with New York auditions for the leading roles.

Grünberg, a Polish-born documentarian whose credits include *School Prayer: A Community at War*, shot with a single camera, which he hefted himself; the digital Betacam videotape will be transferred to film for the editing process. It was all done in hand-held documentary style, with little added lighting. "We're bringing our actors to the lights," says Grünberg, "rather than bringing the lights to the actors."

The filmmakers compare the plot to that of *Waiting for Guffman*, Christopher Guest's bittersweet comedy about small-town performers who think a big-city critic can make them famous. Lieberman won't say much, beyond the general premise: a nebbishy guy comes to Ithaca to scout locations for a horror film called *Virgin Blood*. Mistaken for a mogul, he gets roped into producing a movie-musical for a pair of local composers, and pretty soon the whole town is star-struck. "The location scout is going to be seduced by Ithaca—by its people, by the environment," Lieberman says, "It's a movie within a movie within a movie. It's a meta-movie."

*The Ithaca Movie* isn't really the first Ithaca movie, of course. A handful of films have been set here, if in name only (most recently the collegiate comedy *Road Trip*). The city was even home to a silent-film studio in the early twentieth century—until its owners realized that the weather was far more genial in L.A. "We're bringing the movies back to Ithaca," Lieberman says. "That's the whole idea."

On a weekday in mid-June, three





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ACTION: GRÜNBERG AND LIEBERMAN SHOOT THE BIG PRODUCTION NUMBER.

actors and a handful of crew members are shoehorned into a tiny room at the Comfort Inn on Route 13 for a scene in which the composers (played by pros Daniel Dresner and Shawn Randall) beg the scout to call his production company for permission to produce their movie. Grünberg is standing on an endtable, the camera on his shoulder; Lieberman and production manager Beth O'Brien '00 are plastered against one wall, trying to stay out of the shot without blocking the natural light from the sliding glass door. "When you hand him the phone, it's too aggressive. Do it more seductively," Lieberman tells Dresner. Then he turns to John FitzGibbon, the soap opera veteran cast as the scout. "He'll just hold the phone there, and you hesitate. You've got to hesitate." Grünberg moves in for a close-up, and Lieberman flops down on the double bed. "What you did at the end—that insane laughter," he tells FitzGibbon, "that was very good."

Lieberman, a novelist whose work includes *Baby* and *Paradise Rezoned*, wrote the screenplay for *The Ithaca Movie* ten years ago, but couldn't scrape together enough money to shoot it. The film, now slated for release in 2001, has a \$1.3 million budget—at least on paper. Much of that is "on deferment," meaning that the cast, crew, and other participants don't get all their pay unless the film makes money. But no one ever

made an indie film for the cash, anyway. Take twenty-three-year-old O'Brien, an aspiring filmmaker who graduated in May with a degree in fine arts. Before Lieberman hired her, the sum-total of her experience was a six-minute allegorical film entitled *Public Alley 308*; her first task on *The Ithaca Movie* was to organize the 110 scenes and thirty locations into a shooting order. "We all do a million different things," O'Brien says of her fifteen-hour days. "It's really stressful." Her duties range from watching out for continuity errors to wielding the dry-erase board that serves as a slate before each shot. "One character's hair changes from scene to scene," she says. "If you have to go back and forth, something like that can be a real pain."

Lieberman, for his part, is simultaneously exhilarated and exhausted. "It's day and night. There's no sleep, no days off," he says. "I'm numb." The screenwriter (and, with Grünberg, co-producer) is slouched in a seat in the front row of the State Theater, nibbling one of the ubiquitous Ithaca Bakery sandwiches. They're preparing to shoot a scene on the theater's empty stage, in which FitzGibbon, high on the movie-mogul power trip, orders a team of architects to start knocking out walls to make room for his new production studio. "I don't think any movie has been done like this before," Lieberman says of the hybrid of amateurs and professionals,



reality and fantasy. "It's an experiment—a very expensive experiment." A couple of visitors wander in, and Lieberman jumps up to greet them. "Hi," he says, "do you wanna be in a scene?"

— Beth Saulnier

## IN THE MOOG

**T**RUMANSBURG, NEW YORK, was a cow town speed trap when Robert Moog, PhD '65, set up a storefront shop in the old Baldwin furniture building on Main Street in the summer of 1963. Twenty minutes northwest of Ithaca, Trumansburg was best known for exporting dairy products, sweet corn, and traffic tickets. But by 1970 Trumansburg was a funky countercultural crossroads, cosmic birthplace of the Moog synthesizer, and Bob Moog (rhymes with vogue) was a local hero—the proud, overwhelmed pappy of a newfangled gizmo that would forever alter the soundscapes of modern life. *Switched on Bach*, a 1969 Grammy award winner and one of the best-selling classical albums in history, had been performed by Walter (later Wendy) Carlos on a Moog synthesizer. George Harrison, Mick Jagger, and jazz bandleader/composer Sun Ra were among the first customers for Moog's \$11,000 instrument.

Sun Ra was (and is) a Saturnian personality fond of outrageous regalia and claims of interstellar origin. He touched down in T-burg with his exotic cast and crew in a caravan of vintage Cadillacs to pick up a Minimoog Prototype B, one of only two made. "Imagine the reception some of the hippest musicians of the era got when they came to Trumansburg," says Trevor Pinch, a professor of science and technology studies at Cornell and Moog's biographer. "The town had never seen anything like Sun Ra in 1970."

Thirty years later, the Moog name may no longer be familiar to mainstream music fans—though it is to musicians and fans of electronic music. And last spring, the inventor was elevated to the status of an Edison during a special two-day exhibit and concert at the Smithsonian Institution entitled "The Keyboard Meets Modern Technology."

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Audiences at the museum's Carmichael Auditorium rocked to surging tides of sound featuring high-voltage synthesizer pioneer Keith Emerson, formerly of the rock trio Emerson, Lake, and Palmer. David Borden, director of Cornell's Digital Music Program and founder of Mother Mallard's Portable Masterpiece Co., performed with his group and got a standing ovation.

But the man of the hour was Moog, who looks like a cross between Mozart and Walter Mitty—an appropriately nerdy anti-hero with a spiky sense of humor and no truck with hype. Moog's passion for electronics and sound led to the creation of noises now hard-wired into our consciousness. Except for the hearing impaired, nearly every citizen of the industrialized world has been exposed to his creations. Car alarms, computer chimes, and the sound signatures of products like Maxwell House coffee are the sonic fallout of Moog's electronic wizardry, though he hardly set out to change the audio world. "There was never any sense that this was going to be big," says Moog. "I met a composer who wanted to make electronic music on tape, and we got together just for fun."

Moog may have built the first commercially viable synthesizer, but he didn't invent it from scratch. Around

1900, Thaddeus Cahill had created the roadie's worst nightmare: the 200-ton telharmonium, the world's first mechanical music synthesizer. RCA engineers developed an electronic version in 1955; like the earliest computers, it read binary punch cards and was anything but portable. A handful of the electronic dinosaurs crowded university laboratories around the country, but access was limited to geeks in white lab coats.

Moog's first machine resembled the equipment of an old-fashioned telephone operator, a ganglia of patch cords and circuit boards connected to a keyboard. The patch cords allowed the operator to select waveforms—sound—and the frequency, or pitch. It was more user-friendly than the RCA device, but still unwieldy. Moog made improvements until the advent of the compact Micromoog, precursor of the Minimoog, which paved the way for many a solo lounge act.

But just a year after Sun Ra and his mythic entourage hit the main drag of a sleepy upstate town, Moog's business went belly-up. The inventor's entrepreneurial skills were inversely proportional to his techno savvy. Not a decade after it started, with a trademark that was fast becoming a household name, the family business called R.A. Moog, Co., of Trumansburg, was about to go bust. "I



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didn't know anything at all about business back then," Moog told *Salon* in April. "I didn't know what a balance sheet was. I didn't know what cash flow was."

In 1971, he panicked. To dodge bankruptcy, he sold his trademark and controlling interest to a new company named Moog Music Inc., and Moog found himself punching a time clock for a business he'd once owned. The T-burg storefront was gone. There were no more curious passersby gawking at workers hunched over tables of synthesizer guts, no more feathered-head-dressed visitors from other planets, no more freaky musician types. The new owners built up the business, but Moog left in 1977 and later launched a new company, Big Briar, based in North Carolina. He has since regained ownership of the Moog trademark and plans to introduce a new version of the Minimoog in January.

Pinch, who is chronicling the business's rise and fall in his upcoming biography, ranks Moog alongside computer guru Steven Jobs for his contributions to modern technology. As for his influence on music, Pinch says he towers alongside another Cornellian, Laurens Hammond '16, inventor of the Hammond organ. "The invention of the synthesizer," Pinch says, "will come to be seen as one of the major innovations in music of the twentieth century."

Moog was born in Flushing, Queens; his father was an electronics hobbyist and Moog enthusiastically followed suit. At fourteen he built his own theremin—an instrument played by moving your hands through an electromagnetic field—based on descriptions in a hobby magazine. Moog's mother taught him to play piano, and although he can still get around the keyboard, he says, "you wouldn't pay money to hear me play."

A brainiac, Moog attended the Bronx High School of Science, Queens College, and Columbia University's Engineering School. He ran his synthesizer business while pursuing a Cornell doctorate in solid state physics—which explains why the degree took him eight years. The notoriously late inventor finished his dissertation the night before it was due, then almost missed his PhD defense. "He was actually early for once in his life," Pinch explains. "As Bob rode

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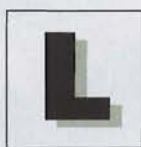
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the elevator up, he wasn't thinking about solid state physics, but about sound. He wondered what the resonance of the elevator was, and he jumped up and down to find it." The recently installed elevator spasmed to a halt between the fourth and fifth floors of Clark Hall. Moog was four hours late. He passed.

— Franklin Crawford

## VISA BILL



LAST SPRING, PHYSICIST Petr Gaidarev's plans to do cutting-edge research at Cornell's Wilson Synchrotron nearly devolved into one long, unpaid vacation. A Siberian post-doc working at the particle accelerator, he hoped to remain on campus for the summer smashing electrons and positrons in an effort to study quarks, one of the building blocks of matter. The only thing standing in his way was the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Since Gaidarev's previous work permit was going to expire in July, he applied for a new visa in early spring. But as he was sending in his paperwork, the INS announced that a large backlog meant long delays in processing requests. All semester, Gaidarev was afraid he was about to be out of a job. The visa came at the last minute, but he still feels bitter. "It was a nuisance and an inconvenience," he says. "I was pretty angry about it."

Gaidarev, PhD '97, was hardly the only post-doc in America checking his mailbox for news from the INS. For years, universities have imported and retained international experts using a visa called the H-1B. A document for workers with highly specialized skills, the H-1B allows recipients to stay in the country for up to six years. These days, it's a hot ticket. Because of the burgeoning high-tech sector and a tight job market, corporations are looking for overseas talent more than ever before—and academia is getting squeezed out.

The number of applications has shot up so dramatically that each year since 1996, when Congress capped the annual number of H-1Bs at 65,000, the INS has run out of visas earlier and

earlier. This year, the cap was raised to 115,000, but that limit was reached by March 20 (about halfway through the fiscal year), the earliest ever. Most applications received after that date will not be approved until well into the school year. "We've been dealing with disaster control," says Laura Taylor, who, as deputy director of Cornell's International Students and Scholars office, helps students and faculty negotiate the visa process. "Once or twice a week we get a call from a department that asks, 'What's the soonest we could get this person?' We have to say 'October 1.'"

The crunch has been felt across campus. At the same time that Gaidarev was wrestling with the INS, the Vet college faced its own visa snafu. A South African equine reproduction specialist had been hired for a research and teaching position starting in June. His H-1B application was temporarily denied, however, meaning he could not enter the country before October.

The situation was resolved when the immigration service granted a last-minute request for a short-term work permit, and he started work this summer. Even so, the incident may be a harbinger of trouble, says Robert Gilbert, the college's associate dean. Every March the teaching hospital hires about twenty residents and interns, a few of whom are foreign. "In general, until the competition with the [technology] industry heated up a few years ago, the INS had treated us very well," Gilbert says. "It came as a bit of a rude surprise to find the rules have changed."

For many sectors of academia, access to international talent is crucial. High-energy physics professor Karl Berkelman, PhD '60, who runs the lab Gaidarev works in, says that since few people on the planet are qualified to work in the Synchrotron, it's impossible to limit searches to the U.S. "Of the dozen applications we get when the word goes out [of an opening]," he says, "80 to 90 percent are from overseas."

And the labor market is only getting tighter. With the economy expanding, unemployment sinking, and the need for skilled workers rising, academia faces stiff competition from industry, says Tom Stohler, director of workforce policy at the American Electronics Association. The H-1B visa has become



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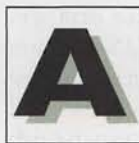
especially useful to high-tech companies, he adds, since fewer American students are earning high-tech degrees. According to Stohler, the number of undergraduate computer science degrees granted by American institutions dropped by 37 percent between 1987 and 1997, while electrical engineering degrees fell by 45 percent.

But although the high-tech sector is desperate for international expertise, Stohler insists that since universities are hiring professors to train future workers, they should have full access to the H-1B. "In essence," he says, "we're eating our own seed corn."

Change may be in the works. Responding to pressure from both industry and academia, Congress is considering legislation to raise the H-1B cap. The Senate proposal, sponsored by Republican Spencer Abraham of Michigan and approved by the Judiciary Committee in March, would set the cap at 195,000 and grant unlimited visa access to academic institutions—freeing schools from competing with companies like Microsoft. "The high-tech jobs are going through the roof," says Michael Aitken, a lobbyist for the Washington-based College and University Personnel Association. "Because of the way the economy is going, we couldn't get enough visas if you put the cap at 300,000."

— Paul Jaskunas, MFA '00

## CADET CORE



AT CORNELL IN THE FIFTIES, students read books about hapless individuals struggling against the corporate system many hoped to join, such as Sloan Wilson's *The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit*. The more philosophical among us brooded over alienation and identity in modern society. I leaned toward those who described themselves as examples of Colin Wilson's *The Outsider*, not those who swore by Ayn Rand's *The Fountainhead*. I read Alan Paton's *Cry, the Beloved Country* and pitied black South Africans, but neither I nor the majority of my classmates were deeply committed to advancing the civil rights of black Americans. We took Jackie Robinson, Ralph

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## DUNKIN' DYE

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HEN NABISCO DECIDED THE OREO COOKIE HAD GOTTEN a bit drab, it enlisted Jessica Aronofsky '92 to give it some color. Aronofsky, a senior food technologist at the company, headed the team that developed Magic Dunkers—cookies that re-

lease swirls of blue when they're dunked in milk. Why blue? A marketing thing, Aronofsky says. Research shows that kids love light blue these days, and initial market tests gave Magic Dunkers one of Nabisco's highest-ever scores. "Kids love color, and they love Oreos," she says. "This is an interactive snack."

Aronofsky, who studied nutrition on the Hill before earning a PhD in food science at Purdue, says the limited-edition cookies have a flavorless, water-soluble food coloring on the surface. When the Oreo is dunked, the dye dissolves into the milk, turning it anywhere from the sky blue of a three-Oreo snack to the cobalt of a whole-package binge. "We noticed that if you do a double dunk, you get a better release of color on the second," says Aronofsky, whose previous efforts include Chocolate Nutter Butters and pastel-centered Spring Oreos. "Basically, the more you dunk, the bluer it gets."



Bunche, Ella Fitzgerald, Fats Domino, and jazz for granted. We were more concerned about civil liberties than civil rights, more interested in coexistence with the Soviet Union than racial comity in the United States.

I gradually acclimated to Cornell, its geographic isolation, preponderance of students from the New York metropolitan area, fraternities, tough grading. My freshman roommate was brilliant in math and economics. He honed my skills at bridge, and we made pocket money by challenging all comers. Bob and I had long bull sessions about politics, sex, and religion.

As a Cold War agnostic, I did not reject war if peaceful means failed to prevent Communist aggression, nor seriously question the morality of military service. I derived my sense of civic duty, in great part, from memory of the "good war" that had defined patriotism for my generation. I also took cues from my father, who cited Roman and medieval law in conversations about the duties and rights of American citizens. In my family, those rights did not include dodging military service, even if you disagreed with the government.

In spite of military cutbacks, the

draft continued. All able-bodied male students had to take courses and drill in the Reserve Officer Training Corps during their first two years of college. Military uniforms were commonplace on campus, the "Eisenhower jacket" worn by many Army and Air Force cadets. In addition to military careerists—a respected vocational option in those days—many students decided to do four years of ROTC, receive officers' commissions at graduation, then serve on active duty for six months or more.

Cadets at Cornell came in many types, and throwing them together was a democratic strength of the program. I hung around mainly with fellow oarsmen, but got to know other cadets in classes and drills. Don, Marines, parried sarcastic references to his major in hotel administration with mouthwatering descriptions of the dish he had prepared in cooking class. Sometimes, like the drill sergeants he had encountered at boot camp, he would bark commands like "steak!" or "short-

cake!" to shut us up before practice. Ed, Army, came from a small coal-mining town in eastern Pennsylvania, majored in mechanical engineering, and played guard on the football team. He looked like a safe with eyes. A superb leader, he exhorted those under his command to build what he pronounced "esprit dee corpse."

In Army ROTC we studied American military history, quotes from great men, and the theories of Carl von Clausewitz. We learned how to march, shoot, take apart and reassemble the M-1 rifle, identify insignia, name weapons, estimate distances, use "night vision" to make out targets in the dark, identify sounds such as amalgam being squeezed between fingers. We memorized the Code of Conduct that specified the only information we should reveal if captured. We read in military manuals that in some situations disobeying an order or avoiding conflict was the right thing for an individual or a nation to do. The officers and sergeants teaching us insisted that our training might save our lives in combat and would be useful in any career. We were more concerned with avoiding embarrassment during weekly drills in Barton Hall, annual parades in downtown Ithaca, and ROTC summer camp following junior year.

With the Army's permission, I arrived a few days late at summer camp in June 1958, delayed by a rowing regatta at Syracuse. The euphoria of victory evaporated at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. My buddies and I sensed summer camp wasn't a transient game before our last year in college when our drill sergeant announced that the U.S. Marines had landed in Lebanon after a coup by Arab nationalists friendly to Nasser had ousted the pro-British government of Iraq. "We gotta keep Lebanon from goin' Communist," the sergeant said. "Our boys are flyin' the American flag, and you just might soon be doin' your push-ups over there with 'em."

As I wilted in the July sun, listening to the professional soldier's characteristic blend of pride and hazing, I recalled the story of an



NOT A 'TRANSIENT GAME':  
ROTC SUMMER CAMP



Illinois farmer who returned home wounded after the first battle of Bull Run in the Civil War and told his wife, "Them Rebs is shootin' real bullets." The image of doing push-ups and dodging bullets in Lebanon was more frightening than threats of nuclear retaliation: Khrushchev's against American and European intervention in Lebanon; Dulles's against China's renewed bombardment of Quemoy and Matsu a few weeks later. At Cornell, I had felt uneasy about supporting my country "right or wrong," and wondered how much benefit of doubt I might have to give to my government in crises where my service was expected. At Fort Bragg, I did not question the government's right to send me to the Middle East. I began to envision combat.

During my senior year, I commanded one of the four Army battalions, a rank that required me to return the salutes of hundreds of bemused cadets as we converged on Barton Hall. My selection as a Distinguished Military Student indicated "a definite aptitude for military service," according to a letter from the commander of 1st Army. In spite of such acknowledgments, I fended off the Army's appeal to consider a military career. Allen Pasco, a senior at City College of New York whom I had befriended at Fort Bragg, was hooked. Early in 1959 he wrote to me that he could hardly wait to receive his commission, attend the Ranger-Airborne School, and buy dress blues, first steps toward his career. Allen would die in Vietnam, executed by the Vietcong, his hands bound behind his back.

I was graduated in June. I left Ithaca with my BA, my commission as second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserves, and two years of active duty to begin in the fall. I was physically fit, ready to serve, eager to return to Europe, curious about Germany. For two years I would not have to depend on parental support or decide on a career. I could put off organizing the disparate ideas and influences I had encountered at Cornell; orders and field manuals would tell me what to do from day to day. Everything and nothing I had learned up to this divide prepared me for what lay on the other side.

— *Gaines Post '59*  
from *Memoirs of a Cold War Son*

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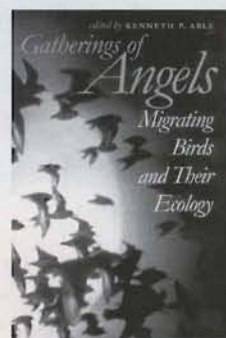
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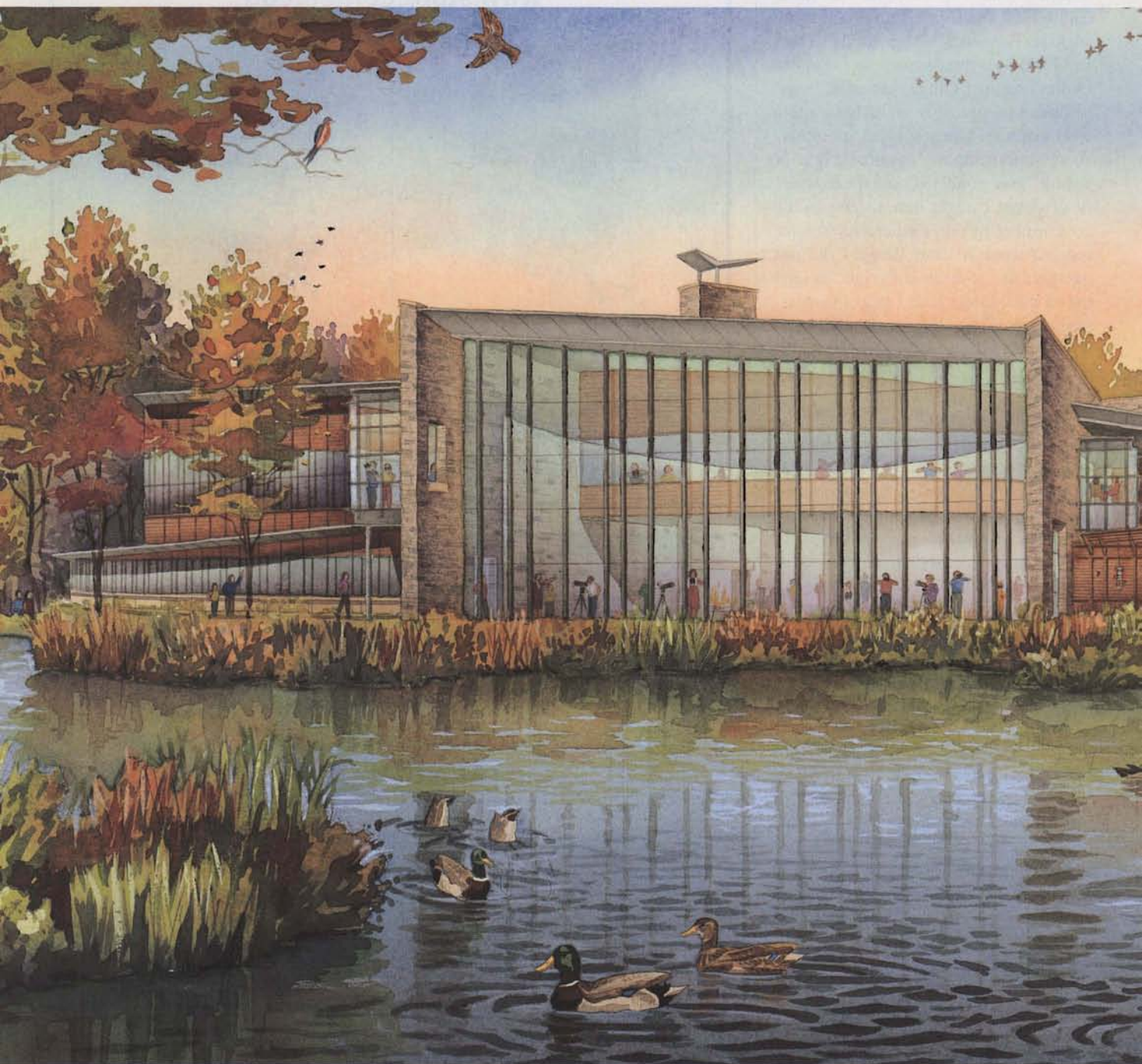
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## BUILDING ON



*The Lab of Ornithology soars into the new century with a bold mission statement, a burgeoning array of citizen-science programs, and plans for an expansive new facility*



# N T H E P A S T

BY CLARE ULRICH



CLARK SMITH

In the early decades of its history, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology not only lacked a building of its own, it didn't even have permanent office space. Founded in 1915 by Arthur A. "Doc" Allen, the "Lab" was shuffled from building to building on the Cornell campus. And yet during those early years, the Lab was already a place of innovative bird research, where many top ornithologists completed their graduate studies. The first recordings of bird songs—for which the Lab would eventually become world famous—took place then, as well as the Lab's first efforts to engage the public directly in the study of birds. Doc Allen always firmly believed that developing a strong public interest in birds was the most effective way to promote bird conservation.

The day eventually came when the Lab of Ornithology outgrew the space that Cornell provided on campus, and it was time to start searching for a new home. Businessman Lyman K. Stuart generously offered to provide funding to purchase a site and construct a new facility. There was probably never any doubt that the Lab would be housed at Sapsucker Woods, a favorite birding area of Doc Allen's since he first came to Ithaca as a Cornell undergraduate in 1903. Unfortunately, in the intervening years, a large part of the woods had been cleared for agriculture. The site where the Lab facility was erected stood in the middle of an empty field.

But Doc Allen and his colleagues had enough imagination to envision the kind of space they would need to study birds effectively for decades to come. Working hand in hand with the architects, they designed a building that would accommodate their research needs for nearly the rest of the 20th century. And they also set the clock back on the ecological destruction that had taken place at Sapsucker Woods. Rather than destroying habitat to provide a building site, they improved it, carving out a 10-acre pond for waterfowl and other wildlife and allowing the area to reforest naturally. It's eerie to look at old pictures of Lab staff standing on spent farmland in front of the Lab construction site, laying out the routes of "woodland" nature trails and boardwalks. They clearly wanted to create a place that would inspire visitors as well as staff and house the growing programs of the Lab. And they succeeded. Now Sapsucker Woods is home



to lush forest and wetlands, providing habitat for numerous migratory and resident birds.

As it enters the new century, the Lab once again faces the kind of intense growing pains it experienced in the mid-1950s when it left the Cornell campus. The current building, designed to accommodate 20 to 30 staff and graduate students, is now bursting at the seams as new research and conservation projects vie for space in an already crowded facility. The



*Lab founder Arthur A. Allen (at left, above) and his son, David, work on one of the new nature trails at Sapsucker Woods in the 1950s. Some of the "woodland" trails they laid out at that time actually ran through open pasture, where the trees had long-since been clear-cut. The architectural rendering on the previous two pages is an artist's conception of the new Lab facility.*

Lab staff is now approaching 100 and growing quickly. Despite the addition of several temporary mobile office facilities, the time has clearly come to build a new Lab facility—one that will carry this organization boldly through the 21st century.

The new Lab building, which will be erected on the eastern shore of Sapsucker Woods pond, will be five times the size of the existing structure and include an expanded ornithological library, a large auditorium, all of the Lab programs, as well as the entire Cornell Museum of Vertebrates. Although all traces of the current buildings will be gone when the new one is completed, the project picks up where Doc Allen left off, creating an area where scientists and interested citizens can interact together in the study of birds.

"We can't lose sight of what the Lab is all about," says Lab director John Fitzpatrick, glancing through his office window at the waterfowl around the pond. "Our aim is to supply the burgeoning population of committed bird enthusiasts with opportunities to put their skills to work for conservation—something Arthur Allen would have approved of wholeheartedly.

During the past year, our senior staff held a series of day-long discussions to look at where the Lab is going in the century ahead. By consensus we created a new statement of purpose to guide our ambitious enterprise: 'To interpret and conserve the earth's biological diversity through research, education, and citizen science focused on birds.' To accomplish this mission will require us to explore new Internet-based technologies fully, expand our staff in key areas, and create a building adequate for our growing needs."

At present, the Library of Natural Sounds, Bioacoustics Research Program, and Education/Citizen Science reside in the main building with the administrative offices. But most of the scientists and computer programmers who work hand in hand with these programs are housed across the street in four prefab office trailers. High-tech scientific research and computer programming go on in these offices and continue to earn the Lab international prominence, but those operations can be unexpectedly disabled by something as simple as field mice chewing through the fiberoptic cables that run underneath. These trailers will be removed after the new building is finished.

When the Lab completes construction of the new building in the year 2002, it will provide abundant space to accommodate programs that have expanded tremendously since the 1950s. "Each of the Lab departments is in the midst of realizing major visionary advances in promoting research, education, outreach, and conservation," says Jack Bradbury, director of the Library of Natural Sounds (LNS). "The new building will allow us to integrate these separate programs in very powerful ways."

Everyone will be housed in one building, and the greatly expanded space will allow staff to increase. John Fitzpatrick projects that during the next 10 years, two to three new faculty members and more than 50 staff members will be added, enabling the Lab to complete projects that have lagged because of a lack of staff and space and to begin new ones that have temporarily been put on hold.

For example, the LNS collection of 140,000 recorded bird songs and other animal sounds is the largest archive of its kind in the world. The recordings currently exist on reel-to-reel tapes, and the documentation for the sounds is stored in a non-web-accessible database on one desktop computer. More staff and closer collaboration with computer programmers and technicians will expedite the tedious process of converting the collection from tapes to Digital Versatile Disks (DVDs) and transferring it to a networked database. After 10 years of storage,



recording tape becomes brittle, and material can be lost as pieces break off. Some of the recordings in the collection are already that old or older, so time is crucial.

LNS increases its holdings by more than 5,000 cuts a year. Digital technology, greater storage and editing space, six acoustically isolated sound studios, and a state-of-the-art mastering studio will enable the library to triple that accession rate and cut the time it takes to archive new recordings, from eight hours to two hours for every hour of recorded sounds. The digital database will also simplify the duplicating process by allowing sounds to be downloaded to users in a matter of minutes.

Research, equipment, and computer software developed in the Lab's Bioacoustics Research Program (BRP) are used by scientists around the world to study animal communication and by organizations such as the Environmental Protection Agency to monitor the health of wildlife populations. A specialized buoy invented by BRP to record deep oceanic sounds is being fine-tuned in a workshop down the street from the main building. Kurt Fristrup, BRP's assistant director, walks there several times a day to confer with the electrical and mechanical engineers who are building and testing the equipment. "Developing advanced instrumentation is critical to our success," says Fristrup, "but the way things are set up now, with people and operations separated, our engineers sometimes lose sight of how important their work is to the Lab's overall mission." The new facility will bring BRP's scientists and engineers together.

In recent years, birds have become the focus of a revolutionary combination of basic research and public outreach known as citizen science, in which diverse people, often nonscientists and schoolchildren, help the Lab gather data on birds. BirdSource, the Lab's interactive web site developed in partnership with the National Audubon Society, allows citizen scientists to submit and exchange data online.

"We have the most active web site at Cornell by a huge gap," says Fitzpatrick. "Last February's Great Backyard Bird Count received nine million hits during a four-day period. That's just the very tip of what we can actually provide. Our Home Study Course in Bird Biology is already the best in the world, but

it's nothing compared with the one you're going to see in a couple of years that will use live videos over the web."

Once the new facility is built, BirdSource director Steve Kelling hopes to hire another 20 to 30 people to handle the volume of ongoing and new projects, which will have a powerful impact on the Lab's Education/Citizen Science program. The director of that program, Rick Bonney, is working closely with the BirdSource crew to develop a database that can hold records from all the citizen-science projects and link them together. Once that is

*The picture below shows the original Lab building in its final phase of construction in 1956. The Lab turned back the clock on the devastated habitats at Sapsucker Woods. Now the vast barren area beyond the building is a lush, bird-filled woodland.*





accomplished, he can bring more projects to the classroom and offer web-based home-study courses.

"The web has opened up completely new ways for citizens to explore science and interact with scientists," says Fitzpatrick. "Its immediacy is what makes it so engaging. People can record their notes on the web, submit data, request information, get updates on that in-



*Sound engineers from the Lab's Library of Natural Sounds, above, record bird songs at Sapsucker Woods. The Library, the largest of its kind in the world, is currently converting its entire collection to a digital format, which will make recordings vastly more accessible. At right, the Scarlet Tanager was one of four tanager species studied by Project Tanager—a landmark program at the Lab that for the first time employed a huge network of citizen scientists to examine complex scientific questions.*

formation, integrate the data, and receive answers to questions without waiting for a hard copy to arrive in the mail. It has made education—and basic scientific exploration—more accessible than it's ever been in history."

The huge BirdSource web site uses 40 computers, which are crowded into one office-trailer. "One of the most exciting features of the new building for us," says Kelling, "will be having a space large enough to house all of our computers, including a massive server system, and the capability to link them to a high-speed network at least 10 times faster than our present system. The BirdSource database currently contains more than 100 million pieces of information. We'll be able to develop new applications for this database and make the data more accessible through the web site. The computer room will be our gateway to the world."

Another essential component of the Lab is the Cornell Museum of Vertebrates, which is currently housed about a mile away. It is nearly as old as Cornell Univer-

sity, and its collection of mounted birds; vertebrate skins; skeletons; fluid-preserved fish, amphibians, and snakes; eggs; and nests is one of the best among the nation's universities. It contains specimens that famed bird artist Louis Agassiz Fuertes painted.

"Bringing the museum to the new building will give scientists and students direct access to actual organisms that lived in earlier times," says museum director David Winkler. "That is indispensable to researchers who want to observe variation within species, tracing the effects of environmental toxins on organisms over time, studying gene preservation, or performing DNA extractions." New wet and dry labs will aid those investigations, and classroom space for 35 students will enable this research—and the museum's 1.5 million specimens—to be accessible, hands-on educational resources. Winkler has led a robust effort to document the collections using digital imaging. He envisions these images of specimens eventually being linked to LNS sound recordings and video images to enhance their potential for research and education.

Supporting all of the Lab's activities will be a 2,225-square-foot reference library on the second floor of the new building. The current library stands in a hallway in the main building between the education and administrative offices. As more staff have joined the Lab, the library space has steadily diminished to the point that it now holds only about one-fourth of the Lab's collection of books and periodicals. The remainder is kept in storage and is difficult for staff and visitors to access. The new building will consolidate the entire collection and enable the Lab to accept donations that are currently on hold until the new library is built. Carrel space and computer workstations will make it a fully functional library for the first time.

Perhaps the single most important change





## A NEW HOME FOR THE LAB

These are historic times for the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. With a clear mission and almost 100 people working to achieve it, we are interacting more broadly with scientists, students, conservationists, and the public than ever before. Record numbers of members, citizen-science participants, research projects, and partnerships are yielding data on bird populations and conservation questions across the hemisphere. The Library of Natural Sounds is overflowing with new recordings, and we're busy converting them into a digital format for efficient storage and rapid transmittal via the web. Our new Home Study Course in Bird Biology has been released. Finally, our Information Technology group has developed a remarkable system for delivering information and citizen-science interactively over the web.

Ten years ago, with overcrowding already well under way at the Lab, our staff and Administrative Board had a great vision. They said, "Let's keep building a world-class program, because talented and motivated people are more important than bricks and mortar. We'll worry about building a new facility only when we *know* we're ready for it." So, we steadily increased our endowment and now have six faculty leaders. We crammed to make room for staff scientists and now have more than 30. We added trailers to provide space for citizen science, and we now help shape this burgeoning discipline across the continent. We forged relationships with campus faculty in six Cornell departments and now lead cross-disciplinary programs in bioacoustics, animal behavior, conservation science, disease research, systematics, and science education. We sought expertise from Cornell colleagues as the Internet exploded onto the scene, and we now have one of the leading web-programming teams at a university already known for its computer science.

Throughout the 1990s, exemplary vision, effort, achievement, and fiscal responsibility took place inside a badly outdated building and a few shabby trailers at Sapsucker Woods. We were rewarded with steadily increasing support from Lab members, granting agencies, private foundations, and patrons. Between 1990 and 2000, the Lab's membership grew from 13,000 to 26,000, its budget from 2 million to 6.5 million dollars, and its staff from 40 to 96.

Growth, however, is not an end in itself. It was valuable only because it led to more accomplishments in the pursuit of a vital mission. During the 1990s, our technical publication rate grew from a few articles per year to more than 20, and the journals accepting our work today are among the most influential in the world. Our citizen-science projects have proliferated, from the fledgling Project FeederWatch in 1990 to more

than a dozen ambitious ventures today. The Lab's involvement in conservation grew from a few monitoring efforts to a host of projects and partnerships that span the globe. In every way we can measure their impact, our accomplishments are far greater and more lasting now than they were only a decade ago.

Now, finally, all of us—staff, faculty, board, and public visitors alike—recognize that we're "ready to molt." The time has come when our programs can no longer excel if they must remain inside our cramped old shell. We need space for students and visitors to sit down and work. We need a real library. We need lab and computer facilities for geographic analyses of bird population data. We need new sound and video studios equipped to handle digital media. We need production and engineering facilities to create great CDs, fashion experimental recording devices, and repair equipment. We need modern museum facilities to provide access to priceless scientific specimens. We need DNA sequencing facilities to keep unlocking the mysteries of avian evolution. We need teaching labs and preparation labs, conference rooms and breakout space, public meeting areas and quiet research carrels. We need layout space for award-winning publications and computer facilities for award-winning web sites. We need adequate public space to serve thousands of visitors and to honor some of the world's greatest bird art. We need a listening room so visitors can be transported anywhere via the world's greatest natural sound collection.

I am thrilled beyond measure to announce that the board and staff of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology have launched the most ambitious capital drive in our history, and we are already well on the way to reaching our \$28 million goal. The result will be a spectacular new science center at Sapsucker Woods—a true "global clubhouse" to house the world's leading programs for the study and conservation of birds. I encourage you to read all about it here, then fantasize along with us and share in our excitement about all the avenues this new home will open up for all of us.

This new building will belong to you, our members and Cornell alumni, as much as to its daily occupants. I hope you will consider making a donation to this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Every gift, regardless of size, will help fulfill this dream and advance the interpretation and conservation of birds throughout the world. Finally, please do drop in and visit us once our dream home is complete. It will take your breath away, even as it serves its purposes—for the birds.

John W. Fitzpatrick  
 Louis Agassiz Fuertes Director  
 Cornell Lab of Ornithology



## THE LAB'S CORNELL CONNECTION

For nearly a century, Cornell University has stood without peer in using wild birds as subjects for research, teaching, and public outreach. The locus of those activities has always been the Laboratory of Ornithology, which remains the only institution of its kind in North America.

Cornell recognized the importance of studying birds as far back as 1915, when it appointed Arthur A. "Doc" Allen as the country's first professor of ornithology. Even though the Lab was housed in the Department of Entomology then, Allen and his students conducted groundbreaking work developing ornithology as a science and a tool for kindling popular interest in nature.

Today, Cornell is a leading center for advanced training in ornithology and related disciplines. Since Doc Allen's appointment, more than 300 advanced degrees have been awarded for ornithological research. Faculty across the university incorporate birds into disciplines as diverse as psychology, engineering, animal science, veterinary medicine, music, and English. Recently faculty in the departments of Communication and Education have begun studying birds as teaching tools, especially in conjunction with the Lab's citizen-science programs.

Access to the full spectrum of Cornell colleges, departments, and units has helped shape the Lab into the thriving institute it is today. Particularly applicable is Cornell's renowned strength in organismic biology (comprising ecology, evolutionary biology, conservation biology, and systematics), which attracts topnotch faculty and students. The Lab supports a core of professional research scientists and educators, including six full faculty members, who hold dual appointments at the Lab and Cornell.

André Dhondt is one of them. He is the Edwin H. Mergens Professor of Ornithology in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and director of Bird Population Studies at the Lab. "The aim of my research," explains Dhondt, "is to try to understand the causes and effects of individual differences in animal populations. I have always combined various disciplines such as population dynamics, behavioral ecology, and genetics in the search for answers." Dhondt teaches *Birds in Biology* and draws from a variety of fields to explore new insights in biology, using examples from bird studies.

David W. Winkler is an associate professor in Cornell's Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and faculty curator at Cornell's Museum of Vertebrates. "The longer I continue my work on the life histories of birds, the more convinced I am that a comparative approach is necessary," he says. Winkler's research on dispersal patterns in birds grew out of his collaboration with André Dhondt and Lab director John Fitzpatrick on the Nest Box Network project. He also works with scientists around the globe studying variations in swallow breeding biology. "I find interactions with the Lab to be a distinctive opportunity," he says. "The entrepreneurial atmosphere and open-ended vision is very stimulating."

Two new additions to the Lab's internationally recognized faculty are Jack Bradbury and Sandra Vehrencamp, who arrived in 1999. Bradbury directs the Library of Natural Sounds and holds the first Robert G. Engel Chair in Ornithology in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. "I came to Cornell because it is the top center for animal behavior in the country," he says. "The attraction was doubly strong because I could not only benefit from the large pool of colleagues and excellent students, but I was also charged with overseeing the world's largest collection of animal sounds and making it available on the web. No other place has this mix of resources, quality education, and interactive research in my area."

Sandra Vehrencamp joined the Lab's Bioacoustics Research Program and is a professor in Cornell's Department of Neurobiology and Behavior. "The Lab offers wonderful opportunities for high-tech collaborative research in bioacoustics as well as for conservation-oriented work. There are a large number of colleagues in several different departments at Cornell interested in behavior, ecology, and evolution. Scientists at other institutions frequently visit Cornell, so the quality of seminars is high."

Taking advantage of its connection with Cornell, the Lab has expanded its scientific investigations and is pushing the frontiers of outreach education and distance learning, both university priorities. It has created several cutting-edge programs that are considered models for the university of the future. For example, the Lab has added to its faculty a new assistant professor with expertise in DNA sequencing and avian evolution. He will play a key role in contributing to Cornell's world-renowned programs in ecology and evolutionary biology. Cornell engineering and biology faculty and students work with Lab scientists to create state-of-the-art bioacoustics recording equipment for research, commercial, educational, governmental, and personal uses. Working in conjunction with the Cornell Theory Center and the National Audubon Society, the Lab continues to expand its interactive web site, BirdSource <[birdsource.org](http://birdsource.org)>, which allows ornithologists and amateur birders to access tools for monitoring bird populations and movements, providing the most current and comprehensive data on the distribution, migratory pathways, and population trends of North American birds.

"This partnership," says Audubon president John Flicker, "is a perfect marriage of Cornell's high-tech computer capabilities, the Lab of Ornithology's citizen-science team, and Audubon's thousands of volunteer birders collecting data at the grassroots level."

Given its own highly regarded core of faculty and scientists, and the even larger community of biologists, engineers, and computer scientists on the Cornell campus, the Lab has at its fingertips the interdisciplinary resources and multimedia capability to integrate research, education, and outreach on birds and biology better than it could be done anywhere in the world. *Clare Ulrich*



the new facility will bring is to enable Lab scientists, faculty, students, and staff to interact more frequently. "A synergy occurs when people with diverse expertise work closely together," Kelling points out. "Right now," adds Fristrup, "I have a limited knowledge of the scientific content of what the Education/Citizen Science and Bird Population Studies staffs do in the trailers, and they have almost no idea of what we're doing here. Some of the most interesting collaborations emerge from informal encounters. The new building will cultivate an integrated scientific community." For this reason, designing shared areas for meetings and impromptu interactions is a high priority. Flexible space that can be modified without tearing down walls is also being designed to accommodate growth and the changing needs of Lab programs.

Knowing that the present working conditions are temporary has sparked a wave of new collaborations. BirdSource is gearing up to work with LNS on developing a program in which schoolchildren use tape recorders to record bird songs in their yards and then download the sounds from the tapes to their computers and send them electronically to the Lab. The data will assist scientists with questions about song variation or regional dialects within common bird species.

Steve Kelling and his crew are currently compiling an electronic field guide to birds. Users will be able to click on an image of a bird to get information about the species. He predicts that in five years the BirdSource web site will offer video images so users can also watch bird behavior. Rick Bonney is eager to incorporate those videos into home-study courses, and LNS plans to piggyback video images onto the new technologies they are already implementing for sounds, adding valuable contextual information to the sound recordings.

The Bioacoustics Research Program and LNS are collaborating on new software that will allow scientists in remote locations to perform sophisticated analyses and comparisons of sounds in the collection. "The Lab will be the only institution to offer the analytical tools necessary to undertake this kind of study," Jack Bradbury points out.

André Dhondt, director of Bird Population Studies, is looking forward to having more space for students to help him convert hundreds of thousands of three-by-five-inch cards containing irreplaceable information on nesting birds into an electronic database. Lab scientists use the data to interpret bird movements and year-to-year population changes, which help to set conservation priorities and create land



management guidelines. BirdSource and Education/Citizen Science are eager to integrate Dhondt's data into their projects.

As it has been since its birth early in the 20th century, the Lab of Ornithology is a work in progress, constantly changing and growing, but never losing sight of its commitment to work on behalf of birds and the habitats they need to survive. And that vital mission will continue through the century ahead. ■

*Now that the Lab has demonstrated the effectiveness of using citizen scientists across North America, new projects based on techniques used in Project Tanager and Birds in Forested Landscapes are being designed to look at the habitat needs of declining birds, such as the Golden-winged Warbler (above).*

To find out more about the Lab's building campaign and how you can help, contact associate director Scott Sutcliffe, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, New York 14850, (607) 254-2424, <sas10@cornell.edu>; or call campaign project team leader Jim Mazza at (607) 254-7497, <jam16@cornell.edu>.





## FROM THE HILL

NEWS & VIEWS FROM ITHACA & BEYOND

### MONEY MATTERS

#### FACULTY SALARIES RISE

**C**ORNELL FACULTY salaries will equal those of its peer institutions by the 2007-08 academic year, President Hunter Rawlings and Provost Biddy Martin announced in July. The salary initiative calls for the university to spend \$15 million a year over its budget to increase compensation for more than 1,500 professors on the Ithaca campus.

Some funds may be raised through a "campaign for faculty excellence," Rawlings notes, listing tuition and payout from investments as other possible sources. "Our faculty is at the heart of the university," he says, "and we are determined to do what is both necessary and appropriate to recognize its contributions."

The average professorial salary in the endowed colleges was \$84,700 for the 1999-00 academic year; in the statutory schools, \$68,657. Under the new plan, both would be raised to meet the average pay of ten peer institutions agreed upon by the faculty and administration. They include Stanford, Princeton, Yale, and the

University of Chicago for the endowed schools, and the University of Pennsylvania, Berkeley, Texas A&M, and the University of North Carolina for the statutory side. "Competitive salaries," says William Schulze, the Robinson professor of environmental

economics, "are a critical factor in maintaining both faculty quality and morale."

The university also plans to examine compensation for its 7,000 staff members. Median household income in Tompkins County is approximately \$32,500 a year.

### MUSIC ROOM

#### LINCOLN REDUX

**A**N EXPANDED Lincoln Hall reopened in August after a \$19 million renovation. The project, including the addition of a 19,000-square-foot wing, has created a state-of-the-art home for Cornell's music program, which serves about 2,000 students each year. Among the improvements: twenty new practice rooms, thirteen new teaching studios, a 70 percent increase in library space, and badly needed storage space for musical instruments, which will now be protected by a multimillion-dollar climate-control system.

Built in 1888, Lincoln first housed civil engineering and architecture. The music department took it over in the early 1960s. The new fa-



MUSIC ROOM: LINCOLN HALL'S 19,000-SQUARE-FOOT ADDITION FEATURES A TWO-STORY REHEARSAL ROOM AND TEMPERATURE-CONTROLLED STORAGE SPACE FOR INSTRUMENTS.

CHARLES HARRINGTON / UP



cility, President Rawlings says, "emphasizes the centrality and importance of the arts and humanities to the Cornell experience."

## LAWSUIT FILED

### \$4 MILLION IN BUS DEATH

**T**HE FAMILY OF A student killed in a bus accident last spring has filed a \$4 million wrongful death claim. The lawsuit, filed in New York State Supreme Court, names bus driver Timothy Stranger, Tompkins County Area Transit, and TCAT's partners: the county, the City of Ithaca, and Cornell.

Michelle Evans '01 was killed crossing Wait Avenue in March. The suit, which includes \$2 million in punitive damages, alleges that the bus that struck her was overcrowded, and that Stranger was driving under the influence of alcohol and marijuana. He was indicted on manslaughter charges in May.

## 'JOY & TORMENT'

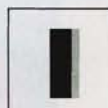
### ROBERT TRENT JONES, 93

**L**EGENDARY GOLF course architect Robert Trent Jones died June 14 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He was ninety-three. Jones, who attended Cornell as a special student from 1928 to 1930, designed or remodeled more than 500 courses during his seven-decade career. His work included fourteen of *Golf Di-*



JONES

## NANO-ART



In July, President Rawlings gave the White House a small portrait of President Clinton. A very small portrait. A centimeter square, the silhouette of Clinton playing the saxophone was carved on a silicon chip at Cornell's Nanofabrication Facility to demonstrate the lab's ability to manufacture the world's smallest devices.

The image itself (based on a photo taken at a 1993 inaugural ball) was made up of 287,900 "nanosaxophones," each about sixty-eight millionths of a meter, roughly the size of a red blood cell. The chip was encased in a Lucite paperweight, to be included in the Clinton presidential library. "We are confident," Rawlings says, "this is the smallest gift any president has ever received."



NICOLA MOUTOURIS / UP

gest's Top 100 U.S. courses—such golfing meccas as Augusta National, Spyglass at Pebble Beach, and Atlanta's Peachtree. Said President Emeritus Frank Rhodes at Jones's funeral: "He has given joy and torment to a world of golfers."

Jones was born in 1906 in Ince, England, and moved to Upstate New York with his parents as a child. An ulcer derailed his golfing ambitions, but his love of the sport inspired him to become the first person to study specifically for a career as a course designer. On the

Hill he studied landscape architecture, agronomy, horticulture, hydraulics, surveying, and economics.

The first architect inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame, Jones designed holes for presidents, royalty, and millionaires, but also created a series of eighteen public courses in Alabama known as the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail. His work can be found in forty-five states, thirty countries, and nearly every continent. "The sun never sets," he liked to say, "on a Robert Trent Jones golf course."

## IN BLACK & WHITE

In honor of the thirtieth anniversary of Cornell's Africana Center, the Johnson Museum has mounted an exhibit celebrating the art of African-Americans and the African diaspora. "Blackness in Color," which focuses on the Black Arts Movement, runs through October 22.



"SHARECROPPER," A LINOCUT BY ELIZABETH CATLETT

JOHNSON MUSEUM

## GIVE MY REGARDS TO THESE CORNELLIANS IN THE NEWS

**Laura Otis**, PhD '91, a professor of English at Hofstra University, awarded a MacArthur "genius" grant.

**Harold Levy '74**, JD '79, former acting chancellor of the New York City school system, named to the position on a permanent basis.

**Helen Heineman**, PhD '67, a Victorian literature expert, named president of Framingham State College.

**Rem Koolhaas**, '72-'74 Grad, awarded architecture's Nobel, the \$100,000 Pritzker Prize. The jury chairman called him "visionary and implementer, philosopher and pragmatist, theorist and prophet."

**Dana Fabe** '73, the first woman appointed chief justice of the Alaska Supreme Court.

Professors **Piet Brouwer** (physics), **H. Floyd Davis** (chemistry), **Gero Miesenbock** (cell biology), and **Jon Thorson** (pharmacology), named Sloan Fellows. Each will receive \$40,000 over two years.

Food science professors **Martin Wiedmann**, PhD '97, and **Kathryn Boor** '80 and the Cornell-based Listeria Outbreak Working Group, given the Department of Agriculture Honor Award, one of the agency's highest honors, for "ensuring food for the hungry and a safe, affordable, nutritious food supply."

**Mary Shmidl**, PhD '78, named president of the Institute of Food Technologists.



# R&D

The chemicals in apple skin and flesh give anti-cancer benefits as a combination rather than as isolated compounds, Cornell food scientists say. Their research suggests that eating fruits and vegetables could be more beneficial than taking vitamins.

Voluntary rather than court-mandated child support encourages fathers to declare paternity and pay support and creates long-term benefits for children, according to a study led by policy analysis and management professor Elizabeth Peters.

While unemployment compensation eases financial and psychological burdens, welfare often increases depression, finds policy analysis and management professor Eunice Rodriguez. Understanding the mental health issues of unemployment could influence social policy, she says.

Cocaine use during pregnancy has lasting effects on children, says nutrition professor Barbara Strupp, PhD '82. Her study on rat fetuses exposed to cocaine showed later attention dysfunctions, linking attention deficit hyperactivity disorder in offspring to their mothers' drug habits.

Working with bird watchers around the continent, Cornell ornithologists have demonstrated that naturally occurring diseases help control wildlife populations. Their data may eventually offer clues to other diseases such as AIDS, the researchers say.

Failure to keep up with the latest technology, rather than old age, decreases a farmer's production ability. The finding could affect federal agricultural policies, say professor of agricultural economics Loren Tauer and grad student Nazibrola Lordkipanidze.

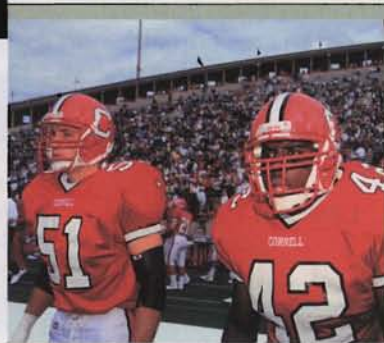
More information on campus research is available at [www.news.cornell.edu](http://www.news.cornell.edu).

## CRESCENT ROLLS

### HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 11:30 a.m.— **All-Alumni Pregame Rally and Tailgate**  
Lynah Rink parking lot tent  
With lunch and performances by the Cornell cheerleaders and the Big Red Band
- 2 p.m. **Cornell vs. Yale football game**  
Schoellkopf Stadium  
The Big Red battles the defending Ivy League champions. A pregame parade will feature more than 500 former players; several seating and entertainment packages are available as part of the "Schoellkopf Sellout" event.
- 4–7 p.m. **Big Red Barn Postgame Hours**  
(No reservations required)
- 8 p.m. **Glee Club Homecoming Concert**  
Sage Chapel  
Featuring the Glee Club, Alumni Glee Club, and Glee Club Hangovers.



For football tickets and stadium parking permits, call 607-254-BEAR. To register for other events, contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at 607-255-7085 or go to [www.alumni.cornell.edu/nea/homecoming/00](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/nea/homecoming/00). For accommodations, contact the Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800-284-8422, or online at [www.visitithaca.com](http://www.visitithaca.com).

### KEEN OBSERVER

WILLIAM WHYTE, 86



WILLIAM FOOTE Whyte, a sociology professor known for his work with urban gangs, died July 16. He was eighty-six. A 1936 graduate of Swarthmore, he earned a PhD in sociology from the University of Chicago. He began teaching on the Hill in 1948 as one of the first ILR professors. The title of his autobiography, *Participant Observer*, reflects his approach to academia—that a researcher can be a positive force for social change. "If there is a common theme in my work, it is my commitment to social exploration," he wrote. "Fieldwork fascinates me. I want to



WHYTE

explain what is out there."

Whyte, who became an emeritus professor in 1979, published twenty books, including the ground-breaking *Street Corner Society*, a 1943 study of Italian gangs in Boston's North End. He is survived by his wife of sixty-two years, Kathleen King Whyte, four children, twelve grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

### BRAIN POWER

AQUATIC ACHIEVEMENT



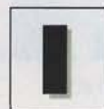
THE BIG RED Artificial Intelligence Navigator team took second place at an annual competition to design an automated sub for oceanographic research. The International Autonomous Underwater Vehicle Competition, held in Orlando in July, pitted the student-built subs against

each other in the quest to retrieve a foot-wide ring from a murky lake.

Founded by a trio of Cornell sophomores in 1999, the BRAIN team includes students from computer science, electrical engineering, and other disciplines. This year marked the first time Cornell had entered the competition, tying with MIT for second behind the University of Rhode Island. Says team captain Serguei Vassilvitskii '02: "What we've learned surpasses anything that could have been taught to us in the classroom."

### FALLING ROCKS

ASTEROID INVENTORY



IT MAY NOT BE scary enough to base a movie on—yet. In a study of near-Earth asteroids, a U.S.–French team has esti-



mated that 900 of the rocky bodies are a kilometer wide or larger, and some may be on a crash course with the planet. "One kilometer in size is thought to be a magic number," says Cornell astronomer William Bottke, the project's lead researcher, "because it has been estimated that these asteroids are capable of wreaking global devastation if they hit Earth."

But calculating which of the asteroids may hit Earth is tricky, Bottke says, because fewer than half of the potentially threatening ones have actually been identified. "Of those we've found, we can accurately predict whether they'll strike the Earth over the next hundred years or so, but we can't project out several thousands of years. . . . It's a dangerous place out there."

## THE ON SWITCH

### LAKE SOURCE COOLING

**T**HE UNIVERSITY's controversial Lake Source Cooling system began operation in July, pulling water from deep in Cayuga Lake to air condition

campus buildings. Advocates have hailed the project as an environmentally friendly, energy-saving alternative to CFC refrigerants; Lake Source Cooling is expected to avoid the production of 55 million pounds of carbon dioxide a year and save enough electricity to run 2,000 homes annually.

The cold lake water is considered a renewable resource because the warmth added to the lake by the system (equivalent to four hours of sunlight a year) is released to the atmosphere each winter. Opponents launched an unsuccessful court battle to block the \$60 million project, claiming its long-term effects on the lake remain unknown. Construction began in March 1999.

## ART NOUVEAU

### GALLERY RENOVATION

**W**ITH A \$3.5 million gift from the estate of two longtime patrons, the Johnson Museum will expand its collection and revamp its Asian galleries. Popular both for their art and for their 360-degree



ASIAN FUSION: A MULTIMILLION-DOLLAR GRANT WILL LET THE JOHNSON MUSEUM EXPAND AND RENOVATE ITS FIFTH FLOOR.

view of campus and Cayuga Lake, the fifth-floor galleries feature works from China, Japan, India, Korea, Thailand, Indonesia, and Cambodia. The gift comes from the sale of privately held stock in General Latex and Chemical Corp., founded by former university trustee George Rockwell '13. His wife, Mary, helped build the Johnson's Asian collection from a handful of objects to 7,000 works from 2500 BC to the present.

## CLASS NOTES

### TALLYING 2004

**T**HE ADMISSIONS office received 20,199 applications for the Class of 2004. It admitted about 31 percent; just over half of those enrolled, for a total of 3,152 freshmen representing forty-eight states and forty-eight countries. A look at the class:

- 47% female, 53 % male
- 29% minorities
- 32% early decision
- 13% Cornell legacies
- 36% New York residents
- 7% foreign students
- 82% in the top tenth of their high school class

- 37% with verbal SAT scores of 700 or over
- 56% with math SAT scores of 700 or over

## TECH TRIO

### BIO COLLABORATION

**C**ORNELL'S WEILL Medical College and two other New York City research institutions have teamed up for a \$160 million collaboration in biology. The program, prompted by a private donor who will provide half the funding, joins Weill with Rockefeller University and Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, along with researchers from the Ithaca campus.

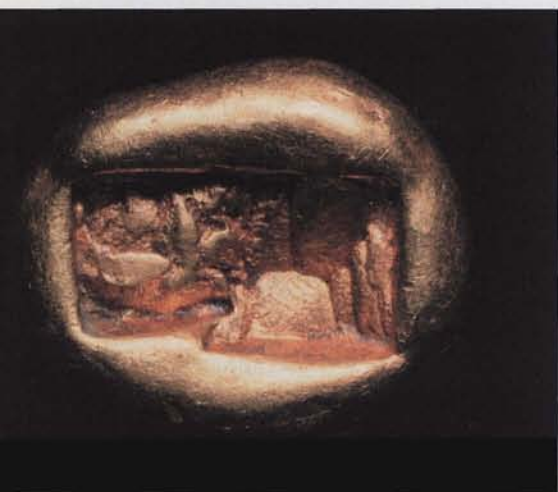
Plans for the collaboration include the joint recruitment of a dozen new faculty over the next five to ten years, the creation of shared laboratory space, and the founding of a joint graduate program. Research will be targeted in three biological specialties: chemical, computational, and cancer. "Each of our institutions brings unique talents and resources to our partnership," President Rawlings says, "so we are a good fit."



IN THE PIPELINE: WORKERS WOUND UP CONSTRUCTION ON LAKE SOURCE COOLING OVER THE SUMMER.



# GOLD STANDARD



BY FARHAD MANJOO

*In the sixth century BC, King Croesus minted the first pure gold coins at a site in modern-day Turkey. The refinery was lost for 2500 years, until Cornell archaeologist Andrew Ramage noticed a suspicious hole in the ground.*

Ancient Sardis, capital of the Lydian empire in western Asia Minor, was a blessed city—a lush oasis in the middle of a dusty desert, situated on major east-west trade routes and surrounded by militarily strategic mountains. But the legend of Sardis is not the story of its people's expertise in agriculture, commerce, or war. It's the story of their wealth, and of money's potential to change the world. Sardis was dipped in gold: its river, the Pactolus, shimmered with dust washed down from high upon Mount Tmolus. The ancient record tells of the Lydians learning to collect the precious metal and credits them with developing a system of coinage. But their confidence got the best of them, ancient histories say. The wealthy King Croesus, who ruled Sardis from 561 to 547 BC, was so proud of his riches that he became overconfident about his military power and lost his empire to the Persians.





THE "HEADS" SIDE OF A PURE GOLD CROESED (ABOVE) AND THE "TAILS" SIDE OF ANOTHER (OPPOSITE).

ABOVE LEFT, A LYDIAN GOLD EARRING IN THE SHAPE OF A LAMB.



Warring factions then fought viciously over Sardis, located in present-day Turkey. Alexander the Great toppled the Persians, and when the Greek empire waned the Romans took control of the city. Throughout the tumult, evidence of King Croesus's reign was torn down, built over, looted, or hidden. "There are very few Lydian remains left around the world," says Andrew Ramage, director of Cornell's Intercollege

Program in Archaeology. "So much of Lydian lifestyle is a mystery."

What historians do know about the Lydians today is based primarily on ancient texts. Myths and fables about Sardis, spun by each of the city's many rulers, are inextricably entwined with the real. Legend has it that Dionysus, the Greek god of fertility and wine, was born in Sardis; that its people were descended from Hercules; that King

Midas's "golden touch" was cured by a dip in the Pactolus. Such legends have captivated historians through the centuries—especially the stories of gold, of coins, and of wealthy King Croesus.

But for more than 2,500 years, the Lydian remains lay buried under the storied Sardis soil, an archaeological treasure trove in waiting. A team headed by Howard Butler of Princeton began excavating the city in 1910, but

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RUINS OF THE TEMPLE OF ARTEMIS,  
DATING FROM ABOUT 300 BC  
(RIGHT). ONE OF THREE LIONS  
DISCOVERED AT THE ALTAR OF THE  
LYDIAN GODDESS CYBELE (FAR RIGHT).





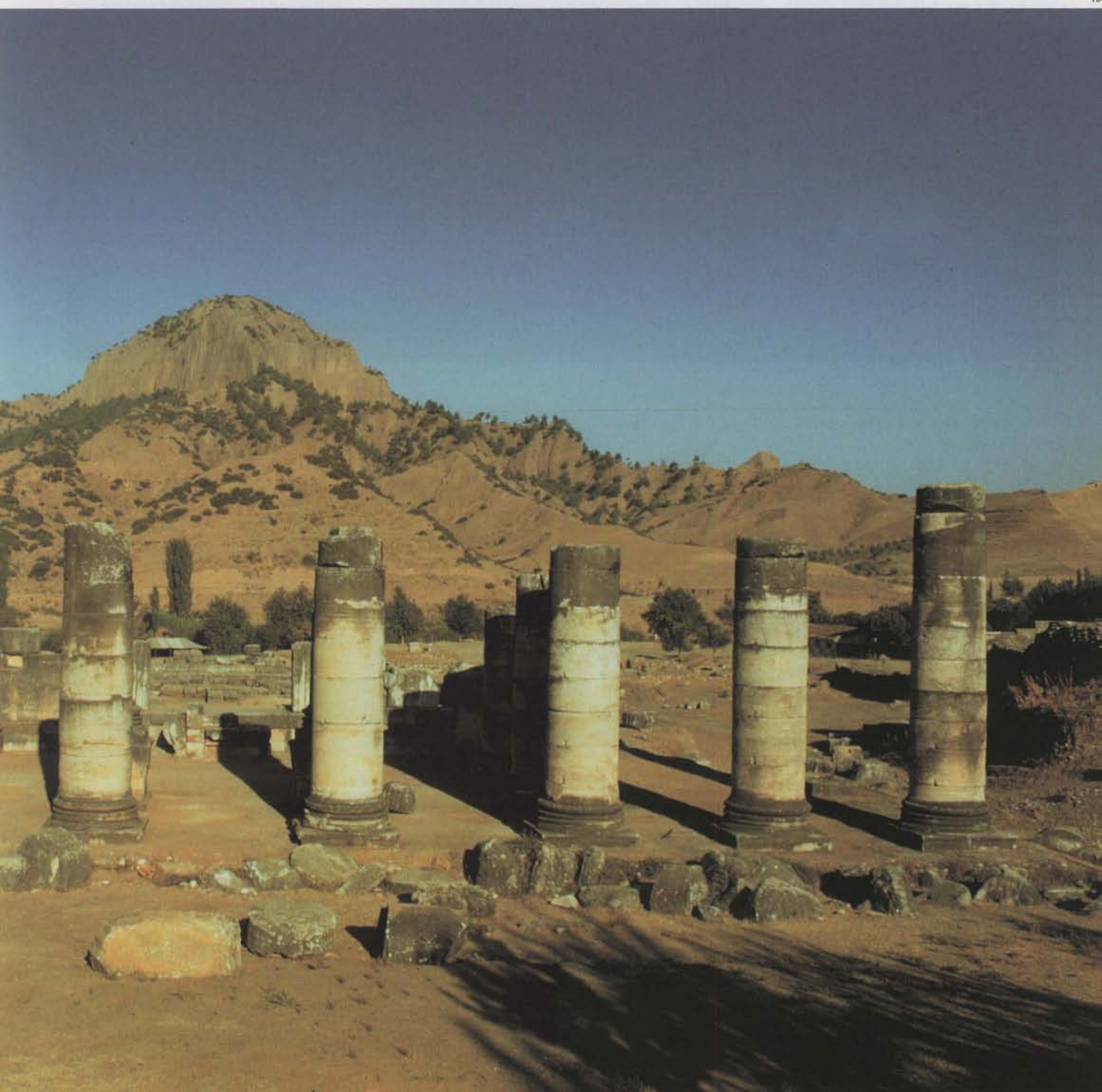
didn't get beyond clearing the above-ground Roman ruins before World War I intervened. Then . . . nothing. The city that had attracted kings and conquerors remained undisturbed; archaeologists said there were too few intact artifacts to justify a dig.

On a visit to Sardis in 1948, Harvard archaeologist George Hanfmann agreed there were few obvious remains. But as a student of the ancient histori-

ans, he knew this meant only one thing: he should start digging. The Archaeological Exploration of Sardis, a joint Harvard-Cornell dig, was established in 1958 by Hanfmann and Cornell associate dean of architecture A. Henry Detweiler. By the late 1960s, it was popular with grad students from both schools, and several important artifacts—including pottery and examples of Lydian architecture—had been



ANDREW RAMAGE







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discovered. But no evidence of gold was found.

In 1968, Ramage was a Harvard grad student spending his third summer in Sardis. A Cambridge-educated classicist and archaeologist, he was well-schooled in the tales of the ancients; he'd been captivated by the Lydian legends, especially that of King Croesus and his riches. So Ramage was on the lookout for gold—not *looking* for it specifically, he says, because there was so much else to study, just being observant. And one day, digging in an area surrounded by fired mud-brick debris, he spotted a few hollows in the ground that showed evidence of burning. They piqued his interest. Could they be part of a refinery? Gold was found in the area a few days later, and Ramage was sure he'd found the key to the Lydians' legendary past.

The discovery changed his life. The refinery has been the primary focus of his research over the past thirty years, and it's the subject of his latest book, *King Croesus' Gold: Excavations at Sardis and the History of Gold Refining*. Ramage

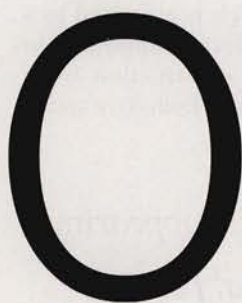


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RAMAGE (CENTER) DISCOVERS EVIDENCE OF CROESUS'S GOLD REFINERY IN 1968.



has been involved with other projects—he has written on Lydian pottery and architecture—but the refinery gave him insight into Lydian culture that the other remains did not. It confirmed a great legend, that the Lydians were the first master workers of gold. “The gold workshop is about as important a thing as we could ever hope to find,” says David Mitten, a professor of classical art and archaeology at Harvard and an associate director of the Harvard-Cornell dig. Even were it not tied to the Lydians, he says, it would be an important find—archaeological dating places it as the first of its kind in the world. But its Lydian roots make the refinery all the more important, corroborating the concept that the Lydians invented coinage, which set history on its course toward a monetary economy.



ONE TRADITIONAL explanation for the advent of money is the facilitation of trade. Coins are portable, and they aren't susceptible to death, disease, or rot.

But before the Lydians, Mitten says, most civilizations traded by bartering goods and services. “Evidently,” he says, “nobody had thought of taking a precious metal of a specific weight and stamping it with a guarantee.” But Mitten notes that while trade was facilitated by coins, it isn't clear that they were invented specifically for commerce. In the case of the Lydians, gold was likely coined for a more pressing purpose: the preservation of the empire.

The Lydian empire lasted only briefly—about a hundred years, from the mid-seventh century BC to the time of Croesus's defeat, at the hands of Cyrus the Great, in 547 BC. The Lydians lived in the midst of much greater powers, including the Persians and the Greeks; their survival depended upon the gold that clogged the river of their capital city. “A popular theory is that the coins were used to pay mercenary troops,” says Ramage. “After a long military campaign, relatively large sums would be owed to the soldiers, and instead of issuing huge parcels of grain in

payment, the king could issue gold coins.” King Croesus used Sardis's riches to expand his territory and to ensure his empire's long-term survival. It was a strategy that yielded questionable results. The Lydians developed a mighty cavalry; their horsemen were feared throughout the land. But when Cyrus decided to invade, he quickly foiled the Lydian riders. He entered the city with camels, which panicked the horses, and Croesus's treasure was plundered.

But the Lydian king's innovation, unlike his army, endured. “Once coinage was established, it quickly spread,” Mitten says. “Soon they issued smaller coins, which people started using for trade.” The ancient Greek historian Herodotus writes that coin-based trade was markedly different from the bartering, goods-for-services economy of the past. The Lydians invented retail, he notes, and the infant notions of shops, sellers, and consumers. This was the first New Economy; historians can trace the origins of current economic hallmarks—markets, currencies, corporations, The Gap, eBay—to Croesus's simple idea of stamping his seal on a constant-weight piece of pure gold.

But if the Lydians were to trust the value of their coins, Ramage says, the purity of the gold was critical. Prior to the Lydians, the concept of “pure gold” was rather loosely defined. “Ever since the Sumerians, people have understood

that if you ‘pickled’ a piece of inferior gold, the surface of it would become shiny, and you would have a thing that looked like pure gold,” Ramage says. “If it looked like gold, it was good enough.” For jewelry, a shiny piece of metal served perfectly well. But the Lydians set about creating finer gold—inventing the process of “salt cementation,” which became the standard for gold refining for the next two millennia.

In *King Croesus' Gold*, Ramage and co-author Paul Craddock report results of the latest scientific studies on the Sardis finds. Using scanning electron microscopy and X-ray microanalysis, Craddock, head of the metals section at the British Museum, determined that gold treated at the refinery started in a variety of forms: granules, flakes, and thin foils. It was heated in round “parting vessels,” which resembled cooking pots. The only active reagent was common salt, and the process operated at about 800 degrees Celsius. Because of the relatively low heat, the refining process probably lasted for days, after which the Lydians had a nugget of gold that was highly pure.

Sardis is no longer the cultural capital it once was. The city that gave birth to finance has largely given up the economic reins to bigger locales like the port of Izmir, sixty miles to the west. But the Harvard-Cornell dig, now well-established and well-funded,

GOLD PARTICLES STILL CLING TO A “PARTING VESSEL” FRAGMENT.



TRUSTEES OF THE BRITISH MUSEUM





ANDREW RAMAGE

continues work in Sardis, and Ramage still returns every year, hoping to uncover more Lydian secrets. And uncovering secrets has always been his forte. There's a story people who know him like to tell—how, in 1976, he discovered the enormous Lydian fortification wall on one side of the city. "It was something which everybody had walked by for nearly twenty years, all these archaeologists," says his wife, Nancy Ramage, who teaches art history at Ithaca College and has spent about twenty summers working in Sardis. "And suddenly, one day, he noticed something: this hill had regular lines in it. He saw something that we all had overlooked all those years."

Ramage started digging and soon unearthed the tip of a mud-brick edifice eventually determined to be sixty feet thick at its base. The fortification wall, some of which is preserved to a height of twenty feet, is important in indicating Lydian construction techniques. It also marks a boundary and as



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ANDREW AND NANCY RAMAGE STUDY POTTERY SHARDS (TOP); AN OVERVIEW OF THE REFINERY SITE (ABOVE); THE ALTAR OF CYBELE (RIGHT); AND THE FABLED PACTOLUS RIVER (OPPOSITE)



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**R**AMAGE ISN'T SURE where he got his knack for discovery, but says it can be learned. "To me it involves noticing when things are different from what you might expect," he says, "like a line that's straight which suddenly goes on in

some other direction. Well, why does it do that? And as you pick and scrape, you carry on a conversation in your mind as to what's happening. And often nothing's happening, but other times there's a change in the gravel, and you ask, 'What's that, and why did this come here?' And on a floor you find scrapings, and you can find patterns where an oven or a basin has been. And you look at those and pick them up, and study."

Partly because he was sidetracked by other discoveries, it took Ramage three decades to publish *King Croesus' Gold*. But the delay has allowed a more thorough study of the Lydian goldworks, he says, due to the advent of scientific methods like scanning electron microscopy. He stresses that some of the civilization's gold-working techniques remain a mystery, and that it's likely other refineries lay in unexcavated parts of the city. But Ramage believes that long-term work at Sardis will eventually answer many of the questions. In the dig's forty-two years, more than 11,000

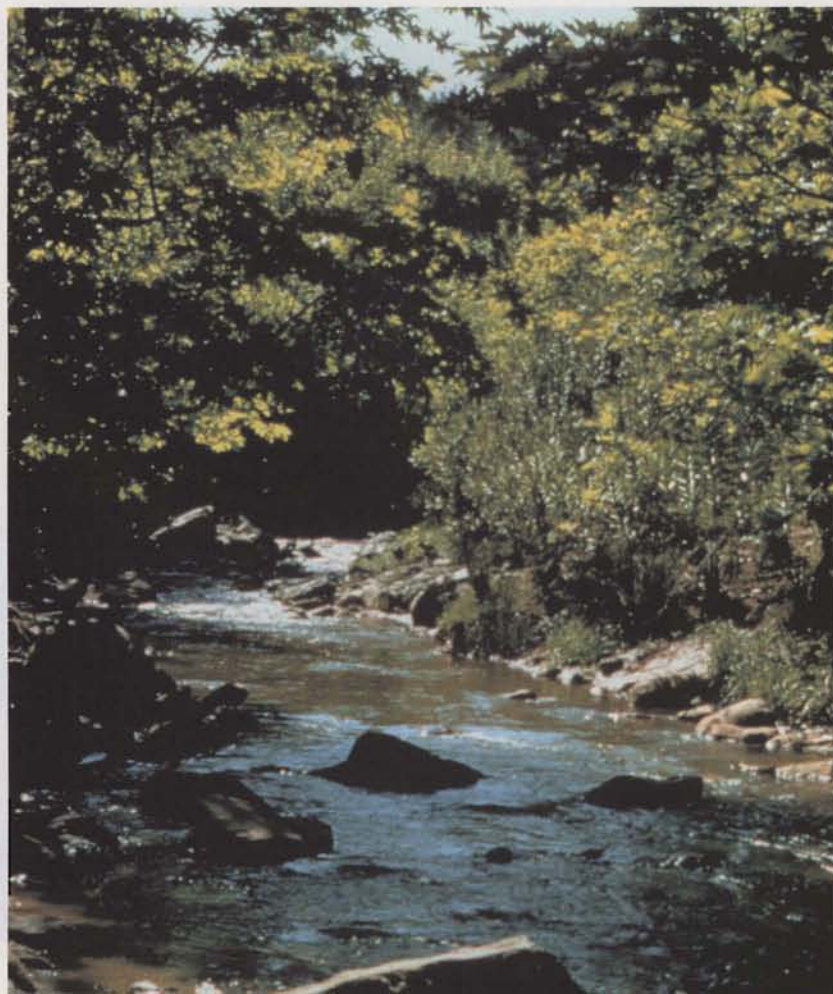
artifacts have been inventoried. (By law, all remains are stored in Turkey.) Treasures include a helmet thought to have been used in the battle between Cyrus's and Croesus's armies and a few perfectly preserved Lydian drinking vessels. Like the more important Sardinian finds, they're stored at the Archaeological Museum of Manisa, thirty-five miles northwest of Sardis.

Besides the Lydian artifacts, the dig has uncovered extensive Hellenistic, Roman, and Byzantine monuments, including a Temple of Artemis dating from about 300 BC. Researchers have also found a third-century theater, a Hellenistic cemetery, and a columned, two-story Roman bath-gymnasium complex. The latter site includes the largest early synagogue yet excavated in the Mediterranean world, decorated with paintings, frescoes, and mosaic pavements.

Over the years, the Sardis dig has grown beyond Harvard and Cornell; students and professors from all over the US and Turkey spend summers there. According to Nancy Ramage, one reason academics flock there is that, unlike other archaeological excavations, Sardis is unusually comfortable. "We have a dig house, and a nice life there," she says. "We work all day, but there are people cooking for us. And we recently got flush toilets, though we still have to use a basin to wash." Roosevelt, who will spend the next year researching Lydian burial mounds, says what he most enjoys about Sardis is working with the Turks, both academics and laborers hired to do the digging. "But this is rural Turkey," he adds, "so there are cultural differences sometimes." In the conservative Muslim environment, women are expected to cover up. "Some American women do it and some don't," he says. "That produces a little stress."

Now sixty-one, Andrew Ramage plans to continue his summer work at Sardis. He still has some books to write, he says; he's currently working on a volume about a section of Sardis called the House of Bronzes, a sixth-century site containing numerous bronzes from the Byzantine period. "If my health and legs hold up," he says, "I'll be here for a few more seasons."

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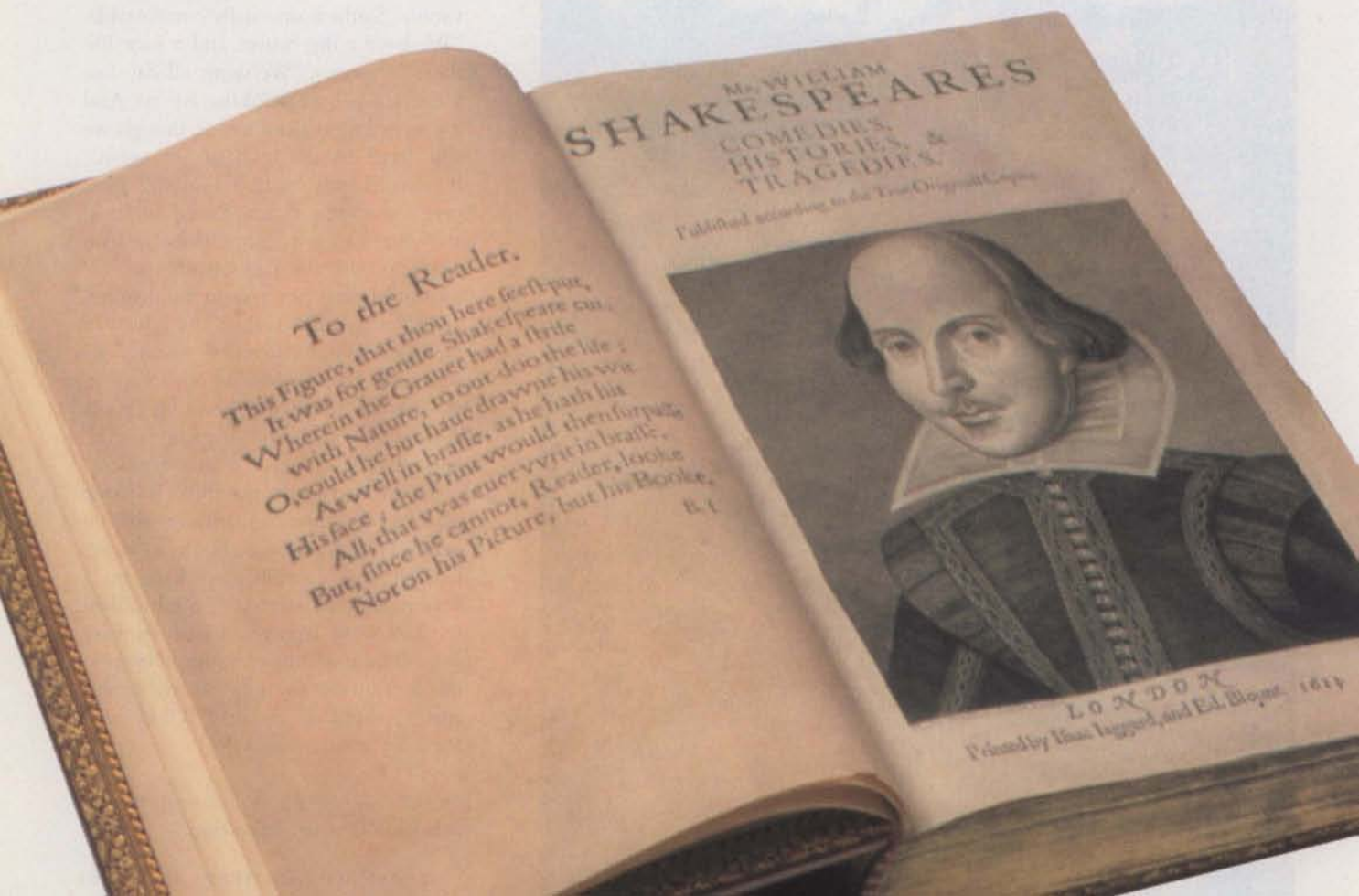


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# why read?

BY HAROLD BLOOM

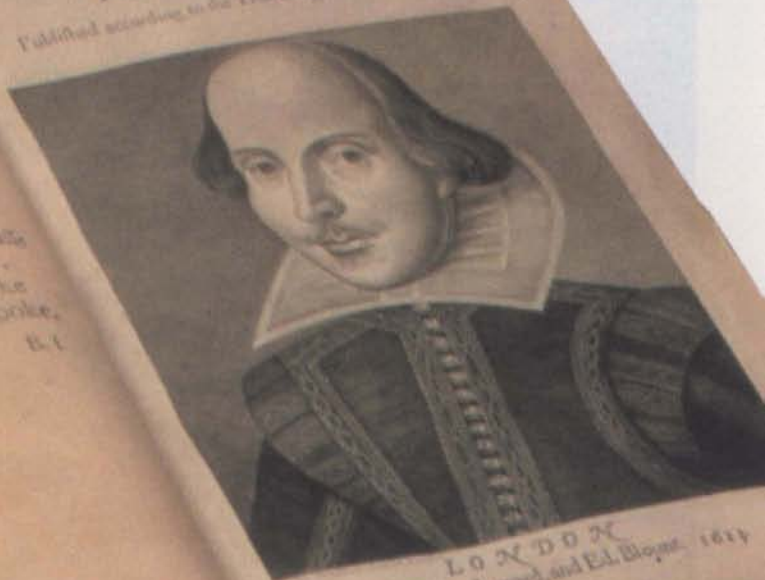


## To the Reader.

This Figure, that thou here seest put,  
It was for gentle Shakespeare cut,  
Wherein the Grauer had a strife  
With Nature, to out-do the life:  
O, could he but haue drawne his vva  
As well in brasse, as he hath hit  
His face, the Print would then forgoe,  
All, that vvas euer vvrit in braille.  
But, since he cannot, Reader, looke  
Nor on his Picture, but his Booke.


## MR. WILLIAM SHAKESPEARES COMEDIES, HISTORIES, & TRAGEDIES.

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**I**t matters, if individuals are to retain any capacity to form their own judgments and opinions, that they continue to read for themselves. How they read, well or badly, and what they read, cannot depend wholly upon themselves, but why they read must be for and in their own interest. You can read merely to pass the time, or you can read with an overt urgency, but eventually you will read against the clock. Bible readers, those who search the Bible for themselves, perhaps exemplify the urgency more plainly than readers of Shakespeare, yet the quest is the same. One of the uses of reading is to prepare ourselves for change, and the final change alas is universal. 

I turn to reading as a solitary praxis, rather than as an educational enterprise. The way we read now, when we are alone with ourselves, retains considerable continuity with the past, however it is performed in the academies. My ideal reader (and lifelong hero) is Dr. Samuel Johnson, who knew and expressed both the power and the limitation of incessant reading. Like every other activity of the mind, it must satisfy Johnson's prime concern, which is with "what comes near to ourself, what we can put to use." Sir Francis Bacon, who provided some of the ideas that Johnson put to use, famously gave the advice: "Read not to contradict and confute, nor to believe and take for granted, nor to find talk and discourse, but to weigh and consider." I add to Bacon and Johnson a third sage of reading, Emerson, fierce enemy of history and of all historicisms, who remarked that the best books "impress us with the conviction, that one nature wrote and the same reads." Let me fuse Bacon, Johnson, and Emerson into a formula of how to read: find what comes near to you that can be put to the use of weighing and considering, and that addresses you as though you share the one nature, free of time's tyranny. Pragmatically that means, first find Shakespeare, and let him find you. If

*The answer, writes  
the Yale humanities  
scholar, is to  
discover and  
augment the self.*

*King Lear* is fully to find you, then weigh and consider the nature it shares with you; its closeness to yourself. I do not intend this as an idealism, but as a pragmatism. Putting the tragedy to use as a complaint against patriarchy is to forsake your own prime interests, particularly as a young woman, which sounds rather more ironical than it is. Shakespeare, more than Sophocles, is the inescapable authority upon intergenerational conflict, and more than anyone else, upon the

differences between women and men. Be open to a full reading of *King Lear*, and you will understand better the origins of what you judge to be patriarchy.

Ultimately we read—as Bacon, Johnson, and Emerson agree—in order to strengthen the self, and to learn its authentic interests. We experience such augmentations as pleasure, which may be why aesthetic values have always been deprecated by social moralists, from Plato through our current campus Puritans. The pleasures of reading indeed are selfish rather than social. You cannot directly improve anyone else's life by reading better or more deeply. I remain skeptical of the traditional social hope that care for others may be stimulated by the growth of individual imagination, and I am wary of any arguments



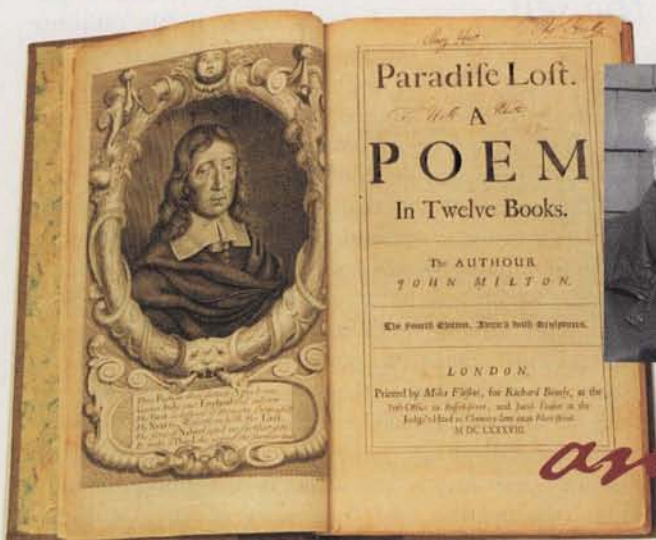
whatsoever that connect the pleasures of solitary reading to the public good.

The sorrow of professional reading is that you recapture only rarely the pleasure of reading you knew in youth, when books were a Hazlittian gusto. The way we read now partly depends upon our distance, inner or outer, from the universities, where reading is scarcely taught as a pleasure, in any of the deeper senses of the aesthetics of pleasure. Opening yourself to a direct confrontation with Shakespeare at his strongest, as in *King Lear*, is never an easy pleasure, whether in youth or in age, and yet not to read *King Lear* fully (which means without ideological expectations) is to be cognitively as well as aesthetically defrauded. A childhood largely spent watching television yields to an adolescence with a computer, and the university receives a student unlikely to welcome the suggestion that we must endure our going hence even as our going hither: ripeness is all. Reading falls apart, and much of the self scatters with it. All this is past lamenting, and will not be remedied by any vows or programs. What is to be done can only be performed by some version of elitism, and that is now unacceptable, for reasons both good and bad. There are still solitary readers, young and old, everywhere, even in the universities. If there is a function of criticism at the present time, it must be to address itself to the solitary reader, who reads for herself, and not for the interests that supposedly transcend the self.

Value, in literature as in life, has much to do with the idiosyncratic, with the excess by which meaning gets started. It is not accidental that historicists—critics who believe all of us to be overdetermined by societal history—should also regard literary characters as marks upon a page, and nothing more. Hamlet is not even a case history if our thoughts are not at all our own. I come then to the first principle if we are to restore the way we read now, a principle I appropriate from Dr. Johnson: *Clear your mind of cant*. Your dictionary will tell you that *cant* in this sense

is speech overflowing with pious platitudes, the peculiar vocabulary of a sect or coven. Since the universities have empowered such covens as “gender and sexuality” and “multiculturalism,” Johnson’s admonition thus becomes “Clear your mind of academic cant.” A university culture where the appreciation of Victorian women’s underwear replaces the appreciation of Charles Dickens and Robert Browning sounds like the outrageousness of a new Nathanael West, but is merely the norm. A side product of such “cultural poetics” is that there can be no new Nathanael West, for how could such an academic culture sustain parody? The poems of our climate have been replaced by the body stockings of our culture. Our new Materialists tell us that they have recovered the body for historicism, and assert that they work in the name of the Reality Principle. The life of the mind must yield to the death of the body, yet that hardly requires the cheerleading of an academic sect.

*Clear your mind of cant* leads on to the second principle of restoring reading: *Do not attempt to improve your neighbor or your neighborhood by what or how you read*. Self-improvement is a large enough project for your mind and spirit: there are no ethics of reading. The mind should be kept at home until its primal ignorance has been purged; premature excursions into activism have their charm, but are time-consuming, and for reading there will never be enough time. Historicizing, whether of past or present, is a kind of idolatry, an obsessive worship of things in time. Read therefore by the inner light that John Milton celebrated and that Emerson took as a principle of reading, which can be our third: *A scholar is a candle which the love and desire of all men will light*. Wallace Stevens, perhaps forgetting his source, wrote marvelous variations upon that metaphor, but the original Emersonian phrasing makes for a clearer statement of the third principle of reading. You need not fear that the freedom of your development as a reader is selfish, because if you become an



## WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

1564–1616

The Bard of Stratford-on-Avon. Wrote thirty-eight plays and 154 sonnets.

‘WE ARE  
SUCH STUFF  
AS DREAMS  
ARE MADE  
ON, AND OUR  
LITTLE LIFE IS  
ROUNDED  
WITH A  
SLEEP.’



THE  
*annotated*  
Bloom



authentic reader, then the response to your labors will confirm you as an illumination to others. I ponder the letters that I receive from strangers these last seven or eight years, and generally I am too moved to reply. Their pathos, for me, is that all too often they testify to a yearning for canonical literary study that universities disdain to fulfill. Emerson said that society cannot do without cultivated men and women, and prophetically he added: "The people, and not the college, is the writer's home." He meant strong writers, representative men and women, who represented themselves, and not constituencies, since his politics were those of the spirit.

The largely forgotten function of a university education is caught forever in Emerson's address "The American Scholar," when he says of the scholar's duties: "They may all be comprised in self-trust." I take from Emerson also my fourth principle of reading: *One must be an inventor to read well.* "Creative reading" in Emerson's sense I once named as "misreading," a word that persuaded opponents that I suffered from a voluntary dyslexia. The ruin or blank that they see when they look at a poem is in their own eye. Self-trust is not an endowment, but is the Second Birth of the mind, which cannot come without years of deep reading. There are no absolute standards for the aesthetic. If you wish to maintain that Shakespeare's ascendancy was a product of colonialism, then who will bother to confute you? Shakespeare after four centuries is more pervasive than ever he was before; they will perform him in outer space, and on other worlds, if those worlds are reached. He is not a conspiracy of Western culture; he contains every principle of reading. Borges attributed this universalism to Shakespeare's apparent selflessness, but that quality is a large metaphor for Shakespeare's difference, which finally is cognitive power as such. We read, frequently if unknowingly, in quest of a mind more original than our own.

Since ideology, particularly in its shallower versions, is

peculiarly destructive of the capacity to apprehend and appreciate irony, I suggest that the *recovery of the ironic* might be our fifth principle for the restoration of reading. Think of the endless irony of Hamlet, who when he says

one thing almost invariably means another, frequently indeed the opposite of what he says. But with this principle, I am close to despair, since you can no more teach someone to be ironic than you can instruct them to become solitary. And yet the loss of irony is the death of reading, and of what had been civilized in our natures.

I stepped from Plank to Plank  
A slow and cautious way  
The Stars about my Head I felt  
About my Feet the Sea.

I knew not but the next  
Would be my final inch —  
This gave me that precarious Gait  
Some call Experience.

Women and men can walk differently, but unless we are regimented we all tend to walk somewhat individually. Dickinson, master of the precarious Sublime, can hardly be apprehended if we are dead to her ironies. She is

*'The poems of our climate have been replaced by the body stockings of our culture.'*



#### DR. SAMUEL JOHNSON

1709–1784

English scholar and literary critic, celebrated for his wit and conversational acumen.



'INTEGRITY WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE IS WEAK AND USELESS, AND KNOWLEDGE WITHOUT INTEGRITY IS DANGEROUS AND DREADFUL.'

#### SIR FRANCIS BACON

1561–1626

English philosopher, essayist, barrister, and statesman. Perennial suspect as the true author of Shakespeare's plays.

'SOME BOOKS ARE TO BE TASTED, OTHERS TO BE SWALLOWED, AND SOME FEW TO BE CHEWED AND DIGESTED.'

#### RALPH WALDO EMERSON

1803–1882

American poet and essayist. The leading proponent of transcendentalism.

'BEWARE WHEN THE GREAT GOD LETS LOOSE A THINKER ON THIS PLANET. THEN ALL THINGS ARE AT RISK. IT IS AS WHEN A CONFLAGRATION HAS BROKEN OUT IN A GREAT CITY, AND NO MAN KNOWS WHAT IS SAFE, OR WHERE IT WILL END.'



#### WILLIAM HAZLITT

1778–1830

English essayist, parliamentary reporter, and theater critic. Authored *The Spirit of the Age*, considered his critical masterpiece.

'WHEN A THING CEASES TO BE A SUBJECT OF CONTROVERSY, IT CEASES TO BE A SUBJECT OF INTEREST.'

#### CHARLES DICKENS

1812–1870

Journalist and author of *Great Expectations*, *A Christmas Carol*, *The Pickwick Papers*, and more. He died after putting in a full day's work on *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*.

'EVERY HUMAN CREATURE IS CONSTITUTED TO BE THAT PROFOUND SECRET AND MYSTERY TO EVERY OTHER.'



#### ROBERT BROWNING

1812–1889

English poet, master of the dramatic monologue. Outlived his beloved wife, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, by twenty-eight years.

'AH, BUT A MAN'S REACH SHOULD EXCEED HIS GRASP, OR WHAT'S A HEAVEN FOR?'





*'To read human sentiments in human language you must be able to read humanly, with all of you. You are more than an ideology, whatever your convictions, and Shakespeare speaks to as much of you as you can bring to him.'*



walking the only path available, "from Plank to Plank," but her slow caution ironically juxtaposes with a titanism in which she feels "The Stars about my Head," though her feet very nearly are in the sea. Not knowing whether the next step will be her "final inch" gives her "that precarious Gait" she will not name, except to tell us that "Some" call it Experience. She had read Emerson's essay "Experience," a culmination much in the way "Of Experience" was for his master Montaigne, and her irony is an amiable response to Emerson's opening: "Where do we find ourselves? In a series of which we do not know the extremes, and believe that it has none." The extreme, for Dickinson, is the not knowing whether the next step is the final inch. "If any of us knew what we were doing, or where we are going, then when we think we best know!" Emerson's

further reverie differs from Dickinson's in temperament, or as she words it, in gait. "All things swim and glitter," in Emerson's realm of experience, and his genial irony is very different from her irony of precariousness. Yet neither is an ideologue, and they live still in the rival power of their ironies.

At the end of the path of lost irony is a final inch, beyond which literary value will be irrecoverable. Irony is only a metaphor, and the irony of one literary age can rarely be the irony of another, yet without the renaissance of an ironic sense more than what we once called imaginative literature will be lost. Thomas Mann, most ironic of this century's great writers, seems to be lost already. New biographies of him appear, and are reviewed almost always on the basis of his homoeroticism, as though he can be saved for our interest only if he can be certified as gay, and so gain a place in our curriculum. That is akin to studying Shakespeare mostly for his apparent bisexuality, but the vagaries of our current counter-Puritanism seem limitless. Shakespeare's ironies, as we would

expect, are the most comprehensive and dialectical in all of Western literature, and yet they do not always mediate his characters' passions for us, so vast and intense is their emotional range. Shakespeare therefore will survive our era; we will lose his ironies, and hold on to the rest of him. But in Thomas Mann every emotion, narrative or dramatic, is mediated by an ironic aestheticism; to teach *Death in Venice* or *Disorder and Early Sorrow* to most current undergraduates, even the gifted, is nearly impossible. When authors are destroyed by history, we rightly call their work period pieces, but when they are made unavailable through historicized ideology, I think that we encounter a different phenomenon.

Irony demands a certain attention span, and the ability to sustain antithetical ideas, even when they collide

#### NATHANAEL WEST

1903–1940

New York-born screenwriter and author of *Miss Lonelyhearts* and *The Day of the Locust*. Born Nathan Weinstein; died in a car accident after writing only four novels. 'AT COLLEGE, AND PERHAPS FOR A YEAR AFTERWARDS, THEY HAD BELIEVED IN LITERATURE, HAD BELIEVED IN BEAUTY AND IN PERSONAL EXPRESSION AS AN ABSOLUTE END. WHEN THEY LOST THIS BELIEF, THEY LOST EVERYTHING.'

#### JOHN MILTON

1608–1674

English poet, supporter of Presbyterian reform of the Church of England, and author of *Paradise Lost*.

'DO THOU BUT THINE, AND BE NOT DIFFIDENT / OF WISDOM, SHE DESERTS THEE NOT, IF THOU / DISMISS NOT HER, WHEN MOST THOU NEEDEST HER NIGH.'

#### WALLACE STEVENS

1879–1955

American poet and longtime insurance executive, best known for 'Sunday Morning.'



'IMAGINATION IS THE POWER THAT ENABLES US TO PERCEIVE THE NORMAL IN THE ABNORMAL, THE OPPOSITE OF CHAOS IN CHAOS. IT DOES THIS EVERY DAY IN ARTS AND LETTERS.'

#### JORGE LUIS BORGES

1899–1986

Argentine poet, critic, and short-story writer. Advocate of the post-modernist school of *ultraísmo*, valuing imagery and metaphor over realism.

'THROUGH THE YEARS, A MAN PEOPLES A SPACE WITH IMAGES OF PROVINCES, KINGDOMS, MOUNTAINS, BAYS, SHIPS, ISLANDS, FISHES, ROOMS, TOOLS, STARS, HORSES, AND PEOPLE. SHORTLY BEFORE HIS DEATH, HE DISCOVERS THAT THE PATIENT LABYRINTH OF LINES TRACES THE IMAGE OF HIS OWN FACE.'

#### EMILY DICKINSON

1830–1886

Reclusive American poet who meditated on death and immortality. She published seven poems in her lifetime; more than a thousand were found in her bureau after her death.

'TO LIVE IS SO STARTLING IT LEAVES LITTLE TIME FOR ANYTHING ELSE.'





with one another. Strip irony away from reading, and it loses at once all discipline and all surprise. Find now what comes near to you, that can be used for weighing and considering, and it very likely will be irony, even if many of your teachers will not know what it is, or where it is to be found. Irony will clear your mind of the cant of the ideologues, and help you to blaze forth as the scholar of one candle.

Going on seventy, one doesn't want to read badly any more than live badly, since time will not relent. I don't know that we owe God or nature a death, but nature will collect anyway, and we certainly owe mediocrity nothing, whatever collectivity it purports to advance or at least represent.

Because my ideal reader, for half a century, has been Dr. Samuel Johnson, I turn next to my favorite passage in his *Preface to Shakespeare*:

This, therefore, is the praise of Shakespeare, that his drama is the mirror of life; that he who has mazed his imagination in following the phantoms which other writers raise up before him may here be cured of his delirious ecstasies by reading human sentiments in human language, by scenes from which a hermit may estimate the transactions of the world and a confessor predict the progress of the passions.

To read human sentiments in human language you must be able to read humanly, with all of you. You are more than an ideology, whatever your convictions, and Shakespeare speaks to as much of you as you can bring to him. That is to say: Shakespeare reads you more fully than you can read him, even after you have cleared your mind of cant. No writer before or since Shakespeare has had anything like his control of perspectivism, which outleaps

any contextualizations we impose upon the plays. Johnson, admirably perceiving this, urges us to allow Shakespeare to cure us of our "delirious ecstasies." Let me extend Johnson by also urging us to recognize the phantoms that the deep reading of Shakespeare will exorcise. One such phantom is the Death of the Author; another is the assertion that the self is a fiction; yet another is the opinion that literary and dramatic characters are so many marks upon a page. A fourth phantom, and the most pernicious, is that language does the thinking for us.

Still, my love for Johnson, and for reading, turns me at last away from polemic, and towards a celebration of the many solitary readers I keep encountering, whether in the classroom or in messages I receive. We read Shakespeare, Dante, Chaucer, Cervantes, Dickens, Proust, and all their peers because they more than enlarge life. Pragmatically, they have become the Blessing, in its true Yahwistic sense of "more life into a time without boundaries." We read deeply for varied reasons, most of them familiar: that we cannot know enough people profoundly enough; that we need to know ourselves better; that we require knowledge, not just of self and others, but of the way things are. Yet the strongest, most authentic motive for deep reading of the now much-abused traditional canon is the search for a difficult pleasure. I am not exactly an erotics-of-reading purveyor, and a pleasurable difficulty seems to me a plausible definition of the Sublime, but a higher pleasure remains the reader's quest. There is a reader's Sublime, and it seems the only secular transcendence we can ever attain, except for the even more precarious transcendence we call "falling in love." I urge you to find what truly comes near to you, that can be used for weighing and for considering. Read deeply, not to believe, not to accept, not to contradict, but to learn to share in that one nature that writes and reads.

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#### MICHEL DE MONTAIGNE

1533–1592

French essayist, widely credited with inventing the genre.

'WE CAN BE KNOWLEDGEABLE WITH OTHER MEN'S KNOWLEDGE, BUT WE CANNOT BE WISE WITH OTHER MEN'S WISDOM.'

#### THOMAS MANN

1875–1955

German novelist and essayist. Author of *The Magic Mountain*.



'A SOLITARY, UNUSED TO SPEAKING OF WHAT HE SEES AND FEELS, HAS MENTAL EXPERIENCES WHICH ARE AT ONCE MORE INTENSE AND LESS ARTICULATE THAN THOSE OF A GREGARIOUS MAN.'

#### DANTE ALIGHIERI

1265–1321

Florentine poet who penned *The Divine Comedy*, a journey through heaven, hell, and purgatory.

'YOU SHALL FIND OUT HOW SALT IS THE TASTE OF ANOTHER MAN'S BREAD, AND HOW HARD IS THE WAY UP AND DOWN ANOTHER MAN'S STAIRS.'



SITTEST AT ANOTHER BOOK / TYL FULLY DASWED YS THY LOOK; / AND LYVEST THUS AS AN HEREMYTE.'

#### GEOFFREY CHAUCER

c. 1340–1400

English poet, best known for his unfinished, 17,000-line *Canterbury Tales*.

'AND, ALSO DOMB AS ANY STOON, / THOU SITTEST AT ANOTHER BOOK / TYL FULLY DASWED YS THY LOOK; / AND LYVEST THUS AS AN HEREMYTE.'

#### MIGUEL DE CERVANTES SAAVEDRA

1547–1616

Spanish novelist, dramatist, and poet. His *Don Quixote de la Mancha* described the seductive power of illusion.

'TOO MUCH SANITY MAY BE MADNESS. AND MADDEST OF ALL, TO SEE LIFE AS IT IS AND NOT AS IT SHOULD BE.'

#### MARCEL PROUST

1871–1922

French novelist. Wrote his monumental *Remembrances of Things Past* at night in a cork-lined room.

'THE TRUE PARADISES ARE THOSE WE HAVE LOST.'





# reunion 2000

4,200 alumni, 3 (mostly) sunny days & 1 wedding

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**A grand total of 4,253** alumni, 1,563 guests, and 546 children attended Reunion 2000, coming back to the Hill from all over the U.S. and from such foreign countries as Australia, Belgium, England, Germany, Greece, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Switzerland, and Ukraine. The Class of '95 drew the most grads (545), while the Class of '50 had the

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**Rite of June:** Negotiating the Hoffman Challenge Course (opposite); making music on the Engineering Quad (above); '90 newlyweds Kristyn and Scott Whitney (left)



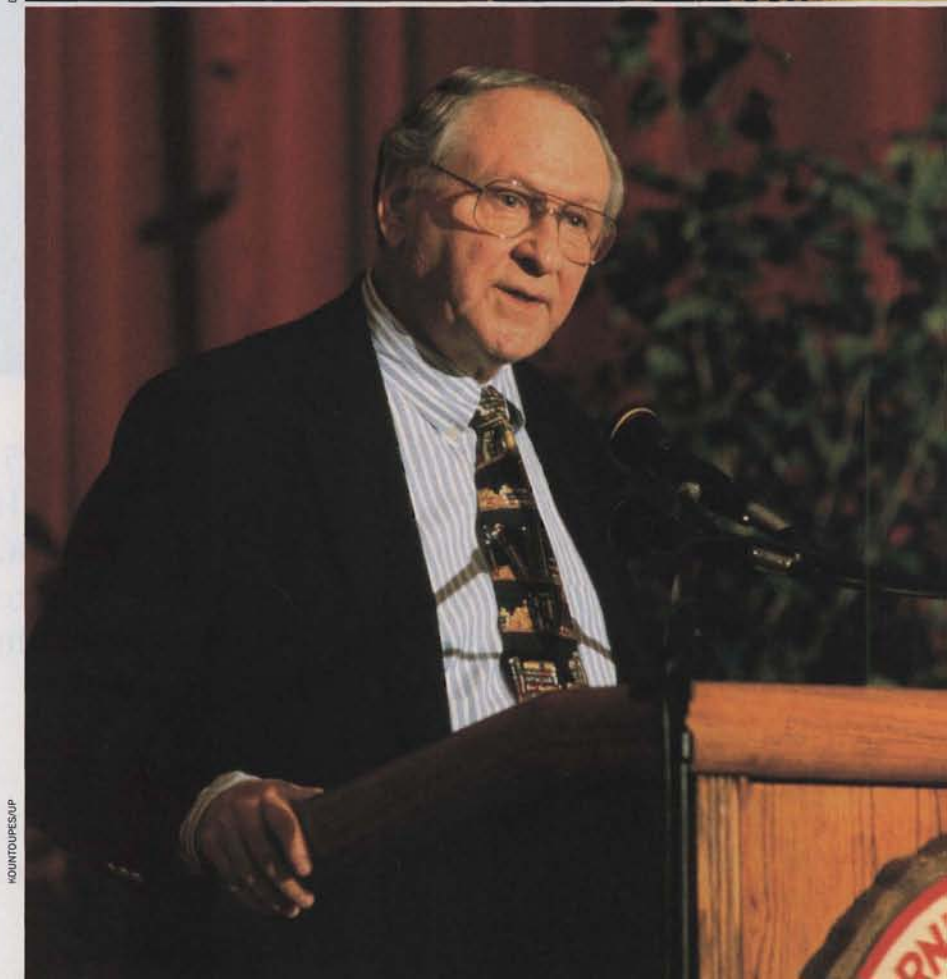
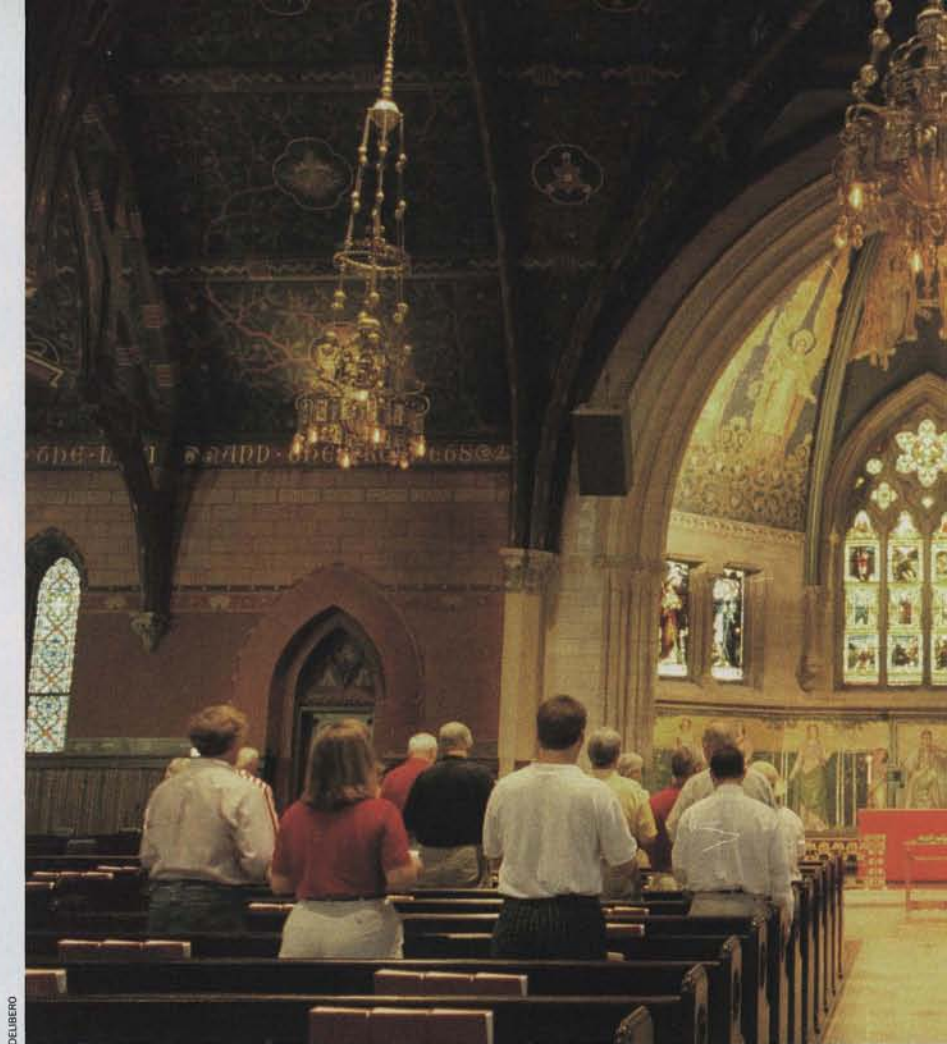
largest percentage of living alumni in attendance, with 24 percent (310) returning for their 50th Reunion.

Among the weekend's inaugural events were first-time reunions for the Cornell Latino Alumni Association and the defunct Triangle fraternity, which brought forty-seven members to the site of its now-demolished house. Reunion 2000 saw the largest single class gift in university history: \$34.6 million from the Class of '55. The overall reunion giving total, which topped \$84 million, was also a record.

Along with the usual events—the Savage Club show, the alumni baseball game, the State of the University address, Cornelliana Night—was one not listed in the guidebook. Class of '90 alums Kristyn Benzinger and Scott Whitney, who didn't know each other as students but met at an alumni event in Los Angeles, were married June 9 at Taughannock Falls. After the ceremony, the bride crossed out "Benzinger" on her reunion pin and replaced it with "Whitney."

## 'Ghosts Among Us'

The mood at Sage Chapel during the Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance was solemn as the Reverend Robert Johnson lectured on the importance of memorializing deceased Cornellians. Alumni who attended the service remarked on its simple but powerful message; many said they were touched when representatives of each returning class dedicated a rose in memory of the dead from their year. "There are ghosts among us," said Johnson, director of Cornell United Religious Work. "They are Cornell's spirit."







## Political Safire

"In general I disagree with most of his positions, but I like to know the opposition," Don Roberson '49 said of William Safire, just before the *New York Times* columnist took the stage to deliver the Olin lecture. Many in the audience echoed his sentiment—but said they were eager to hear his speech anyway. The talk, which focused on the 2000 presidential race, included jabs at both George W. Bush and Al Gore. Referring to Bush's apparent naiveté on foreign policy issues, Safire described one of his first interviews with the Texas governor: "You know, Texas has this border with Mexico," Safire joked, "and Bush knew all about it." Of the vice president, Safire joined in the popular criticism that he's too stilted. "Gore's ad-libs are all planned," Safire said, drawing loud applause.

## CU on Celluloid

Alumni who didn't attend the Safire lecture had the option of viewing the twenty-minute film *Spring in Ithaca*, screened at the same time. The movie, narrated by actor Franchot Tone '27, was shot sometime in the late Forties or early Fifties. It portrays the history of the university, its mission, the various colleges, and images of undergraduate life, including a parade and a crew race. "It's typical springtime Cornell," said Cornell Cinema managing director C.A. Carlson '93, MFA '96, "shown in a fantastic kind of Fifties color."

## Doing & Hearing

At Cornell Hillel's reunion weekend Shabbat services, Jewish alumni had the opportunity to celebrate their faith openly on campus—which wasn't always possible when they were students, said campus rabbi Jeff Sultar. For many Jewish alumni, he said, "Cornell wasn't a place where people could wear their identity on their sleeves." Hillel also held a study session to commemorate the Jewish holy day of Shavuot, which celebrates the giving of the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai. The discussion focused on a quote from the Bible: "We will do, we will hear." "The alumni love to dive in and discuss," Sultar said. "I was amazed to have thirty people show up at 10:30 at night and have them actively participate."

Sage words: Saturday afternoon's Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance (top) honored "Cornell's spirit"; Olin lecturer William Safire, an equal-opportunity satirist, needled Bush and Gore (left); crossing the quad with Big Red loot



## Fifty Years Later

Five decades after they graduated, members of the Class of '50 convened in Statler Auditorium to hear six of their classmates discuss the pivotal social events of the last half-century. Onstage were Arnold Heidenheimer, an expert on international policy; Cleveland lawyer Richard Pogue; Marion Steinmann, a freelance science writer who talked about medicine; Patricia Carry Stewart, trustee emeritus and former president of a Wall Street firm; Richard Tucker, trustee emeritus and former vice-chairman of Mobil Corporation; and William Vanden Heuvel, JD '52, former U.S. ambassador to the European office of the United Nations.

With the help of moderator Alfred Kahn, the Thorne professor of political economy, emeritus, the audience and panelists engaged in a two-hour discussion on issues ranging from health care to globalization, the U.S. China policy to environmentalism. But much of the debate concerned the prominent social movements of the last fifty years, especially feminism and civil rights. John Timmerman '50, who said the discussion was one of the best reunion events he's ever been to, added that the panelists' comments on race relations in America were especially incisive. "Thousands of people, instead of just hundreds, should have heard what was said."

## Home Cooking

The food lines were ten-deep at the Black Alumni Association dinner, held in a tent outside the Africana Center. The Journey, with lead singer (and former Cornell associate dean) Larry Watson, MPS '78, provided music for the evening.

"It's soul food," Kevin Montgomery '75, BArch '76, said of the Southern and Caribbean buffet, which included grilled chicken and Jamaican rice. "And it's deli-



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cious—not what I recall eating when I was a student." On the other side of the tent, William Manns '75 and former roommate Kendall Minter '74, JD '76, were catching up on old times. "The first thing I did when I came into town," Manns said, "was drive by our old place, 110 Terrace Street. And you know what? It looks like it's in better condition than when we left it."

## A Giving Mood

In his State of the University Address in Bailey Hall, President Hunter Rawlings focused on Cornell's fund-raising initiatives: the just-completed \$170 million Scholarship Challenge Campaign, last year's \$100 million anonymous pledge toward West Campus renovation, a successful \$300 million medical college campaign, and the record \$84 million raised during Reunion 2000. Rawlings said that undergraduate applications have increased, due in part to facility improvements like those planned for North and West campuses. He also announced that Rand Hall will be replaced by Milstein Hall, the new home of the architecture department, and that Bailey Hall would undergo a \$13 million renovation.

## Buried Treasure

Dozens of alumni lined up under a tent on the Arts Quad to write messages to future Cornellians for inclusion in a time capsule to be opened in 2100. They signed their names, proclaimed the greatness of their class ("85 rules!"), or just said "Hi." Class and association presidents are still collecting letters for the capsule, and an archival scroll is available for signing at Alumni House through the end of 2000. The scroll, letters, and other Cornell memorabilia will be sealed in a wooden box, to be stored in the underground archives of Kroch Library for 100 years. The box was displayed at a millennium reception on the Arts Quad.

## Past Perfect

"We tried to capture an oral history of their days at Cornell," Alumni Affairs staff-er Jamie Weber said of the thirty grads from the classes of '25 through '40 who shared their memories of campus. The project, called "Preserving the Past," pairs alumni from early classes with staff and student interviewers as well as volunteers from later classes; the transcripts are kept at the university archives. "We don't have specific questions," said Weber, this year's project organizer. "Basically it's whatever the Cornellian wants to talk about."

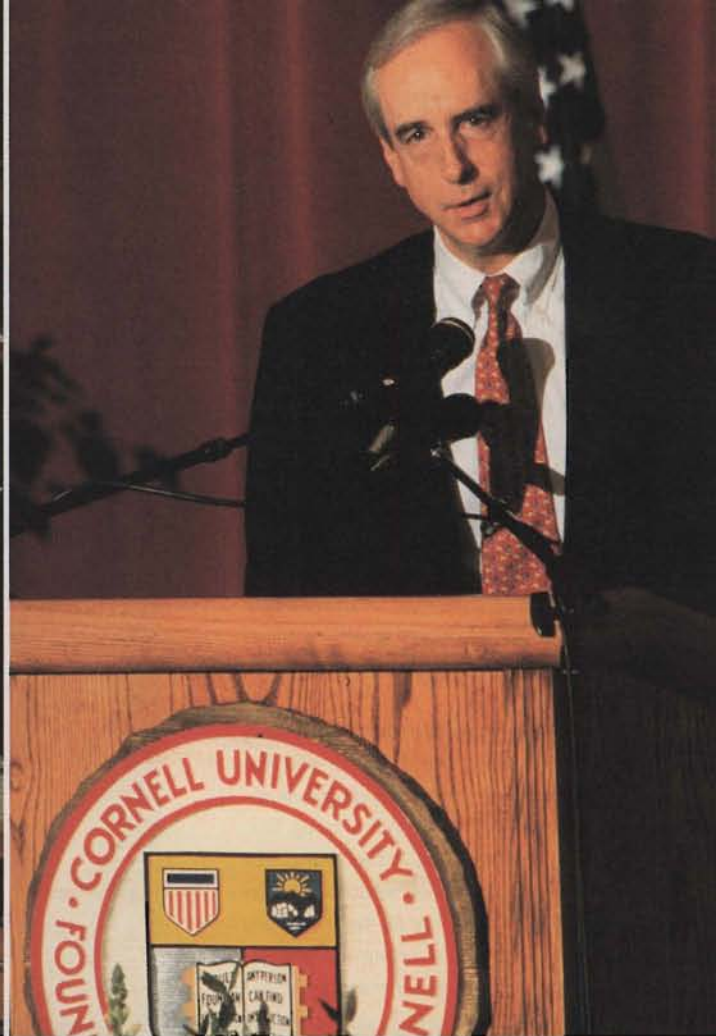
Kristen Murphy Gardner '95 interviewed Alexander Cheney '40 and Martha Atwood Cheney '40, who told her about campus entertainment in their day. "They would have big names like Tommy Dorsey and Ella Fitzgerald," Gardner reported. "They said that the fraternities would bring furniture and lamps to Barton to watch the show."

## Savage Songs

As it has annually since its formation in 1895, the Savage Club entertained returning alumni with a vaudevillian revue of music, magic, and comedy. Cornell songs and a barbershop quartet performance were the highlights of the show, held in Statler Auditorium. A 1930 alumna in the front row, who refused to divulge her name because she's "too old for that," described the entertainment as "spirited." "I thought it was really excellent," she said—the kind of thing that has brought her back to reunion eight times so far.

**Song & Dance:** Deb James '95 sings at *Cornelliana Night* (top, center). **Opposite:** the Savage Club band rouses the audience; President Rawlings on the State of the U; sampling Southern and Caribbean fare at the Black Alumni Association dinner; and William "Bumper" Baird '40 reminisces at *Preserving the Past*







## Higher Learning

The reunion guidebook called the Hoffman Challenge Course “an experience in higher education”—and it meant the phrase literally. In a forest far from campus, alumni who signed up for the three-hour course swung from ropes and traveled on ziplines mounted up to forty feet above the ground, all in the name of team-building.

Instructor Brenda Malone started the participants off with a few problem-solving “low elements.” The group, which ranged from the fourteen-year-old daughter of an alum to members of the Class of '65, first tried to balance a giant see-saw. Then they had to make their way between two wooden platforms ten feet apart—without touching the ground and using only three short planks.

When they had completed the low courses, Malone led the group to the real fun, the “high elements.” She taught alumni the proper way to attach a body harness, then told them about such exercises as the “flying squirrel,” in which one person is pulled through the air by the entire group using a system of ropes and pulleys. Said Malone: “It’s just like Peter Pan.”

## Tasting the Grape

The scent of wine filled the Hall of Fame Room at Schoellkopf Hall, as vintners from around the Finger Lakes opened bottles for returning alumni to taste. Many of the libations had been developed with help from the Geneva Agricultural Station.

Jim Jacobs '65 came to Schoellkopf after a walk in the Plantations with his wife. The tasting was a relaxing way to spend the afternoon, he said, as he'd done the five-mile Reunion Run that morning. Jacobs said he enjoyed most of the wine he'd tasted. “And that’s a little of everything.”

**On the Bench:** Outfielders Ed Williams '50 and Joe Parr '50 between innings at the alumni baseball game; the Phantom haunts the Johnson school's “faculty follies” dinner; forty years after their last meeting, Janet Reno '60 greets classmate Doris Bermudez Eschenbach.



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## Roots in Cyberspace

The Internet is a vast repository of genealogical information, some of it dating back hundreds of years. But the key to building a family tree is knowing where to look online, said Cornell reference librarians. At a workshop entitled "Electronic Genealogy: Finding Ancestors in Cyberspace," they taught alumni basic tools to conduct genealogical research on the Internet. Illustrating one source—an online collection of Civil War journals—reference librarian Bob Kibbee typed in his family name, and within seconds found information about ancestors who had fought in the war. Alumni were encouraged to try such searches on their computers, and many reported finding at least cursory information about their relatives. Still, some seated at the computers strayed from their mission. "Do you have games on these machines?" one woman asked a library aide. "I used to be a Tetris addict."

## Star Power

The annual reunion book-signing at the Campus Store had two celebrity guests: Regis Philbin and Oprah Winfrey. The stars appeared on big-screen TVs throughout the event, as the store played an endless loop of clips from their respective shows. Robert Morgan, the Kappa Alpha professor of English who autographed copies of *Gap Creek*, had appeared on "Oprah" when the novel was chosen for the host's book club. And Brad Herzog '90, author of *States of Mind*, had been a contestant on Philbin's "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?," raking in \$64,000. "The only thing more embarrassing than seeing your face on TV," Herzog said later, "is seeing your face eight feet tall on TV."

## Fossil Fuel

The Cornell mastodon, discovered last fall in nearby Chemung County, drew some of the biggest crowds at the All-Alumni Luncheon in Barton Hall. Geological sciences instructor John Chiment said that many alumni perusing the bones and dried "mastodon dirt" were curious about the animal's origins. "A lot of people confuse mastodons with woolly mammoths, or with dinosaurs," Chiment said. Many were surprised to hear that mastodons lived in Central New York, and that the creatures were alive as recently as 12,000 years ago. "People also asked about DNA, and whether we're going to clone it," Chiment said. "I said we're going to extract DNA, but it's not really with the intention of cloning anything."

## '25 Trio

"It was a great pepper-upper for me," Elias Markin '25 said of his 75th—and first—reunion. "I was ninety-six years old at my last birthday, so I figured it was about time." Markin, who attended with his grandson, said he enjoyed walking around campus more than attending the formal reunion events. "It was different, but the old landmarks were still there." Markin and two of

his classmates, J. Bradley Cooper and Ken VanWynen, were among the weekend's oldest returning alumni. Markin's one regret was not being able to see his old fraternity house, Sigma Alpha Mu. "They moved it since I was there," he said, "and I couldn't find it."

## Green Thumbs

How long has gardening been a popular pastime? At least since the 1800s, according to Jen Hill, MFA '92, MA '98, who told alumni about the pleasure nineteenth-century gardeners took in tending their flowers. In a talk entitled "Digging for Happiness," Hill (a PhD candidate in Victorian literature and editor of *An Exhilaration of Wings: The Literature of Birdwatching*) cited such sources as Jane Austen novels and popular gardening guides of the 1800s to show that the pastime transcended economic classes and, at one time, captivated much of the Western world. Gardens

seemed to evolve over the century as social attitudes changed, she said, with architecturally perfect French lawns replaced by more lush fields, which were considered more "natural" gardens. Hill's speech was followed by the unveiling, in the Kroch Library Exhibition Gallery, of "Nature's Garland: Illustrated Botanical Works from the Cornell

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—John Chiment, on the mastodon remains

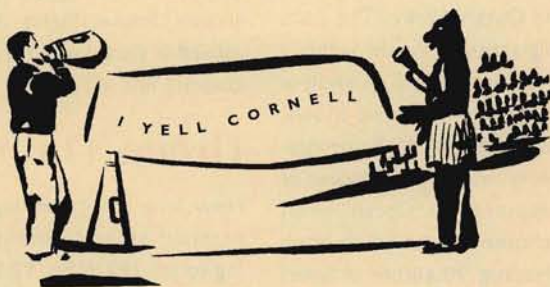
University Library," a display of rare botanical books dating from the 1700s.

## Lucky Thirteen

Attorney General Janet Reno '60 made a low-key appearance at reunion, visiting old friends and viewing the university archives's copy of the constitutional amendment that outlawed slavery. "That was so cool—showing the Thirteenth Amendment to the Attorney General," said university archivist Elaine Deutsch Engst, MA '72.

The 1865 document is one of three "presentation" copies of the amendment known to exist. It is signed by President Abraham Lincoln, his cabinet members, and the 119 congressmen who voted for its passage.





**BROTHER ACT** Twins Matt and Mark McRae '03 were selected in the National Hockey League entry draft in June after earning Eastern College Athletic Conference all-rookie honors for the 2000 season. Both were chosen by the Atlanta Thrashers, who just completed their first season of play in the NHL. Matt was selected in the fifth round with the 147th pick overall; Mark was the 288th pick in the ninth round. Both are expected to play for the Big Red their sophomore seasons.

**LACROSSE COACH** Jeff Tambroni, an assistant coach for the past three seasons, has been named men's lacrosse coach following the departure of Dave Pietramala, who resigned to take the head coaching job at Johns Hopkins. Tambroni, an All-American attackman at both West Genesee High School and Hobart College, has also served as an assistant coach at Hobart and Loyola. He'll be leading a team that finished its 2000 season with a 10-4 record and earned an NCAA playoff bid for the first time in five years. Three team members—attackman Sean Steinwald '00, goalie Justin Cynar '02, and defenseman Ryan McClay '03—earned honorable mention All-America honors.



TAMBRONI, LEFT, TAKES OVER FROM PIETRAMALA, RIGHT

**NFL NEWS** Former Cornell running back Chad Levitt '97 has signed a free agent contract with the Chicago Bears. Levitt spent the 1999 pre-season with the St. Louis Rams, but did not appear in any regular season games. He was a fourth-round draft pick for the Oakland Raiders in 1997. His Big Red teammate Seth Payne '97 is expected to start at defensive tackle again this season for the Jacksonville Jaguars. Payne started in all sixteen games last season, recording twenty-three tackles and one-and-a-half sacks.

**ROWING GOLD** Andy Belden '00 and Rich Montgomery '99 capped off the 2000 rowing season by winning a gold medal at the Intercollegiate Rowing Association championships in Camden, New Jersey. Belden and Montgomery won the varsity pairs without coxswain race, helping Cornell to a fourth-place finish in the team standings. Kim Rothman '00 earned second team All-America honors from the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association after leading the Big Red women's crew as co-captain. She rowed in the six seat of the varsity eight boat, which was ranked twelfth in the final Eastern poll. She was joined on the Mid-Atlantic all-region team by Lori Davias '01, stroke of the varsity eight boat. Rothman also earned CRCA National Scholar Athlete honors for the Mid-Atlantic region along with Crystal Cline '01, who rowed in the seven seat. Cline was also a second team all-region pick.

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## WOMEN'S FIELD HOCKEY

Sept. 8 SW Missouri St. at Kent St. • Sept. 10 at Kent State • Sept. 16 at Columbia • Sept. 20 at Colgate • Sept. 24 Pennsylvania • Sept. 27 Lehigh • Sept. 30 Yale • Oct. 4 Syracuse • Oct. 7 at Harvard • Oct. 9 at Cal Berkeley • Oct. 11 at Stanford • Oct. 18 Lafayette • Oct. 21 at Brown • Oct. 24 Bucknell • Oct. 28 Albany at Skidmore • Oct. 31 Princeton • Nov. 5 Dartmouth

## VARSITY FOOTBALL

Sept. 16 at Bucknell • Sept. 23 Yale • Sept. 30 at Lehigh • Oct. 7 at Harvard • Oct. 14 Colgate • Oct. 21 at Brown • Oct. 28 Princeton • Nov. 4 Dartmouth • Nov. 11 at Columbia • Nov. 18 Pennsylvania

## SPRINT FOOTBALL

Sept. 22 at Pennsylvania • Sept. 29 Princeton • Oct. 13 Navy • Oct. 20 at Army • Oct. 27 Pennsylvania • Nov. 3 at Princeton

## GOLF

Sept. 9-10 at Cornell-Colgate Invitational • Sept. 15-16 at Bucknell Invitational • Oct. 13-14 at Lehigh Invitational • Oct. 21-22 at Binghamton

## MEN'S SOCCER

Sept. 8 Boston U. • Sept. 10 at Adelphi • Sept. 15-17 at Vanderbilt Invitational • Sept. 22 Pennsylvania • Sept. 26 at Colgate • Sept. 30 Yale • Oct. 4 Syracuse • Oct. 7 at Harvard • Oct. 12 at Penn State • Oct. 22 at Brown • Oct. 25 at Hartwick • Oct. 28 Princeton • Oct. 31 Army • Nov. 4 Dartmouth • Nov. 7 at Oneonta • Nov. 11 at Columbia

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

Sept. 8 at Univ. of Colorado • Sept. 10 at Colorado Coll. • Sept. 16 at Columbia • Sept. 19 at Penn State • Sept. 22 Fresno State • Sept. 24 Pennsylvania • Sept. 27 at Colgate • Sept. 30 Yale • Oct. 6-8 at Harvard Invitational • Oct. 12 Syracuse • Oct. 14 at Stony Brook • Oct. 17 at Army • Oct. 21 at Brown • Oct. 24 Bucknell • Oct. 28 Princeton • Nov. 4 Dartmouth

## MEN'S TENNIS

Sept. 23-24 Cornell Fall Outdoor Invitational • Sept. 30-Oct. 1 at Yale Invitational • Oct. 7-9 at ECAC Champs. • Oct. 20-22 Cornell Fall Indoor Invitational • Oct. 27-29 at Army Invitational • Nov. 2-5 Region I Champs. at Virginia Tech

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Sept. 8-10 SUnity Invitational at Syracuse • Sept. 22-24 Cissie Leary Invitational at Penn • Sept. 29-Oct. 1 Cornell Fall Invitational • Oct. 6-8 at Brown Invitational • Oct. 13-15 ECAC Champs. at Rutgers and Princeton • Nov. 4-7 ITA Individual Regionals at Wm. & Mary

## VOLLEYBALL

Sept. 8-9 at Stetson Tournament • Sept. 15-16 Cornell Invitational • Sept. 22-23 at Siena Invitational • Sept. 29 at St. Peter's College • Sept. 30 at Columbia • Oct. 6 at Brown • Oct. 7 at Yale • Oct. 13 Harvard • Oct. 14 Dartmouth • Oct. 17 at Syracuse • Oct. 20-21 at Albany Invitational • Oct. 27 at Pennsylvania • Oct. 28 at Princeton • Nov. 1 at Buffalo • Nov. 4 Big Red Invitational • Nov. 7 Colgate • Nov. 10-12 Ivy League Champs. at Harvard



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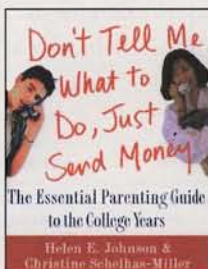
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**CONVERGING DIVERGENCES** by Harry Katz and Owen Darbishire, MS '93 (ILR). An analysis of changing employment practices in the U.S. and six other industrialized countries. Katz is the Sheinkman professor of collective bargaining at Cornell; Darbishire is an Oxford business scholar.

**THE ECONOMICS OF LABOR MARKETS** by Julie Hotchkiss, PhD '89 (Dryden). A labor economics text.

**MEMOIRS OF A COLD WAR SON** by Gaines Post, Jr. '59 (University of Iowa). The author's experiences growing up in Wisconsin, studying at Cornell, living abroad, and serving in the Army. The book is part of the Iowa Series in North American Autobiography.

**KING CROESUS' GOLD** by Andrew Ramage and Paul Craddock (Harvard University). The history of gold refining as discovered by the Cornell-Harvard excavation at Sardis, Turkey. Ramage is a Cornell archaeology professor; Craddock is director of metals research at the British Museum.

**NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY BIRDER'S HANDBOOK** by Stephen Kress, PhD '75 (Dorling Kindersley). Advice on how to locate, observe, identify, record, photograph, and study birds. Kress is a visiting fellow at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

**THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF FREDERICK G. MARCHAM** by John Marcham '50 (DeWitt Historical Society). A collection of photos by longtime English history professor Fred Marcham, PhD '26, compiled by his son.

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**CONGRESS AND THE FOREIGN POLICY PROCESS** by Glenn Antizzo '85, Cecil Crabb, and Leila Saredidine (Louisiana State University). A study of legislative behavior co-authored by Antizzo, a government professor at Nicholls State University.

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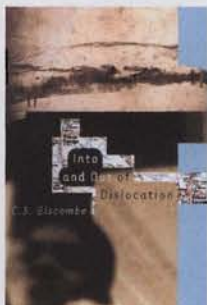


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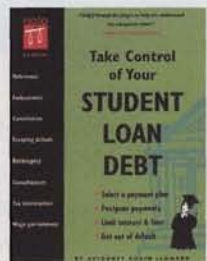
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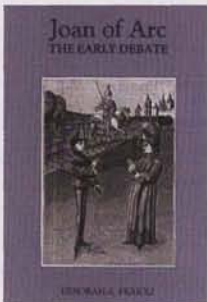
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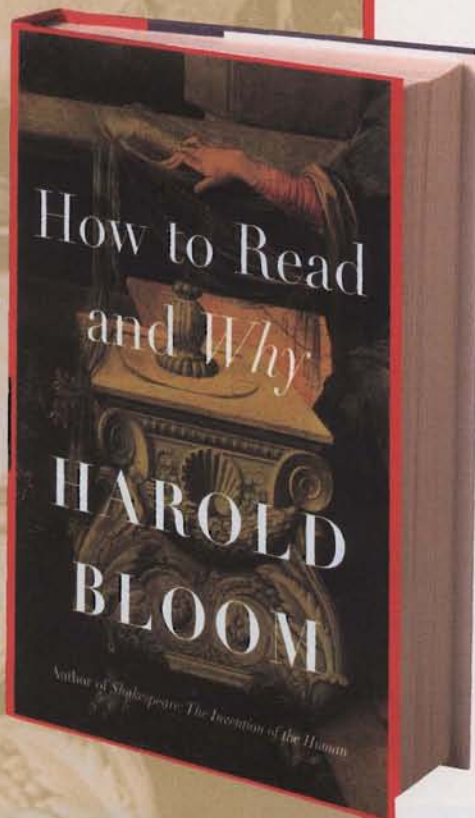
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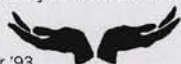
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## CLASSES

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Three members of the class of '25 made the journey to campus for their 75th Reunion. **J. Bradley Cooper**, from Pitts-

field, MA, was in Ithaca Friday through Sunday, and was able to represent his class at Cornelliana night, where the oldest returning alumni were recognized. **Elias R. Markin**, from Rochester, NY, came to campus on Saturday for the class photo and attended the Saturday night dinner with his granddaughter and grandson-in-law. **Kenneth Van Wynen**, from Ramsey, NJ, arrived in Ithaca on Thursday and stayed until Saturday. Mr. Wynen and Mr. Cooper remembered each other as fellow classmates in the Electrical Engineering program. All three men were very proud and glad to have the opportunity to represent their class.

Elias Markin said that this was his first Reunion, and he "figured it was about time" to revisit the campus, since, "at my age, I don't have very many opportunities." Mr. Markin, who is 96 years old, said the experience was "a great pepper-upper." He enjoyed every minute of it, commenting, "They took pictures of me, and I have the copies in my living room." A member of Sigma Alpha Mu while on the Hill, Mr. Markin expressed regret at missing a glimpse of his old fraternity house, since the chapter had moved to a new location. "I can see the ravages of time," he said of the changes to campus. "It was different, but the old landmarks were still there."

Please feel free to write if you have any comments or if you would like to send a greeting to a classmate or share a memory of your time on campus. We are always happy to hear from you. ♦ Class of '25, c/o *Cornell Magazine*, 55 Brown Rd. Ithaca, NY 14850.

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Dear Classmates: The 70th Reunion is over, and for those who came, it was a happy occasion, a time to visit familiar

buildings or marvel at rehabilitated or new ones, a time to sing the old familiar songs and attend Reunion events, but most of all, for everyone it was a time to talk with old friends. The women of '30 who attended were: **Phoebe Parrott Burdick**, **Dora Wagner** Conrath, **Osea Calciolari** Noss, **Bea Ramagli** Pacifico, **Ione Koller** Borsher, **Louise Marks** Steuber, **Dorothy Wertz** Tyler, PhD '36, and lastly, **Joyce Porter** Layton. To swell our number a bit, many of us came with retinues. Phoebe brought daughters Louise and Jeanne. Bea brought two sons and their wives. Ione brought two daughters but lent one to Louise Marks. Dorothy had her stalwart son **James Tyler**, PhD '69, along. And my own daughter **June Layton** '64, here from Seattle, was my helper and companion throughout. The young ones added much to our revelry.

President Hunter R. Rawlings III and

Mrs. Rawlings appeared at our first event, a Thursday Social Hour in combination with the Classes of '35 and '40. This was the first time many of us had seen the Rawlingses in person. After dinner at the Statler Auditorium, there was the traditional Savage Club concert, only this time they called themselves the Second Millennium Savages. Cornell songs were especially enjoyed. I was pleased to see that Edward Clute was the piano accompanist. He is the son of one of my Watkins High School friends.

Breakfasts at the Statler were well-attended, and many groups sat for a long time over their coffee. Friday was a rainy day (you remember Ithaca's rainy days), but events went on just the same. William Safire's lecture was instructive, but with his usual light touch. The Friday night concert in Sage Chapel by the Women's Chorus and After Eight was pleasing to the ears and relaxing for the legs.

Saturday was everything a Reunion day should be. It was a great day to walk anywhere on campus and enjoy the sunshine and greenery and the flower beds—great patches of bright colors. Barton Hall exhibits ran the gamut from *Cornell Magazine* to geology (with a huge fossil legbone on display) to sports. Saturday's class luncheon featured salad-filled croissants which were a great favorite, and the dinnertime turkey and the blueberry pie pleased almost everybody.

Sunday breakfast found us all sorry the party had to come to an end. We wanted to go on talking all day, but it was time to leave this scene of revisited youth and return to our normal lives where our pets, children, and friends awaited us. Next column I'll tell about several who wrote, wishing to have been with us. And so, farewell for now. ♦ **Joyce Porter** Layton, 1029 Danby Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850.

It is with great delight that it can be reported that, as predicted in the Jan/Feb 2000 *Cornell Magazine*, the June 2000 Reunions were the "best of all Reunions." Our own class attendance of 20 men and women classmates (without counting the many accompanying relatives and friends), and the fact that there were three Class of '25 attendees at their 75th Reunion, prompted thunderous applause at Cornelliana Night and loud cheers of the more than 4,000 attendees of all the reuniting classes. It was a tribute showing prideful recognition of the fact that, despite their advanced ages, and how long it has been since their student days, and the relative smallness of their attending numbers, attachment and loyalty to Cornell is entrenched as a tradition which never ends.

No doubt the difficulties of distant travel which the elderly encounter deters attendance at our Reunions. But those difficulties are not insurmountable and are avoidable by travel accompaniment to the Reunion by younger rel-



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atives and friends who would not only be welcomed to the Reunion but would also enrich it by their presence. The experience of those attending classmates who, like me, were so accompanied at our 70th, should, I hope, be a precedent followed in future Reunions by more of the remaining hundred of our class who missed enjoying the "best of all Reunions" and thereby establish one or more superseding "bests."

A great part of the success and enjoyment resulted from the efforts of three lovely women from the Office of Alumni Affairs who were literally our Reunion's valuable





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treasure: **Margaret Gallo '81**, **Sonia Merzon '00**, and Beth Hamilton. They nobly and gratifyingly assisted us old guys, with every conceivable service, to survive the perils of campus and city which we were formerly, in 1926-30, far more able to cope with. Our gratitude for their intelligence, competence, and cheerfulness is boundless. We will never forget you!

More about Reunion in future columns. ♦ **Ben Cottone**, Waterside Retirement Estates, 4540 Bee Ridge Rd., Villa #2, Sarasota, FL 34233; tel., (941) 377-0102, ext. 402.

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The 65th Reunion of our Class of 1935 (for 49 classmates and 31 guests) was a most enjoyable affair, to quote the many comments I received. To me, it was the happiest Reunion because, as Reunion Chairman **Viola Henry** Mullane said, "There was so much enthusiasm and cooperation." The Alumni Affairs staff and the many student clerks and bus drivers were warmly hospitable, especially to those in wheelchairs.

The class schedule included all the usual events, but left us time to catch our breath and to venture on our own to individual interests

and colleges. Pres. Hunter Rawlings welcomed us at our Thursday reception. Our Honorary Classmates, former Pres. Dale and Nellie Corson, dined with us and former Pres. Frank and Rosa Rhodes mingled with us from time to time. The Savage Club show was highly entertaining, with a panoply of talent. The Women's Chorus sang beautifully in Sage Chapel. President Rawlings's State of the University address evidenced a highly successful year, reporting many campus improvements. He also said our Alumni Fund is *number one* in the nation. The Olin Lecturer, Washington columnist William Safire, gave a brilliant sur-



vey of the 2000 election. Each evening following receptions, the Statler provided excellent dinners and we sang Cornell songs most enthusiastically, ably accompanied by classmate **Florence Nusim** Greville. The Hangovers and the co-ed After Eight singers entertained us. The latter group invited your correspondent to be the subject of general hilarity as they surrounded him with hugs and a romantic song!

**Al Preston**, our worthy President and Fund Chairman, raised a Reunion class gift of \$1,707,793 from 165 donors, representing 51 percent of 324 classmates with 26 Tower Club and 34 Cayuga Society members. The class election carried forward as officers: Al Preston, President and Fund Rep.; **Cal Hobbie**, Vice President; **Frances Wheeler** Lauman, Secretary; **Florence De Remer**, Assistant Secretary; Viola Mullane, Treasurer and Reunion Chair; and yours truly carrying on as Correspondent. We're off and looking forward to our BIG 70th REUNION in 2005 A.D.!

**Esther Major Batchelder**, widow of **William P. '34**, of Williamsburg, VA, is still volunteering at Williamsburg Hospital as well as in FISH, and she is an elementary school mentor. Esther is an active gardener and walker and keeps in touch with nine children and grandchildren. **J. Hambleton Palmer** of Pasadena, MD, is an intrepid sailor who in 1999 cruised around Cape Horn, Andalusia (Spain), and Nova Scotia. He didn't say his wife Eva (alumna of Syracuse and Penn) accompanied him, but she is an active volunteer in the public library as a board officer and also participates in patriotic societies. They have two sons and three daughters.

**Catherine Du Mond Denton**, widow of **Clarence '18**, of Walton, NY, volunteers at church and the local hospital and enjoys reading and gardening. Her children include Cornellians **Barbara Denton Schmied '62**, **Grace Denton Holmes '70**, and grandchildren **Alison Schmied '90** and **Catherine Schmied '01**. **Larry Dwon**, of West Kill, NY, although confined to a wheelchair since a stroke in 1992, remains "very active" writing for the Bridge of Eta Kappa Nu, and he corresponds with classmate **Earle Elmer** and professor emeritus **Simpson Linke, MEE '49**. **Ruth Harder Dugan**, widow of our classmate Dr. **William D.** of Hamburg, NY, volunteers at the Tift Nature Preserve and for the Red Cross and still pays tennis and skis cross-country. Ruth took the Strong Museum Tour at Rochester, NY. She likes to recall when Eleanor Roosevelt visited with students during Farm and Home Week while FDR was NY Governor.

**Reeve W. Dean**, of E. Aurora, NY, serves on a committee of the National Safety Council. He and wife Mary have, "between them," four children and eight grandchildren. Cornellians in the family include niece **Barbara Odiorne Metzger '52**, husband **Lee Metzger '49**, and two of Reeve's younger brothers (not named), one of whom, Dean says, was at Cornell for 12 years in a row. His fond memories include playing in the university band. **Marie Shriver Manson**, widow of our classmate **Elmer**, MARCH '40, and now re-

siding at Hightstown, NJ, has a new great-grandchild in Greeley, CO. After taking writing courses, she was inspired to write three "booklets": *The Army Wife*, *The Shivers*, and *How to Grow an Architect*.

**Donald W. Croop**, of Wilson, NY, who has visited 48 states, including Hawaii, still writes a monthly newsletter for Wilson Historical Society and recently published *Wilson Sketch Book II* (history of Wilson). Don has lost a daughter and a son, but has one daughter living, eight grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren! **Catherine Pennock** Predmore lives in The Forest at Duke, a retirement community in Durham, NC, and swims five times a week. **Vivian H. Melass**, PhD '41, of Lake Jackson, TX, is unsteady on his feet after one knee and two hip replacements, but he's taking therapy to regain walking ability. He and wife Barbara celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary before she died in 1998. ♦ **Ed Miller**, 10101 Grosvenor Pl., #1515, Rockville, MD 20852; e-mail, emvsmiller@webtv.net.

**40** Your scribe is writing this after most Reuners have left for home. I cannot leave until this report is left in Ithaca! Eighty-one classmates returned with 42 more folks, including spouses, grown children, or other personal helpers. The classes of '40, '35, '30, and '25 were housed in the Statler Hotel, the center of our Hotel Management school. We saw all sorts of conveyances! Official number of Reuners was 4,207—112 more than last year. Three men came to represent the Class of '25.

Eighty student clerks volunteer every year to keep us happy and were exceptionally helpful this time. Our cars are taken to a nearby parking lot by these helpers and are retrieved for us whenever we need them. To see the major changes here I had a ride in a van with two student guides. With the addition of so many new buildings we've lost a lot of the "green grass" beauty of the campus as we knew it. Knowing this growth is necessary today and into the future, these new buildings are beautifully constructed and landscaped. This still is a great place to come for an education in every endeavor. Our class is not among the largest of givers, but it may improve!

Annual events for all Reunions include a program of musical entertainment (and hilarity) by the "Savage Club of Ithaca," the welcoming speech by the president of Cornell, free bus tours to see this ever-changing campus, including the gift our class made several years ago for the construction of a new stone wall, and many rhododendron shrubs to beautify a small part of the area called "Plantations" out between Forest Home and the largely expanded Ag campus.

Also, each class has the opportunity to hold a class meeting at Saturday's dinner. We have re-elected the officers who had worked together to keep us up-to-date, led by **Bob Schuyler** and **Ellen Ford**. More later. The Drill Hall is always the place to have lunch for all clas.es. You can wander and sometimes see folks you remember. The class picture is always taken here. The final evening fills "Old

Bailey Hall" to capacity with mirth and music, this year by the combined choruses of our Cornell. Many sports events are held for those individuals who are able! Our **Robert Wood**, MD '43, from Geneva, ran the 5-mile cross-country race and finished first in the over-70 group! Congratulations to him. Robert also put in many hours of tedious work to produce our NEW Class Directory. Thank you.

This time I didn't get around to many of you for a "good visit" and I am sorry. After reading the pinned-on names, it was easy to bring back the younger face still lingering, and years full of college memories come back. This is the true, heartfelt fun of a Reunion!

A highlight of this year's weekend at Cornell for me was the musical event held Friday evening at Sage Chapel. As soon the voices of about 35 young women rang out, the uncomfortable wooden benches were forgotten. A great young man led the Cornell Chorus, an all-female vocal group. They have established themselves as one of the nation's outstanding collegiate women's choruses. Dressed beautifully in black long dresses, they stood in the chancel with its beautiful mosaic-tiled curved ceiling. This so effectively sent the sounds of the music up and out to surround us completely. I shall never forget it. Among the many Home Ec girls back was **Sue Gettman** Duncan from Gowanda, south of Buffalo, who drove to Ithaca with her doctor's permission, two weeks after a small (?) heart attack! Such commitment from a "great lady of the Class of '40."

Those who knew **John Munschauer** will be saddened to know he passed on at his home in Kendal at Ithaca on May 28, '00. He is survived by his wife Joyce and a large family, having accumulated 11 children from his three marriages. John entered the Army in 1941, serving as an enlisted man in the medical corps, a medical administrative officer, and an infantryman in the Philippines. He received a Bronze Star for his courage and leadership deep in Japanese territory, and participated in the occupation of Korea after the war. During that time, banquets were held in his honor by both the Japanese and Korean civilians.

John returned to Cornell after the war as Director of Placement and retired in 1984 as Director of the Career Center, Emeritus. He wrote many essays on education and careers. His book *Jobs for English Majors and Other Smart People* was published in 1982. *World War II Cavalcade* was published in 1996. Memorials to the "John L. Munschauer Fund" can be sent to: Rich Dolge, Tompkins County Trust Company, PO Box 460, Ithaca, NY 14851. ♦ **Carol Clark** Petrie, PO Box 8, Hartford, NY 12838; tel., (518) 632-5237.

**45** Y2K 55th Reunion: As World War II vets say, if you weren't there you wouldn't understand! Eighty-seven classmates and 57 hangers-on gathered at Class HQ in Hurlburt House with its excellent air-conditioned (praise be!) accommodations (noth-



ing like the Baker dorms!) starting on Thursday, June 8, when a continuous buffet supper was happily gobbled by the arrivals. The attendance list is posted on our Home Page, which will be updated as news comes in. Put it on your list of "favorite places" and keep in touch. We had good weather, although hot (94 degrees on Saturday) and there was more to eat than we needed. Good music, easy transportation, plenty of beer, wine, and soda, the usual bad singing, war stories, individual college and fraternity/sorority receptions, visits from President and Mrs. Rawlings—what more could we have asked for? Answer: a new Class Directory, which **Jane Knauss Stevens**, MBA '48, (Pittsford, NY) assembled, passed around for corrections, and will be distributing shortly.

Our \$3.2 million broke the record for 55th Reunion class giving! The official opening of the Class of 1945 path at Cornell Plantations was enjoyable and pleasant. Co-President **James Shaw**, BCE '48, attended in his fancy wheelchair; we all owe him a debt of gratitude for the hard work he did before his misfortune. Send him a card at 225 Foxhunt Lane, East Amherst, NY 14051-1836; Jim rates it!

Election results were announced at the banquet in the Straight Memorial Room: Co-Presidents **Maxine Katz** Morse (Laconia, NH) and **Stoddard "Tod" Knowles**, MBA '49, (Annapolis, MD); Vice-President **Richard H. Frost**, BS AE M '44, (Pittsburgh, PA); Secretary **Ann Lynch** Pape, BS HE '44, (Garden City, NY); Treasurer **Mort Eydenberg** (Roslyn Heights, NY); Historian **Libby Hemsath** De Prose (Ithaca, NY); Correspondent **Prentice Cushing**, BEE '44, (Virginia Beach, VA); Reunion Co-Chairs (who else?) **Stan Johnson**, BS Hotel '48, (Mantoloking, NJ) and **Gloria Urban** (Maspeth, NY); Cornell Fund **Maralyn Winsor** Fleming (Ithaca, NY) and **Bill Berley**, BS Ag '48 (New York City). They should be able to carry on the good works of the past officers and get you primed for the 60th in 2005. The class thanks those who worked diligently to make the weekend so enjoyable.

Among those at Reunion for the first time was **Mark Pendleton** (Islesboro, ME), who is full of energy with new pig valves in his heart. He joins **Bill Knauss**, MBA '48, (Sarasota, FL) and **Tod Knowles** in the heart-repair club. Bill says he was out of the hospital in five days after his quadruple bypass job and playing tennis within two months, so there's hope for any who may have to go the same route. We had hoped that **Ralph "Moldy" Davis** would show up from his new condo in Edwards, CO, where he's near daughter Nancy and family, but he took a trip to Missouri to visit son Paul and go turkey hunting with grandson Andrew. Another absent member was **Fred Bondi**, BS AE M '44, who had hoped to make it from the Paris Embassy, where he now operates. Although they were present, your correspondent neglected to get a first-hand report from **Mary (Meter)** and **Dave Carter**, BS CE '44, (Ocala, FL) about their trip to Oberammergau to see the Passion Play (not wanting to wait another ten years to do it), to

Vienna to visit with their son Warren, then to Toronto, to Painted Post, NY, to visit their daughter, and on to Ithaca. They volunteer to help young men who have been jailed, and are often baffled by the lack of care and love shown to many by their parents. The comment about not waiting another ten years brings to mind that, during the weekend, I used the old saw about not buying green bananas these days, but was upstaged by **Dan Hartley**, MME '47, (Summit, NJ) who said that when he orders a three-minute egg the chef asks him for cash in advance. Don't believe a word; he looks great!

**Sallye Josephs** Esterson (Baltimore, MD) couldn't tear herself away from her residential real estate business for Reunion but took a July trip to the Greek Islands and Turkey. Another Oberammergau Passion Play attendee was **Louise Borntrager** Weigel (Columbia, MO) who visits grandchildren in five states and had a Costa Rica visit in January. She couldn't make it back in time, but we wonder if "Twerp" had a mini-reunion with the Carters in Germany. **James Monroe**, BS AE M '44, (Covington, KY) winters in Palm Desert, CA, and says he had a meeting with **Tom Rogers** '48 there. Jim claims Tom as a classmate and fraternity brother, even if we don't list him as a class member. **Jean Herr** Gehrett (Hilton Head Island, SC) was attending her grandson's high school graduation but sent regards for an enjoyable reunion, as did most of those reporting in but unable to attend. Traveler **Jean Adolphi** Snyder, MS HE '55, didn't offer any excuses for not being able to make it all the way from Spencer, NY (30 miles), even though she gets to Arizona, British Columbia, Kansas, Michigan, Prince Edward Island, and West Virginia in the course of a year. Shame on you, Jean! Likewise **Ed Whiting**, PhD '50, who is a Bethlehem, PA-Sarasota, FL, commuter. Maybe he could have reunited with **Martin Evans**, BS Ag '47, in Sarasota, but Marty was busy this summer with his grandson Adrien, who was there from Bordeaux doing work towards his degree from Ecole Supérieure de Commerce at Grenoble. **Richard H. Allen**, BME '47, (Cincinnati, OH) took a couple of ski trips to Colorado and Lake Louise this year and works as a volunteer house-repairman for the poor when he isn't playing with his eight grandchildren. Dick didn't make Reunion, either! ♦ **Prentice Cushing Jr.**, 713 Fleet Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23454; e-mail, [cescoVA@aol.com](mailto:cescoVA@aol.com); Home Page, <http://hometown.aol.com/CescoVA/CU1945.html>.

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We had the party of the century for the class of the century! Our Reunion Chairs **Mike McHugh** and **Stan Rodwin** topped all our expectations. I hope you all had as much fun as I did. We broke all Cornell records for a 50th Reunion. 309 classmates returned. The previous record is 291. We actually numbered about 540 with spouses and guests, and with our very bright red and white striped jackets we created quite a presence all over the campus. We looked like a

huge barbershop quartet. 660 classmates participated in the class gift. The previous record is 626. The old record of \$12 million dollars is now \$16,074,862 and still counting as this goes to press. We have 61 Cayuga Society members and 79 Tower Club members. We thank all of you who made this possible. Since graduation, classmates have made gifts totaling \$77,565,070. As **Jim Hazzard** said, "We have the makings of a fine class."

We had receptions and delicious class meals all over the campus, some in buildings that didn't exist five years ago. There were classmates for whom this was their first Reunion (they missed some good times) and others who are members of the Continuous Reunion Club. **Steven Auderieth** and wife Judy attended the graduation of their middle son at Harvard on our first Reunion day and immediately drove to Ithaca while **Walt Crone** and wife Pru married off their youngest daughter in New York City on their way to Ithaca. This is just an example of our dedicated classmates. **Jack Rose**, MD '54, **Rodg Gibson**, and **Dave Gardner**, MBA '55, were among the many who gathered late at night at our class headquarters in the campus townhouses for singing, drinking, and merriment. They appeared somewhat hoarse at breakfast and at activities following.

Our class banquet, held in Barton Hall, included big band dancing, demonstrating our continued vitality and energy. President and Mrs. Hunter Rawlings, who joined us for dinner, accepted our class gift check from Class President **Barrie Sommerfield**. In the thank you speech that followed, President Rawlings told us that we were indeed the Class of the Century. Barrie thanked our outgoing officers for their service through the past five years. Vice President **Jo Kessel** Buyske did a super job of registering all of us for this spectacular Reunion, while Vice President **Bruce Davis**, MBA '52, produced a beautiful class directory. **Bob Fite** and I have been Class Correspondents, and I want to personally thank Bob for all his help and support in writing interesting and humorous columns. **Ben Williams** has served as Treasurer and Secretary and has accepted this position for another five years. Our Cornell Fund representatives were **Stan Taylor** and **Tom and Pat Gleason Kerwick**. The Kerwicks will continue and will be joined by **Jim Brandt**.

Our new President is **Ralph "Cooly" Williams**, MD '54. Jo Buyske will continue as a Vice President and will be joined by Stan Rodwin and **Jocelyn Frost** Sampson as our other Vice Presidents. **Paul Joslin** will join me as Class Co-Correspondent for our column.

Jack Rose took the opportunity at the Beebe Lake dinner on the last night of Reunion to thank Brian Rodwin, son of Stan, who regularly ensured that everyone had enough to eat and drink and was enjoying our big party. Every Reunion needs a Brian. Some of our very distinguished classmates presented a forum open to all reunion classes. They offered their perspectives of the past 50 years' progress in their respective fields. **Arnold Heidenheimer** reviewed Education; **Rich-**



**ard Pogue**, Law; **Marion Steinmann**, Medicine; **Pat Carry Stewart**, Women's Issues; **Richard Tucker**, Business and Finance; and finally **William Vanden Heuvel**, JD '52, International Affairs. Alfred E. Kahn, emeritus professor of Political Economy, acted as moderator. Many in the audience have fond memories of sitting in Fred Kahn's class at Cornell. The rest know him by his reputation on the national scene. There isn't room in this column to review all the wonderful messages of our classmates' forum; however, Marion Steinmann gave us great hope that the field of medicine is continually adding years to our life span. In 30 years there will be over a million people over the age of 100 in the USA. "It is quite possible," she said, "that in 30 years some of us will be in Ithaca for our 80th Reunion." And I will add that this class of the century will no doubt again surpass all records.

Among the special events of the weekend was **Sam Johnson** showing the film he produced commemorating his father's flight to Fortaleza, Brazil. His father, **H. F. Johnson '22**, made the original trip in 1935 to discover the main stands of the Carnauba palm, so that he could be assured supply of this key raw material that came from the leaves of the palm. In order to accomplish this he had to build a replica of his father's airplane from the ground up. His reflections on his journey with his two sons, **Curt** (Samuel Curtis III) '77 and **Fisk** (Herbert F. III) '79, were very moving. We appreciated "our Sam" sharing this personal story with all of us.

Our dedicated classmates traveled far and wide to come to this great gathering. **Carson** and **Ellen Bromfield Geld '53** flew in from Sao Paulo, Brazil, and **Mari Lund Wright** came across the Atlantic from Norway. Copies of our class directory are available for purchase. Contact Bruce Davis at 2332 Kunsman Rd. Quakertown, PA 18951 or e-mail (bddavi@aol.com). We love hearing from you. Please keep in touch. ♦ **Ruth "Midge" Downey** Kreitz 3811 Hunt Manor Dr., Fairfax, VA 22033; tel., (703) 860-2991; e-mail, rdk12@cornell.edu; and **Paul Joslin** 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50131; e-mail, phjoslin@aol.com.

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Was there ever a Reunion like this one? It was a great success, from start to finish, and broke all kinds of records. The extraordinary generosity of class members helped the Class of 1955 set not one, but three 45th Reunion giving records. We had the highest number of donors (625, to beat the Class of 1950's previous record of 617), the most Tower Club members (72, surpassing the Class of 1951's record of 66), and total gifts of \$34.6 million, nearly triple the previous record of \$12.1 million held by the Class of 1952! In honor of these spectacular achievements, **Harold Tanner '52**, chairman of the board of trustees, named our class a "Super Class"—1955 is one of only three classes to hold that distinction. In terms of participation, the 625 class members who contributed to Reunion year fund-raising represented an increase of

120 percent over goal. Finally, our total Reunion gift of \$34.6 million is the most money ever raised, by any class, for any Reunion. What an unprecedented show of support for "this grand institution, this school of Cornell." Our profound thanks go to **Ned Arps**, MBA '57, and **Len Oniskey** for the key part they played.

The weekend was a treat, from Thursday afternoon to Sunday morning. Spirits were high, beer and good feelings flowed, and every event was well planned and executed, thanks to Reunion Chair **Anne Morrissy Merick** and her Co-Chair **Fred Antil**. Did you get there in time for the boat ride on Thursday night? It was a lovely early-summer evening out on Cayuga Lake, and a great start to the weekend. Afterwards, back at Balch, which was cheerfully decorated with magnificent flowers (thanks to **Sue Hurd Machamer**), the Thursday night buffet got under way. A highlight during the evening was presenting the game film of our 14-6 victory over Syracuse in the fall of 1954 to the Athletic Department. Coach Ted Thoren was responsible for uncovering this cherished relic, and special appreciation goes to **Joe Simon**, who did all the legwork in putting the presentation together. Among the other teammates from that great football team who were on hand to relive the victory were **Dick Jackson '56**, **Guy Bedrossian**, MBA '56, **Art Boland '57**, MD '61, **Jim Van Buren**, MD '59, **Ralph De Stefano**, **Dick Mathewson**, **Joe Marotta**, **Chris Schmidt**, LLB '60, **Norm Nedde**, **Norm Rowe**, **Len Oniskey**, **Al Brezinsky**, and **Tom Rooney**. Accepting on behalf of the Athletic Department were Director of Football Operations Pete Noyes, Athletic Director Andy Noel, and Head Football Coach Pete Mangurian.

Under the capable guidance of **Ann Overbeck** and **Bill Doerler**, who were in charge of headquarters, classmates were checked in and issued their regulation '55 gear, a snappy-looking red Polartec vest. (In deference to many requests, the insignia on the vest did not say "Class of 1955" or "45th Reunion"—too age-specific!—but simply "Reunion 2000," a much better choice.) **Lew Stone '54**, B Chem E '57, loyal husband of class president **Joan Steiner Stone** and honorary member of the Class of 1955, manned the registration table. Thank you, Joan and Lew, for all the hours you put in getting everyone registered and accounted for. **Pete Eschweiler**, MRP '57, graciously assumed the chore of class photographer and took pictures of arriving Reunioners for posting on a big board in the hall. **Otto Schneider**, our other class president, was on the spot to handle issues and responsibilities as they cropped up, and kept Reunion doings rolling according to plan.

On Friday morning, the class dispersed to the far reaches of the campus, some to play golf or tennis, canoe on Beebe Lake, or participate in the Reunion Run. Others made a run to the Campus Store to check out souvenirs for the grandchildren. The All-Alumni Luncheon, held at Barton Hall each Reunion, at-

tracted those eager to partake of a great luncheon and peruse the many fascinating displays set up around the perimeter of the room. There was an elegant reception in the lobby of the Johnson Art Museum to honor **Jay**, DVM '57, and **Anita Hyman's** Cuban art collection, and then it was on to Bailey Hall to enjoy the wisdom and humor of Olin Lecturer William Safire. Cocktails that night were served at the ILR School, on the Ives Hall Patio, and the party continued at the Statler Hotel Ballroom, where we were vastly entertained by the talk and impromptu remarks of classmate **Dick Schaap**. No matter which sports figure's name was thrown out, Dick had a wonderful story to tell. A concert at Sage Chapel was the next destination for some classmates, while others checked out the tents on the Arts Quad, coming back to report that "Swing is in!" according to the younger alums as well as ourselves.

On Saturday morning, Bailey Hall was the site for President Rawlings's State of the University Address, after which the class adjourned to a tent on Beebe Lake for an outstanding catered luncheon, starting with cold salmon and ending up with real strawberry shortcake. Special thanks to **Dick Bump**, as well as to **Charlotte Bialo Picot** and **Jane Tyroler Sweeney**, for the memorable concert on Saturday afternoon—a highlight of the weekend for all who attended. On Saturday night, busses spirited us away to the Plantations, where cocktails and a complete Caribbean barbecue awaited, and from there to Bailey Hall for Cornelliana Night. The old songs, the recognition of the oldest returning alumni, and the awards to different classes, young and old, for attendance, participation, and fund-raising success, made for an evening not soon forgotten. As the "Evening Song" called us to "welcome night and welcome rest," and the "Alma Mater" reverberated throughout Bailey Hall, we counted ourselves blessed indeed to be part of "our own, our fair Cornell."

Although Sunday came too soon and friends were reluctant to say good-bye, the weekend was brought to a fitting conclusion with the Class Memorial Service led by the Rev. Alden Hathaway on the Balch terrace. In reviewing the names of so many classmates now gone from us, he reminded us to use this last third of our lives to evaluate what our contribution has been and to ensure that we leave a meaningful legacy. Stay in touch—we hope to see as many as possible at Homecoming, September 23. ♦ **Nancy Savage Morris**, 94 Southfield Ave., #601, Stamford, CT 06902; tel., (203) 324-3606; e-mail, nsm55@juno.com.

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Reunion 2000 was a huge success! Everyone seemed to be having a great time, and with about 230 classmates attending, accompanied by numerous spouses, partners, and children, we almost broke the Reunion record. Risley was completely full, and Balch, along with hotels, motels, and friends' places in the Ithaca area, housed the overflow. Hats off to **Ken Ackley**, ME CH '66, for another successful stint as the hard-



working Reunion chair, to **Linda Jarschauer Johnson**, MS HE '63, for overseeing the complex process of registration, and to **Bill Fisher**, PhD '68, for again seeing that the hospitality arrangements were first-rate. Thanks also to **Phyllis Pugatch Schecter**, who arranged for our fine souvenir sweaters, to **Terry Ireland**, who did the class survey, and to **Sue Phelps Day**, M Ed '62, who provided invaluable assistance and encouragement in her presidential role.

Things got off to an excellent start with a good dinner Thursday night at the Big Red Barn and a Friday morning panel arranged by **Irene Kleinsinger** entitled "Forget About Retirement: Reinvent Yourself." It was moderated by Professor **Phyllis Moen**, well-known for her work on "lifelines," and featured classmates **Gale Jackson**, **Nathan Jaschik**, **Phil Clark**, MRP '68, and **Sandra Goldman Gross**, BS HE '68, talking about their various current or planned life transitions. All agreed on the value of continuing to feel challenged and the importance of redefining the life course, now that we are likely to spend as many decades in "retirement" as in paid employment.

Another highlight was the Friday afternoon gallery talk and reception in conjunction with the exhibition of **Alan Siegel's** splendid collection of photographs at the Johnson Museum. Alan calls it "One Man's Eye," which is also the title of his book that will be published in the fall by Harry Abrams, and it pulls together the fascinating work Alan has collected over the past three decades, including photography by such well-known figures as Ansel Adams, Diane Arbus, Robert Mapplethorpe, Irving Penn, Man Ray, and Weegee.

After another ample dinner, this time at the new Field House, and an evening at the music-filled tents on the Arts Quad, several classmates succeeded in rousing themselves for the athletic events on Saturday morning, and many of them turned in impressive performances. Despite his trip to Ithaca across three time zones, **Dave Watts** managed to come in second in his category in the five-mile Reunion Run and then awed us all by going for a row with former Cornell crew members. In the two-mile run, Jack Wittenberg, not a class member, but a spousal affiliate of your class correspondent, came in first, and **Tom Dandridge**, MBA '62, was second. Other classmates who acquitted themselves admirably in the races were **Bob Laufer**, who serves as general counsel for the New York Road Runners Club in his spare time, **Nat Grew**, DVM '63, who came from Costa Rica to Reunion, **Ken Iscol**, **Dick Ewing**, **Bill Flanagan**, **Walter Williamson**, **Bob Bell**, BArch '61, and **Jerry Dorfman**, LLB '63. Those who walked the course included **Michaelin Reamy** and **Peggy Gordon**. In the tennis tournament, **Jack '57** and **Pat Erb Reohr** were semi-finalists. Congratulations, all you (aging) athletes.

By the time you read this, **Leonard Johnson** and a small group that includes his wife Pat should have completed their three-month cross-country bicycle trip from Port-

land, OR, to Falmouth, MA, which may be the athletic feat of the year for the class.

There were other wonderful events during the weekend, too numerous to mention, and it was terrific to catch up with classmates we hadn't seen in a while and to re-meet others, like **Dave Ahl**, **Fred Bloom**, **Tom '59** and **Sue Laubengayer Cowing**, **Dacey Latham**, **Don Milsten**, **Carol Reed Parr**, **Joan Hester Young**, and **Joe Degenfelder** and **Pauline (Sutta) '61**. We were also happily surprised by the Friday arrival of Attorney General **Janet Reno**, who managed a week-end away from Washington obligations to celebrate her 40th Reunion with a wide array of old friends. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to pay personal tribute to Janet, and to the strength and integrity with which she has served her country for the past eight years.

**Dodi Bermudez** Eschenbach brought her amusing collection of Cornell undergraduate memorabilia from South Carolina to share with us, including old party pictures and a WSGA rulebook from 1956, which sounded at points like something from another century.

The distance many classmates traveled to Reunion seems like a tribute to the strength of Cornell ties. **Anne Rothenthaler** Vendramin and husband Giancarlo came from Italy, and **Marilyn MacKenzie** Montgomery and daughter Monica came from London. A contingent from California included **Jim**, MBA '63, and **Becky Quinn Morgan**, **Dave Watts**, Michaelin Reamy, and **Marianna Giacalone** Goodheart. **Willis Clark** and **Ginny (Buchanan) '61** arrived from Indiana, **Dan Bidwell** and **Jann (Powell) '61** from Michigan, **Bill**, PhD '73, and **Amber Tetlow** from Colorado, **Sue Wood Brewer** and **Don '59** from North Carolina, **Linda Hasbrouck** Hasenstab from Virginia, **Paul Auchter**, JD '64, from Florida, **Valerie Jones** Johnson from Maine, and **Sue Cowan Jakubiak**, **Dick Schwartz**, MD '65, and **Sarah Cooper** Lain from the Washington, DC, area.

A good-sized group made it over the hills between Boston and Ithaca, including **Toni Halton** Stechler, **Toddy Dwyer**, **Kay Sullivan** Abrams, **Tussie Abbott** Williams, **Donna Williams** Beusch, **Bob '57**, MBA '59, and **Sydney Clark Menger**, and **Marty**, DVM '62, and **Betty Cohen Gruber**. **Alan '59** and **Margo Hicks Newhouse** took time out from the pleasures and challenges of their recent resettlement in southern Maryland to join the group. The weekend ended with a farewell breakfast and the election of class officers, which included many of the usual suspects, but with **Fran Pennisi** Giruzzi agreeing to serve as class Treasurer, now that **Dave Flinn** is stepping down after many years of fine service. Ken Ackley bravely agreed to serve as Reunion Chair again, and Sue Phelps Day will continue as Class President.

**John Burget's** involvement with renovating and selling his parents' home in Texas prevented him from attending Reunion this time around; words of consolation can be sent to him at his new e-mail address, jeburget@msn.com. Others of you who couldn't make it will find updates on your classmates in the

"Big Red Book" given out at Reunion and mailed to absentees.

Keep the news coming. ♦ **Judy Bryant Wittenberg**, 146 Allerton Rd., Newton, MA 02461; e-mail, jwittenberg@neasc.org.

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Once again it's kudos to **Penny Skitol** Haitkin and **George Arangio**, MD '69, for putting together a fabulous

35th Reunion weekend. Over 160 classmates, plus spouses, family, and friends attended. Thursday night started out with a reception and dinner at the Sage Hall Atrium, which is now the beautiful new home of the Johnson Business School.

Friday was our day of lectures beginning with a class-sponsored symposium hosted by **Bruce Eissner**, at which classmate **Paul Wolfowitz** gave a provocative talk entitled "Back to the Future?: Will This Century Be As Bloody As The Last?" Paul is presently dean of The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins U., and a former US Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia. After that lecture, many of us dodged the raindrops to walk across the Arts Quad to attend a class-sponsored panel discussion by several of our AA&P classmates. The topic was "Cornell's Catalyst for Creativity." This panel and the idea for it were put together by classmates **Madeline "Maddy" Gell Handler** and husband **Philip '62**, MArch '65, who not only introduced the panel but also served as a roving photographer for the entire weekend. The panel was moderated by **Bruce Abbey**, BArch '66, who is presently a professor of architecture and dean of the Architecture School at Syracuse U. The panel participants were **Peter Barton**, Lawrence "Brad" Perkins, BA '67, **Joel Perlman**, and **Alden "Tad" Mann**, James "Blue" Minges, S. Dell Worn Mitchell, **Peter Rosen**, **Warren Schwartz**, and **Jonathan Stoumen**, all BArch '66. The panelists were asked to discuss their philosophy as to how Cornell influenced them and their careers and from that beginning point the discussion took off, leading to an interesting exchange of ideas. It is interesting to note that out of the ten panelists, four are actually "building buildings," one is teaching, one is an artist, two are sculptors, one is an astrologer and author, and one is a professor. All have taken very interesting roads from their beginning days in Sibley Hall.

Upon leaving the symposium, many of us headed for Schoellkopf Field where we took part in a Big Red Pep Rally hosted by classmates **George Arangio**, **Wilson Duke Grkovic**, **Clarence Jentes**, MBA '67, **David Mellon**, and **Joseph Ryan**. Also in attendance were other former Big Red football players from our class: **Robert Baker**, **Joseph Schneider**, **George Norman**, **Louis Ferraro**, **David Miles**, **Joseph Montieth Estes**, ME CH '66, **Walter Gadkowski**, **William Marble**, **Thomas Carley**, **James Shields**, and **John Rentz**. The sun even managed to appear part way through the rally.

Our reception Friday evening was held at the Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art where



we were able to view not only a sculpture by Joel Perlman but also a collection of photographs on loan from **Don Weiss**. After a delicious dinner in a tent on Libe Slope we were entertained by the Sherwoods. Some of us were even energetic enough to venture to the "tents" on the Quad to enjoy some music and more conversation until the early hours.

Saturday dawned as a beautiful, sunny, hot day which served as the perfect backdrop for a luscious lunch on the Engineering Quad. Saturday was also a sporting day and we were well represented. In the Reunion Run **Anthony Fraioli**, ME E '66, took second place for the 5-mile run, Joel Perlman took first place in the 2-mile, and **Elizabeth Fowler** came in second in the 2-mile. **Allen Reed**, ME C '66, won the tennis tourney for the 1947-70 group. That evening we enjoyed a reception on the terrace of the Straight where we were treated to various wines from the wineries (Millbrook and others) of **John Dyson**. Dinner in the Memorial Room was another delightful event, despite the uncharacteristically hot evening. Our dinner entertainment was provided by the Class Notes, an *a cappella* group. Again after dinner, the "tents" on the Quad were open for drinking, dancing, and more revelry. But the evening also lent itself to a lovely walk around campus reminiscing about the fact that it could not possibly have been 35 years since we left Cornell.

Throughout the weekend there was always good company to be had in the lounge of Cascadilla Hall, where we were headquartered, and there was a never-ending supply of refreshing yogurt supplied to us by **Thomas "Grif" Dixey** and his company, YoCrunch.

Sunday morning arrived too quickly and suddenly it was time to leave Cornell again. But first we enjoyed brunch, a bit more conversation, and another chance to hear the Sherwoods. Then the time to leave was upon us, with promises all around to return in 2005 for our 40th! Again a heartfelt thank you to all who planned our class Reunion events and to all who worked so hard for our class for the last five years. Please continue to keep your class correspondents posted so that the Class of '65 can continue the Reunion spirit for the next five years.

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After all the planning and hard work done by our Reunion Chair, **Hank Brittingham**, and his wife **Susie (LaBarre)**

'71, we had a great party and a memorable weekend. This extraordinary pair deserves the gratitude of the Class of 1970! Hank has been the Reunion Chair for our last three and he will be doing the job again for our 35th in 2005. **Carole Peck Fishman**, BS HE '69, (with support from her husband **Cliff**) did a

fantastic job as our Reunion registrar and took care of all the registrations and accompanying changes and problems with ease and style. **Jeff Haber**, ME E '71, is our very own Webmaster, and what a great job he did. The website was very useful and convenient, fun to have, and easy to use ([www.classof70.cornell.edu](http://www.classof70.cornell.edu)). Keep on logging on! Thank you to one and all.

We had a spectacular committee working for many months on our Cornell Fund campaign for this Reunion. We reached a fantastic total of \$4.83 million in gifts given by our classmates, including 32 Tower Club members (a donation of \$5,000 or more). We had the phenomenal number of 739 donors, which is 42 percent participation and sets a new record for a 30th Reunion class. The Major Gifts Committee was very ably led by **Beth Heydinger** Treadway and **Kevin McGovern** and included **Charles Adelman**, JD '73, **Ezra Cornell**, **Bruce Earle**, MBA '71, **Ellen Celli** Eichleay, **Daniel Kops**, PhD '82, **Gene Resnick**, MD '74, **Martin Tang**, and **Paul Vizcarondo**. The Participation Committee members were **John Cecilia**, MBA '79, **Cindy Johnson** O'Malley, and **Margo Williams** Pollak. Thanks to all of them for doing an extraordinary job. A special thank you to our active and very generous classmate, Martin Tang. Martin has given a most substantial gift to the university in the form of a scholarship fund and thus spearheaded our campaign and helped us move to the heights we achieved. We gave two special Class of 1970 gifts to the university. We now have a Class of 1970 Scholarship, as well as a sculpture by the artist Willie Cole that will be a part of the collection of the Johnson Museum on campus. Congratulations to all of us for these additions to the Cornell community.

The Reunion activities were many and varied, too much to do it all! Our class shared in the university celebrations and we also did our own celebrating. We had our Friday night reception and dinner at the Ivy Room and had our class photo taken in front of the Straight. Saturday's lunch was at Trillium (part of the building that now closes the Bailey Hall end of the Ag Quad). Our grand finale dinner was at the newly renovated and spectacular Robert Purcell Community Center (named for the chairman of the board of trustees during our years on campus). College dining halls and student unions have changed considerably in 30 years! Our special guest that night was **Harold Tanner** '52, who is presently chairman of the board of trustees. Mr. Tanner and our classmate Margo Pollak learned that they come from the same hometown.

The university marked the millennium by creating a time capsule to be opened at Reunion in 2100. A big and special thank you to our classmate **Andrea Strongwater**, who wrote the letter for the Class of 1970 and did a wonderful job. You can read it on our website. Ellen Celli Eichleay and I attended a symposium that **David Burak** '67, MFA '80, organized. He informally apologized to our class for disrupting our graduation and reported that it was his roommate who truly felt the wrath of

**Morris Bishop** '14. Three classmates, **Hank Brittingham**, **Jim Chapman**, and **Ward Romer**, ME Nuc '71, participated in the Annual Reunion Row. We also had a number of members, and several winners, take part in the Reunion Run. We all enjoyed the Ice Cream Socials that were held in our headquarters each evening. They added to the intimate atmosphere of our Reunion, which though not big in numbers, was rich in the sharing and meeting and enjoyment of the weekend. Three classmates were sharing Reunion weekend with their Cornellian mothers. **Cindy Briggs** and **Grace Denton** Holmes celebrated with their moms, both Class of 1935, for their 65th Reunion, while **Alison Kent** Bermant's mom is from the Class of 1945.

Our final event was brunch by Beebe Lake, featuring entertainment by The Sherwoods. At each performance a woman (or are we girls when we are back for Reunion?) is serenaded by the group. **Lani Bishko** Durkac, our special gal, now has the proud distinction of being the first woman in 40 years to stop the show, because she was cracking up Paul and the guys, who had to stop singing for a moment or two of laughter. You go, girl!

In addition to those mentioned above, classmates of 1970 who attended our reunion included: **Craig Balaban**, **Roy Baldwin**, **Ken Baskerville**, **Robert Beck**, **Reed Boland**, **Joe Bonventre**, **Loyd Brinkman**, **Lynn Girolamo Burke**, **Timothy Burke**, **Edward Carman**, **Marie Sposito Cerino**, **Jay Christensen**, **Jeff Clemente**, **Art Colas**, **James Collins**, **Sarah Bush Collins**, **Vincent Conley**, **Kathy Landau** Cornell, **Ligia Corredor**, **Marya Dalrymple**, **Donald Drumright**, **Frederic Eisen**, **David Farrar**, **Claire Garrett**, **Stephen Goodwin**, **Mark Greenwald**, **Carl Groth**, **Stephen Hadden**, **Pete Hellmold**, **William Highland**, **Jonathan Hoffman**, **Marty Jewett**, **Suzanne Johnson**, **Gary Kaye**, **Rhonda Kirschner**, **Randy Lehrer** Kocsis, **Portia Parratt** Kowolowski, **Susan Jackson Kravitz**, **Dan Ladd**, **Debbie Cheney Lazar**, **Sally Anne Levine**, **Paul Levy**, **Pam Erikson Light**, **Frederick Lockhart**, **John Lombardi**, **Stephen Lowe**, **Tom Marchitto**, **Suzanne Grisez Martin**, **Kevin McEnery**, **Connie Ferris Meyer**, **Ken Milne**, **Susan Mineka**, **Bridget Murphy**, **Michael Nash**, **John Nees**, **Paula Noonan**, **Brian O'Connor**, **Kathy Law Orloski**, **Becky Kvam** Paquette, **Susan Cotton Perry**, **Sigurdur Petursson**, **Alfred Piscop**, **Robert Rainwater**, **Bart Reppert**, **John Robeck**, **Sue Degeerstrom Roberts**, **Jim Rowan**, **Frank Santa-Donato**, **Michael Sapozink**, **Stan Schmidt**, **Sandy Schorr**, **Phil Schwartz**, **Charles Shafran**, **Carrie Moreno Shearer**, **Tom Sherman**, **Karen Zajicek** Spinozzi, **Hinda Frankel** Squires, **Marilyn Wilkos Sullivan**, **Michael Turell**, **Kent Werle**, **Steve Worona**, and **Charles Young**! Hope this is accurate! ♦ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, 16 James Thomas Rd., Malvern, PA 19355; e-mail, conimae2@aol.com.



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Well, I've been home from Reunion for less than 24 hours and the column is due in two days, so if I missed some events or stories that you told me, please e-mail me and they will appear in future columns.

From the conversations that I had with fellow classmates, the consensus was that this was our best reunion ever. Over 200 classmates returned, bringing an additional 100 friends and spouses and close to 150 children! To accommodate the large group of children, the reunion committee arranged to have ice cream socials and a DJ at Mary Donlon Hall every night, while the tents on the Arts Quad were available for those adults that wanted to dance and see alumni from other classes.

We were treated to all sorts of Ithaca weather; sunny and hot one minute, rainy and cold the next. All that was missing (not really!) was Ithaca snow. There were events for all to enjoy, from long walks along an ever-changing campus (they are building a new CITY of dorms on North Campus!), to open houses at sororities, fraternities, and other affinity groups. Individual colleges hosted breakfasts and we were treated to a lecture by Pulitzer prize-winning author William Safire in Bailey Hall (which recently received funding to finally install air conditioning!). Other buildings recently renovated include Sage Hall, new home to the Johnson Graduate School of Management, and the Robert Purcell Union, formerly North Campus Union, complete with a computer lab open virtually all hours and looking like something out of the Jetsons.

Classmates took the opportunity to go horseback riding or to visit the gorges. I was able to enjoy a reunion tradition tennis match with one of my professors from business school. I won't tell you how old he is, or how long it took to split sets! There were those classmates who took advantage of Cornell's organized athletic events: **Bill Hoffman** pitched in the alumni baseball game, while many took part in the golf tournament. **Dean Toriello's** wife **Helga (Valdmanis) '74** won prizes for longest drive, second place low gross, and first place low net. **John Ingwersen**, BArch '77, also won second-place low gross and first-place low net. In the 2-mile run, **Mark Powers** came in first, not only in our age class, but overall! **Mike King** came in second in our age class. In the 5-mile run, **Karen Kaplan** came in second in our age class. There were some that decided that the best part of Reunion was sitting in the dorm lounge looking at the Pig Book and the yearbook and trying to reconcile the pictures in them with those classmates sitting across the lobby from them! Or, if you were **Myrna Bank Gardner**, you had a 25th wedding anniversary party with all your fellow DGs (and husband **Ron '74**, of course!). Rumor has it that there were 16 DGs back for reunion. Congrats to them. I think that was a record for an affinity group, although I am sure that the DU boys will have something to say about that.

At Reunion, I was able to return to the past by rooming with former roommate **Abbie Smith**, PhD '81. Ab is an accounting

professor at the U. of Chicago business school (abbie.smith@gsbpop.uchicago.edu) and she recently presented a paper in France. Across the hall was **Lynn Arrison Harrison** and husband **Chip '74**. Lynn is a paralegal at the law firm of Nussbaum, Stein in New Jersey. Son Ridgely just finished his freshman year at Union College while daughter Katie is entering her senior year and son Willie his freshman year in high school. Next door were **Karen Lauterbach** and Mark Powers. They are in Chapel Hill, NC (kel@rti.org) where Karen is the head of the office of marketing at the Research Triangle Inst. and Mark is a pulmonary physician. They have sons Luke, 17, and Kyle, 14. Mark's fellow engineering classmate **Howie Green** is spending time dot.coming it. He is at Telicity (heg22@cornell.edu) as senior director of product marketing in Cupertino, CA.

I ran into hall of fame gymnast **Brian Dawson** at the reunion tents. He was unable to stay the entire weekend because 6-year-old daughter Sydney was entering her first gymnastic meet on Saturday. If she has enough of her father's genes, she should do just fine. **Ray Kowalski** traveled from Rhode Island, where he recently won the Newport Chowder Festival for the second time. He brought some of his winning recipe to Ithaca for friends to share. **Steve Werns**, MD '79, traveled from Ann Arbor, where he is a cardiologist at the U. of Michigan medical school (swrens@med.umich.edu). **Rich Marin**, MBA '76, just co-founded an Internet incubator, B2B-hive (marin@b2b-hive.com). He is a trustee of CARE and a director of the Blue Heron Theatre in NY. **Gary Bernstein** is the executive director of the theater. **Mitch Frank** came with wife Serena and four-month-old daughter Arielle. I think she was our youngest attendee! Mitch is teaching trial advocacy and civil practice, and is the trial team coach at Barry U. of Orlando in Florida.

My freshman wing in Donlon was well represented. **Vicki Rieder** surfaced after years on the "bad address" list from the Boston area, where she is an internist. **Fran Melton-Levine** came back with husband **Marc Levine '74**, DVM '78, and daughters Amanda and Emily. Fran works at First Manhattan in New York City (soah1@aol.com) and lives in New Jersey. **Liz Dobisz**, ME EP '76, lives outside of Washington, DC, with her 14-year-old daughter and works for a Navy research lab. At the last reunion, **Elyse Byron** returned pregnant with her first child. Her son Ryan is now almost 5. Elyse runs Byron & Pearson Medical in Clarendon Hills, outside Chicago.

No description of our reunion would be complete without describing some of the events that the reunion committee arranged for just our class. We had lunch at the Marin House on the golf course and Friday night dinner on the edge of Beebe Lake, right below Helen Newman Hall. We also had Saturday night dinner at the Field House, with President Rawlings and his wife in attendance, as well as music provided by The Hangovers. Many, many thanks to **Emily**

**Coffman Richardson** for her tireless efforts as the reunion chair. I guess those Hoteliers really know how to throw a party! Emily was kind enough to postpone celebrating her own 20th wedding anniversary (June 6, '00) to make sure that we all had a good time. Fortunately, Emily was able to share Reunion with husband Bob and the rest of her family. Emily also had help in planning Reunion from **Jeanne Fattori** Reinig, who handled Affinity Groups, and **Mario Giannella**, ME EP '79, who handled registration. Jeanne did double duty as our treasurer, and fund-raising for our Reunion was handled by Rich Marin and me. As for the next five years, we should be in great shape. Our new president is Rich Marin, our vice president of affinity is Jeanne Fattori Reinig, while Dean Toriello takes over the duties of treasurer. Mario Giannella will remain the class webmaster and Emily will stay on board as class council. **Sue Fulton** steps in as reunion chair and most of the class correspondents will return, including me, **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, Mitch Frank, and **Joan Pease**. (Thanks go to **Amy Cohen** Banker and **Barbara Foote** Shingleton for their columns during the past five years.)

For those of you who were unable to attend Reunion, please mark June 9-12, 2005 on your calendars now! If you get a chance, check out <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1975>. It is OUR website associated with Cornell. You can find out who attended, and many in the class have their e-mail addresses posted. If you have any suggestions on how to improve the site, or want to get your e-mail included, please contact Mario at [mg@lms.cornell.edu](mailto:mg@lms.cornell.edu). If you filled out your news form at Reunion, please send it to me and I will forward it to the correspondent who is writing the next column. Have a happy autumn. ♦ **Deb Gellman**, 330 E 79th St., 8G, NYC 10021; e-mail, [dsgellman@hotmail.com](mailto:dsgellman@hotmail.com), **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, 49 Fuller Ave., Chatham, NJ 07928; e-mail, [boroffka@shu.edu](mailto:boroffka@shu.edu), **Mitch Frank**, 6613 Crenshaw Dr., Orlando, FL 32835; e-mail, [mjfgator@aol.com](mailto:mjfgator@aol.com), **Joan Pease**, 6767 Blanche Dr., Lorton, VA 22079.

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I will start this column hoping that everyone had a wonderful time at the Class Reunion. I was unfortunately not able to join in the fun due to some work-related engagements. There is plenty of news to report from all the fun-filled cards that we have all sent back with our dues. When you read this I will have already posted a website to the Cornell alumni site ([www.alumni.cornell.edu](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu)). Follow the prompts to alumni orgs, then to classes, then to 1980. This website will only be good if we update it frequently. So far I only have one picture, but I hope that we will have lots of digital pictures flowing in from the Reunion. Please e-mail me any pictures that you would like to post ([esm11@cornell.edu](mailto:esm11@cornell.edu)). If anyone can scan old photos from our schooldays it would be fun to post them next to the new ones.

Now for the news: **Robert Entenman**



writes that after 20 years in investment banking, most recently as a senior vice president for ABN AMRO bank in London with the fixed income group, he has resigned to join a dot.com called Biblio Tech PLC based in London. He says to check out his site at [www.schoolmaster.co.uk](http://www.schoolmaster.co.uk). **Cheryl Saunders** has developed a community-based marketing company that packages African, African-American, and Caribbean culture to corporate America to help underwrite events. **Doug Henderson**, MBA '88, is moving to London with his family for Goldman Sachs and Co. His e-mail is [douglas.henderson@gs.com](mailto:douglas.henderson@gs.com).

**Rich Pezzullo** and wife **Pam (Bentley)** '87 have kids Lydia, Tony, and now James. In April we went to see **Cindy Tower's** exhibit at the Museum of Modern Art in NYC. **Sam Wennberg** has moved to Southern California with his family to help turn around a small company. **Joan Antonik** is a practicing attorney (*magna cum laude* from Albany Law School). She lives with her son Graham, who loves to perform music (violin). He also loves to ski and snowboard and is looking forward to riding with Joan on her Harley Davidson Heritage Softail Classic. **Nancy Koch** is still living in San Francisco working as a chief litigation counsel for Chiron Corp. She recently helped (as a labor coach) **Barbara Giuffre** '81 give birth to baby girl Genevieve. **Theon Smith Jr.** has married a beautiful Kentucky graduate and reports he is very happy.

**Karen Neves Shebek** and husband **Pete** have kids Nick, 5, and Julia, 2. Karen is the general manager of Scharffen Berger chocolate maker. **Philip "Flip" Schwartz**, ME C '81, was looking forward to seeing his old roommates **Mike Ullman** '78, **Bob Bartynski**, **Andy Feldman**, and **Jim Blum**, MBA/ME M '82, at Reunion. I hope they all got together. **Ellen Wulforst** is a correspondent for Reuters in New York covering the NY senate race. **Kathy Hartley Tse** is still working at ATT on Optical Fiber Systems. She has kids Amanda and Melissa and says she has not yet gone to a start-up. **Linda Macdowell** McMaster is a full-time mother of David, Jennifer, Julia, and Melissa. She also works as a consultant dietitian and is remodeling her home. **Steven Stirling** has been happily married to Sook Hee for more than 18 years and they have wonderful children Richard and Rachel. Steven's career has taken him all over the states and he is now in Omaha, NE, as a vice president of marketing for Ameritrade (online discount broker).

**Jack McGowan** is a director of entrepreneurial services at the Western NY Technology Development Center. His job includes providing business counseling to technology-based start-up companies and management of the U. of Buffalo technology business incubator. **John Megrue** and **Lizanne** have a new baby boy, Jack. His two older brothers Kyle and Christopher are ready to teach him all the tricks of manipulating Mom and Dad. **Peter Chametzky** and wife **Susan Felleman** '81 have children Ben and Hallie. Peter and Susan are both faculty members at Southern Illinois U., Carbondale. Peter teaches art history in the

school of Arts & Design and Susan teaches cinema studies in Pre-Development of Cinema and Photography.

**Craig Pearl** writes that **Ralph Luongo**, wife Robin, and daughter went to visit **Susan Meadows**, husband Mark, and son Max in San Francisco for spring break in March. **Aida Samarzija** and husband Zronimit live on Long Island and are expecting their third child in May. Ralph, Susan, and Aida, with their families, are planning to hook up with Craig Pearl, wife Debbie, and son Jared (living in Voorhees, NJ), and **Ron Levinson**, wife Jodi, and son Jeremy (living in Los Angeles) at a mini-reunion in Arizona at the home of **Chris Evans** '81, wife Debbie, daughter Madeleine, and son Samuel. **Gregory Gordon**, Roberta, and kids Steven, Heather, and Jonathon spent a weekend at a reunion on Shoals Marine Lab on Appledore Island, then went on to visit **Cliff Chapin**, who was completing his medical residency at Dartmouth. The Gordons have signed up for Adult University (CAU) this summer for a program that includes the kids (sounds GREAT).

**Margo (Randall)** and **Jim Bittner** wrote to say that their oldest child, Kevin, has been given early acceptance to the Ag college. Their youngest two, Janet and David, vow to continue the tradition. **Jeffrey Lindy** says that thanks to the Cornell news he has gotten in touch with old friends **Steven Benjamin**, MBA '82, and **Josh Rosenblatt** after 18 years. (Send us pictures for the website so that we can see all those old friends.) Jeffrey, wife Nancy, and children Isaac and Olivia are all doing great. Isaac is figure skating and Olivia is starting kindergarten. Jeffrey's law practice is thriving and he was just elected to the Philadelphia Bar Assn.'s Board of Governors, which governs a 12,000-person membership.

**Abby Strichartz**, now Abby Royston, got married for the first time early this year. She had a great honeymoon in Fiji and New Zealand and has inherited a stepdaughter. Congrats. **Michael Totta** is a physician in Portland, ME. He is married to a Rochester girl, Laura Frank Totta, and they have two future Cornell students, Andrew, class of 2013, and Alison, 2015. Michael continues to support the Cornell Crew and occasionally races in the masters rowing events in the northeast. **Heather Tufts Rockwell** sends greetings to all her classmates and writes to say that she and husband **Cuyle** '79, BS Ag '81, are celebrating 19 years of married life and have four children between 4 and 14. Heather is now going back to work as a Spanish teacher, thanking her experience as an exchange student while at Cornell. **Carol Moore** Dyer is busy raising her children Eric, Sharon, and Susan with husband Robin. She changed careers two years ago and is now an elementary school teacher. Carol's weekends are filled with swim meets, soccer tournaments, and lots of diving. Last summer the Dyers got to see **Ellen McHugh** '79 and **David Boor** '79, with their families, at a wedding in California.

**Phyllis Serignese Joyce**, MA IN T '82, and husband **William** '81 have been living in Ithaca since 1984 with their daughters Catie,

Erica, and Annie. Phyllis is an adult education instructor/trainer at Borg Warner Automotive. She would love to get in contact with **Amy Selwyn** '81 and **Dave Knowles** '82. **Ellen Relkin** and **Alan Rojer** are having a bat mitzvah for their eldest, Rebecca Rojer. Alan is the head of R&D for the Internet digital video company ON2.COM. Ellen practices law in New York and New Jersey representing individuals injured by dangerous pharmaceutical products. ♦ **Eric S. Meren**, 1040 First Ave., PMB #309, NYC 10022; tel., (212) 799-9656; e-mail, [esm11@cornell.edu](mailto:esm11@cornell.edu); **Brian P. Myers**, 2679 Amesbury Rd., Winston-Salem, NC 27103; tel., (336) 765-5742; e-mail, [bpmcu80@aol.com](mailto:bpmcu80@aol.com); and **Carolyn Louie**, 606 Magnolia St., Windermere, FL 34786; tel., (407) 827-2780; e-mail, [cal33@cornell.edu](mailto:cal33@cornell.edu).

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Well folks, the time has come for your trusty Class Correspondents **Lisa M. Bluestein** and **Linda Messinger** Manos, DVM '90, to bid you adieu, as this will be our last column. Thanks to everyone who contributed news and amusing anecdotes over the past five years. All we ask is that you continue to provide fodder for our new Correspondents **Risa Mish**, JD '88, ([rmish@ccmlaw.com](mailto:rmish@ccmlaw.com)) and **Ed Catto**, BS Ag '84, ([edcatto@bigstar.com](mailto:edcatto@bigstar.com)). Joining Risa and Ed as the new class officers are **Mark Sheraden**, MBA '92, ME I '92, as President, Lisa Bluestein as Vice President, **Ron Prague** as Treasurer, **Margaret Nagel** Gnegy and **Jennifer Sidell** Cornelissen as Reunion Chairs, and **Jenifer Steig** and **Debra Neyman** Silverman as Class Advisers, **Michael Liess** and **Jim Tacci** as Cornell Fund Chairs, **Michele Payne Koch**, MBA '92, as Vice President of Membership (Class Newsletter), and **Suzanne Montenegro** as Class Webmaster (Webmistress?).

Before we get to any more Reunion news, some classmates wrote to advise that they could not attend Reunion 2000, but wanted to pass along their regards to everyone. **Karen (Weiner)** and **Charlie Goss** reported that they had a son in March who is taking up a lot of their energy, but planned on attending not only our 20th Reunion, but Adult University (CAU) in Ithaca at the end of July. If any classmates want to report on their CAU experiences from this summer, please feel free to do so! **Leslie Nydick** also could not attend the festivities. Leslie works for Winstar, a broadband services company, and manages the real estate leasing for all of the company's occupied space. Winstar has grown from a company of under 100 people to 4,000 in just a couple of years, so Leslie has been busy. She also develops strategic alliances with the real estate community to facilitate the company's acquisition of roof rights for its antennas. Debra Neyman Silverman was busy moving her business, as well as juggling the T-ball and soccer schedules of her two sons, and sent her hellos to everyone.

Kudos to Suzanne Montenegro for her fantastic work on our class website. Suzanne



could not make it up to Ithaca, but when she is not lending her skills to our cause, she works as an independent software consultant in Philadelphia. Suzanne also volunteers at an organization that works with at-risk youth in North Philadelphia. Suzanne remarked that she spends a lot of Saturdays during the school year with "the most wonderful fourth and fifth graders!" **Deborah McKee** Johnson and husband Terry, who also work with at-risk youth, but in California, did attend Reunion. Terry rounded out the foursome of me, my husband Artie Foote, and **Mitch Rosich**, ME '86, who were some of the classmates who vied for glory and a great drive at the Reunion Golf Tournament. Mitch won the "closest to the pin" contest at one of the holes, with a distance from the hole of 13 inches! **Bruce Irving** also represented our class at the tournament. Unfortunately for all of us, the skies opened up and we were unable to finish the round. In any event, we had a great time on the beautiful Robert Trent Jones-designed golf course.

The weather in Ithaca was unpredictable, sunny one day and rainy the next, but it did not deter '85ers from partaking in all of the class events. On Friday night we were all feeling nostalgic with our Hot Truck dinners. At the Saturday night dinner held in the Ivy Room, classmates were treated to a taste of Ithaca, which consisted of selections from area restaurants. **Penny Fisher** was one of the classmates who attended the festivities. Penny left her career as a commercial litigator at a large New York City law firm to become an elementary school teacher in the North Bellmore, Long Island, school district.

The campus has changed tremendously since we attended. There are many new buildings and buildings in the midst of construction for academics, sports, and housing. Classmates who bemoaned the climb up Libe Slope from the luxurious U-Halls were able to sleep past 7 a.m., while the Class of '75, who lodged in Mary Donlon Hall on North Campus, was greeted at that hour by the sound of jackhammers. While the campus has changed, it has also remained the same. The familiar chimes of the Bell Tower, the steepness of Libe Slope, and the Campus Store packed with Cornell gear made everyone feel as if they had never left.

The mayor of Mountain View, CA, our own **Rosey Stasek**, was able to squeeze in some time at the Reunion before heading off to the Mayors' Conference in Seattle. **Karen Cronacher** Thurman, of Seattle, wrote that she visited **Howard Spira**, MBA '86, his wife Hanan, and children Omar, Leila, and Nadia at his lovely waterfront home in Mamaroneck, NY. Howard is an executive at GE Capital. As for Karen, she and husband Joshua share their home and garden with a talking parrot, a lovebird, and a wheaten terrier. After earning her PhD, Karen has been writing and performing solo shows, and is currently working on a black comedy screenplay. Classmates can e-mail Karen at [kcron@ix.netcom.com](mailto:kcron@ix.netcom.com). **Daisy Olarte-Kanavos** lives in New York with husband Paul and children Peter, Sophia, and Nicholas. Daisy and Paul are developers of luxury hotels and golf resorts, with their latest

project being the Ritz Carlton in South Beach Miami. Daisy keeps in touch with **Suzanne Ircha**, **Patricia Pedraza**, **Susan Kittenplan**, **Ricardo Szlezinger** '87, **Karen Winston Norman**, **Lisa Hoffer Matlin** '84, **Philip McCarthy** '86, **Greg Miller** '84, and **Joyce Zylberberg**, who are all residing in New York.

**David Jaroslaw** wrote that he is traveling an enormous amount, mostly in the UK, but also elsewhere in Europe and the US. David missed Reunion because he was traveling. David, wife Ilene, and two children vacationed in Vermont. **Jim Ritchey** reported that he moved from Shaker Heights, OH, to Cumberland, RI, with wife Debbie and sons Isaiah and Wyatt, and that the family is enjoying the Northeast and the beaches of Rhode Island. Jim is an electromechanical product planning manager at the Instron Corp. located in Canton, MA. **Jill Rathus** is a professor of psychology at Long Island U., as well as a psychologist in private practice. Jill lives with husband Lloyd and twin daughters Lauren and Julia in Great Neck, NY. **Susan Goldstein** moved to Southern California in 1991 and has been working in health promotion as co-author and regional director for Healthy Dining, by Accents On Health Inc. Susan recently reconnected with old friend **Naomi Weinstein Dreeben**.

That's all she wrote. Thanks again everyone. ♦ **Lisa M. Bluestein** and **Linda Mesinger** Manos. New correspondents: **Risa Mish**, 611 Briarcliff Dr., S., Ossining, NY 10562; (914) 944-1552; e-mail, [rmish@ccmlaw.com](mailto:rmish@ccmlaw.com); and **Ed Catto**, 664 Wyndemere Ave., Ridgewood, NJ 07450; (201) 445-2907; e-mail, [edcatto@bigstar.com](mailto:edcatto@bigstar.com).

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Thursday, June 8 through Sunday, June 11, Class of 1990 classmates and their families descended upon Ithaca for a tremendous Reunion weekend. We bow deeply to Supreme Cornellians **Katrine Bosley**, **Beth Fox-McManus**, MA IN T '91, and **Kevin McManus** for orchestrating our triumphant return. The weather was warm and cooperative, the lines for Hot Truck were manageable, the beer was plentiful, and we all look a LOT better than we did in the big-hair, narrow-tie '80s (thank goodness!). Faithful readers might notice a slightly different voice bringing you this class column. In fact, those with a discerning ear may perceive the decidedly flat Midwestern intonation permeating these words. Yes, our eastern alma mater now has two class correspondents (**Carole Moran Krus** and **Alisa "Gil" Gilhooley**) who hail from the Heartland. Well, actually, Cleveland and Chicago, which hardly qualify as home to amber waves of grain. At any rate, we're happy to have been tapped for the job. In addition to the Vice President, Communication roles (fancy title, eh?) we're filling, other new officers for the 2000-2005 term have been appointed. Serving as Co-Presidents are **Paul Tauber** and **Rose Tanasugarn**, BA '95. Vice President of Membership is **Amy Berger** Chafetz, and Vice President of Fund-raising is **Jeff**

**Bershad**. The new position of Webmaster will be filled by **Allan Roussele**. Let it be known that the Reunion 2005 Co-Chair spots are still open! Interested parties are encouraged to contact Rose or Paul ([nt28@cornell.edu](mailto:nt28@cornell.edu) or [pjt12@cornell.edu](mailto:pjt12@cornell.edu), respectively) regarding these crucial positions.

We now return to our regularly-scheduled Reunion programming already in progress. The Class of '90 had a great Reunion turnout, including **Ken Kiriama**, MPS HA '90, from Osaka, Japan, who made the longest pilgrimage of any of the 440 classmates in attendance. Our class also reached far into its pockets to help break Cornell's record for funds raised by a 10th Reunion class, as well as shattering our own class giving record and Reunion goal. The 715 donors from '90 have contributed nearly \$370,000 to date. We also have 28 Tower Club members (\$2,500 donation), which is a new 10th Reunion record, beating the Class of 1980 which had 15 members. Bravo! We must say that, in some ways, Reunion was sort of surreal, in a good kind of way: falling asleep in the tight quarters of a U-Hall room to sounds of late-night revelry in the (no-longer-so-dusty) Dust Bowl, awakening to the clock tower chimes, trudging up the Slope, partying on the Arts Quad. Does time stand still in Ithaca? We listened to the *a cappella* groups, sat on the steps of Goldwin Smith, leaned against the A. D. White statue, strolled through Collegetown, and socialized in the Reunion tents, and the memories—in the form of long-lost friends—came rushing back. My buddy from Freshman Seminar, **David Kotler**, is now an attorney living in Princeton, NJ. My PE squash partner **Eric Wenger** is also an attorney, for the Federal Trade Commission. He and wife **Laurie (Levinson)** have moved to Bethesda, MD, and celebrated the birth of their second child, Kayla Elena, in January of this year. Frequent sixth-floor Donlon guest **Rob Price** made the trip from San Antonio, TX, with wife **Sue (Portman)**, MRP '91, and family. **Jeff Cohen** is a director at Cambridge Technology Partners in Chicago. **Kristen Alloway Sokol** is a reporter at the *Star-Ledger* in Morristown, NJ, and the mother of 2-year-old Caroline. **Nadine Magac** is an MBA class of 2001 candidate at the Johnson School of Management, where **Maria Scaltro** will be attending this fall. **Melanie Rebek Schwartz** works for Chase in Houston.

ZBTs were in attendance in full force, including **Seth Lichtenstein**, **Eric Goldstein** '91, BA '90, **Rob Forster**, MD '94, **Dan Fried**, **Matt Rubins**, **Dave Roth**, **Dean Kim**, and **Dave Coyne**. A Low Rise 9 and Risley Dining buddy of mine, **Jennifer Lawson**, is living in West Newton, MA, and is an attorney specializing in intellectual property. Also in the Boston area are **Adrienne Cohen**, who is a vice president with Welch & Forbes, and **Rich Farrell**, who is busy with the software company he founded, Full Armor. **Eric Hagberg**, ME '92, an alum of the Cornell Crew who participated in the Reunion Row, is working in systems technology for Morgan Stanley Dean Witter in New York City.



**Annett Inacker**—Trail is a product line manager at 3Com, living in Mt. View, CA. **Eileen McPeake** started a virtual travel agency, a very cool site called "Indigogo.com." Eileen finished her MBA at UCLA in 1995 and married Julio Dolorico in the California wine country last September. Bridesmaids included **Barbara Hammel**, **Marcela Hahn**, and **Jennifer Beer**. Another Reunion attendee, **Louis Gimbel**, married Kristina Stroh last July in Sun Valley, ID. Cornellians in attendance included **Paul Shea**, **Dan Schildge**, ME AES '91, **Peter Thauer**, **Josh Scheinfeld**, **Tim Steenstrup**, and **John Bailey '92**.

The fun went on late into the night, but some of us needed to turn in early after pushing baby strollers around campus all day! Yes, there were many Class of '90 legacies in attendance, as well as more than a few "on the way." **Scott** and **Jennifer Bitz Gold** brought their 11-month-old Big Red fan to Reunion. Zachary Jason Gold, who was born Father's Day, 1999, was delivered at Cornell Medical Center by classmate **Sheri Saltzman**. Jennifer and Scott say their son's favorite lullaby begins, "Far above Cayuga's waters." Do you think they should put that on his Class of 2021 Cornell application? **Tara Corvo** and her husband Rob Haynos were brave new parents to bring their 9-week-old son, Robert James, to the weekend on campus. Tara, Rob, and little Robert were seen getting some facetime at The Straight on Saturday afternoon, although facetime usually doesn't include a quick diaper change! It should also be mentioned that "little" Robert was over 10 pounds at birth! The most impressive stroller pushers had to be **Anne Marie Farrell** and her husband, who pushed their little girl in a Baby Jogger for the 2-mile Reunion Run early Saturday morning.

The big story of the weekend was the wedding of **Kristyn Benzinger** and **Scott Whitney**, who were married on June 9 at Taughannock Falls overlook and then stayed for the rest of Reunion Weekend, even spending their wedding night in the dorms! Another meaningful moment took place Saturday afternoon, when a memorial dedication of a bench on Libe Slope was held by the Class of '65 in honor of **Lauren Pickard**, who had recently passed away while living in Paris. The ceremony was beautiful and touching, and was led by Lauren's mother, **Joan Hens Johnson '65**. The bench is near the top of the slope, just beneath Uris Library, and is a perfect spot for reflecting and watching the sunset.

Some of our classmates seen at Reunion have attained a level of fame and success the rest of us only dream of. At one time, **Brad Herzog** and I were on parallel paths, from Highland Park High School to Cornell to English major. Now I am our humble class correspondent and he is \$64,000 richer from his victory on "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" (for the record, he would have had the next answer right) and from the incredible subsequent publicity ("Today" show and "Oprah" appearances, and Amazon.com accolades) for his recently-published book, *States of Mind*. Other game show news includes

**Amy Wang's** appearance on "Jeopardy!" in March. Amy reports that she "didn't go home the big winner," but now owns a state-of-the-art treadmill.

Did you know that the more subscribers to *Cornell Magazine* we have, the longer our column can be? Encourage your dormant Cornellian colleagues to sign up and write in! Until next time. ♦ **Alisa "Gil" Gilhooley**, 2712 N. Ashland Ave., Unit 4, Chicago, IL 60614; e-mail, [alisagil@aol.com](mailto:alisagil@aol.com); **Carole Moran Krus**, 4174 Bushnell Rd., University Heights, OH 44118; e-mail, [clm42@cornell.edu](mailto:clm42@cornell.edu).

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OK, I think everyone's waited long enough (heck, at this point, we've all, hopefully, fully recuperated from that

crazy wine tour and those late nights at the Dickson tent!), so without further ado—it's the Class of '95 REUNION 2000 REPORT!

With a grand total of 527 class members and 647 total adults (38 of whom were alumni from other classes), representing the largest class to return to the Hill this past June, Reunion 2000 was a tremendous success! Highlights of the weekend included: reclaiming the Palms Thursday night in C-town; Friday's winery tour (Bus #2 rules!), barbecue and tent parties (Hot Truck on the Arts Quad!); and our class lunch, reception, and dinner on Saturday. We had fun seeing old friends and making new ones, as well as sharing Cornell memories and creating new ones. Special thanks are due our Reunion Chairs **Eva Loh**, **Allison Halpern**, and **Dana Yogel**, as well as all our classmate volunteers who helped make our four days back in Ithaca as special as they were.

Building on the excitement and good spirits of Reunion, the Class of '95 is ready for another amazing five years, which we intend to make even better than the last five! Our slate of officers for 2000-2005 reads as follows: President **Eva Loh** ([edl2@cornell.edu](mailto:edl2@cornell.edu)); Vice President, Activities **Lisa Powell-Fortna** ([powell\\_fortna\\_lisa@jpmorgan.com](mailto:powell_fortna_lisa@jpmorgan.com)); Vice President, Administration **Shawn Hecht** ([shawn.hecht@us.pwcglobal.com](mailto:shawn.hecht@us.pwcglobal.com)); Treasurer **Amy Kaplan** ([kaplan\\_amy@jpmorgan.com](mailto:kaplan_amy@jpmorgan.com)); Secretary **Tara Dawood** ([TUDawood@hotmail.com](mailto:TUDawood@hotmail.com)); Class Correspondents **Alison Torrillo** ([amt7@cornell.edu](mailto:amt7@cornell.edu)) and **Abra Benson** ([amb8@cornell.edu](mailto:amb8@cornell.edu)); Media Chair (aka Webmaster-plus) **Matthew French** ([mfrench@isi.edu](mailto:mfrench@isi.edu)); and Class Council general representatives **Elizabeth Leff** ([left\\_elizabeth@bah.com](mailto:left_elizabeth@bah.com)), **A. Katherine Vega** ([katherine.vega@bms.com](mailto:katherine.vega@bms.com)), and **Steven Strell** ([strells@mediaone.net](mailto:strells@mediaone.net)).

Heading up the Reunion & Events Committee will be **Allison Halpern** ([ahalpern@students.wisc.edu](mailto:ahalpern@students.wisc.edu)), **Peter Quagliaroli** ([pq10@cornell.edu](mailto:pq10@cornell.edu)), and **Dana Yogel** ([dyogel@yahoo.com](mailto:dyogel@yahoo.com)), along with new Class Council members **Rajesh Chandnani** ([rajcha@iesg.com](mailto:rajcha@iesg.com)) and **Tony "Senator" Romano** ([TonyR33@aol.com](mailto:TonyR33@aol.com)). Since this committee will also be working on Regional Events to carry the momentum through to our 10th Reunion, we encourage any other classmates who have an interest in getting involved to do

so by contacting Eva, our new president. We also encourage anyone with photos from Reunion, or any other event involving classmates, to scan them (jpeg files are probably best) and e-mail them to either me or our Media/Web Chair. We'd love to get lots of great pictures up on the website (<http://www.classof95.cornell.edu/>) and make our site a place for ALL members of the Class of '95 to reconnect and share memories! And now for the news gathered in varying ways (and in varying stages of coherency) at Reunion.

Some of the first people I ran into at registration on Thursday were **Lisa (Gray)**, BS Hotel '99, and **Vincent Bertomeu**. Vin has one more year to go before finishing his degree at the Pennsylvania College of Optometry in Philadelphia. Appearing not long after were **Chester Fung**, a planner in Silicon Valley, and **Alie Shaper**, who recently moved from being a West Coast engineer to working at a winery in New Paltz, NY. Apparently, much of the West Coast crew had been hanging out together since the red-eyes arrived earlier that morning. Seattle-based **Patrice Winter** is still in consulting, and former *Daily Sun* writer **Scott Lajoie** now works as an editor for *Forbes* in San Francisco. Scott was later joined by **Steve Miller**, who works for a small consulting company in Grand Rapids, MI, and the two bid their Cornell farewells, along with **Lisa Brodbeck**, before heading out of Ithaca to attend the wedding of classmate **Steve Paul**. Also in the Dickson lobby, **Priscilla McAuliffe** informed me that she had finished medical school at Columbia and is now living in Gainesville, FL. **Danny Wein** is currently at Columbia, doing a master's in fine arts and creative writing. Also currently at Columbia, doing an MBA, is **Todd Greenberg**.

At the Palms the same night, I met up with **Jon Stern**, an accountant in New York City, and **Seth Traum**, who recently graduated with an MBA from New York U. and has started a job with DLJ-Direct (and may, for all we know, still be looking for the keys to his Dickson dorm room!).

While waiting in line for our PMPs at Hot Truck, **Laura Leiderman** and **Chris Cerniglia** told me about their wedding two weekends earlier, further details of which Laura e-mailed to me the following day. The wedding took place May 28 in Long Beach, NY. The best man was **Shawn Reddington** and maid of honor was **Michele Disken**. Also in the wedding party were **Chris Foglia**, **Daniel Taylor**, **Melissa Held** (doing her medical residency at Yale), and **V. Emily Applegate** (who lives in Virginia). Other classmates in attendance were **Roger Kerner**, **Karin Altshuler** (a school psychologist in Baltimore), and **Alison DePiero** Butler.

Classmates returned to Reunion from all over the country and the world. For instance, **Jeff Maranhas** came back from Munich, Germany, where he does product planning for BMW. Prior to that, Jeff was in England doing much the same for Landrover. But winning the award for classmate who made the most arduous trek to Reunion is **Eric Krug**, who, with wife Rebecca and 3-year-old daughter



Haley, drove from Houston, where he works as an electrical engineer, to Ithaca—28 hours nonstop!

Another classmate who should be given an award for courage, of a different sort, is **Carol Adams**, who not only completed the Reunion Run in the wee hours on Saturday morning, but placed first among all women. Also completing that run were **Rebecca Reilly** and **Tara Sotsky**. After working in advertising for five years in Manhattan, Becky is now a law student at Washington U. in St. Louis, while Tara graduated from Cornell Med and is doing her residency at Einstein. Sitting in the grass outside Dickson, we rehashed memories of one fateful New Year's Eve in Times Square spent with classmates **Harry Surden**, **Jon Kalkstein**, and **Scott and Peter Klein**, among others, during which we sang Cornell songs on the subway ride down from the Upper East Side and followed up the ball dropping not with "Auld Lang Syne" but with the Cornell "Alma Mater!"

Since so many of our classmates are in the Big Apple currently, I'm going to shift gears and mention a few who are not. **Todd Osinski** recently finished medical school at Emory in Atlanta and has moved to California (first San Jose and then LA) for his radiology residency. Back on the East Coast, **Abigail Spencer** is a human resources director with Aramark in Philadelphia, while **Sarah Spiewak** works in the Land of the Mouse, as a catering/convention services manager for the Walt Disney World Co. in Orlando, FL.

Unfortunately, that's all the space I have for this column. But there's lots more news to share, and I encourage all classmates (whether or not you attended Reunion!) to e-mail it to me or to Abra, and we'll do our best to get everything in as quickly as possible. Also, remember to check out our class website at <http://www.classof95.cornell.edu> for more news, as well as photos, updates on upcoming regional class events, and more. And stay tuned for next month's column, written by our new Class Co-Correspondent, Abra Benson. I'll see you again in January 2001! ♦ **Alison M. Torrillo**, 1330 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Apt. 203, Washington, DC 20036; e-mail, [amt7@cornell.edu](mailto:amt7@cornell.edu); **Abra Benson**, 575 Brimhall St., St. Paul, MN 55116; e-mail, [amb8@cornell.edu](mailto:amb8@cornell.edu).



It's a requirement for membership in the Continuous Reunion Club (CRC, est. 1906) that the candidate must be inclined to attend a heap of Reunions, and one of those veteran observers maintains that in thirtysomething June gatherings only one comes to mind when there was no precipitation. There has even been a trace of snow from time to time. This year, the skies were mostly blue between the torrents of Tuesday and a deluge that fell immediately after everyone had checked out on Sunday. It is reported that there was abundant "Ithacation" around noon on Friday but that was during the luncheon at the Statler and hardly applied to CRC at all.

For CRC's 94th Reunion, ninetysome-

thing members, vintage and freshly pledged, checked out old Cornell and intimations of what lies ahead. There were brand-new mountains on the formerly vast steppes beyond Balch. The earth had been moved. About a half-dozen dormitories were growing for the all-freshman North Campus of the future. (Not yet. And the air conditioning from the depths of Cayuga was also yet to come. Some heat and humidity, however, were present.)

CRC settled into its old homestead, the Jerome Holland International Living Center—beyond Donlon—on Thursday, investigating the contents of washtubs (ice and soda and suds), catching up with old friends, and making new ones. Minds meet at Cornell Reunions. Conversation and levity are permitted at such times. It's in the rules. In the evening, you could attend the Savage Club variety show at the Statler. No tents on Thursday.

As in mornings of yore, there was a quasi-continental breakfast and it got a highly favorable review from Sue Grady.

Retired baseball coach Ted Thoren, who has been an honorary CRC member longer than any of the regular members have been in the fold, dispensed his own brand of wit and wisdom at the annual Friday Reunion Luncheon at the Statler. He didn't tell any tales that would be unsuitable for home TV. Ted is a tough act to follow but his immediate successor and current Big Red baseball coach, Tom Ford, who followed him into the job ten years ago, hung in there and made a hit while accepting CRC's annual gift of bucks to a Cornell team. Football coach Pete Mangurian pointed out that many people predicted that Cornell would be last of the Ivies last fall. "We didn't think we were that bad," he said. (And they were much better.) "We will see if we are as good as some people say we are this year," he added. There could be substantial help from the Class of '04.

Andy Noel, who's attended many of CRC's Statler luncheons, was there as athletic director for the first time. He introduced Jeff Tambroni, the brand new men's lacrosse coach ("on the first morning of my new job," said Jeff). The new coach and a couple dozen veteran coaches spoke of how things were going with their teams. You got the feeling that the optimism of the occasion had a great deal to do with dedication and a generally more friendly attitude towards athletics at Cornell. **Gerry Grady '53** had (nearly) the last word, presenting the financial report and calling for a silent interlude for CRC members who have died: **Charles Bowman '27**, **Dave Abbott '35**, **Jack Mindell, DVM '35**, **Fred Johnson '43**, **BS Ag '46**, **Don Berens '47**, and **Cal Landau '48**.

*New York Times* columnist William Safire drew a crowd to Bailey Hall for the Spencer T. and Ann W. Olin Lecture in which he previewed Election 2000.

The tents were open on the Arts Quad-range Friday and Saturday night. Beer, music and much reuniting. They aren't open as long now as in other times but the ambiance level is unchanged.

It would take a bunch of weekends to participate in everything Mater plans for Reunion and Saturday morning. We were asked to choose between President Hunter R. Rawlings III's State of the University Address and, among other things, the Alumni Baseball Game on Hoy Field. **Art Kesten '44**, BA '49, batted once and walked. The hitters were ahead of the pitchers. There was much touching base on the sidelines as old buddies kept turning up. After the president's speech, long lines formed on the Arts Quad to sign a Millennium scroll. Lunch for many was the All-Alumni Affair at Barton Hall.

Campus walks, Plantations visits, and a gazillion-something receptions attracted the hardy on Saturday afternoon. About 30 CRC members made it to the new annual traditional Saturday dinner at Branches, up Route 34, which featured the piano virtuosity of **Tom Foulkes '52**.

Most of them got to Bailey in time for Cornelliana Night and to hear CRC's own **Marty Sherman '73**, MPS HHSA '75, Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) prez, hail CRC for "loyal attendance and support of the university" and ask members to stand and be recognized. The tents followed. In the morning, there were resolutions. One favorite was "Let's do it again next year."

To Deanna Quvus and many others of the Alumni House staff, and to clerks **Andrew Janis '02** (with us for a second year) and **Angela Snell '01**—much obliged. ♦ **Jim Hanchett '53**, 300 1st Ave., NYC 10009; e-mail, [jch46@cornell.edu](mailto:jch46@cornell.edu).

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Dr. **Jerome Lehner**, Poughkeepsie, NY, was a sprightly figure at our 70th in 1999. Now he belongs to ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) and to a choral group.

**Archie M. Johnston** passed away last October in Robinson, IL. He had been district engineer for Marathon Oil before owning a successful architectural and construction firm.

I see they're going to remodel Bailey Hall, with fewer but more comfortable seats. When we graduated from Bailey, I'm not sure we were seated on the uncomfortable seats or on cloud nine. Each of us, as I recall, got two tickets. Quite different from today in Schoellkopf, but at least we didn't have to worry about rain!

Be nice to hear from you all. Please write. Auf Wiedersehen. ♦ **Frank H. Schaefer Jr.**, 625 McGraw House, Ithaca, NY 14850; tel., (607) 277-3867 or 273-5428.

Dear Friends, I had a delightful conversation with **San Reis** and we reminisced about our women's softball team when we played Elmira. I was the first baseman and **Jo (Mills)** the pitcher. San remembered our coach, C.V.P. Young. San said the C.V.P. stood for "coat, vest, and pants." He taught me the proper way to hold a bat and we beat Elmira. I was also privileged to attend a retirement dinner for **Lyn Lettieri '64**, M Ed '66, attended by hundreds. Lyn had worked for Cooperative Extension of Nassau County for many years and it was a great tribute to her talent and popularity. While there, I also talked to **Richard Weir '68**, who recently retired as the head of the agriculture division of the Cornell Cooperative Extension. He was excited about his recent sail to Cuba.

I am still mourning the deaths the same week in October of **Marian Walbancke Smith**, **Edith Stenberg Smith**, LLB '31, and **Ursula Miller Pember '33**.

I have touched base recently by telephone with **Linnea Peterson** Ceilly of Brightwaters, LI, **Dorothy English** Degenhardt of San Anselmo, CA, **Charlotte Gristede** Corish of Stamford, CT, and **Ethel Corwin** Ritter of Sarasota, FL. ♦ **Agnes "Tib" Kelly** Saunders, 106 Spencer Ave., Lynbrook, NY 11563; e-mail, tib106@aol.com.

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This will give you '31ders some idea of the spread between the time these notes are written by you loyal correspondents, and the time they get published in this issue. **Dee Hall**, MS '41, (Miss Dorothea F., 1190 Amherst St., #128, Buffalo, NY 14216-3624) sent in the earliest dated (Mar. 13, '00) response to the 2000-2001 News and Dues mailing. She says: "The column for 1931 that was in the latest *Cornell Magazine* (that would be the March/April issue) says it all, ex-

cept that now I have a computer, and when I learn to use it, I'll send any news I have by e-mail." Her note was forwarded to me in May, and is being written up promptly, and will be sent to Ithaca by e-mail to meet a June 14 deadline for publication in this Sept./Oct. issue! Just goes to show that in spite of the creative use of the latest printing and publishing technology by our diligent and talented Ithaca staff, no pile of microchips can overcome the inertia of the mass of welcome notes from thousands of you alumni/ae, filtered through hundreds of us class correspondents. It may not be very "new," but it's still "news" to most of you, so keep these notes flowing in.

**Wisner A. Kelley** (75-44 183rd St., Fresh Meadow, NY 11366) reports that as a retired Chief of the Fire Department of New York City, at the age of 92 his "Activities" include "keeping a few doctors happy." Under the caption "Travel" he noted: "For my 90th birthday I spent a few weeks in Florida." Under "Family Activities" he listed what at our age must give him real joy and satisfaction: "Maintain home for daughter."

Our long time square-dancing champion, **Wilmer L. Smith** (11 Brookview Dr., Plattsburgh, NY 12901) had to report last May: "No longer dancing (possible hip replacement in future), but might try it anyway at my granddaughter's wedding in June. She graduates, DVM, from U. of Illinois in May, and her husband to be, as an MD, also in May." Then, Smitty, if you have to get that hip replaced, get it done in time to be square-dancing in the tents at Reunion 2001!

**Jerry Finch**, PhD '36, (Jeremiah S., 3-110 Monroe Village, Monroe Twp., NJ 08831-1918) says, "I am behaving myself in this pleasant retirement home near Princeton. I tend my rose garden, write letters, keep in touch with daughters, and help edit a monthly newsletter." Then he casts doubt on his first sentence by adding, "Women outnumber men here by four to one, but I can cope."

Last June **Charley Treman '30**, JD '34, president of the Class of 1930, very kindly invited your perennial reunion chair, **Frank O'Brien** (Frank L., Jr., McKeen Towers, #801, 311 S. Flagler Dr., West Palm Beach, FL 33401-5677) and your president and class correspondent to observe the Class of 1930's Reunion 2000. **Len Gordon** (Leonard, 1371 Broadway, #2B, Hewlett, NY) was also in Ithaca to help celebrate his daughter's reunion, so your reunion vice chair also shared the hospitality of the 70th Reunion Class at the Statler and all over the campus. Considering that they knew very well that our purpose was to see how well they did so that we could do better in 2001, this was exceedingly generous (even if there was a little prodding from the Alumni Office, which encourages such courtesies in

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the interest of an ever-increasing Reunion attendance). Our predecessor class did a great job! Besides obviously having a great time themselves, and giving your representatives a great time, they set a record for number of classmates returning for their 70th Reunion. (But remember the saying—"Records are set to be broken!")

The most encouraging observation we made was the degree of help now available to Reuners who were handicapped to a greater or lesser degree. Let's face it. We ain't what we used to be. But neither are the facilities now made available to returning alumni/ae. Most class activities take place right in the Statler where we are housed. Buses, large vans, and wheelchair-assist vans are waiting to transport us to everything away from the Statler, and ever helpful (and charming) student attendants are assigned to cater to our slightest whim.

So start planning NOW. Get to Ithaca (your son, daughter, grandson, or grand-daughter will have a fun time themselves, if you need a driver) and we and the Ithaca staff will see that you get to see and do all that makes for a great Reunion, regardless of any mobility problems. ♦ **Bill Vanneman**, 237 N. Main St. #250, South Yarmouth, MA 02664-2088; e-mail, ggrampi@gis.net.

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Those of you who have reached 90 probably marked your achievement with a party of family and/or friends. But

**William R. Bagby** of Lexington, KY, went a step further. His birthday was celebrated by adding his name to the Gratz Park Memorial Arch and the proclaiming of a resolution containing five "Whereases" and a "Now Therefore."

It was all very impressive and included a buffet supper and a concert of piano and cello music. The invitation included a picture of Market Street with a row of what appear to be antebellum houses of which one is the Bagby residence. Trees across the street are, I assume, part of Gratz Park. One aspect of the affair baffles me. A letter headed "Tribute" and signed by John and Ann Garden ends with the sentence, "Scratch Dolly behind the ears for us." Anyone know who Dolly is?

When I talked on the phone with **Elmer S. Phillips** late in April, Flip was hoping to make a tour of Wales and Scotland with his son. It depends on the son's work schedule, but it sounds like a wonderful trip and I hope that it fit into everyone's schedule. Perhaps Flip will describe his experiences for us when he gets back.

I warned you that I will reminisce from time to time about things which I remember from our undergraduate days. It was the habit of Prof. Julian Pleasant Bretz to spend a few minutes in the lecture room after one of his presentations on American history. A knot of eager beavers would gather around the lectern for a few minutes of extra instruction and I joined the group. The subject was the Louisiana Purchase and I mentioned some insignificant fact about the negotiations between Robert Livingston and Talleyrand. Bretz said, "Mr.



Oppenheimer, where did you get that arcane bit of information?" I told the good professor that during a recent vacation I had read Emil Ludwig's biography of Napoleon. "Ah, Ludwig," said Bretz. "Now there's a fine example of an historical authority. He reads one book and writes three." Another thing I remember about Prof. Bretz was that he was said to be the only practicing Democratic politico in Tompkins County. ♦ **Jim Oppenheimer**, 140 Chapin Pkwy., Buffalo, NY 14209-1104.

The following letter came to me after being sent to a few other people. I am glad to be able to bring it to you in this column. "I don't know how you got my nursing home address in Marietta, OH 45750 (400 7th St., The Arbors). I recognized one name in your letter, **Walt Deming**. I was **Frieda Hablutzel**, Tri Delt, in 1932. I married **Ernst Suerken '30**, MA '31. We left New York State in early 1997, when both of us needed nursing home care, to be close to my son Peter who lives here, and at our doctor's advice. I came here to be with my husband. He died Oct. 7, '97.

"I look back to my four years at Cornell as one of the happiest and most fulfilling times of my life.

"At this time I can only see impoverishment of the middle class because of the cost of care. The poor get Medicaid and the wealthy are self-supporting. My sight is almost gone, but I still have a good mind, better than most. The people here with whom I can communicate are the aides and nurses. The rest have been here for years, mostly completely detached from any families.

"My grandchildren have completed college and are in good employment, at a distance. I ran a senior advisory committee for the Village of Dobbs Ferry between the ages of 65 and 75. The culture has changed both for children and old folks. Thanks for the letter."

Thank you, Frieda. Please, some of the rest of you, send in your experiences. ♦ **Marta Travis Houck**, 421 Monroe St., Bridgewater, NJ 08807; tel., (908) 526-7417.

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Thanks from your secretary. Despite our age, the news is still with us. As a retirement hobby, our vice president

**Deane A. Dunloy**, whom you may recall from his Cornell Dramatic Club experiences, now takes busloads of retired servicemen and women from Ft. Monmouth to Broadway, Off-Broadway, and occasionally NJ State theatrical attractions. They have seen most of the major musicals. Says Deane, "The vote for the best has been *Les Misérables*, and this seems unlikely to be challenged by any of the fall prospects. Best comedy? The funniest remains *Same Time, Next Year*. Best play? Still waiting. Both choices are old hat, you say? True, and they may turn up in stock around the country, so look for them. They are great entertainment." When the stage lacks attention, Deane organizes cruises or trips abroad, but after 17 years it is difficult to find new destinations. He says he's "been to Belize, Singapore, Bangkok,

Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Fiji, Hawaii, England, France, Italy, Monaco, Holland, Turkey, Israel, Egypt, Kenya, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, the Amazon, the Canal, the Caribbean, the Mediterranean, Alaska, and our glorious West. Almost made Petra, then the terrorists' bombs went off and so did we—in the opposite direction."

While Deane had vision in both eyes, he'd take slides and give illustrated talks about the group's adventures, but macular degeneration cost him central vision in his right eye, and so

ships from international quarantine for the US Public Health Service to operating for appendicitis and treating lepers. We raised four children, half plus son-in-law Cornellian. Now we are held together with baling wire and sealing wax, but grateful that we were able to enjoy last year's reunion."

**John W. Branch**, JD '37, Asheville, NC, earned a law degree from Cornell and a master's in economics from U. of Rochester. "I practiced for 52 years in Rochester, NY, and now reside in Asheville. **Caroline (Wilbur)**,

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JERRY FINCH '31

with that handicap, a brutal right hip, and a replaced left knee, he plans to end traveling, after a couple of more years. "Tell you all about it in 2003 at Cornell!" 31 Woodland Manor, Tinton Falls, NJ 07724-2859.

**David H. McKinley** died on June 6, '90. **John F. "Jack" Wager Jr.** says that other than a knee replacement, his health has been very good. He has been able to enjoy and keep up all his usual activities, including traveling! That's pretty good at our age. **Raymond J. Grant**, Dover, NJ, died Dec. 26, '98 at the age of 88. He was in great health until the last few days. He loved life and enjoyed it and had the look of a man half his age. He had received a number of honors for medicine, honorary societies, etc. He was a great husband and father and an old country physician who had a great bedside manner, compassion, and concern for his patients. He was active in Rotary, his local Catholic church, and the community in general.

**Grant "Cappy" Captanian**, BA '35, reports, "I think of Cornell and all the times I spent there quite often. I graduated with two majors: French and Spanish. I'd love to come to the next reunion and breathe the fresh Ithaca air, I'd love to make it to whatever I can." . . . Our common wish!

**John R. Heilman** says, "I was the guest of honor at my 90th birthday party in January, attended by about 50 members of our condo and others. Mrs. Heilman was the host. Our daughter unveiled a book she had compiled, entitled "I Remember," covering various events and observations of my life. I even hit a couple of tennis balls the day before. We have been enjoying our 22nd winter in our hideaway in Florida. Glad we made it to my 65th last June."

Send news. ♦ **Rev. Henry E. Horn**, 49A Trowbridge St., Cambridge, MA 02138.

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**Norm Thetford**, MD '38, Eatontown, NJ, wrote, "Same address for 50 years and the same wife, **Meda (Young) '35**, for 60, but life has not been dull. Practice of medicine has been gratifying. The most unusual part first, on St. Croix, USVI, from 1940-47, involving everything from clearing

**JD '37**, a classmate at Cornell Law, and I celebrated our golden anniversary. She became the first woman judge elected in Monroe County. Unfortunately she passed away in 1990. I have happily married Margaret Mary and acquired six children and seven grandchildren. My chief hobby has been to help foreign students who became financially stranded in the US. Caroline and I took them into our home and I still keep in contact with them. Margaret and I have just returned from Holland and France where we visited with eight former students. Overall there were more than 60. As 'Jack Twigg,' I compose, as a hobby, light verse about senior life." John, your recitation at Reunion was terrific.

**Lester D. Friedman**, Yonkers, NY, practiced internal medicine and retired in 1986. "We spend winters in Florida and summers in Yonkers. Wife May and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in 1996. We have four daughters and seven grandchildren."

**Frank and Lucy Boldt Shull**, Sarasota, FL: Frank advised that the macular degeneration was taking its toll but that he is still driving the car. They are thankful for the large fonts and cheap long distance telephones. Their daughter **Catharine Shull McCalmon '64** and husband **Byron '62**, MEd '70, visited last fall while on their way to winter quarters in Bonita Springs, FL.

In a recent letter, **Hilton Jayne**, Annapolis, MD, advised that Fran and he will be spending the summer in their two homes in Cape Cod, MA, and Carter Point, ME. He mentioned that they surely were sad to have had to cancel their participation in the reunion last year. It appears that his MD felt that the reunion night life might have been a little too much. You must have told him about the 25th, Hilton. That was a good one. Last year, Hilton had written that his loving spouse, his Episcopal minister, and the members of his poker group were all happy that he was acquiring his first hearing aid. Their retirement community is affectionately known as The Finishing School.

Late class news: Our class again led the 50th-70th Reunion classes with highest percentage (62) of duespayers. The announce-



ment was made at the annual meeting of the Assn. of Class Officers (CACO), January 2000, in New York City. **Winnie Saltzman** again represented us as she has done so dutifully for so many years. The weather was horrible in New York that day but that did not faze our enterprising reunion co-chair. Many thanks, Winnie, and a class thank you to all.

Best wishes for a beautiful foliage season. ♦ **Karl F. Schmidt**, 4780 Mount Rose Way, Roseville, CA 95747-8279; tel., (916) 771-4734.

At the moment I write this the temperature is 91 degrees, 6:30 p.m. By the time you read these words, I hope that wherever you live it is cooler. Of course you Floridians are used to heat, but in Brooklyn we suffer!

**Eloise Ross MacKesy**, JD '37, is living in a large retirement community close to two of her five sons. It is always good to have family nearby. **Lucy Boldt Shull** and husband **Frank** are also Floridians. She has eye problems but large print helps. That is probably true for most of us! **Mary Terry** Goff is now a Californian. The travel bug has bitten her. She writes of two cruises, one to the Mexican Riviera and the second to the Inland Passage to Alaska. She plays a lot of bridge. She wrote more but I'm saving it for another day.

Right after Reunion **Mary Jewell** Wiloughby visited a friend and most unfortunately fell and broke her hip and arm. At the time she wrote, she was in her own apartment and managing fairly well. **Jean Connor** Whipple most unfortunately has a serious eye problem and says that adjusting to a life of no car, no books, and a lack of independence was rough. Fortunately for her, her daughters have her stay with them. **Margaret White** Wilke has moved to a beautiful retirement community and loves it, especially the "no cooking."

These retirement homes are a great help to senior citizens but so far I'm still able to live in my own house with two cats and lots of stairs. I'm slow but still able, and praise be, I still put in my days at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden and was honored for having put in 35 years as a volunteer. That is undoubtedly a help in keeping me going.

If you have any news, please send it either to the alumni office or to me. I have almost exhausted the last batch. ♦ **Eleanor** "Dickey" **Mirsky** Bloom, 463 77th St., Brooklyn, NY 11209.

**36** **Joseph E. Terry** of Corona, CA, has been retired since 1980. Joe says that travel is limited to auto trips around California and Nevada. He and wife Lily are in reasonably good health, and just celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary. Joe is planning on returning to Ithaca for the 65th reunion. **Dwight C. Baum** writes from San Marino, CA. He lost his wife Hildagarde last year after 57 wonderful years. He is fortunate, he says, to have two great sons, **Jim** (Dwight J.) **Baum** '65 and **John**. Dwight says he benefited from his EE major in such varied careers as sales and marketing, mining safety applicanc-

es, armaments, and investment banking. His hobbies include travel, amateur radio, and finance. Son Jim is on the Advisory Council, which gives Dwight a chance to visit Ithaca annually. From Walnut Creek, CA, **Alexander Hatoff**, BS Ag '35, writes that he is now totally retired, and takes a "daily stint at the gym." Al reports an "inordinate amount of time spent going to geriatric 'providers.'" **Joseph G. Lorenzo**, ME '37, is active in church affairs and singing. He has spent vacations in Port Washington, Tom's River, and Bermuda, and says he has lived in CA for 43 years and in NY for 42 years.

**Arthur** and **Alice Glasser** wrote that they are finally settling in at 8001 Sand Point Way in Seattle, WA, after leaving Southern California a year ago. Arthur gave some background on his activities since Cornell. He began his career with a Pittsburgh firm, but left in 1942 to become a US Navy Chaplain in the South Pacific. After the war, Arthur and Alice spent some time in China until they were forced to leave in 1951 by the Maoist revolution. After 15 years of academic and administrative work, Arthur received a deanship at Fuller Theological Seminary. He retired in 1998, but is still active in developing various programs for the seminary around his home base of Seattle.

From Boca Raton, FL, **Bernard Grossman** writes, "Muriel and I are happy and proud that our granddaughter Laura Grossman was accepted early admission for the class of 2004 in the College of Arts and Sciences."

**Harry Bovay** of Houston TX, reports, "In spite of some health problems over the last two years, Sue and I are still active." He has been president of Mid-South Telecommunications Co. since 1979, and created a company called En-Touch, which "furnishes telephone, television, home security monitoring, long distance and internet connections, etc. It has been a real challenge and I believe helped to keep me acquainted with all the new developments going on in this wonderful world." Harry and Sue are involved with the Boy Scouts of America and are honored that a new facility to serve the Sam Houston Area Council was named the Bovay Scout Ranch in May 2000. Harry concludes, "I still believe the 22-year-olds know more than I do and I'm convinced that our country has a great new group of citizens coming along. I join all my other classmates in continued high regard for Cornell and all it is doing to make our world a better place."

It's wonderful to hear from all of you! Please feel free to send us updates at any time. ♦ Class of '36, c/o *Cornell Magazine*, 55 Brown Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850-1247.

**37** **Eloise Grant** Jones has moved to a retirement complex (3051 Rio Dosa Dr., Apt. 303, Lexington, KY 40509-1548; phone (606) 335-6507) to be near her daughter, Janet Gross, who is a professor at Morehead State College, Morehead, KY, 60 miles away. The move brings her closer to

family and she is becoming involved in many activities at the retirement complex. **Glenna Vreeland Wilcox**, who has four children in their 50s, eight grandchildren in their 20s, and four great-grandchildren in their single digits, keeps busy with weddings (two last summer) and assorted births, graduations, etc. This past April she visited Poland, the Czech Republic, and Hungary. She recently had a letter published in the Asbury Park Press in which she discussed her concern about population control.

We have another change of address. **Vieno Pertula** Pope has moved to 4650 54th Ave. South, #304, St. Petersburg, FL 33711; phone (727) 864-5265. She advises that it's a beautiful location on the Intracoastal Waterway and that the area served as a background for James Michener's book *Recessional*. **Marion Bean** Parnell is living a quiet life in a retirement village. She and her husband have been taking part in village activities and church groups. They have a good-sized ranch home and would welcome visitors to Delaware, OH. **Fannie Price** Eisenstein has moved to 21 W. 86th St., #707, New York City 10024; phone (212) 873-6600. She is a social worker with Goddard Riverside Community Center.

**Mary Schuster** Jaffe plays music with a recorder group and is an active member of the Board of Challenge Industries, a sheltered workshop that her daughter attends. Her last trip was on the *Delta Queen*. Apparently, the folks on board were delayed by a blackout and ended up being hauled aboard after midnight from a launch somewhere in the blackness of the lower Mississippi. They were on their way from New Orleans to Galveston. **Adele Rethorn** Anderson attends neighborhood activities in Albuquerque, NM, and Cornell monthly luncheons with **Louise McLean** Dunn. Her next vacation will take her to Ghost Ranch in New Mexico. ♦ **Selma Block** Green, 15 Weaver St., Scarsdale, NY; tel., (914) 472-0535.

A young US Army Air Corps second lieutenant pilot had just flown his "own plane," destined for the Chinese military, from America to Kunming, China. It was 1942. At a welcoming reception for the American Allies at the Chinese embassy he met both Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek and the legendary General Clair Lee Chenault of the Flying Tigers. Last April for the 2000 reunion of the Hump Pilots Assn., **Robert C. Brown** returned to Kunming where he had been stationed from 1942 to 1944 and shared another welcome. Bob and Marti live in a retirement complex in Vero Beach, FL. For many years they were associated with a family real estate business in the Philadelphia, PA, area.

**John W. Devanney Jr.** reports from Gulfport, FL, that he has retired from medical practice and from teaching. Visiting "too many" children and grandchildren is the principal family activity these days. **Morris Siegel**, DVM '37, is happy for the opportunity to take courses through the Long Life Learning Society at Florida Atlantic U. Thrice a week Morry continues his welcome volunteer service at the Boca Raton, FL, hospital working

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with radiation oncology patients undergoing treatment. As a cancer survivor himself, he can be persuasively encouraging.

Home base for the **Lyndon M. Virklers** is Virginia Beach, VA, but each year they "migrate" to Florida for the winter and then spend the summers on Cape Cod. It's what Bindy calls a "continuous vacation." Last year there was a diversion to visit the West—they went to the Badlands and traveled in Idaho and Utah. They enjoy golf, sailing, and, obviously, traveling. Lyndon, an orthodontist, retired in 1984, while Virginia, an RN from Northwestern, "keeps him in line."

When **Marvin Klein**'s driver's license was up for renewal in June a year ago, an officious examiner insisted on a road test. The "very senior citizen" in question couldn't be faulted, even during the most intricate legal and road maneuvers, and Big Marv passed! The renewed license is good till June 2003, and Marv plans to stick around till then so he can tell the same examiner that he's ready for another road test. Marv owns a printing brokerage concern in California which his younger son David manages. His older son is **Daniel B. Klein, MD '73**.

Some of us don't get around as much or as easily these days, but we like to hear from classmates whose horizons are limited now. **Eugene L. Bostrom**, who suffered a stroke a year ago and walks with a cane, writes about grandson Joshua, 11, "training as a future Olympic figure skater," and granddaughter Jane, 4, adopted from China, who is also a skater. Our longtime Cornell Fund chair **William J. Fleming**, who's had MS since two years after graduation and has handled the problems so well all these years, now uses a wheelchair. He and Kathleen stay pretty much at home these days, yet have good memories of more active times, and of reunions. Col. **Edwin G. Moran** continues writing and historical research at Kendal at Ithaca in spite of the frustrating limitations of Parkinson's. All of us, one way or another, seem to be, to use **William Buckhout**'s recent comment, "living with Medicare." ♦ **Robert A. Rosevear**, 2714 Saratoga Rd., N., DeLand, FL 32720-1403.

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**John Clement**'s a class correspondent too—for his secondary school. The good part is that there's a plethora of news, but the bad part is with the individuals who fail to report any, or report in a secret scribble (join the club, John). He and wife Kitty have been married about six years since both were widowed. Their travels included Hawaii and several times in Mackinaw Island, as well as enjoying Toledo concerts, lectures, and stage shows. John is a regular at a fitness center, enjoys bicycling, and recently took up woodcarving. Is it any wonder he adds, "Enjoying life and, so far, good health."

Then there's **Gunner** (James Alexander) **Vaughn** (now, how many really knew the J. A. part?), nearing a 60th wedding anniversary, wintering in Sea Island, GA, and also in the hometown Akron phone book (meaning look him up and give him a ringy-dingy when

thereabouts).

One of the saddest duties of a class correspondent is to open and read the letters from families notifying me of the death of a classmate. But the one bright spot is when that dreaded missive is from one of the wonderful "kids" (Kids? They're invariably now in their 50's!) who dip back in their own memories to recollect some imperishable thought about Dad (or Mom, as the case may be). Like this at the end of a note from Pennsylvania: "He had a good life and knew he was deeply loved because we often told him, and he was fortunate to avoid some of the difficulties of old age that he had seen too frequently around him."

**Steve Roberts** notes that he is still living in Bath, NY. "I get to Cornell and the Veterinary college, and at reunion time I have a great opportunity to enjoy greeting, meeting, and talking with former students, now elderly practitioners." Impossible as it may sound to his closest friends, Steve says he (unbelievable!) has given up playing polo, which he coached for 25 years till '72, including Big Red teams in the intercollegiate finals 14 times! He played the game for 60 years.

**Dave Benjamin** (Hint: he hand-letters his postcards in black ink) regretfully notes the passing of a best friend, **Wes Franklin** (Army major-general, retired). Dave and wife Jane attended Wes's Arlington service November 9.

## Flower Power

AUGUST KEHR '37,  
BS AG '36, PHD '50

**H**is breeds of magnolia trees can be found in Europe, Korea, New Zealand, and almost anywhere else in the world where they'll grow. Over the past two decades, plant scientist and geneticist August Kehr has bred more than a thousand magnolias, concentrating on varieties that bloom late in the spring, after the frost. Frost damage, he says, can "turn a beautiful plant into an ugly plant overnight."

After twenty-five years as a researcher for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Kehr retired to Flat Rock, North Carolina, where he grows his magnolias on eight acres. Kehr has developed several rare yellow varieties whose intense color doesn't fade in the summer heat. But he says he prefers the true pinks and reds; his favorite is a pink, late-flowering, very fragrant tree he named "Daybreak." Although Kehr sees a growing commercial interest in magnolias, he remains adamant that he will never sell them. "I get my enjoyment out of the hobby part," Kehr says. "I like giving plants away."



— Christen Aragoni '02

**Bernie Gartlir** and wife **Shirley (Richmond)** '40 practically "did" Europe with travel to London, France, Ireland, and Scotland, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. The conclusion: four days on the Atlantic were quite rough, but they were on a great ship, the *Nonwegian Sky*.

**Woody** (formally Sherwood) and wife **Eleanor Little Clow** report from Payson, AZ, that they're enjoying small-city advantages while escaping heavy humidity and searing heat of more extreme climates. They moved there in 1992 from Birmingham, AL, where he'd retired from Rust Engineering HQ in 1979. Woody's "quite well" but expects some rebuilding surgery for a "Cornell football knee." Eleanor has needed nursing home care since June 1999. Try 'em at 213 N. Granite Dr., Payson, AZ 85541.

Contrary to the plainly evident belief of a high percentage of '38ers, class correspondents cannot grasp from the air the information needed to produce these bi-monthly columns, and that's why each column ends with the name and address of said scribblers. Try using it—you'll like it!

**Joe Pendergast** and Doris have had trips to foreign countries, but were always glad to return to the USA, where they keep busy in volunteer services and having fun in their Lakeland, FL, home area, including being part



of Cornell alumni events. Many columnists reiterate that aged eyes have to read your mail, so don't skimp on ink or paper. ♦ **Fred Hille-gas**, Stoneybrook #113, 4700 SW Hollyhock Cir., Corvallis, OR 97333-1372.

An April note from **Gerry Miller** Gallagher says she's now in a wheelchair at home, recuperating slowly from her recent near-fatal illness as she watches spring develop. She says it's good to feel well enough to care whether

in an ICU prevented his attending our 60th.

The summer of 1999 was a busy one for **Ben Dean**. It all started with a sightseeing tour of Berlin. Unfortunately, the night club tour was no longer available. Then it was on to London, Paris, Madrid, and Barcelona, finally getting home from Frankfurt in time for the Harvard game. **Harvey Scudder**, PhD '53, is still active in a number of community groups, including the presidency of the Mosquito and Vector

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RUSS MARTIN '39

school keeps going or not, and she's plugging away. From September to May **Julia (Robb)** and **Paul Newman**, PhD '37, are in their condo in Mt. Dora, FL, and then return to Owasco Lake near Auburn for the summer months. Recent guests in Florida were **Sigrid Persson** Reger and her daughter and granddaughter, who came over from Plantation for a visit. The Newmans' two older sons are now retired, and daughter **Ann Newman** '66 will follow suit at the close of the school year in Indianapolis. Another of their granddaughters is in the Engineering college, carrying on the fourth-generation family tradition.

Aren't we lucky to have scrapbooks for our memorabilia? Rest assured your pictures are all being saved for posterity! **Tom** and **Helen Brew Rich** sent a snapshot from their 60th wedding anniversary party, which included children, nine grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren—in all, adding up to 28! While visiting her daughter Joan in Paris last year, **Caroline Thro** Richardson had a trip to Alsace-Lorraine, where her father's family lived in the early 1800s. Joan works for the largest breadmaker in France. She may soon be commuting here, as the company is considering selling in the USA—delivery by Concorde! ♦ **Helen Reichert** Chadwick, 225 N. 2nd St., Lewiston, NY 14092.

**39** **Harry Johns** did a lot of reminiscing when he sent in his news. The gist of his comments can be summed up with these two thoughts. First, he feels fortunate that his kids turned out so well when he looks around at what is happening with many of our young people. Second, he is thankful for the good memories of Cornell and his classmates.

**Bob Wilson** thoroughly enjoyed our 60th where, together with his sister **Evelyn Wilson** Monroe '40, he saw so many old friends.

Still retired from medical practice in neurology and psychiatry, **Larry Kaplan** continues in his specialty as a licensed consultant to the Senior Friendship Centers on the west coast of Florida. He was sorry that eight weeks

Control Assn. of California, which includes over 50 local agencies about the state. As a fellow of the California Academy of Sciences, he is heavily involved with collecting thousands of 15-million-year-old fossil insect specimens. When not developing sanitary disposal processes and writing scientific papers, he enjoys home gardening and pursues his hobby of collecting rare postage stamps.

**Dick Whitehill** and **Carol (Young)** '38 have given up the “stimulating” winters of Buffalo, NY, for the hurricanes of Florida, and still feel content with the change. They stay connected with their four children, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren by phone and visits. According to Dick, time never went so fast when we were young. Could be that we've just slowed down—to smell the roses.

**John MacDonald** and Peg had a most enjoyable two weeks on the Island of Malta where they had a chance to become acquainted with the residents who are a Semitic mixture of Arabic, Hebrew, and European. They found both the people and the climate much to their liking. **Frank McAleavey** continues to put his experience as a member of the Cornell golf team to good use. He recently won the “80 and over” age group in the National Super Senior Golf Tournament held in Galveston, TX.

**Hubert “Dusty” Rhodes** enjoys just sitting back and watching his son operate a 300-cow dairy farm and all that goes with it.

**Walter Barlow** has turned a life-long hobby into a thriving business known as “Pictures by Walter—The Candid Approach.” Be it a wedding, bar mitzvah, retirement party, or what have you, Walter leaves the formal portraits to others and concentrates on the candid shots so often overlooked.

We were saddened to learn of the sudden passing of our class president, **John Furman**, on May 10, '00. Our condolences go out to the family.

*Tidbit:* If you can't win, make the winner look great. ♦ **Russ Martin**, 29 Janivar Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850.

There's a paucity of news this wet June in Ithaca. Reunion has come and gone and a new class will be arriving in August, full of energy and enthusiasm. Although we have lost some of ours, many of us are still busy and productive. For example: **Rawley Apfelbaum** Silver is still deeply involved in the field of art therapy. She sent us a copy of a very interesting paper she presented in Orlando to the American Art Therapy Assn. on “Differences Among Aging and Young Adults in Attitudes and Cognition.” A successful artist herself, she has won much recognition for her work in art therapy. **Jean Pettit** Lentz still keeps busy visiting family, including nine great-grandchildren! She's still working in stained glass and doing oil portraits, plus helping housebound friends. Even her report exudes energy!

**Ella Thompson** Wright, MA '41, reported that the partial loss of her eyesight has brought to a halt her preparation for publication of her grandfather's Civil War letters, until she can find some help. Perhaps someone living in the Washington area would be interested in helping Ella. **Virginia Campbell Thomas** is very involved in preaching at her church, and “doing Deacon stuff.” Her husband **David** '37, MCH E '39, is a consulting engineer and proficient in computing. They raise Siamese cats for fun and profit.

We have heard from her daughter that **Carol Tedesche** Simon passed away on Mar. 21, '00, in Evanston, IL. We send our sympathy to her family. **Ruth Schroeder** Teeter died on March 26 at home in Newfield, NY. We sent condolences to her family.

**Kathryn Austin** McDonald passed away May 17, after a very productive life in labor relations, in the law, and finally as the administrative judge of the family court system in New York City. She was an outstanding champion of children's rights. We extend our sympathy to her family. This past spring has taken a great toll of our classmates, both men and women. Please take care of yourselves, and send me good news. ♦ **Ruth Gold** Goodman, 103 White Park Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850; tel. (607) 257-6357.

**41** We have plenty of news items from duespaying classmates. We'll start with a lament from **Bill Hagar** who felt his 1999 news was lost. Now we know it appeared in the May/June column. Please keep in mind that we must spread news over six issues. Some will be used in the first issue, others in the May/June 2001. We do plan to get all items published even if we get out an extra mailing.

**Julian Smith** leads off. “In December 1999 I had a TIA, indicating stroke. Within 24 hours the symptoms disappeared. 81st birthday on March 10. Have completed my textbook *Unit Operations Of Chemical Engineering*, sixth edition. I co-chaired a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Ithaca Country Club. Had a bad fall on March 3. Tore my shoulder, cracked my pelvis and a finger bone, and spent nine days in the hospital. Now on a walker. Expect to go to England in June.”

Sad news from **Frank “Bud” Finneran**



who lost his third wife to cancer.

What do these men have in common: **Peter Foote**, **Sid Slocum**, **Bob Brunet**, **Henry Heimlich**, MD '43, **Irving Drantch**, BS Ag '81, **Hays Clark**, BS AE M '46, **Jack Weikart**, **Bob Harley**, **Henry Rechen**, MCE '47, **Carl Salmon**, and **James Hutson**. All plan to be at our 60th Reunion.

Our class has two goodwill ambassadors with close ties to Cornell officers. **Bob Brunet** and **Lou Conti** are constantly involved in Cornell current activities. Bob lives close to the Harvard campus. At the Cornell/Harvard hockey match, Bob sat with President Rawlings and athletic director Andy Noel. The Big Red Pep Band was there to liven up the game won by Cornell. Lou Conti is most impressed with the football coach who uses a new recruiting technique: he brings the high school player and his parents to campus.

**Joe Bernstein** retired in January 1999 and is adjusting to a relaxed lifestyle including golf, theater, and opera. Met **Charles Weiss** '44, MD '47, and had a great time remembering classmates and fraternity brothers (Sigma Alpha Mu). **Bob Hoyle's** message: "Happy so many classmates are still active. Rosemary, family, and I are fine. Kind regards to all."

Irving Drantch's wife Lily passed away in November 1999, just two months short of their 55th anniversary. "We enjoyed my 50th Reunion. The beauty of the campus overwhelmed me. Am leaning toward attending our 60th. Mailed a memorial to the Ag college for Lily."

**Bob Randall** summers in Iowa City and winters in Marco Island, FL. He sees **Dick** and **Jinny Johnston** in Naples, FL. **Tom Shreve** counts his blessings: "I found a very charming lady who lives in a New Jersey retirement community. I convinced her to marry me. Sold my Connecticut home and moved to New Jersey and am very happy to have become an instant grandfather to four very smart and talented grandchildren, ages 10 to 17." Tom's new address: 33 Jefferson Court, Bridgewater, NJ 08807. ♦ **Ralph E. Antell**, 7015 Carnation St., Apt. 408, Richmond, VA 23225.

After a mostly fair weather alumni weekend, June 8-10, the Reunion tents are folded. Characters wearing red and white striped blazers, beribboned straw hats, diplomatic sashes, and other alumni insignia have disappeared and the campus is busy with summer courses. I am pleased to share a new batch of '41 women's news.

**Gretchen Fonda** Gagnon, widow of Rudolph A., writes: "I enjoy my retirement so much! Being free to do what I want to do when I want to do it is great! Great joy in my wonderful great-grandson. I take care of him three days a week for his mom. What a privilege! Future Cornellian? I don't know, but he is pretty smart." She lives at 122 Fonda Road, Cohoes, NY 12047. Living in Bradenton, FL, near Sarasota, **Charlotte Adelman** Kotzen volunteers in play reading performances for various organizations with donations going to help children enjoy live theater. She also vol-

unteers in producing plays with developmentally disabled young adults and sings in a temple choir. Referring to our 60th Reunion, **Shirley Richards** Darmer wrote, "We're looking forward to June 2001 and the great accommodations at the Statler. We've had the usual assortment of aches and pains but hope to be mobile for a while yet." She and husband Kenneth live in Delmar, NY.

Working hard to stay alive is the brief remark **Barbara Benson** Mansell wrote from her home in San Antonio, TX. Classmates may contact **Helen C. Hilbert** Peterson (Mrs. Milton) in Corning, NY.

**Gloria Brown** Mithers is still enjoying life in decent health and spirits with swimming, walking, and even dancing, occasionally a modified jitterbug! She conducts her "Person to Person" interview show on closed circuit TV at her Oceanside, CA, retirement community. Gloria enjoys traveling to Elderhostels in Japan and France in 1999 and expects to see more of Europe in 2000. She finds that "the big joy of my life is my granddaughter and grandson, 6-1/2 and 2-1/2 years old. I reunited twice this year with **Lillian Strickman Hecht** and husband **Norman** '42, BS Ag '47, at my Oceanside home and their Palm Springs winter retreat."

**Audrey Bernichon** Glacken (Mrs. Joseph F.) from Boynton Beach, FL, projects living the ideal retired life with five grandchildren nearby, many friends, golf, and volunteering for charity. **Dorothy Talbert Wiggins** and husband **Robert L.** '40 moved in June from their Aurora, NY, home to a cottage at Kendal, a continuing care retirement community in Ithaca. Please send news. ♦ **Jane Webb** Acton, 459 Savage Farm Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850-6507; tel., (607) 257-4914.

**42** **Lynn Timmerman** (Boyn-ton Beach FL), who has gallantly taken on the class Web page challenge, was disappointed at the few who sent him their e-mail addresses. Please don't miss this opportunity to show your interest. Lynn is presently recovering from an unpleasant fall, the resultant operation, and various other inconveniences, so do send him a cheery greeting.

We hope more will be joining the 12 who have already signed up for the Big Band Cruise Nov. 25-Dec. 2. **Eleanor Bloomfield Scholl** '44 (Boyn-ton Beach, FL) is going with me. It will be a super time. **Stanley Brodhead** (Nokomis, FL) retired in 1985 and has been enjoying himself playing golf and tennis and painting. He notes that our class is well represented in Sarasota. **Bill Coate**, BA '47, PhD '50, is his regular bridge partner and he sees **Ted Rogers** and **Ed Callis** frequently. His son Richard continues as dean of Yale College. **Mario Cuniberti** (Columbus, OH) and Betty see **Joe** and **Marge Davidson** at symphony concerts. They also visited **Joe** and **Barbara Littleton** at Keuka Lake in their 1932 Franklin. **Marjory Schminck** Dalenius still enjoys her work as a sculptor.

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**Lenore Breyette** Roche (Whitehall, NY) celebrates working on local library boards for 50 years. Proving undying loyalty, she also was featured as "The Lady in Red" in an issue of *Cornell Magazine* for continuous attendance at the Cornell/Dartmouth football games since 1940. **John Caperton** (Louisville, KY) is president of the Louisville Harrods Creek & Westport Railway Foundation and volunteers as Comm. in Glenview, KY. He visited England recently and his hobby is antique railroad cars. **Ken Hubbard**, BS Ag '48, (Fort Myers, FL) retired to a busy life. He's growing many kinds of exotic fruit trees that bloom at different times, giving him a great supply of delicious fresh fruit. He also has roses and orchids, all of which keep him "out of mischief." He's also into music and was elected secretary of the Gulf Coast Banjo Society. They play weekly at the Snook Haven Inn, Venice, FL. If you are in the vicinity join the crowds and check out this noteworthy performance begun by Helen Baker, former radio and vaudeville banjo artist.

**Emily Germer** St. John (Lake Oswego, OR) assists at the Senior Center, stating, "Some day when I'm old, they can help me." Enjoying traveling, she took a walking trip in Ireland with "16 compatible persons, mostly grey-headed," and visited Boston, Copper Canyon in Mexico, and Maui. She takes computer courses and her hobbies include reading, her eight kids and 16 grands, exercise classes, and walking on mountain paths. Her son Dr. John lives near me in Gig Harbor, WA, so perhaps we'll get together when she visits.

**Arnold Zaff** winters in N. Palm Beach, FL, and lives in Big Indian, NY, the rest of the time. He took the QE2 from NY to England, channeled to Paris, and reunited with four ex-World War II GIs who have remained in Paris all this time. He returned via the Concorde. I've done that and it is a good experience. After studying at the U. of Madrid, the Sorbonne, and U. of Heidelberg after World War II, Arnold is once again trying to improve his Spanish in Los Cabos, Baja California.

**Charles Atwater** (Tyngsboro, MA) actively enjoys recruiting for his church service in the Evangelical Congregational Church. He hears from **Philip Parrott** '41 and travels to Cambridge at Christmastime to visit his sister, Mrs. John Kenneth Galbraith. **John Jackson** (Palm Beach, FL) is still director of a company where the chair and majority owner is 85, so he feels like a relative youngster. He belongs to the Palm Beach Civic Assn., sees **Carl Lamp** '43 and **Bill Harrity** '41, and revisited beautiful Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

**Roy Bannister** and Doris (Kent, NY) retired from science activities and are now self-employed artists exhibiting their watercolors at mall shopping centers. Roy's artwork is essentially "Homes in Watercolors." He photographs clients' homes and delivers the finished portrait. He used to go to malls from Maine to Florida, but now concentrates on Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Florida. Having completed 1,749 home portraits through 1998 he is well on his way to a second career and a fortune at \$300-\$3,000 per picture.

**Fred Jaqua** (Ft. Lauderdale, FL) retired in



1997 as vice president, legal, of American Standard Inc. He loves his permanent vacation, taking cruises to the Baltic and North Cape, the Greek Isles, and Turkey. He enjoys gardening, ushers at his local Presbyterian Church, participates in adult studies, and supports the Florida Atlantic U. Chamber Music Program.

Sadly we note the passing of **Aris Bayan** (New Brunswick, NJ). He retired as director of industrial microbiology at Sterling-Plough in Union, NJ, in 1988. Also **Giltner Knudson** (Costa Mesa, CA) passed away at his son's home in Puerto Valero. Our condolences to their families.

The Cornell Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) is hot on the trail to "Keeping the Cornell Connection" for older alums. If you have any area of concern you've been thinking about, let me know and I'll pass it on. Keep writing. ♦ **Carolyn Evans** Finneran, 2933 76th SE #13D, Mercer Island, WA 98040; tel., (206) 232-3092; e-mail, ceefinn@juno.com.

**43** To celebrate the millennium a time capsule was dedicated during Reunion weekend to record the history of each class during its years on the Hill. We were asked to submit such a report, on archival paper, handwritten in ink designed to last another hundred years. Or at least until Tuesday. This was an assignment I could, in all humility (hah!), handle without a net. But, in all humility again, other viewpoints seemed called for. I was only one small boy on an enormous—even then—mixed bag of a campus. I asked a few of you to put pen to paper, figuring those verbal snapshots could be worth a thousand pictures. The replies were, as expected, personal, revealing, insightful, witty, poignant, and all points in between. Children of the Depression, destined for war, we chanced upon a few superlative teachers who changed our lives. Even a blind pig now and then finds an acorn. We found classmates who became close lifelong friends, hardships more painful than wearing a dink, and awakenings ruder than a failing grade. You guys/gals write marvelous copy. But (big but) despite my continued pleas to the Alumni Assn., it turned out that we were limited, alas, to a few pages. Seems there are some other classes. Who knew? Meanwhile, these are too good not to see the light of day, let alone endure the dark of time capsule. A wonderful read. But why wait till the last minute? How's our eyesight going to be by Y2MC? Using funds from the '43 treasury, we plan to publish this windfall for our entire mailing list, augmented by—listen up!—new submissions from every one of you. E-mail address and PO box are below. Fax: (215) 679-8427. Do it now. And thanks for reading this far.

**Frank Martin**, one-time trumpeter in the Big Red ROTC band, traveled last year from Ocala, FL, to Hamilton College, Clinton, NY, for the 55th reunion of his cadet corps. Seven of the original Flight of twenty-five attended. At the memorial service, Frank, as he does more often these days, played taps.

In recognition of extraordinary service to

the university, **Marguerite (Moore) '45** and **W. McNeill Baker** will be honored at a banquet during Homecoming Weekend as recipients of the Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Award. **Larry Lowenstein** and his Electric Rattling Pencil Cup, you may remember, was so honored three years ago. Mac, originally class of '44, accelerated to graduate—such as graduation was those days—with '43. After a long stint in the Air Force, followed by a few years in New York City as an intern architect, he wooed and won the above-mentioned Marguerite, and with her sired **Catherine '77**. In time he entered practice in Baltimore, primarily in the field of architecture and health-care planning for hospitals, nursing homes, and retirement communities. Along the way he restored, historically, the Dome at Johns Hopkins Hospital and the tower at the Church of the Redeemer. Mac and Marguerite are lifetime members of the University Council. Both were active in Secondary School Committee activities as interviewers. Mac was first president of the combined Cornell Club of Maryland, was appointed Scholarship Committee chair of the Federation of Cornell Clubs in 1979, and served on the board in that capacity until 1997. From 1984 to 1989, he and Marguerite began and maintained the Federation Challenge Grant Award to the clubs who raised the most new money for scholarship. In 1994, the Cornell Club of Maryland board recognized the couple by renaming the club's endowed scholarship in their honor.

Several Hotel school students each year will be able to attend Cornell thanks to the recently established Strand Family Fellowships. The young **Curt Strand** was working in a packing house in Minnesota when he learned he had been admitted, without an interview, to Cornell. He earned his way cleaning rooms, as a teaching assistant, and with the help of a DuBois Scholarship. These qualities—a commitment to work and to community service (he was a volunteer on the Willard Straight Board of Managers)—are the traits that will qualify candidates for the fellowships. In 1947, degree in hand, Curt was hired as superintendent of service at The Plaza in NYC, and began a lifelong career with Hilton, building 100 new properties throughout the world, culminating in 1967 as president of Hilton International and chairman in 1986. Curt is a former member of the University Council and former vice president of Cornell Society of Hotelmen, and continues to lecture on international development each year at the Hotel school. A senior consultant for several companies, he spends time on back-country ski trips in the Colorado Rockies and maintaining his upstate NY property with his wife, Fleur, professor emerita of biology and neuroscience at NYU and past president of the NY Academy of Sciences.

**Champ Salisbury** will hate me—and wife **Peggy (Clark) '44** will support him, as she has for so many years—for this juxtaposition, but he was elected this past winter to

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the American Lawn Bowling Hall of Fame. President of ALBA in 1992-93 and three-time national open pairs champion, Champ was also the 1998 Triples Champion. From Sun City, he writes: "At 56 I gave up golf—used to lose a lot of balls—so that I could concentrate on lawn bowling. I have yet to lose a lawn ball." ♦ **S. Miller Harris**, PO Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA 18968; e-mail, millerharris@netcarrier.com.

**44** Our Big News is the completion of the renovation of our **J. Joseph Driscoll Jr.** Memorial Room. Attending the dedication on Feb. 25, '00 were Dr. **Robert Ballard**, Prof. Emeritus **Howard Evans**, PhD '50, **M. Dan Morris**, BA '76 (all Ithacans), and '44's prime movers **Art**, BA '49, and **Dotty Kay Kesten**, BS HE '43. The room, with its photo-covered walls, knock-down tables, and folding chairs, was presented in June 1994 to the Athletic Department to be used as a study area for practicing athletes. Now, six years later, furnished with handsome tables, armchairs, and computers, it is a study hall par excellence. The 248 classmates who contributed a total of \$41,000 to the project received a glossy leaflet with color photos and an accounting of an excess of \$10,000, \$5,000 of which was given to the Dept. of Athletics and \$5,000 to the 1944 Tradition Fellowship fund. Alumni Affairs is burying a copy of this 60-year photo history leaflet among other items representing our culture (1900-1999) in a 23-foot-by-28-foot time capsule.

Dotty Kesten sent a report from the annual January Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) meeting in New York City. Attendees included **Margaret Pearce Addicks**, **Richard Evans** and **Phyllis Sigmund**, MFS '48, and **Serena Ginsberg Hoffman** '47, MA '48, **Doris Holmes Jenkins**, Helen and **Jerome Levitan**, BA '47, MBA '48, **Hilda Lozner Milton**, BA '43, **M. Dan Morris**, **Robert Ready**, and **Morton Savada**. Business discussed included: mid-term reunion in 2002 (many suggestions), writing a class will (volunteer lawyer needed), and including widows and widowers in complimentary '44 mailings. The group voted to donate \$100 to the **Elsie McMillan '55** Memorial Fund (Elsie was a 25-year veteran with *Cornell Magazine*), and to accept the fiscal report of \$8,681 left in the '44 General Fund. They then moved on to the annual Metropolitan NYC Area Class Dinner where they were joined by Bud and **Roseanne Buckenmaier** Guinan, BA '43, **DuBois Jenkins**, DVM '43, and **Lila Perless Savada**.

A dinner-to-remember—rather an evening-never-to-forget—was enjoyed by **Peter Miller**, MBA '48, and Nancy on New Year's Eve at Versailles. Entertained by musicians, actors, and dancers in costumes of the court of Louis XIV, they were served elegant French cuisine followed by a magnificent fireworks display coordinated with an indoor concert. Then the ball began, led by the String Ensemble of the Paris Opera. "It was really a production. We had jet-setting young Americans and our 15-year-old granddaughter at our table."



**Jacqueline Graff** Courtenay has been participating in ballroom dancing competitions. She planned to enjoy the millennium celebration on New Year's Eve in Mexico City.

**Nancy Claney** Hoffman describes a "glorious trip" in November. They took the Concorde to England, then the train under the English Channel to Paris and back, returning on the QE2 from South Hampton to New York—three hours to London, six days back to New York. **Charles Van Reed**, BS '48, and **Dorothy (Kleine)** spent three weeks on a train viewing beautiful New Zealand. **George** and **Jean Zenner Kaelber** toured Brazil, Argentina, Chile, and Peru in March and "marveled that none of our group was tossed into eternity or landed in an ICU when we clambered over the Machu Picchu ruins in a torrential downpour." They make annual visits to Maui for "fun-in-the-sun lolling." **Ann Bode Jennings**, MS Ed '47, and husband spent three weeks in China, including a five-day Yangtze River cruise last September. (Next time check with Art and Doty. Traveling with the Kestens is the greatest.)

**Gerald Tohn** and Deedy toured Turkey, Greece, and Amman, Jordan, with President Emeritus Frank Rhodes, Prof. David Owen, and Prof. Yervant Terzian aboard the *MV Song of Flower*. **Robert Gallagher**, BA '47, **Joel Hillman**, BS Hotel '47, and wives were in the group. Jerry recommends Adult University (CAU) trips with Frank Rhodes. Joel spends many days fly fishing for trout, salmon, bonefish, etc., around the world. He travels around the country to visit his six children and nine grands and mentions that CAU courses also take some of his time. "My health is OK for my age. Nothing wrong with me that a miracle won't cure." **Jean Abbott** Ault cruised on the *Vistaford* through the Panama Canal, stopping in Acapulco, Costa Rica, and Aruba. **Charles De Bare**, JD '49, plans periodic jaunts to Peru, Venice, St. Martins, California, and New England. Otherwise, during spring and summer they are at home on the Jersey Shore in a small-scale resort where six children with spouses and nine grands keeping coming and going.

Short Takes: **Alexander Hutchinson**, BCE '43, finally closed out his business and retired last September in Pittsburgh, PA. **Eugene Pond**, BS Ag '48, of Brownville, NY, retired from the NY State Dept. of Agriculture and Markets last fall. **Richard Kessler** retired as an attorney and is now operating two cemeteries in Clifton, NJ. His grandson married a year ago. **William Felver**, BA '47, MA '50, announced the birth of his first grandchild in 1999. **Marian Stout** Lynes-Bouck is happy in Middleburgh, NY, with three grown children, three grown stepchildren, and eight grands. She winters in Summerville, SC. ♦ **Nancy Torlinski** Rundell, 20540 Falcons Landing Cir. #4404, Sterling, VA 20165.

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Sorry this news might be passé but I used it as soon as we had room in the column and then in order of when you sent it.

**Louise Wilson** Ely (Winston-Salem, NC)

wrote, "Bet I'm an exception! I've lived long enough and have been employed long enough to have a Roth IRA! Maybe us Roths could get up a club." **Muriel Sheerr** Kaplan, BA '45, (Palm Beach, FL) has a building named for her at the Armory Art Center in West Palm Beach. She was the first sculpture teacher there when the Armory was founded 11 years ago. They hope it will become the first independent accredited art school in the area. The building was funded by her son Jerry Kaplan,

**mond '50** picked up the ball from our fallen brother, **Bob Nagler '50**, to reinstate the multi-class reunions of Pi Lambda Phi. Thirty-eight "Jolly Laddies" of Pilam from the classes of 1943 through 1952 and 28 significant others converged on the Cornell Club in New York City on May 20, 2000 to engage in an evening of toasting, boasting, and reminiscing about college days and events that probably happened.

Lois and I claimed the prize for the longest, most difficult trip to the reunion. We came

## "Nothing wrong with me that a miracle won't cure."

JOEL HILLMAN '44

CEO of onsale.com. Muriel recently completed a sculpture bust of the conductor of the Virginia Opera. You can see it in the lobby of the Harrison Opera House in Norfolk. **Dollie Taylor Prey** (Pittsburgh, PA) gave us good news. **Chuck** returned home after six months in a nursing home and rehab center. We missed you both at the last reunion; hope you can make it in 2001. **Rayma Carter** Wilson traveled with the Binghamton Friendship Force for two weeks of home hosting in Japan in July 1999 (one week in Tokyo and one in Sendai). In November her whole family helped her celebrate her 75th birthday. Attending were three children and spouses, seven grandchildren (three with spouses), and three great-grandchildren. **Phyllis Crane** Chaffin, BA '45, (Beaverton, OH) wrote, "I have been married to Jim, husband number five, for five years. I am still on the board of directors of the Cornell Club of Oregon and going to aquabilities five days a week."

In September 1999 **Jackie Dewey** Brett, BS HE '45, (Tequesta, FL) visited **Nancy Allen** Chamberlain, BS HE '45, at Nancy's summer home in Croghan, NY. Hurricane Floyd ended the drought but also the visit with Nancy, **Leah Smith** Drexler, BS HE '45, and **Jan Basset**te Summerville. The community lost power and trees. **Louise Greene** Richards, PhD '65, (Potomac, MD) is contemplating a move back to Ithaca. "Ithaca is wonderful in summer and being a native upstate New Yorker, I'm not afraid of the winter." She renewed friendships with **Carol Usher** Franklin, **Marion Moulton** McPheeters, **Hazel Brill** Brampton, and **Evelyn Call** Brumsted, all BS HE '45. We do have lots of '46ers in Ithaca.

**Dottie Van Vleet** Hicks, BS HE '45, wrote, "I'm in good health and enjoying lots of traveling. However, I just moved from a large townhouse to smaller quarters—it's time to downsize!" She still lives in State College, PA, during the winter, but now at 1752 N. Atherton St., #75. She can be found in Romulus, NY, from June to October. ♦ **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, 503 Morris Pl., Reading, PA 19607; tel., (610) 777-4938.

After a lapse of nearly ten years, **Rick Dia-**

from California via Italy with an extra night in Rome after our Alitalia flight to JFK was scrubbed for mysterious mechanical problems. Rick countered our claim. He ruled that this year's prize would be awarded for the shortest, easiest trip. That was a virtual tie and, therefore, unawardable, among eight Manhattanites. They are **Barry Biederman '52**, **Barry Cohen**, **Shelly Joblin '47**, **MBA '48**, **Larry Lowenstein '43**, **Steve Michelman '52**, **Maurice Pfursich '53**, **Dick Savitt '50**, and **Don Sayles '47**, B Chem E '50. The prize will be carried over to our next reunion in 2005, which **Bob Asher '48** has volunteered to run. The category will be chosen at a later date.

Four attended from California: **Alan Gleitsman '51**, **Bob Halperin '49**, **Paul Levine**, BS AE '49, and **Dick Victor '51**. Three were from Connecticut: **Al Glassenberg '51**, **Lawrence Rothfield '48**, BA '47, and **Jay Vlock '47**, MBA '48, with Cornellian wife, **Laurel (Fox) '48**. Two were from Florida: **Richard Diamond** and **Lee Rothenberg '48**; two from Illinois: **Jim Mayer '49** and **Donald Weiss '49** and **Bob Asher** from Massachusetts. Five were from New Jersey: **Herve Byron '51**, **Ken Jaffe '51**, **Lew Malamut '49**, **Stu Sherman**, and **Sid Shreero '43**; **Cliff Irving '51** from New Mexico, who nearly won a prize for farthest away. Seventeen were from NY: the eight from Manhattan, plus **Arthur '48** and **Helene Feher** Bernstein '47, **Mort Corwin '51**, **Dewey Ebbin '51**, **Albert Eisenberg '48**, **Art Lowenthal**, **Bert Oppenheimer '43**, **Mort '44** and **Lila Perless Savada '44**, **Al Seskis '49**, and **Len Steiner '51**. **Harry Davidson '50** and **Larry Goldsborough '52** were from Pennsylvania and from Virginia came **Irving Kayton '51**, who claimed a prize for his 13-year-old daughter.

I reported on the reunion to **George Saxe '43**, whom I met in June. We were at a Hillsborough, CA, Jewish Community Federation event where his daughter Ellen Saliman was being honored for her volunteer activity. George was interested in hearing about some of his old housemates and is considering attending the 2005 winding.

**Lawrance Whitley "Whit" Simmons**



(Hershey, PA) sent in his e-mail: pennell1@aol.com. WE PUBLISH CLASS MEMBERS' E-MAIL and/or WEB ADDRESSES. Just e-mail your information to my address below. Be sure to include your name and your current city and state of residence. See you on the Hill for our 55th—2001, An Ithacan Odyssey! Send news. ♦ **Paul Levine**, 31 Chicory Lane, San Carlos, CA 94070; tel, (650) 592-5273; fax, (650) 593-2572; e-mail, pblevine@juno.com.

**47** We've got new News from 2000 Dues. **Bimby Everett** Bryant reports she is still working as a research scientist and managing director of the American Customer Satisfaction Index at the U. of Michigan business school. Classmates can communicate with her at bryantb@umich.edu. **Sylvia Kianoff Shain** is still working, teaching English as a second language to Japanese women. She's a Master Gardener, travels in the US, and keeps in touch with **Naomi Strummer** Samkoff via the *New York Times* Sunday crossword puzzle. Sylvia and Ira have three children (one is **Steven Shain '77**) and three grandchildren. **Arlene O'Hara O'Connor**, who lives in Camillus, volunteers, exercises, and keeps busy with seven sons, seven daughters-in-law, and 13 grandchildren. **John Gnaedinger**, BCE '46, continues extensive activity with the Careers of Youth program, an official part of the Chicago Public Schools program. Still innovating, he spends considerable time making and marketing his CON-CURE™ concrete maturity system, and trying to decide how to implement his patent to hold down the roofs of houses during hurricanes and tornadoes. **Jinny Logan** Jones, another crossword puzzler, won second prize in the senior division of the Stamford Crossword Puzzle Tournament. She recently got together with her freshman roommate, **Jackie Morrison** Callahan, in Orlando and reminisced about living in Risley Tower. Also reminiscent of those days, she has rediscovered knitting. E-mail: jinnyjones@cpcug.org. **Robert Shavick** plays tennis, continues to work as administrator/certified circuit court mediator. Last fall he cruised on the QE2. His e-mail is rshavick@aol.com.

Many classmates travel extensively and include volunteering in their lives. **James Healy** volunteers at his local hospital and in February cruised for 15 days from San Diego to Hawaii. Daughter Mary, who was director of Discovery Island at Disney World, is now director of the Sacramento (CA) Zoo. Son Jim owns the floating home used in the movie *Sleepless in Seattle*. **Eve Freyer Spencer** and **Gordon '46**, moved to Los Alamos in 1994 to play. They now volunteer at the local visitor information center and are active at the senior center. Travels include a small-ship cruise from Antigua to Grenada last February, touring and hiking in Alaska in June, and a December cruise from the Bahamas to Trinidad.

**Don Wilson** spent 127 days on an around-the-world cruise on the *Ocean Explorer I*, starting and finishing in Athens, Greece, vis-

iting Tunisia, Morocco, Canary Islands, Cape Verde, Brazil, Argentina, Falkland Islands, Antarctica, Chile, Easter Island, Pitcairn Island, Tahiti, Bora Bora, Fiji, New Caledonia, Australia, Bali, Java, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Seychelles, Kenya, Eritrea, Jordan, Egypt, and Israel. Wow! Don has two e-mail addresses. Winter: dmw5126@sunline.net; summer: dmw5126@ntnet.com. Another wow!

Former class president **Stu La Dow**, another crossword puzzler and gardener, cruised to Cozumel, Mexico, in February, and volunteers for his church and Cornell (and the Republican Party?). His first grandchild was born last August. Former vice president **Muriel Welch Brown**, BS HE '46, and **Richard '49** (e-mail: rwb1@widomaker.com), have gone through the Panama Canal and will do a Cornell trip to Normandy and the River Seine. They recently saw **Helen (Allmuth)**, BS HE '46, and **John Ayer**. Incidentally, the Ayers postcarded us from Australia with a photo of their Rock.

**Sue Tettelbach** Colle planned a July river cruise on the Rhine-Danube from Amsterdam to Vienna, and had a mini-reunion with **Betty Miller** Francis while vacationing in Colorado. Betty, a distinguished former class correspondent, had a great trip taking the Concorde to England and returning on the QE2 in the summer of 1999. Betty is a busy volunteer at the Fine Arts Center, the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, her church, and community events, and she finds time to take courses in the history of music and the history of Broadway musicals. She reports that the veterinarian at the zoo is a Cornellian. Betty and her family returned to campus last fall for the rededication of the Cornell Library Tower Chimes. The ceremony recognized donors that made the restoration of the bells possible.

Thanks again to **Arlie Williamson** Anderson for her help with the column. Your e-mails and letters are always welcome. Arlie says, "Don't bother checking our class Web page until Pete does what he ought. It hasn't been updated since our 50th Reunion." In the future go to <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu>, click "Alumni Organizations," then "Classes," followed by "Class of 1947" (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1947/>). ♦ **Peter D. Schwarz**, 12 Glen Ellyn Way, Rochester, NY 14618; tel, (716) 244-5684; fax, (716) 244-1373; e-mail, PDESchwarz@cs.com.

**48** **Bart Holm**, West Grove, PA: "Maryanna and I are now settled here, having sold our Wilmington house. Last summer we were relaxing at our Lake Champlain home worried about building a new house by remote control, but we finally realized the contractors know what they are doing. All children and grandchildren visit us here in Lake Champlain to eat, sleep, eat, play, eat, and swim. Why don't our children discipline their children the way we did? We need honest, straight-talking people in government. How do we accomplish this? I wish I knew! If

you woke up today, stop worrying about all those little things. Leave the world a better place than when you arrived."

**Leo P. Larkin Jr.**, LLB '50, New York City: "Retired in 1999 from my last position as a senior partner of Rogers & Wells. My hobby is "magic," in between travel, music, and professional association activities." **Bob McKinless**, Alexandria, VA: "To celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary, Nancy and I spent five days in NYC with children and grandchildren, showing them the city sights and our childhood homes, schools, and church in White Plains. We rode the Dragon Coaster at Playland in Rye and the Cyclone at Coney Island. I still lead hikes and open the mail for the Cornell Club/Washington and sing in the Washington Men's Camerata and the North American Welsh Choir. Biked 500 miles across Georgia in June with younger son."

**JoAnne Norton** Mayer, Marblehead, MA: "Husband Carl and I just returned from Africa after our sixth Adult University (CAU) tour. Wonderful trip. Great place to meet and travel with Cornell alumni. Very well planned and executed."

**Harriet Morel** Oxman, Sarasota, FL: "I'm administrator of the Friends of Selby Library bookstore in the new library that was just built. I am still president of the Sun Coast Chapter of Retired School Supervisors and Administrators of NYC. I'm looking forward to Reunion in 2003. I recently climbed many peaks in Machu Picchu and did the Peruvian Amazon with a college group. (I'm in good shape.) Moved from our 18th-story condo apartment back to a house in Laurel Oak Estates where I now race-walk through 800 acres daily, seeing deer, bobcats, and all types of birds. Just lovely."

**Grace Patrick** Roop, West Monroe: "I volunteer at Mexico Point Park and run rental cottages for the children on Lake Ontario in the warm season. Went to world championship single scull racing in St. Catherine's, Canada, where our son was coaching. He is in the Single Scull Hall of Fame. All six children were home for our 50th wedding anniversary celebration last July."

**William Purcell Jr.**, Wallingford, PA: "After hours I do woodworking. Helped our son William P. III in his campaign for mayor of Nashville, TN. He won!" **Richard Rundell**, Hudson, OH: "I'm fully retired but a member of Hudson's Municipal Planning Commission. There's not enough time to do everything I want, which includes travel, time to read, and visiting our four kids and four grandchildren in Boston, Seattle, Chicago, and Boulder, CO."

**James H. Smith**, Sacramento, CA: "I have been called back out of semi-retirement to help incorporate and promote an Internet daily newspaper, [worldnetdaily.com](http://worldnetdaily.com). I have been the publisher of four different major daily newspapers in the past. Worldnet Daily has been voted the most popular website for the last 19 weeks in a row. We receive over four million hits per day from 120 countries." **Prentice Troup**, Washington, NC: "Trying to keep my golf handicap from eroding fur-



ther. After hours I practice how to make the perfect martini. Last year and this year I was cleaning up after Hurricane Bonnie and Hurricane Dennis. I'd rather not be cleaning up after hurricanes. Tomorrow I plan to breathe regularly. My most pressing problem is spelling. I think that I should start the third grade over. There is life after 75, but 'you must be joking' when you ask me to explain its meaning briefly."

**Ray and Margaret "Peg" Wilharm Tuttle**, Hilton Head Island, SC: "Had a great 50th wedding anniversary cruise, October 2-23, from Nice, France, with several stops in Spain along the way, and then Bermuda and on to Fort Lauderdale, FL. We missed all the hurricanes by several hundred miles." **Richard Vlock**, Gloversville, NY: "Closed up my orthodontic practice after 42 years in December 1998. After taking a trip to Germany, spent the winter of 1999 in Scottsdale, AZ, and since then have been reading, writing, and traveling. Of the various honors I have achieved in my profession of dentistry, I am most proud of having been elected to serve a term of eight years as a governor of the NY State Dental Society. I'm enthusiastically learning to use my computer and it's difficult finding time to do all the other things one wants to do every day. I recommend retirement for anyone who has outside interests and the means to indulge them. Strangely enough, although I have only been retired eight months (as of this writing), I can hardly remember having worked at all."

**Harold Vroman**, BS Ag '52, MS '52, Cobleskill, NY: "Retired. Busy with community activities, visiting Virginia, Washington, and New Jersey, and planning to continue serving the community and all mankind. Main problem is meeting new challenges and learning new technologies which can be solved by adjusting and learning. Most pressing problem today is identifying what is right and what is wrong, and the solution can be found in the Bible. The meaning of life is to love and serve people."

**Lillian Soelle** Austin, Chapel Hill, NC: "Present day job is 'home administrator' and community volunteering. Investment club and meetings kept me busy last year. Children are scattered from Illinois through Ohio, Maryland, North Carolina, and Northeast Harbor, ME. Great places to visit! Last year I helped **Jim**, BA '47, and **Vicky Mowry Storer** and family celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary shipboard on the Charles River. Vicky and Jim looked wonderful. Enjoyed travel to Provence on Cornell Alumni Federation tour, and last July took the antiques course and 'How Things Work' at CAU on the campus. Went windsurfing with 10-year-old grandson Brad Austin in Maine last August—cool! Most pressing problem is finding enough time to do all these things we enjoy. Solution is to get up early and keep good lists. Today's world problem is natural and man-made disasters and the only solution is faith. I'm accumulating more computer skills. Living one day at a time, with gratitude." ♦ **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; fax, (516) 767-1776-#1.

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Thanks for fresh news. News comes in all forms. Some with a humorous, well-deserved barb! Our first News and Dues letter had an incorrect membership card. We tried to correct this malfeasance with a follow-up "oops" letter and a lame attempt at humor. We meant to say, "A person should be like tea, their strength appearing when they get in hot water. You may call us oolong!" But another Ithaca gremlin changed oolong (a tea) to "oblong." The first barb came from **Norman Tinkle**, Spofford, NH: "And you may call me A-1. Should I call you opaque or just plain square?" The man has not lost his *Daily Sun* touch! Ex-editor-in-chief **Howard Loomis**, MBA '50, should be proud. Fifty years and they are still on my back. However, it is wise to apologize to a man if you are wrong (and to a woman if you are right). Apologies to all.

**John Story**, Udall, KS, "entered the new century getting a number/road address instead of an R.R. box number for 911 emergency purposes. Same house. We did not move. Mail carrier is trying to cope. Love our country home. Watch deer, coyotes, turkey, geese, ducks, etc., pass by all the time. Still farming and following crew racing. Miss Cornell friends and events but Kansas State U. is great!"

**Joe Van Poppelen**, Atherton, CA, "bought a new second home in the Palm Springs area (Rancho Mirage). One would think that with all this golf, my handicap would go down. It's going up!" Obviously Joe's handicap is his honesty. Golf is a game where the ball always lies poorly and the player well! **Ken Canfield**, Aspen, CO, "moved from California to Aspen. Great little town with big city amenities. Really enjoyed reunion. Looking forward to our 55th and seeing old crew buddies."

**Elaine Rosenfeld** Cines, Columbus, NJ: "Great reunions, with new/old friendships resumed, on visits to Baltimore and New Orleans. Celebrated our 50th anniversary with family (all ten of us) at Disney World and on a Big Red Boat cruise—ideal for grandkids. This summer—Alaska—just the two of us!"

**Jack Tewey**, MS '75, Sarasota, FL, is enjoying life—lots of tennis, a couple of ski trips, and nine grandchildren. Sadly, he lost a daughter to cancer last year. Recently, Jack completed a consulting job in Zambia and toured three other African countries. **Anthony Cocchini**, Hilton Head, SC, enjoyed a brief visit with **Howard** and **Ellen Carlson**. The weather allowed good golfing all winter, and then Tony was off on his annual trip to Italy and the Tuscany region. **Bruce McKenzie**, Greenbrae, CA, was taking a cruise for his 50th wedding anniversary with "the woman I met in Ithaca while working at WHCU... obviously, she is the best part of my education." Not certain what Dr. Day would say about that!

**Lawson Singer**, East Hampton, NY, has a new winter home in Scottsdale, AZ, where he enjoys hiking, swimming, and lots of sunshine. Other than avoiding the crowds, his summers in East Hampton are great. **Don Sutherland**, Naples, FL, is pursuing his underwater photography with a passion. He has spent time aboard ship in the South Pacific—

Truk Lagoon, Palau, the Solomons, Papua New Guinea, and the Maldives. Check out a sampling of his work on his website, [www.donsutherland.com](http://www.donsutherland.com). **Richard Glor**, Holland, NY, has retired from the New York State Dept. of Transportation, where he toiled for over 20 years in the rail division.

**Richard J. Gilbert**, Lexington, MA, reports that the red windbreaker from one of our early reunions was very helpful in allowing him to spot his wife, **Joy Stern '51**, among tourists and locals on a Southeast Asia trip. **Jack Sheinkman**, JD '52, New York City, is president of the Debs Foundation in Terre Haute, IN, vice chair of the New York Business Labor Community Coalition, and vice chair of the Council on Competitiveness.

**Tony Tappin**, Oak Brook, IL: "Enjoyed getting away this winter which I was unable to do during my late wife's illness. Surprising what time in Tucson, Palm Springs, and Santa Barbara can do." He is still active in the Cornell Fund and was pleased to hear from **Jack Krieger** that the new Sphinx Head room in Sage Hall is a reality. Tony has a busy fall. His youngest daughter is getting married in Santa Barbara on Labor Day, and then he'll be in Ithaca for Homecoming and the Phi Gamma Delta every-other-year reunion of the wartime classes, '40-50. **Vera Johnston Farrell**, Livingston Manor, NY: "Retired two years; spend Februarys in San Diego playing golf and visiting four children and eight grandchildren. Oldest grandson, Michael Diemer, Lafayette, CA, is an entering freshman." Can he play football like **Jim '50**?

**Robert Von Dohlen**, MRP '54, W. Hartford, CT: "**Beth (Robinson) '51** and I just back from a trip to the Galapagos. Made the 'wet' and 'dry' landings from the *panga* with great dexterity. Now off to Botswana and South Africa. Second visit—this time with a side trip to Capetown and the wine country."

**Sylvia Colt De Almeida**, Los Gatos, CA: "Finally retired and looking for volunteer work to busy me. My house burned two summers ago. I am waiting for the rain to stop so they can build a new one. All very complicated as it was rated 'historic.' Have made walking trips with **Ruth Adler Schottman '48** and husband **Tom '48**, MA '49. Visited with **Marilyn (Olsen)** and **Walt Baurle '48**, and **Charlotte Sielman** Streisinger, MA '51." It rains in California? **Shirley Steele** Paddock, Pensacola, FL, missed Reunion due to illness but is back to normal and playing tennis again. She communicates with family and friends via computer and feels fortunate to have both daughters and their families in the area. **Mel Bennett**, Ashland City, TN, "had a wonderful time at Reunion seeing many old friends

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after 50 years, as I had missed earlier ones. Then flew to Norway to visit daughter, family, and cousins. The next generation met another after my return to our cottage in Bethel, NY. I suffered a stroke which affected my left side. Much time in the hospital and a difficult time relearning to walk. Feel fortunate that I can still think and write, but there is frustration."

Words of great wisdom from **Don Robertson**, Niagara Falls, NY: "Last year was a year of introspection and adjustment to the fact that I still feel young in mind, but this body I am so dependent upon keeps trying to tell me, 'Hey, you can't keep pushing me to do all the things I used to that you think I can still do. Realize there is a lot of wear and tear. The hinges are rusty and howling, the springs and pulleys are weak, the ropes are frayed, with a few even broken, the electronics are outdated, connections and relays corroded. Take it easy but keep moving, lest everything freeze up!' So, birding activities, habitat restoration projects, and another great land/cruise trip to Alaska kept me moving." Good! **Rob Johns**, Covina, CA: "My wife of 48 years died last year. We had a great life together. Planning to move to a lifecare retirement facility, Mt. San Antonios Gardens, near the little town of Claremont, CA, home of the five Claremont colleges." Good choice, Rob. Claremont is a wonderful town. I spent five months there as an ASTP cadet at Pomona College. The Army was determined to convert a denizen of Goldwin Smith into an engineer! In exchange for this lost cause, we were forced to teach advanced algebra to a class of coeds. Difficult to concentrate and keep two chapters ahead of them in the textbook.

On the Hill. A male walked around campus in a t-shirt that read, "I'm single, eager, and looking," and on the back: "For more information, call [and his phone number]." A week later, added to the message on the back: "Sorry, offer has expired. I found her." In the halls of Martha Van, a chair was placed with a sign: "I'm broke." Soon, scribbled below were the words: "Me too, but I don't sit around the hall all day complaining."

Last thought. With all the 50th wedding anniversaries, 1950 must have been one heckuva Sadie Hawkins Day all year, exhausting Marrying Sam. Congrats! Stay well. Stay happy. Be proud to be a '49er. ♦ **Dick Keegan** 179 N. Maple Ave., Greenwich, CT 06830; tel., (203) 661-8584; fax, (203) 869-2592; e-mail, soon.



The first batch of more than 60 news cards from the spring mailing have come to us. It is always a joy to read the news from you, thanks for sending it in. We hope to fit it all into the next few issues. If you haven't paid your dues, please do it now. We need your support.

**Jim Rice** e-mailed, "I retired in 1995. I had been an endowed professor at the Rochester Institute of Technology since 1985, and with Rodak for 31 years prior to that. I left

there when the opportunity at RIT became available. I still try to play golf, and visit the children around the country." **Frank Miller** says, "I am looking forward to the big 50th!" **Bobbie Berkowitz** Rubin reports from Rochester, NY: "I have MS but it's mostly in my legs and life goes on with much enjoyment: theater, music, reading, friends, winter months in Great Exuma, swimming and snorkeling. After many years of college teaching, I love owning all my own time." **Ted Oppenheimer** e-mailed, "Hope to attend reunion, especially since my wife **Bernice (Rubenstein)** '50 and I were unable to attend her 50th Reunion this year. We moved from Long Island to Pittsfield, MA, in October, but live in Tucson, AZ, from December to April—the best of all possible worlds."

**Jack Howell** competed in the 200- and 100-yard butterfly and 200- and 400-yard individual medley events for men age 70–74 at the US Masters Swimming National Championship meet. He finished third, fourth, fifth, and sixth, respectively. **Bob Gatje** reports from New York City, "I retired five years ago, but remain active with an overseas project plan and am acting as a client's advisor for two not-for-profit organizations. My book, 'Marcel Breuer: A Memoir' will be published this fall by The Monacelli Press. It tells stories of my 23 years working at the side of a great architect and a great man." **Robert Wagner**, Williamsville, NY, has retired as an editor with *Buffalo News* and works part-time as media coordinator for Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council. His hobbies include birding and yoga. **Henry Trautlein**, Ithaca, NY, notes that he has retired as dean of the college at Herkimer County Community College. He published a novel, *Tangled Ivy* (inside a university during a presidential succession).

**Charlie Moore** now lists his address as Washington, DC. He is deputy chairman of the Committee to Encourage Corporate Philanthropy, commissioner of the Smithsonian American Art Museum, and chairman of the Audit Committee and Public Sector Director of the United States Olympic Committee. In December 1999 he was elected to the USA Track Hall of Fame. He played golf with **Noel De Cordova**, JD '56, at Country Club of Florida. **Shelly Epstein** Akabas e-mailed, "I was at the I&LR dinner in April where **Bill Kay** was honored with the Alpern Award. This award is given to an I&LR grad who has done significant work for the school even though he or she is not, by profession, in I&LR related work. Bill had been the co-chair of the I&LR building campaign which had raised a phenomenal amount of money." **Mary Woods** of Clinton, CT, says, "After recently retiring from clinical social work practice and from teaching (associate professor) at Hunter College in NYC, I completed the fifth (and final) edition of *Casework: A Psychosocial Therapy* (McGraw Hill). I will now turn my attention to volunteer activities and to writing outside the professional realm."

**David Greason** of Newark, OH, has retired from Dow Chemical Co. He spent 12

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days driving around Europe (Germany, Holland, Belgium, France, and Luxembourg). His hobbies include duplicate bridge.

**Pete Spencer**, Cleveland, OH, e-mailed, "**Heidi (Heidingsfeld), Grad '51-52**, and I just returned from three and a half months in Australia and ten days in Hawaii. Our son John, his ex-wife, and their three kids live in greater Sydney. We traveled to the Great Barrier Reef, to Tasmania, and to Melbourne, as well as the beautiful area around Sydney. We were surfing and sunning several times each week. We went to the opera in their famous opera house and we climbed their famous bridge. Looking forward to our 50th Reunion." In Cincinnati, **Leonard R. Fahs** says he's "thoroughly enjoying the golden age, playing tennis and bridge regularly and occasionally golf." **Margaret "Peggy" Martin McPherson** writes from Fredonia, NY, that she and **Warren '48** still enjoy sailing on Lake Erie and canoeing on the inland lakes. When visiting Salt Lake City they had an inspiring experience hearing and watching the Mormon Tabernacle Choir rehearse in the tabernacle.

Last fall, **Jesse and Betsy Zobel Hannan** toured Europe with classmate **Elizabeth "BJ" Emerson McMath** and her husband Jim. The highlight of the trip was a cruise on the Danube River from Budapest to Diefert, Germany. We have assembled a list of e-mail addresses of '51 classmates. If you would like to be on the list, send us an e-mail mentioning the list and we will add your name and e-mail you a copy. Visit the '51 website at [www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1951](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1951).

Remember: 50th Reunion, June 7-10, 2001. RECOLLECT AND RECONNECT. ♦ **Jack and Betty Meng Howell**, 289 Ashford Ave., Tonawanda, NY. 14150-8563; tel., (716) 833-9543; e-mail, [jack-howell@msn.com](mailto:jack-howell@msn.com).

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Please return your questionnaires this fall and renew your *Cornell Magazine* subscriptions. With some more subscribers we will be given more space for our column—more news of you and of 50th Reunion plans. **Paul Blanchard** reports that plans for Homecoming on September 23 include the Rally lunch, block seating for the Yale game, and dinner at Branches with classes of '53, '54, and '55 with **Tom Foulkes** at the piano. At this mid-June writing, **Rik Clark** reports that responses have been very good for the Class of 1952 weekend in Cambridge, MA, Oct. 9-10, 2000. Any New England and other classmates interested in attending the Friday dinner, Saturday morning program, lunch, and Cornell-Harvard football game should phone Rik at (508) 428-5262 or e-mail [capec@aol.com](mailto:capec@aol.com) to see if space is still available.

**Robert Messner** of Warren, VT, is pursuing an active life in retirement—sailing, biking, and skiing. He joined **Robert Ashton '53** on his 40-foot sloop for three months of sailing between Fiji and New Caledonia. **Richard Call** has been a Cornell Trustee for the last six years, elected from the New York

Agriculture organization, and he reports that this activity has been a real education. Richard still farms in Batavia, NY, nine months of the year, spending the winter months in Florida. Writing and editing in Pittsburgh, PA, keeps **Joan Boffa** Gaul from retirement, and some of her travel involves a young granddaughter in Rochester, MN.

**Herman Stern**, one of several classmates in the Sarasota-Manatee Cornell Club, visits the sick in a local hospital, plays golf, and presumably still cares for his citrus trees. In recent years most parts of the US have been visited by **Stanley and Phyllis Berger Corwin** in their motor home. **Betty Woodard** Smith's home in Bellevue, WA, was one of their stops. The Corwins volunteer for the Boy Scouts, a hospital, and the Audubon Society when parked at home in Basking Ridge, NJ. In Rochester, NY, **Kirk Personius**, MS '56, does part-time horticultural consulting, drives patients to a VA Clinic, and volunteers for homes for the developmentally disabled. Kirk and wife Polly have recently moved to a smaller home on their street and purchased a family cottage in Pennsylvania.

Early last year, **Barbara Oles** Monty was still working full-time as director of Knox County, TN, Office on Aging, and enjoying it! **Peter and Judy Calhoun Schurman** moved from Woodbridge to New Canaan, CT, two-plus years ago to "get new surroundings for new adventures." Peter volunteers with SCORE and Judy with the library. A recent trip was to China and London.

**Fred Leonard**, with his two sons, owns an insurance agency in Narberth, PA. **Martha Bliss Grogan**, at last report, was a CPA in Williamsville, NY, where she plays tennis, volunteers, and enjoys trips to visit children and grandchildren in Oregon and Idaho. In Hot Springs Village, AR, **Dalton Gray** plays golf and volunteers with hospice and literacy programs. Travel has included visits to sons in Chicago and New York State. **Denise Cutler Kimball** reports that husband **Kent**, MD '55, died of a stroke in February 1999. Denise does geology research in Oakland, CA, and mentions Egypt as her best trip. Another Sarasotan is **Dave Stearns**, JD '58, who, with wife **Phyllis (Perl) '54** enjoys the warmth, beautiful beaches, and good friends. Dave is mostly retired, plays tennis, and took a Western USA trip which included lots of country, scenery, and visits with kids and grandkids.

**Carol Harris** Anderson still teaches at Rollins College Graduate School of Business in Winter Park, FL, where she is a professor of marketing. Also continuing to teach is **John Montgomery** of Lidlington, England. He is professor of law and theology at the European Center for Law and Justice. John collects books and antique Citroen cars and cites as his best trip one on the Orient Express to Venice and back. **Ivan Gendzel**, MD '56, still practices psychiatry in Palo Alto, CA, where he enjoys jogging and photography and volunteers with the Boy Scouts. A special trip was to the Netherlands to visit his young granddaughter. **Gordon Gowen** farms in Alstead, NH, is president of the New Hampshire Farm

Bureau Federation, and serves on the executive committee of the American Farm Bureau. In retirement, **Elliot**, MS '59, and **Corinne Friedner Austein**, BArch '54, use their home in Levittown, PA, as a base for lots of travel. Winters find them on Western US ski trips, and in March last year they rented a London apartment, taking side trips to Glasgow and Cardiff. In July it was Scandinavia, then home for biking, hiking, and maybe a start on the post-retirement projects that have taken a back seat to fun.

**Henry Ver Valen** and wife Kay have been traveling, skiing, and attending Jaguar conventions and car tours. Their current project is a move from the Pittsburgh area to their new home, which is being built in Monkton, MD. **Rik Clark**, who has been busy organizing our 250th Reunion Warm-Up in the New England area, has traveled widely with wife Sandy and was planning to include Australia this year. Biking has been a major activity, with trips in the Dordogne and Provence areas in France and a 194-mile ride to raise funds for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. ♦ **Bob and Jeanne Irish Lewis**, 34 Hickory Ridge Rd., Rochester, NY 14625; tel., (716) 381-6370; e-mail, [lewroch@aol.com](mailto:lewroch@aol.com).

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Time, it has been observed, marches on. And now the seniors of our freshman year have made it through their 50th Reunion. Can we be far behind? Say about June 5-8, 2003? A few pathfinders, including a dozen of '53's large Continuous Reunion Club (CRC) delegation, spouses of '55, and other known regular returnees, sampled the waters and other liquids this June. **Gerry Grady** took it as a sign of the times that, at an alumni softball game, the soft drinks ran out before the beer. Sailing men **Pete Lent** and **E. Mac Burney Storm**, JD '60, made it. Mac still sails but has retired from ski patrols after a quarter century. **Chuck Berlinghof** said hello. **Judy Resnik** Chabon, **Joyce Wisbaum** Underberg, BS HE '52, and **Guion "Tex" Trau** Taylor were there with the CRC crew, and there surely were more. At least two, **Claire Moran Ford** and **Lou Pradt**, had excused absences due to physical unwellnesses.

**William Harrison Marsh** (Washington, DC), in the capital of the world in mid-May, suggested lunch at the Princeton Club on W. 43rd St. (He's entitled, as a Woodrow Wilson School of International Studies post-grad, and appeared to be well-known by the staff.) Your humble scribe took a seat, back to the wall, eyes to the door, under a sculpted lion and a picture of Sid Luckman (Columbia is a tenant of the club). Bill said his inclination not to turn his back on a restaurant door was left over from his Vietnam days. Your scribe said he was influenced by Jimmy Breslin's reportage of life in Little Italy restaurants. The 25th anniversary of the fall of Saigon had been observed a few days before, on April 30. Bill said the memories were strong. A 36-year veteran of the Foreign Service, he was in Nam with the State Department from July 1963 to 1967,



played a role in the peace process, and had a hand (from Washington) in the evacuation of friendlies at the denouement. He also recalled some receptions when he returned to the US from Southeast Asia. One included a banner libeling him a war criminal at a place where he had been invited to speak. Though two years retired, Bill is frequently asked back to the "gummint job" (as our pal Pogo and his swampmates would say) and has been practically full-time in New York during the last two autumn United Nations sessions. He's been advising his fraternity on how to proceed with housing problems, among other things, lately. This New York visit came at the time of passage rites for both of us. Bill's number two son, Andrew, was about to graduate from

early commute to her job in the city—her first ever that wasn't in Westchester—and picking her up at 6:01. Meanwhile, Bob has gotten into sales in Westchester. **Milton Rosenau Jr.** (Bellaire, TX) is out with *Successful Product Development—Speeding from Opportunity to Profit*, which he calls a brief, hands-on guidebook for quick access to clear, proven ways to faster profit growth.

**John Keyes** (Soddy-Daisy, TN) and three sons spend a week a year fishing on Chicamauga Lake. He's retired to volunteer as a docent at the Tennessee Aquarium and participate in Kiwanis and church activities. Former stockbroker **Bob Glah** has parlayed that experience, an English lit major, four active Navy years, tennis, hiking, NFL football,

Canadian Rockies. I sense a temperature-driven itinerary with winter being their static period. I wrote last year of meeting **Robert F. Morrison** at Reunion, but mistakenly reported he wrote for the Audubon Society. Correct that to read Sierra Club. He did send me his article, entitled: "Look Out—Here Come Those Dam Builders." Enclosed with the article was a letter to the editor regarding Bob's article and Bob's reply, both printed in a later issue of *Quinnehtukqut*. The reader had completely misunderstood the point of the story, in which Bob was searching for a humane solution to the interface between beaver and urbanization. Ah, the problems of communication.

**Lawrence N. Cohen** did not retire for long but rather formed LARC Strategic Concepts LLC with two other retirees from Long Island. They assist start-up and other technology firms. Web address: [www.larcstrategic.com](http://www.larcstrategic.com). Neither **Gilbert Henock**, LLB '58, nor partner **Ken Berkman** have thoughts of retiring from their growing law firm. Gil and wife Sheila did take some time away from law and grandchildren to enjoy the hills of Tuscany last September.

**Bertram Bradley**, having hung up his law shingle, is now an arbitrator-mediator in Berkeley, CA. **George Hollis** has put his CPA work behind him but hasn't yet convinced his wife to retire and come out to play. **Seymour Feldman** has left the Rutgers classroom without any apparent caveats. **Gil Rothrock** has put the practice of surgery behind him and feels reborn. **Robert Rodler** has not only retired, leaving the family business in the capable hands of his two sons, but he and Carol have moved into a new home in Middle Island, NY.

**Patricia Wible Kraft** wrote that she retired as a litigation paralegal several years ago, moved into a new townhouse in September 1998 in Moorestown, NJ, and has been occupied with renovations and gardening ever since. With a thriving babysitting business, plus two grandchildren nearby, she is obviously one of the very young at heart. When life among the small set gets too exhausting she hops down to Barnegat Light for a bit of R & R.

Good news from **Anne Drotning Coors**. She and **Joe '39** were not at Reunion, as Joe was recovering from a massive heart attack and seven bypasses. Joe is now in good health and Anne is painting, working on her golf, and active with the Rancho Santa Fe Art Guild. Hopefully we shall see their smiling faces at our big 50th. **Tyler Todd** is active in land development between knee operations. He has had five. Our Hawaiian, **Robert M. Morrison**, missed our 45th but his excuse note has been accepted, with envy. At the time, he and Susan were en route from London to St. Petersburg, the North Cape, Norway, and Tuscany. A very enjoyable leg was from Bergen to North Cape via mail boat.

A newspaper clipping from the *Darien News-Review* was sent to **John Marcham '50** by **Rich Jahn '53** and finally, via *Cornell Magazine*, to me. It notes a book discussion at the Darien Library led by **Jordon Pecile**, Mystic, CT, head of the English department at the US

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LESLIE PAPENFUS REED '54

medical college and your scribe was in midtown to do the right thing with an unrequited first Social Security check. It involved a bank.

Too busy, they say, for leisure, **Robert and Ruth Speirs** Balluffi, BS HE '68, PhD '72, (Brookline, MA) bought “a dream house” for winter months on Vieques, which Ruth described as “an undiscovered paradise seven miles off the coast of San Juan, PR.” That was before the world learned that the US Navy knew all about the island for years and that there is probably a treasure in scrap metal (some of it unexploded) there, left over from the Navy's target practice. Writing some while back, Ruth noted that the Balluffis would “consider renting the house to other Cornellians.” Gracias. Robert, former materials science prof at Cornell, who moved on to MIT, received an honorary doctorate from Northwestern last year. As a sidelight, he sells watercolors of the Carib and Cape Cod. Ruth has been studying photography at the New England School of Photography, and “going digital, too.”

Semi-retired psychologist **Doris Rubin** Roland (Cliffside Park, NJ) consults for an organization that tests for admissions to private schools. **Bianca Barbone** (Chapel Hill, NC) and spouse, **John MacHemer '37**, report trips to southwest China and Ireland and on the Great Trains of Europe in the last two years. **Hilary Levin** Mindlin and husband Lee say they left their foothills home in Shangri-la (Tucson) to return to southern Florida, two doors from son Jacob and daughter-in-law Laurie.

**Don**, BCE '55, and **Eloise Mix Unbekant '54** have moved to Marion, MA, on the shores of Buzzard's Bay, “where we fish and golf and go to Boston for arts, etc.” That's following 40 years in construction. **Bob Solomon**, who's been retired from Consumers Union for a couple of years, finds unique ways to remain active. Like driving wife Isabelle to the station at White Plains, NY, to catch an

and the beauty of his new home town, Lake Tahoe, CA, to part-time hosting in the Celebrity Show Room at Harrah's Casino.

See you at Homecoming, September 23. ♦ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 1st Ave., NYC 10009; e-mail, [jch46@cornell.edu](mailto:jch46@cornell.edu).

**54 Ted Heine** reports that he has been suffering from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease) for over eight years. During that time he has become known almost worldwide as a patient activist and spokesman. He has attended the last four international symposia on ALS in Chicago, Glasgow, Munich, and Vancouver, serves as the required patient member of an American Academy of Neurology committee whose purpose is to determine evidence-based standards for the clinical care of ALS patients, and has served as a member of the board of trustees of the ALS Assn. since 1995. In 1996 he became the first patient in the world to undergo a potential therapy that may result in slowing the disease. The therapy, which uses cutting-edge technology, involves implanting a hockey puck-sized titanium pump intradermally below his left ribcage with a catheter tunneled through his skin to the spinal column. The pump continuously infuses a neurotropic factor into his spinal fluid and is refilled monthly in Chicago. About 300 patients are now enrolled in a pivotal clinical trial to determine if this therapy is helpful. Anyone who is interested in ALS research can reach Ted via his e-mail address: [heinet@forbin.com](mailto:heinet@forbin.com)

**Harold Lynn** and **Jane Gregory Wilson** appear to stop briefly in Sun City Center, FL, for a change of wardrobe as they navigate their peripatetic life. Last year included one cruise from New York to the Caribbean and another originating in Chile and terminating in Florida. Summer months were spent traveling in North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and the



Coast Guard Academy. The discussion Jordon was leading was on *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien. It would appear Cornell eyes are ever-vigilant.

Our co-Prexy **Bob Levitan** manages to attend most Cornell events and I am beginning to believe it is programmed into his DNA. Bob is a third-generation Cornellian himself and is now pleased to announce grandson Jason is the first of the fourth-generation Levitans to matriculate "high above." Congratulations, Mr. President.

Notes from two Stephens. **Stephen Kaplan** is moving amidst towns beginning with W. He retired a year ago, sold his company, sold his home in Weston, and moved temporarily to Waltham to wait out the completion of a new condo in Wayland, MA. **Stephen Knauss '53**, MBA '55, writes of some very interesting travels. He visited relatives in Turkey who have a summer place on one of the Princes' islands in the Sea of Marmara off Istanbul. He did not say which Prince. Then Steve went with an astronomy group to observe and photograph the total solar eclipse near the town of Bartın on the Turkish Black Sea, which he found to be spectacular. Next stop was Hungary, with his sister Judy, to visit their ancestral roots in the little town of Tiszadoh. While there, they were wine and dined, spent the night in Count Andrassy's castle, and saw the family name on a memorial to the Tiszadoh Jews who were victims at Auschwitz in 1944.

I received a gracious note from **Jim Ritchey**, who was unable to attend Reunion due to the death of his wife **Hazel (Bowdren) '55**. Jim has been a delightful correspondent, as I have stated in previous columns. I was looking forward to meeting them both.

Your correspondent's return to the East Coast is complete and I am once again residing in my favorite town. Thus, I am very interested in why people move at this time of life and would like to know why some of us do, and what is the rationale behind relocation. My personal journey was motivated by friendships of long standing and a deep affinity for a very charming town full of old houses, uneven sidewalks, shade trees, and dogs. I followed my heart and have no regrets. The San Francisco Zoo has given way to the National Zoo, where I am presently working in the Great Ape House. Animals have always been a large part of my life and zoos have provided a place to study all living beings and their global interface with man, with all its ramifications. I have found the end of my rainbow. Have you? ♦ **Leslie Papenfus** Reed, 500 Wolfe St., Alexandria, VA 22314; fax, (703) 706-5359; e-mail, ljreed@bellatlantic.net. Class website: [www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1954](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1954).

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If you look at your calendar you can tell that we are getting close to our Reunion next June. As a matter of fact, **Percy** and **Harry** are working hard to insure it will be the best Reunion ever. **Ernie Stern**, our beloved leader, has reminded me to let you know about our pre-reunion dinners in

September that are held in New York, California, and the Midwest. In addition, all classmates will receive *Cornell Magazine* from September to June, whether you pay your dues or not. Naturally, we would appreciate it if you would send the 40 bucks made out to Cornell Class of 1956 to help our class activities. If you do not know the address, please send it to me.

**Mary Ann Whitaker** Dolliver is at PO Box 30993, Spokane WA, while **M. J. "Ty" Frank**, BS Ag '59, can be found at 4128 Sarah Lane, Quincy, IL, 62301. Ty is semi-retired with three part-time jobs. In July of last year, the vacation was on a lake in Minnesota with three children and spouses, plus eight grandchildren. All together there are five children and 14 grandchildren, which includes a set of triplets. WHEW! Speaking of vacations, **Peter Dirlam** and wife Joanne took their granddaughter to Europe last year and then returned for their own trip. Peter lives at PO Box 416, Southbridge, MA 01550 and still works, supplying polishing disks to industry through J. J. Morris Co.

We are sad to learn, albeit very late, that **John E. Gill** passed away on June 26, '99. Our condolences to Louise Gill and the family.

Rev. **John L. Hudson** of 1331 West Granville Ave., Chicago, is the pastor of the Granville United Methodist Church and is also involved in Kiwanis, the local school council, the Edgewater Community Religion Assn., and other communal activities. He has eight grandchildren. **Vera Johnson** Lee, BS HE '58, loves being retired at 165 Dalewood Way, San Francisco, CA. She is very involved in music, mostly through her church, and also sings in the San Francisco Choral Society. She recently visited her hometown of Ithaca and saw many of her high school classmates. **Harry Maller** of 6066 Shirley Ave., Tarzana, CA, retired from Public Service Electric and Gas Co. in December 1994. He has one son who is an investment banker and another who is an FBI agent. His daughter is vice president of a real estate firm.

**Lorna Jackson** Salzman, 29 Middagh St., Brooklyn, NY, is an environmentalist and is also involved in the Green Party. She has been on birding trips almost all over the world, and in addition, enjoys mushroom hunting and foraging for berries and making jam. **Shaun Seymour** continues to work as a senior project engineer with New Holland North America. He lives in New Holland, PA, at 480 Wunderly Lane, and is president of the Community Memorial Park. Baxter Webb of 389 South Lake Dr., Palm Beach, FL, went to Japan last year where **Tetsuo Hirata**, MArch '83, had a luncheon for him at his home. They attended church together and had a nice phone chat with **Ichiro Inumaru** '53. Another Florida resident is **Ron Yeaple**, ME E '66, who resides at 106 S. Interlachen Ave., #216, Winter Park. He retired in June 1999 after 26 years as a faculty member at the U. of Rochester's Simon Graduate School of Business. He was a four-time winner of the school's superior teaching award. Ron is doing

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some part-time teaching at Rollins College and writing a textbook on Internet marketing strategy.

**Martin Wilens** of 10201 Grosvenor Pl., Apt. 315, Rockville, MD, is the president of St. Michael's Assn. and general partner of Bethesda Partners, an investment fund. He coaches basketball and has established a scholarship for the Cornell Men's Basketball Team. Marty enjoys fishing and taking his three grandchildren on trips. **Emily Wadsworth** has retired from Purdue U. after serving as an administrator of women in engineering programs. Her recent trip was to Australia and New Zealand, as well as visiting with her children and grandchildren.

In the old news department, **John H. Hoare Jr.**, MBA '57, who lives at 41 Launcelot Lane, Basking Ridge, NJ, took an alumni trip last year to Australia and New Zealand, along with **Joe**, MBA '58, and **Sue Derosay Henninger '52**, **Kathleen Rooney** Irish, and **Dick '55** and **Elizabeth Westin Pew '57**. John's daughter **Elizabeth (Hoare) '82** and her husband **Richard Cowles '82** attended the chimes rededication at the end of 1999.

Please keep those letters coming. See you at Reunion! ♦ **Stephen Kittenplan**, 1165 Park Ave. NYC 10128; e-mail, catplan@aol.com; and **Phyllis Bosworth**, 8 E. 83rd St., #10C, New York City 10028; e-mail, phylboz@aol.com.



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# Coin Collecting

JOHN HERZOG '57

The first photograph of Wall Street, the first federal document with a dollar sign, and a U.S. treasury bond signed by George Washington. Those are just a few of the items on display in the Museum of American Financial History, located at 28 Broadway in Manhattan. John Herzog, CEO of the brokerage firm Herzog, Heine, and Geduld, founded the museum in 1988. The only one of its kind in the world, it includes stocks, bonds, and currency from the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, as well as exhibits that take a financial perspective on events in American history. The John D. Rockefeller exhibit, for example, features a recreation of his office in its look at the rise of Standard Oil.



A lifelong collector of financial memorabilia, Herzog bought his first stock certificate (signed by William Vanderbilt) thirty years ago. "I thought, 'I'll buy it, frame it, and when customers come in the office, maybe they'll think it's nifty, and it might stir a conversation that could lead them to opening an account with me,'" he says. Today Herzog's museum houses more than 10,000 documents and attracts 35,000 visitors each year.

— Amy Arrigo '02

Not surprising that he has taken these talents to a successful marketing career. He and Mitzie live in Sherwood, CA, from which Dutch travels the country on business and Mitzie the LA-San Francisco corridor conducting motivational seminars. Two sons live within 10 minutes of the nest and the other son and a daughter reside in the Bay Area. On the other coast, **Phil Danzig** has his hands full in New York City, concentrating on architecture, mosaic murals, and the environment, in addition to being involved with a number of civic organizations. **Bill Schmidt** has continued to reap honors with his paintings, with two works on loan to the Ambassador's residence in Bosnia as part of the Dept. of State's "Art in the Embassies" program. He also made the top 100 (for the third time) in the National Arts Competition for his "View of the Lincoln Memorial." **Erika Wudtke '88**, daughter of **Don Wudtke**, BArch '58, is now Mrs. Clarke Taylor and resides in Berkeley, CA. Speaking of families, **Chuck La Forge** attended a family reunion in Grantham, NH, where daughter **Suzanne (La Forge)** and husband **Paul Greeley** (both class of '92) live with their three children. Chuck has a total of seven grandchildren. **Phil Manaker's** daughter Sarah is the "green sheep of the family"—graduated from Dartmouth in 1998. **Laura Manaker** has stayed true to the cause as a part of the Cornell class of '03, majoring in history (probably). On the kudos front, **Eph McLean**, professor and holder of the G. E. Smith Eminent Scholar's Chair at Georgia State, has been elected a Fellow of the Assn. for Information Systems.

On the leisure front, **Mike De Nicola** continues to enjoy life in the Canadian Rockies, having broken 100 on the golf course and drawing a bead on Tiger by planning to break 90 shortly. **Todd Kennedy** is still involved with sailing on Long Island Sound, and has met up with **Tom Peterson** twice in Nevis, West Indies. Todd reports that daughter Elizabeth was married a year ago on a rock extending into Highland Lake in Falmouth, ME. **Ron Dunbar** has been retired for almost two years, bailing out of the military communication systems field just before his company "self-destructed." He and Sherri have lived in the same house for 35 years in Wyncote, PA, and are reworking it in addition to doing a lot of biking, some on "rails to trails" routes (converted railroad tracks). Their Korean-born daughter married the boy next door and now lives in Denver. **David Wincgate** has retired from the Bermuda Government Service, but will still be active in nature reserve and "living museum" projects. One of his three daughters is living in the Czech Republic with her husband and three children. ♦ **John Seiler**, 221 St. Matthews Ave., Louisville, KY 40207; tel., (502) 895-1477; e-mail, Suitcase2@aol.com.

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I received a nice note from **Al Podell**, who wanted to relate that at the annual Mid-Winter Meeting of our class council, it was decided to prepare a short video clip from

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At this time a mere 47 years ago, we had completed Frosh Camp, settled into our dorms, and were crossing Triphammer Bridge, off to our first classes at Cornell. **Shirley Besemer** was one of the students in Martha Van Rensselaer starting out toward a bachelor's in Home Economics. Her degree work got sidetracked along the way when, one semester short, she left school to marry **Tom Itin**. However, having completed the necessary requirements to earn it, Shirley received her BS in Human Ecology this past May. Tom and the children were on campus to participate and celebrate her graduation.

Did you work on the census this year? **Dick** and **Martie Ballard Lacy** did. Other retirement activities have included cross-country skiing, visiting five grandchildren, and travels abroad. Germany was their destination last March. **Bill** and **Jan Charles Lutz** also visited Europe this year. A cruise of the islands off Scotland and Ireland was followed by a visit to France where they helped a cousin celebrate the arrival of her 100th descendant.

It's always good to hear that someone has "found" a lost classmate. **Robin Bielski '58** writes that her roommate from Cornell years, **Judy Saari McCrone**, married a Canadian whom she met in grad school at the U. of

Kansas. Alistair is president of Humboldt State U. in California and the McCrones live in Arcata, CA.

**Evelyn Caplan** Perch, MNS '60, retired from her consulting job last November, and she and Bob enjoy splitting their free time between their home in Norristown, PA, and their place at Margate, NJ. **Miriam Chuckrow** Sommers lives in Albany, where her husband Donald and their son are attorneys. Another son is a social worker in Albany County and their daughter is a television writer and producer in New York City.

Fall is a lovely time to be on the Hill, so I hope you'll be able to make it back to Ithaca for Homecoming and the Yale game on September 23. Meanwhile, you'll be receiving your news/dues form soon, so please jot down a few notes. It's been interesting to see how some of you interpret the "Name when you were on campus" line. Some think it means the time frame, others think it's for the maiden name or nickname. Whatever... just write... please? ♦ **Judith Reusswig**, 5401 Westbard Ave., #813, Bethesda, MD 20816; e-mail, JCreuss@aol.com.

**Dutch Butler** always was a delight to encounter on campus—upbeat and with something meaningful to contribute to a conversation.



our fabulous 40th Reunion and send it to all class members to encourage attendance at our 45th! So, if you shot any video or slides or have color photos of our classmates and events at the last reunion, please mail them to Al Podell, 110 Sullivan St., #5G, New York City 10012 for possible inclusion. They will all be returned after copying.

Now that the computer world is upon us, I had a nice e-mail from **Ann McGinnis** Daiber. Both her daughters are in New England, so she travels back and forth frequently. She travels other places, too, and went to Turkey last year with a friend in a wheelchair. They went with a group called Flying Wheels and saw everything, including pushing through 2-1/2 miles of Ephesus! They enjoyed it so much, they signed up for a trip to Egypt. They left on the next flight out after 990 went down. Ann says her luck at avoiding earthquakes and crashes amazes her children, but ancient civilization on the spot is better than any textbook!

**Warren Wildes** is easing into retirement by transferring business operations over to others. He spends most of the winter in Fallbrook, CA, playing golf and tennis (with occasional return trips to Minnesota for business). **Jon Howell** spent three exciting weeks last summer in France. He returned to Chamonix, the cradle of mountaineering, where he had been a bartender and ski bum 35 years ago! Jon also climbed Mt. Blanc, the highest mountain in the Alps. Absolutely thrilling!

**Mary Savage** Webber, BS Nurs '59, has moved to Tucson after spending four years in Ithaca directing the Center for Religion, Ethics, and Social Policy (CRESP) at Cornell and helping to get EcoVillage up and running. She is still doing lots of singing with the choir and with "Desert Voices," a local chorus. **Ann Marcham**, MPA '64, is the sole proprietor of Management Support Services, providing a range of services. She stays active with a black German shepherd and a border collie. She maintains her home and cottage garden and three generations of her family still meet for Sunday dinner twice a month! In the summer of '00, **Carol Boeckle** Welch and her son conquered Half Dome in Yosemite, a 16-mile round-trip hike. The last several hundred feet are so steep, one has to pull oneself hand-over-hand along a steel cable to the summit. In October Carol trekked for a second time in Nepal in the breathtakingly beautiful Annapurnum Range. She was delighted to see Al Podell's book, *Who Needs a Road*, for sale in the Bangkok airport!

**Barnie Parker** is now a self-employed barber, having retired as an elementary school teacher. He is active in the church and is district director for the Ag school alumni. Last summer **Donald Tipton** had a surprise birthday party for his 70th birthday! He also took an RV trip for five weeks, traveling 7,200 miles through Idaho and the Grand Tetons, to Mt. Rushmore, and through Minnesota, Missouri, Nashville, Branson, and all of old Route 66! Donald is still selling real estate in California and hiking, biking, golfing, and skiing! **John Laemle** retired from IBM after 38 years, has

his first grandchild, and volunteers with a number of organizations. **Alan Goldman** is still advising clients on small- and medium-sized acquisitions and doing business consulting, and sitting on several boards. He still plays competitive tennis and platform tennis, having won the New Jersey State 60-plus platform tennis championship for the second year!

♦ **Jan Arps** Jarvie, 6524 Valley Brook, Dallas, TX 75240; fax, (972) 387-0160; e-mail, jjarvie386@aol.com.

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All '59ers are invited to attend the formal dedication celebration of Cornell's renovated and expanded Lincoln Hall at 3:45 p.m. on Friday, October 27. In addition, our class will hold a reception for Professor Karel Husa, Kappa Alpha professor emeritus of music, his family, and music faculty and students on Saturday, October 28 at 5 p.m. in Room B21, Lincoln Hall. This is near the Student Practice Room, B01E, that our class funded in honor of Prof. Husa. A photograph and biography of Prof. Husa is being framed for permanent mounting in the room. If you expect to attend the dedications, please inform class co-president **George Schneider**, 6 Fairway Drive, Ithaca, NY 14850; phone, (607) 257-3355; e-mail, gts4@cornell.edu, as soon as possible. Also, be advised that it is also Trustee/Council Weekend and includes a football game with Princeton. Make hotel reservations!

Expressing their strong belief in the importance of financial aid, **Jackie (Grimm) '61** and **Bill Kingston** of Wilton, CT, have established the Violet Wochner Kingston Tradition Fellowship at Cornell. The fellowship, which honors Bill's mother's pioneering role in civil engineering, is designed to encourage more women to become engineers. Bill told *Communiqué*, the Alumni Affairs & Development newsletter, "In my career, I have seen the excellent contributions made by the few women who pursued technical careers, including my wife, who had a rewarding career in food chemistry. I also saw many other women who might have contributed but were never encouraged to take that path."

The list of missing classmates on our website ([www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1959/](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1959/)) has brought many people back in touch with our class and university. I recently received an e-mail from Bhutan with information on **Lhendup Dorji**, who is known as Dasho Lhendup Dorji in Bhutan. His address is Bhutan House, Kalimpong 734 301, Dist. Darjeeling, W.B. India, or c/o Chunndu Enterprises, Thimphu, Bhutan. Dasho is his royal title and he is the uncle of the present King of Bhutan. For some time in the mid 60s, after his brother, the late Prime Minister Jigme Palden Dorji, was assassinated in 1964, Dasho Lhendup Dorji became acting Prime Minister of Bhutan. He is married with three children.

In April the University of Iowa Press published *Memoirs of a Cold War Son* by **Gaines Post**, professor emeritus of history at Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, CA. The book, which includes a chapter about

Cornell in the late 1950s, received rave reviews. James M. McPherson, the noted Civil War historian, wrote: "This beautifully written memoir offers a historian's incisive perspective on the Cold War years. Post interweaves autobiography and history with great charm and wit to produce an engaging account of the post-World War II generation."

**Jim Glenn** of DeBary, FL, "a small town near Orlando," is selling real estate and loving the freedom that the business provides: "I can work as much or as little as I want and with commensurate pay!" **Ron Demer**, an SAE fraternity brother of Jim, recalls how, while a fifth-year ME, he worked in the dean's office coordinating the freshman social program. "I asked Jim to chaperone a bus of Cornell freshmen to a dance at Elmira College. He took his books and was diligently studying in the Elmira library when he met a blonde Elmira student, who soon became Gwen Glenn. Ron, by the way, vacationed in China this spring, visiting Shanghai, Xian, and Beijing."

Check out the restaurant marketing company of **John Hitzel** and **Jay Treadwell '61** at [www.foodmood.net](http://www.foodmood.net), where you can get all the information needed to make "best-bet restaurant dining decisions in Maryland's Anne Arundel, Queen Anne, and Northern Calvert counties."

Last year, **Margo (Hicks) '60** and **Alan Newhouse** abandoned the Washington, DC, suburbs for the waterfront life in St. Mary's County in southern Maryland. They bought a Frank Lloyd Wright-style house on Cuckhold Creek in Hollywood, "a community just north of the town of California." Writes Alan: "Our two Labs love the water, as do we, and we are enjoying our sailboat and solar heated pool. We took time off from unpacking to celebrate our 40th anniversary in Kauai in February."

**Walt Stewart** of Unionville, PA, retired from CIGNA Property-Casualty last year and has hung out his shingle as an actuarial consultant. **Doug '56**, MS '59, and **Nancy Justin Dalrymple** of Bloomington, IN, have retired, but continue to be involved in their fields by writing, lecturing, and consulting, after scheduling time for fun. Nancy and **Jim Grunzweig** of Chagrin Falls, OH, plan to spend time traveling following Jim's recent retirement. He was dean of business technologies at Lakeland Community College in Kirtland, OH.

"No more late nights or early mornings, and definitely no schedules!" says **Carolyn Burtless** Roberts of Marine City, MI, who retired in 1997, having taught home economics (now called life skills) for 20 years both in high school and middle school. **Marian Montgomery** Randall and husband Cory re-

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tired in March and moved from the San Diego area to 915 N. Reading Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304. "It's wonderful to be nearer our grandsons and to enjoy a Midwest spring again," writes Marian. "If there is supposed to be some trauma attached to retirement, it has yet to make any trace of an appearance," says **John Hax**, BME '61, of Trumbull, CT, who retired from Sikorsky Aircraft in 1999. ♦ **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, [jet24@cornell.edu](mailto:jet24@cornell.edu).

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The Countdown to our 40th Reunion (June 7-10, 2001) has begun! Look for Reunion plans and updates on our new website: [www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1961](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1961). Webmaster **Doug Fuss** is coordinating the information that will appear on the website. Look for class and Reunion news and a list of classmates' e-mail addresses (password protected). Comments and suggestions for the website can be forwarded to Doug at [djfuss@attglobal.net](mailto:djfuss@attglobal.net).

Three of the four Reunion Co-chairs attended the 40th Reunion of the Class of 1960 in Ithaca this past June. In preparation for our 40th, they visited various dorms, sites for meals and parties, and our class forum. They were scheduled to be in Ithaca in September to actually bid for the venues for our Reunion. **Gerrit White** will be arranging the entertainment and **Judith Berman** Brandenburg is organizing the class forum. **George Hoffman** of Surrey, England, and others have told us how much they are looking forward to Reunion. George gets away from cold, damp England by spending much of his time in Hanover, where he has a new business partner.

**Rosanna Romanelli** Frank, **Carol Gittlin** Franklin, and **Pat Laux** Richards spent a week together in London last spring. On their agenda was composing "Remembrances of the Class of 1961," our class contribution to the Cornell Time Capsule Program. Manuscripts submitted by alumni classes were sealed in a mahogany box which will repose in the Rare Book Library until it is opened in 100 years. President Rawlings presided over the ceremonial sealing. Our remembrances included tales of single-sex dorm living, dress codes, harsh winters, fraternities and sororities in the '50s, panty raids, tetrapaks, only a few minority students, and Sputnik. Our class predicted that by the year 2100 students will no longer be using paper.

One of my Mechanical Engineering classmates (96 of us received BME degrees), **John Swanson**, MME '63, has made a gift of \$1.89 million to endow the Directorship of the Swanson Laboratory for Engineering Simulation in the School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. Dr. Swanson (he received his PhD from Pittsburgh) wants engineering students to be able to utilize commercial production tools that are used in industry to solve real problems in a commercial simulation environment. He founded a software development company to solve problems in applied mechanics in 1970. It later became ANSYS



Inc., an industry leader. John has been widely recognized for his contributions to engineering and computer science.

**Charles McChesney** married Ruth Ann Humes in February. They met through an Internet matchmaker website. Charles has retired from Ticona (formerly Hoechst Technical Polymers) and he and his bride have moved to the Pittsburgh area to be near son **Chip McChesney '92**, daughter-in-law Holly, and grandchild Kelly. **Phil Cook** works for Ecology and Environment in Jinan and Yunnan, China, on drinking water, waste water treatment, and solid waste landfill projects funded by the World Bank. His wife Hope teaches English at Thandong Technical U.

**Don Rubell** opened his family's third hotel, called the Beach House Bal Harbor, with a fourth scheduled for opening in Washington, DC, late this year. The Rubells are selling their New York City home and look forward to seeing visiting Cornellians in Florida. **Joan Rosehart** Ditson and husband Robert sold their Fontenay Terrace Motel in Kennebunkport, ME, where they are enjoying their retirement. **Sylvia Cottingham Smyth** and husband **Richard, Grad '55-60**, moved to the beautiful and culturally-enriched Southern Highlands of Asheville, NC. Relishing in "the glorious freedom of retirement," her activities include designing visuals for publication and conducting art workshops for seniors.

**Howard Reitkopp** and **Ellen (Auslander)** have "kicked back," and are splitting their time between Stuart, FL, and Bethesda, MD. **Marshall Frank** was chosen to give this year's Raymond G. Thorpe lecture. His topic was: "So You Want to Be a Consultant." The lecture series was established by **Joe Degenfelder '60** to honor an outstanding ChemE professor. Joe and wife **Pauline (Sutta)** took a superb Cornell alumni-sponsored trip to Egypt in early March. Pauline's well-deserved vacation followed the construction of a new Metrohealth nursing facility which she oversaw in Cleveland.

**Arthur Kroll** and wife Lois also visited Egypt and described it as a "truly amazing civilization." Arthur was recently appointed to the board of directors of Student Advocacy Inc., which seeks to ensure that all youth receive the educational services guaranteed by law. He is still active as CEO of the KST Consulting Group. **Jane Kelso** has owned and operated the Mountain Run Kennel in Culpeper, VA, for the past 19 years. For many years, Jane trained retrievers professionally. Now, she raises two litters of field trial Labradors each year, and leaves more time for equine activities, such as foxhunting and show jumping. **John Sargent**, ME CH '67, celebrated his 60th birthday last year in Northern Alsace, France, with 21 friends. The celebration coincided with a solar eclipse. Among the many Cornellians present were **Jackie Grimm Kingston** and husband **Bill '59**. The festivities included lots of good food and local wine, as well as side trips to potteries, ruined castles, German villages, and the Maginot Line. ♦ **David S. Kessler**, 288 Lexington Ave. #7B, NYC 10016; tel., (212) 696-9203;

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This just in from **Helen Rabinowitz Anbinder**: "My husband **Paul '60** and I took a wonderful trip to Spain in April to celebrate his 60th birthday and were joined by our sons **Mark '89** and **Jeff '94**. We all marveled at the very old (a first-century Roman aqueduct in Segovia and the Alhambra in Granada), the very new (the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao), and everything in between! Both sons are now working

Otis, MA 01029-0397. And all year at rich.el.kaiden@worldnet.att.net. Also with two addresses, Carolyn and **Paul Pentz**, BS Ag '69, spend summers in Three Rivers, MI, and winters in Naples, FL. Paul retired two years ago as CEO of TruServ Corp. and continues to be active on corporate and charity boards. He has enjoyed helping vocational and technical students through Skills USA (ppentz@gateway.net).

**Neil Schilke**, MME '64, director of engineering and product planning for GM of Canada Ltd., has been nominated as president of

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don't say 'yes' every time  
someone calls."**

LIZ O'CONNELL HAX '62

for Cornell. Jeff is a reunion campaign officer in the Office of Alumni Affairs and Development, and Mark is senior technical consultant and Macintosh specialist for Cornell Information Technologies." Helen's e-mail address is HMAmbinder@aol.com.

"Whatever you do upon retirement, don't say 'yes' every time someone calls," advises **Liz O'Connell Hax**, BA '75, (Mrs. **John '59**, BME '61). "I did, and I'm overcommitted. (It's all fun, but . . .) In addition to various volunteer jobs, I enrolled in Fairfax U.'s graduate American Studies program. Although there's a definite *déjà vu* to the assigned readings and research papers, the discussions and fellow students are wonderful. I highly recommend a return to school." (ehax@connix.com)

**Bob MacNaughton** checks in from San Antonio with his list of activities: retired, garden, travel, play with Australian shepherds, read, go to school ("oldest living freshman") and work on El Dumbo ("my 1917 house that started falling down in 1917.5"). Bob also cooks "the world's best chili and the best barbecue on earth, and can still remain modest about it." (rowdyranger@webtv.net)

After 36 years at Exxon Chemical, **David H. Hill** retired last year, one month after his son graduated as a third-generation Cornellian. Daughter Aimee graduated from Villanova the previous year, and since tuition payments are such fun, David returned to school, studying physics at Rutgers. He and Judy planned to travel with Cornell to Scotland this summer (dhh11@cornell.edu). From Silver Spring, MD, **John F. Burns**, BEE '64, checks in to let us know that he also is retiring after 11 years at Applied Physics Lab, 11 years at CPSI, and 15 years as owner of Applied Parallel Systems. John plans to continue consulting in parallel processing (jburns@clark.net).

Two addresses for Ellen and **Richard Kaiden**: from mid-October to June 1 they can be found at 7015 Lancaster Ct., Sarasota, FL, and during the summer at PO Box 397, E.

the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) International for 2001. He will take over the highest post of the nearly 80,000-member organization next March. An SAE Fellow and member of its board of directors, he has been SAE treasurer since 1998. At GM, Neil is responsible for product and manufacturing engineering, product planning and assurance, and automotive regulatory activities. Prior to moving to Canada four years ago, Neil was director of energy, noise and vibration, and systems engineering for GM North American Operations. Ro and Neil spent a special weekend in Alexandria, VA, to attend the wedding of **Frank**, MBA '64, and **Betty Quirk**'s daughter, **Laura**. **Nancy Williams** Clark, MEd '64, **Fred Hart**, and **Rich Alther** were also there, along with a couple of other Cornellians. "It was a spectacular affair. Mother Nature provided a severe challenge for the reception, but the challenge was met and we had a wonderful time. While jogging on Saturday morning, Ro and I ran into **Steve Ashley**, MBA '64, at the corner of King and Washington streets. Steve was in town for another wedding. Great coincidence and opportunity to chat about Cornell affairs." (neil.schilke@gm.com)

**Bob Newman**, MA '68, reports that his former roommate **Fred Luper** and wife **Carol (Perlmutter) '64** left their kids and grandkids in Columbus, OH, to celebrate Fred's milestone birthday with the Newmans in New York. They enjoyed The Lion King and Restaurant Daniel—"an excellent visit." Bob is among the number of retired classmates, but Vivien is still working in publicity. "Cuts down on travel time," notes Bob (rmnewman@aol.com).

July 1 marked the retirement of **Terry Baker**, who's been practicing ophthalmology in San Francisco since 1973. He and Lynne look forward to enjoying their San Rafael home (reteyedoc@aol.com). **Ted O'Neill** has retired after 33 years in the automotive field. Ted and Kathy traveled across the country last year, and are busy planning their fourth trip to Ireland. When not occupied with re-

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decorating their home, the O'Neills enjoy fishing on Candlewood Lake (ONeill54411@cs.com). From **Willis Ritter**, "semi-retired" from his law firm of Ritter Eichner & Norris in Washington: "AID uses me as a pro bono legal consultant in efforts to promote capital markets in developing countries by sending me to places like India, the Philippines and Kazakhstan. It's interesting work, and a small chance to give a little back. Meanwhile, I play a lot of golf [some with class prez Fred Hart, whose game, according to Willis, is "improving"] and am involved with several boards and charities." His wife Anne is retired from teaching; their three sons are "healthily launched," and they have one grandson. "I will be at our 40th Reunion in 2002 if they promise to give us LARGE PRINT name-tags," concluded Willis. "Life at 60 is good."

**Judith Shulman** Weis has been chosen president-elect of the American Inst. of Biological Sciences. She is a professor of biological sciences at Rutgers, where she has served as associate dean for academic affairs. She received her PhD from NYU and studies estuarine organism response to stresses. The annual adventure trip group of **Dick Stern**, **Don Sladkin**, and **Bill Chipin** heads to Banff for hiking this year. The group kayaked in Oregon last year. Quite a change for Dick, who lives in Huntington Valley, PA (Stern89@aol.com).

"It's *déjà vu* all over again!" exclaimed **Jane Brody**. One of Jane and Richard Engquist's twin sons, Erik (a journalist like his mother), just became the father of twin sons. Their mom is Kris Kim, a senior vice president with the American Cancer Society. Congratulate the happy grandparents at janeengquist@juno.com.

This must have been a great party—we heard about it from more than one of the participants: **Bill** and **Cynthia Dodge**, **Fred** and **Betsy Hart**, **Don '61**, PhD '66, and **Alison Kyle Kerr**, **Maryanne** "Tony" **Mahoney** O'Brien, **Frank Quirk**, **Willis Ritter**, and **Bob Wood** and **June Watts** met at Bob's house on June 3 for a cocktail party. "The relaxed get-together on a beautiful, mild afternoon was a warmup for our 40th Reunion." And there's two years yet to go. ♦ **Jan McClayton** Crites, 2779 Dellwood Dr., Lake Oswego, OR 97034; e-mail, jmc50@cornell.edu.

**63** As I write this column it is only early June, yet you are reading it in late summer. I hope you all had a wonderful summer. Spring here in Racine is non-existent. Living near Lake Michigan gives us that wonderful expression, "cooler by the lake." We have had lots of rain and cool weather, so everything is beautifully green! News and dues letters for this year are a thing of the past, but don't forget, if you haven't joined, it's never too late. E-mail me for more information if you need it.

I had an e-mail from **Tom Nachod** who is excited about his son Justin becoming a member of the Class of 2004 in the Ag school. He will be a biology/pre-med student. **Stephen** and **Joan Elstein Rogow '65** are in

Flemington, NJ. Stephen is still practicing orthodontics, while Joan supervises student teachers for several universities. Son Eric is working in New York City and daughter **Debbie Rogow Silverstein '91** is an attorney in San Jose, CA. Debbie is the mother of Jonathan Silverstein, who they hope will be Cornell '17! Stephen and Joan attended the Class of '65 reunion in June.

**Susan Waldo Baker** writes from Colts Neck, NJ, that it has been a year since she had heart surgery to replace her aortic valve. She feels great and credits that to Dr. Karl Krieger of Cornell/Weill Medical School/New York Hospital (of David Letterman fame!). Susan and Frank have three children. Daughter **Katie '02** is on campus and they are thrilled to have her at Cornell. Oldest daughter **Christy** (Notre Dame '96) is working for Merrill Lynch in Princeton after 2-1/2 years in London. Son Michael graduated from Villanova in May with a history major. Susan has also spoken with classmate **Mary Dunn Medina**. Mary and Bob's oldest daughter Elizabeth was married last August. There is another classmate with a child in the Class of 2004. **Joan Travers** Barist is delighted that her daughter will be at Cornell. She is studying for a joint degree in organizational behavior at the Johnson Business School and the graduate program at the ILR school.

**Bill Halpern** has "raised his hand" and retired from Mobil Oil after more than 30 years with the company, taking advantage of the Exxon/Mobil merger to make this "career" move. Bill is going to do some part-time consulting and he has decided that a second career, definitely not in the corporate sector, is a real possibility. **Fred Craver** of Watertown, MA, has just completed his first book. He anticipates calling the book "Courageous Healing." It should be out near the end of this year.

**Gary** and **Patricia Smith** are very busy people raising a large family. Their daughter Gretel was married last year to Paul Ewen and they live in Brooklyn. Son Drummond graduated from Touro Law School. Breton is a senior at Notre Dame High School in Batavia. Daughter Brittany is a sophomore at Ithaca High School. Gary and Patricia have six other children, four of whom are being homeschooled. Patricia does most of the work and Gary helps teach Latin. The remaining children are Daniel, 14, Rebecca, 10, Charles, 8, Matthew, 6, William, 4, and Michael, 1. Wow! Gary is in private practice in internal medicine. He went to Cornell earlier this year to attend the colonization ceremony for his fraternity, Phi Kappa Tau. It had gone out of existence at Cornell but is making a strong comeback.

**Bob Ulrich** writes from Poughkeepsie that he has retired from IBM for the fifth and final (he hopes) time! He loves to travel and has visited Peru, Mexico, Switzerland, Colorado, and the Middle East. He states that he is a proud parent of **Corey (Ulrich) '93** and father-in-law of **Mark Sprague '93**, soon to be starting an orthopaedic residency at Mt. Sinai in New York City. Bob hopes to see familiar faces at Homecoming.

It was fun to hear from one of my sorority sisters who left Ithaca to attend nursing school in NYC. **Margery "Nickey" Schmid Wilson**, BS Nurs '64, writes from Scarborough, ME, that she and husband **Don**, MD '65, had a great winter in Florida. Last spring they took a three-week trip to Ireland. Their youngest daughter got married in June, the first wedding in their family. Don is retired and Nicky keeps busy playing golf and doing some musical theater.

**Marty** and **Vivian Grilli DeSanto** have had great fun in the motor coach named "Gabe." Since our 40th Reunion, they have crisscrossed the country twice. They spent time in the Pacific Northwest and Canadian Rockies with other friends and their motor coaches. This summer they are touring Maine with the same group and attending a National Family Motor Coach Rally in Brunswick, ME. Two of their grandchildren live in Wilmington now instead of California and that's fun for them. They now have almost eight grandchildren. Their plans are to visit Italy in October—I'm sure that's without "Gabe!" Retirement really suits the De Santos.

That's all for this month! I am hoping that most of you have returned your news and dues forms to Cornell. I am out of news about classmates. It's scary to be out this early in the dues year. Don't hesitate to e-mail me! Keep this column full! ♦ **Nancy Bierds Icke**, 42 Campus Court, Racine, WI 53402; e-mail, ickc@execpc.com.

**64** It's the end of summer, and that means harvest time. Fortunately for this column, the last few months have brought a rich "harvest" of news from many of you. Here's some.

Congrats are in order for two newlyweds. **Mimi Dalbey** has retired after a quarter-century teaching high school. Mimi, who has two grown children, and her new husband, Milo, celebrated their marriage last October with several Cornellians, family, and friends. From their home at 23 Christopher Rd., Ridgefield, CT, they are into art, antique collecting, travel (to mainland Italy in 1999 and Sardinia in 2000), and watching their five grandchildren grow. Mimi says simply, "Life is wonderful!" The former **Phyllis Blair Darrah** is now **Phyllis Blair Lowrie**. She married **John '62** in June in Hilton Head, SC, with the couple's respective children and grandchildren attending, and adds, "It sure is fun to be married to a fellow Cornellian." Phyllis is a French tutor, and John retired June 1 from Reynolds Metals. The Lowries live at 4304 Cambridge Rd., Richmond, VA.

**Frank Fee**, a journalism professor at U. of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, received his PhD from UNC last December. He went to UNC after three years as a visiting professor at Ohio U. Then, in April he was cited by the Ohio Newspaper Assn. for his contributions to continuing professional education—a just reward in that he lists his principal activities as conferences and workshops at which he has

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## FIFTY YEARS AND COUNTING

Cornell University Council celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting October 26-28. For three days, Council members and guests will update their knowledge about the university by attending classes and seminars, leading and discussing committee agendas, and by conferring with University Trustees, faculty, and administrators. This 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting will include sessions for Council members planning for the next fifty years.

Each year the Council membership committee selects approximately 100 new members to serve a four-year term. Council members are selected from hundreds of nominees for their demonstrated interest in the university, their professional experience and expertise, and their ability to assist our global university. As ambassadors, the Council's 700 members expand the university network, facilitate information exchange, and keep Cornell's doors open for students, faculty, alumni and friends.

Chairman Francis Scheetz '16 presided at the first annual meeting of the Council on October 12, 1951. He told 126 Council members gathered from twenty-two states that they needed to be "catalytic agents," able to "ferret out the interests of our alumni and channel those interests to the right spots at Cornell." Chairman Scheetz was talking about friend-raising for fundraising, but he also wanted all alumni to know, "There are abundant thrills to be ex-

perienced in Cornell revisited, and the doors are open."

Government Professor Robert Cushman was one of four faculty speakers at the Council meeting held in the Moot Court Room at Myron Taylor Hall. He traced several ideas which Ezra Cornell and Andrew D. White introduced to education including the first election of trustees by alumni. Cushman encouraged the first Council members to "mobilize and focus the loyalties of the (alumni) upon a Cornell which is a living reality and not merely a bundle of pleasant memories . . . make the Cornell student of yesterday an active partner in the Cornell adventure of today."

During its first ten years, Council reorganized and consolidated the

Cornell Fund, instituted the State of the University Address in 1955, established a Corporation / Cornell Information Exchange Program, collaborated with Alumni Affairs on Secondary Schools recruiting, and initiated faculty presentations at seminars for alumni. These early accomplishments set a standard for learning as alumni and spawned the diverse committee work that continues today.

The first joint meeting of the Council and the Board of Trustees was held in October 1959 when the Council was credited with the successful consolidation of the Cornell Fund and the cultivation of 3,000 actively involved alumni. Five years later Cornell's centennial was celebrated. The exhilarating success of

the Centennial Campaign marked the coming of age of the Council's first project, The Cornell Fund.

Council's success as a dynamic alumni organization was already becoming the envy of other institutions, when members celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> annual meeting in 1975. The Council's administrative board continued to focus on the future with expanded programs to connect the interests, expertise, and experience of alumni with the university. At this point, fundraising and development functions were redirected from Council surveillance to report directly to the Board of Trustees. This created the opportunity for a broad array of functional committees made up of Council members. Since then, two dozen committees have formed to expand Cornell's network in business, government, research, real estate, public relations, human resources, international programs, athletics, cultural endeavors, environmental stewardship, campus life, and more. Today Cornell's University Council has fifteen standing committees ranging from admissions to technology transfer.

Council members will begin planning for the next 5-50 years during breakout sessions following the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Friday October 27. The Cornell University Council has exceeded the grandest dreams of its founders; it is the envy of all other universities. In 1950, Chairman Scheetz told the first gathering of



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS / SEPTEMBER 15 - NOVEMBER 15

For updated information, call the Office of Alumni Affairs, (607) 255-3517  
or visit our online events calendar at [www.alumni.cornell.edu](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu)

## INTERNATIONAL

International Spirit of Zinck's Night, Oct. 19—In cities around the world. Call Alumni Affairs, (607) 255-3516 or visit [www.alumni.cornell.edu](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu).

## NY/ONTARIO

CAA/Mid-Hudson, Sept. 16—Locust Grove home and garden tour. Cost: \$5. Call Michael Maker, (845) 452-8694.

CWC/Cortland County, Sept. 19—Open meeting. History and tour of Sterling Planck's Antique Bicycle Museum. Call Dottie Sarvey, (315) 756-5955.

CAA/Greater Rochester, Sept. 20—Cornell Alumni Book Club. Call Kristen Hallagan, (716) 242-0199.

CWC/Batavia, Sept. 23—Scholarship fundraiser at the Best Western Batavia Inn. Call Mary Wright, (716) 345-9422.

CAA/Mid-Hudson, Sept. 23—Appalachian Trail hike. Call Ed Faber, (845) 876-3784.

CAA/Greater Rochester, Sept. 23—Community service event at the Hillside Children's Center. Call Ross Lanzafame, (716) 654-8595.

CAA/Greater Rochester, Oct. 2—Cornell Fund phonathon. Call Karen Bronson Clark, (716) 425-9469.

CAA/Greater Rochester, Oct. 4—CAAAN training session. Call Peter Cardamone, (716) 624-7050.

CC/Toronto, Oct. 10—"Lion King" at the Princess of Wales Theater. Cost: \$140. Call Michele Chandler, (416) 423-6869.

CAA/Mid-Hudson, Oct. 10—Cornell Fund phonathon. Call Mike Makar, (845) 452-8694.

CAA/Greater Rochester, Oct. 11—Potluck dinner. Bring dish to pass. Call Myra Gross, (716) 442-8249.

CWC/Cortland County, Oct. 17—After dinner speeches with the Cornell Forensic Society. Call Terry Ofner, (315) 898-5198.

CAA/Mid-Hudson, Oct. 18—CAAAN training at the Copper Penny Inn. Call Janelle Styles, (845) 677-3994.

CWC/Batavia, Oct. 21—Luncheon and program at the Best Western Batavia Inn. Call Mary Wright, (716) 345-9422.

CAA/Greater Rochester, Oct. 22—Halloween Zoo-fest Spook-tacular at the Seneca Park Zoo. Call Amy Magiera, (716) 248-8919.

CAA/Mid-Hudson, Oct. 25—Executive board meeting. Call Jon Wechsler, (845) 266-8943.

CC/Genesee-Orleans, Oct. 26—Dinner meeting at the Tillman Historic Village Inn. Call Bob Pask, (716) 798-0543.

CAA/Mid-Hudson, Nov. 10—Tour of the

Tallix Foundry. Women's Suffrage Monument, the Korean War Memorial, FDR memorial, & Da Vinci's Il Cavallo. Call Janelle Styles, (845) 677-3994.

CAA/Mid-Hudson, Nov. 11—Big Red men's soccer vs. Columbia. Call Jon Wechsler, (845) 266-8943.

CAA/Mid-Hudson, Nov. 11—Big Red football vs. Columbia. Call Jon Wechsler, (845) 266-8943.

CWC/Cortland County, Nov. 14—Guest speaker. Call Bernice Potter-Masler, (315) 756-5010.

CAA/Greater Rochester, Nov. 15—Cornell Alumni Book Club. Call Kristen Hallagan, (716) 242-0199.

## NORTHEAST

CC/Boston, Sept. 15—Alumni business network breakfast at the Four Seasons Hotel. Call Gary Goffin, (781) 821-5977.

CC/Boston, Sept. 16—Outdoor maze and farm event. Contact Ryan Chen, [yc13@cornell.edu](mailto:yc13@cornell.edu).

CC/Greater Hartford, Sept. 24—Sunday brunch. Cost: members, \$18.50; non-members, \$21. Call Peter Janus, (860) 673-6447.

CC/Boston, Oct. 7—Big Red football vs. Harvard. Call Jeanne Rosen, (617) 730-5778.

CC/Rhode Island & Bristol County, Oct. 7—Tour of RISD Museum. Cost: \$15. Call Northeast Regional Office, (617) 557-4168.

CC/Greater Hartford, Oct. 14—Big Red soccer vs. Stony Brook. Call Harry Woodward, (203) 284-1257.

CC/Boston, Oct. 15—Walking tour of Audubon Sanctuary. Call Jeanne Rosen, (617) 730-5778.

CC/Boston, Oct. 20—Alumni business network breakfast at Four Seasons Hotel. Call Gary Goffin, (781) 821-5977.

CC/Boston, Oct. 22—Head of the Charles. Call Julie Pactovis, (617) 713-2797.

CC/Boston, Oct. 27—All-Ivy Halloween masquerade ball at the Harvard Club. Call Northeast Regional Office, (617) 557-4168.

CC/Greater Hartford, Nov. 5—Brunch at Wadsworth Atheneum. Call Ursula Haerter, (860) 241-2648.

CC/Boston, Nov. 9—Young alumni happy hour at the downtown Harvard Club. Call Northeast Regional Office, (617) 557-4168.

## MID-ATLANTIC

CC/Greater Philadelphia, Sept. 17—Andy Warhol exhibit tour. Call Cindy Shubin, (215) 947-4597.

CC/Washington, Sept. 22—Business forum. Call Farrell Redwine, (410) 759-6359.

CC/Greater Philadelphia, Sept. 30—Big Red football vs. Lehigh. Call Bob Puchalski, (610) 789-8556.

CC/Greater Philadelphia, Oct. 2—CAAAN training: learn about the selection process for Cornell students. Call Marcia Epstein, (610) 896-5441.

CC/Washington, Oct. 5—Vet school program on the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of cancer in humans and animals. Call Kathy Miller, (703) 837-0490.

CC/Greater Philadelphia, Oct. 7—Apple picking and hayride at Highland Orchards. Call Howard Greenberg, (610) 353-8763.

CC/Washington, Oct. 10—Board meeting. Call Kathy Miller, (703) 837-0490.

CC/Washington, Oct. 12—Cocktails at the "Carpool" in Alexandria. Call Bonni Dutcher, (301) 315-2619.

CC/Maryland, Oct. 14—Progressive dinner. Cost: members, \$15; non-members, \$30. Call Lorena Wilson, (410) 683-6515.

CC/Maryland, Nov. 11—Volunteer at the Maryland foodbank. Call Stephanie Goldberg, (410) 484-6800.

CC/Washington, Nov. 14—Board meeting. Call Kathy Miller, (703) 837-0490.

## MIDWEST

CC/Chicago, Oct. 1—Meet Don Rakow, director of Cornell Plantations, and tour Morton Arboretum. Call Celia Rodee, (312) 732-1173.

CC/Chicago, Oct. 5—Reunion Year Kick-off Party for the Classes ending in 1 and 6. Call Celia Rodee, (312) 732-1173.

CC/St. Louis, Oct. 10—Phona-a-lum. Call Larry Taylor, (314) 863-3303.

## NORTH CENTRAL

CC/Northeastern Ohio, Oct. 14—Grand River Terraces hike. Call Sheila or Bart Friedman, (216) 371-1976.

CC/Northeastern Ohio, Nov. 11—Volunteer at the Cleveland foodbank. Call Matt Kall, (216) 622-3915.

## SOUTHEAST

CC/Miami & Florida Keys, Sept. 15—Welcome Cornellians new to Greater Miami. Call Ricky Stokes, (305) 669-4852.

CAA/Blue Ridge Mountains, Sept. 23—Lunch and program at Biltmore Estate. Cost: \$16. Call Stephanie Williams (828) 255-1702.

CC/Greater Jacksonville, Sept. 26—Cornell Fund phonathon. Call Rodger Gibson, (904)

285-4303.

CC/Miami & Florida Keys, Sept. 27—Networking Luncheon. Non-members, \$15. Call Ron Ravikoff, (305) 579-0110.

CC/Greater Jacksonville, Oct. 5—Monthly luncheon. Call Cindy Moody, (904) 285-6792.

CC/Miami & Florida Keys, Oct. 5—Phonathon. Call Karen Weinreich, (305) 893-7283.

CC/Gold Coast, Oct. 5—Phonathon. Call Karen Weinreich, (305) 893-7283.

CAA/Atlanta, Oct. 12—Phonathon. Call David Wheeler, (404) 264-2127.

CC/Suncoast, Oct. 21—CAAAN training. Call Mike Lundy, (813) 685-6723.

CC/Greater Jacksonville, Nov. 2—Monthly luncheon. Call Cindy Moody, (904) 285-6792.

CC/Eastern Florida, Nov. 9—Membership phonathon. Call Dr. Ernie Smith, (561) 745-8915.

## SOUTHWEST

CC/Austin, Sept. 17—Wine and cheese party. Call Jonathan Packman, (512) 452-5543.

CC/Oklahoma—Oct. 10—Astronomy Professor Martha Haynes speaks on "Mapping the Universe With the Big Ear and the Big Eye." Call Al Givray, (918) 582-3311.

## WESTERN

CC/Southern Arizona, Oct. 8—Party and poolside barbecue. Bring side dish or dessert. Cost: \$4. Call Harvey Young, (520) 531-8938.

CC/San Diego, Oct. 22—Golf tournament and reception at Ranch Bernardo Inn. Call Jeff or Molly Blumer, (858) 672-8830.

CC/Southern Arizona, Oct. 28—Gaslight Theatre. Cost: \$14. Call Floyd Tewksbury, (520) 544-4552.

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Council members, "Although none of us will ever attain the happy state of understanding the whole of Cornell, we can approach it, increase our value to the university and have some enriching experiences to boot!" I agree; staying connected to Cornell is good for you!

—Carolyn Chauncey Neuman '64  
Chair, Cornell University Council

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# 'OUR TOP MANAGEMENT: CAAAN CHAIRS'

*from the CAAAN Advisory committee*

**D**uring his reunion weekend State of the University address, President Rawlings spoke with pride of the incoming Class of 2004. In addition to the facilities, faculty, and opportunities which draw competitive students to the Hill, Cornell has a resource envied nationwide: CAAAN!

The Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network is made up of 5,000 alumni volunteers who help recruit and yield the most outstanding high school students in the United States and in key international cities. These ambassadors for the university serve a crucial role in supporting the work of undergraduate admissions staff throughout the university. Their services include:

- \* personalizing the admissions process by contacting applicants to obtain additional information about their qualifications and to answer questions they may have;

- \* maintaining contact with applicants and encouraging those who have been admitted to choose Cornell;

- \* assisting Cornell staff at college fairs, prospect programs, and with local high school assignments;

- \* hosting receptions for applicants and accepted students and planning summer send-offs for entering students.

Organizing, training, assigning, coordinating, and monitoring these 5,000 volunteers is the work of Cornell's "Top Management," the CAAAN Chairs. Three hundred alumni chair committees which vary in size depending on population, location, and the availability of volunteers. In Alaska, there is one chair for the committee of sixteen; the United Kingdom has one chair with a committee of 24 ambassadors. In the largest regions there is often a general chair with several vice chairs or committee chairs who manage the network. The Bay Area of Northern

California has eight chairs with committees totaling 188 volunteers. New York City has a chair, two vice chairs and twenty-four committee chairs to work with 800 CAAAN members. Although the committees vary in size, they are all enthusiastic and effective. In each, the members enjoy the satisfaction that comes from their service to Cornell. This is the result of the commitment of CAAAN Chairs.

CAAAN Chairs are appointed by undergraduate admissions staff based on the "field work" they have done as ambassadors. This position is often an introduction to greater involvement with the university and leads to other leadership positions in alumni activities. The majority of recipients of the Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award are current or former CAAAN leaders. Whether involved in regional alum-



Students, CAAAN volunteers and alumni gathered for the Cornell Club of Northeast Ohio's Annual Send-off Picnic August 1999

ni associations, class programs, college advisory committees, or minority or interest associations, support of admission initiatives remains a high priority for chairs.

We salute the 300 CAAAN Chairs, our "Top Management" and some of Cornell's most outstanding and visi-

ble ambassadors.

*To become a part of this exciting, enjoyable and effective network, please contact Ann Rivera, Senior Associate Director of Volunteer Programs, Undergraduate Admissions Office, at (607) 255-7233 or [aer4@cornell.edu](mailto:aer4@cornell.edu)*

## Robert Blakely '63, MBA '65, Alumni-Elected Trustee

**I** have deeply appreciated the opportunity to serve as an alumni-elected trustee of our university. Among the many benefits of my term with Cornell has been the opportunity to give something back to the university that has shaped so much of my career and adult life. I enjoyed my participation in establishing the Finance Committee, which was formed in 1997 to serve as an advisory group to the executive committee on finance and budgetary matters. My involvement on this committee has been more exciting because the approach to finance and budgetary matters is significantly different from my comparable corporate and civic experiences.

On a more personal note, my four years as a trustee have offered me the opportunity to know and work with many talented Cornell alumni whom I did not know as a student and to reacquaint myself with some of my own classmates.

As Cornell enters the 21<sup>st</sup> century, I am extremely enthusiastic about the resources, position and opportunities offered to its alumni, students, faculty and staff. Cornell is entering into a new era in education involving distance learning, eCornell, genomics, and changes in the undergraduate education. These initiatives will substantially leverage the resources, facilities and faculty of the university allowing educational outreach to geographical areas and students far beyond our current scope. As alumni, your participation and involved enthusiasm will help promote and expand the university's educational horizons—stay tuned!

I urge you to participate in the university's programs, now easier than ever with the advances of the Internet, and to disseminate information about Cornell's exciting new initiatives to your occupational and civic communities.

My heartfelt thanks go to all of you for allowing me to have had an exciting and fulfilling experience as an alumni-elected trustee.



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presented research and led skills sessions. Frank and wife Peggy live at 11 Saddlewood Ct., Durham, NC. Their daughter and her husband are also Cornellians: **John '90** and **Megan Fee Torrance '92**, MBA '93.

**Merle Metcalfe** has retired from Micro-soft and now does freelance writing from her new home at 28881 Bermuda Lago Ct. #302, Bonita Springs, FL. Also retired and in Florida are **Tom Pierie** and wife Bonnie (1458 Colony Pl., Venice, FL). Tom writes: "Life is a se-

higher education law at Dow, Lohnes & Albertson and is a volunteer with the Washington, DC, fire department. He, wife Jinny, and their teenage son can be reached at 3507 Lowell St. NW, Washington, DC. **Frank Grawi**, MS '68, who has not graced this column in 13 years, is in engineering management with Ford Motor Co. He was recently awarded the Legion of Merit medal from the U.S. Air Force Reserve, from which he is a retired colonel. Frank and wife Mary Ann have two grown daughters, enjoy skiing and sailing,

'68, or **Bill Blockton**. Your input will be forwarded to the appropriate people.

New addresses, new jobs, and new opportunities keep our class evolving. **Judith Kurtz** Polcer has moved again. This time she and Ed have moved as empty-nesters back to New York City: 234 Sixth Ave., 2nd Floor, Brooklyn. Judith is still involved with music and theater and works as a marketing editor for Malcolm Pirnie, Environmental Engineers. **Dennis Lutz**, ME C '67, now resides at 9 Lupine Lane, Burlington, VT. He is the Public Works Director/Town Engineer for Essex, VT. He also has a "part-time" job, having been promoted to assistant adjutant general in the Vermont Army National Guard. As the Guard trains everywhere from Quebec to California, Belize to Macedonia, this is a full-time part-time job. His wife Carol has often been able to travel with him.

E-mail addresses also change. **Suzan Kress** Goldhaber can now be reached at [Suzan@insti.physics.sunysb.edu](mailto:Suzan@insti.physics.sunysb.edu). She still teaches reading/writing lab at the junior high school level. Her son David received his PhD in physics from MIT in 1999 and is a junior fellow at Harvard. David's wife Ilana is working on a biology PhD at MIT. Suzan's daughter Sara is married to Jeremy Fiebert and is at Harvard Med School. Suzan gets together every New Year's with classmates **Barbara Hauptman** Goldstein, **Elise Frank**, and **Phyllis Tashlik** Katz. A new job goes with new e-mail for **Laura Bowman** Gray, MA IN T '67 ([Lgray@pepperdine.edu](mailto:Lgray@pepperdine.edu)). She is director of career development at Pepperdine U.'s Graduate Management School, named by *Business Week* as having one of the top 20 executive MBA programs. Laura enjoys being back in an academic setting. She and husband Phil have become true Californians and live on the beach in Santa Monica.

**Robert Dona**, BS Eng '67 ([dona.robert@epa.gov](mailto:dona.robert@epa.gov)), is still at the EPA regional office in Kansas where he works on plans for superfund program removal action and site remediation. He is active in the Cornell Club of Mid-America and represents Cornell at the Kansas City college fairs. He also works as a college women's volleyball official. His daughter Julie is at NYU and his son Bruce is in high school. **Alvin Rosenfeld** has done something special for Cornell, establishing a scholarship in honor of Professor Walter LaFeber. Alvin asks that if you had a terrific educational experience with Prof. LaFeber that you consider a contribution to the scholarship.

**Stanley Falkenstein** and his wife live in Manchester, CT, where he has a six-lawyer practice. His daughter Kara graduated from Colby College and works for NBC in New York. His son David has just started college. **Mark Lytle** is chairman of the history department at Bard College and, with **James Davidson**, recently published *After the Fact: The Art of Historical Deception*. This academic year, Mark has a Fulbright to U. College Dublin where he is the Mary Ball Washington professor of American history. **Joyce Ostroff** Black spent a week last October accompanying an art group to Paris, acting as a translator

## "The huge clouds of smoke turned the sun a blood red."

ALLAN HAUER '67

ries of adjustments, and ceasing a work-centered existence is one of the best, although more difficult, for us. In many ways, removing the professional agenda returns one to an 'undergraduate mindset,' with time to pause and discover one's post-graduate, post-military, post-parenting (almost), post-mortgage, -career, -promotion... self!"

Also retired (but not in Florida) is **John Ohlweiler**, who, with wife Joan, lives at 11 Brooklyn Blvd., Sea Girt, NJ. When **Steve Fruh**, PhD '68, retired from Exxon in March 1999, he moved from New Jersey to 205 West End Ave. #25A, New York City. My apologies to Steve for omitting him from our list of first-time Reunioners for our 35th.

Not retired is **Helen Menges** Knoll, a Regional Administrator with the US Dept. of Transportation's Federal Transit Admin. She and husband Robert Cleland now live at 4135 40th Ave. SW, Seattle, WA. Hotelier **Hiroshi Kohda** and wife Mie have moved from Yokohama to 4-1 Kioicho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan. **John Lutz**, M Ed '65, a school district superintendent, reports a new address for himself and wife Una: 52 Hickory Park Rd., Cortland, NY. **Robert**, PhD '67, and **Barbara Cade Pringle**, MA '68, have returned from South Africa and are back at 216 Wolfe St., Alexandria, VA. Barbara teaches history at the Potomac School.

**Steve Einhorn** is active with Cornell, working with the Technology Transfer Committee (which Steve says is fondly called "We Gotcha"). Steve says the committee is looking for alums who would like to invest in high-quality Cornell technology. He lives in Milwaukee, WI, with wife **Nancy (Lore)**. **Joan Schultz** Flaxman, not heard from in this column for 16 years, is an executive with a plastics manufacturer. She and husband Michael have three grown sons, enjoy sailing and tennis, and live at 200 Sterling Rd., Harrison, NY. Joan said she enjoys reading our column, to which I say thanks, but the credit goes to all of you who send in your news!

Attorney **Michael Goldstein**, last in this column 15 years ago, has been retained as counsel to eCornell, Cornell's for-profit e-learning venture. He otherwise specializes in

and still live at 42936 Brookstone Dr., Novi, MI.

**Stephen Gottesman**, a financial and estate planner, is active in the Republican Party in western NY State. He's chairman of the Town of Wales Republican Committee and member of the Erie County Republican Executive Committee. He was John McCain's campaign director in his area and one of the senator's delegates in the NY primary. He was also active in NYC Mayor Giuliani's senatorial campaign. In between work and politics, Steve finds time to enjoy golf and skiing. He and wife Helen, who have one daughter who just graduated from college and another daughter and son in college, live at 186 Glenridge, East Aurora, NY.

Last but not least, congrats to two classmates on their recent promotions. Last December **Dianne Arnold** Mooney (7449 Ashland La., Birmingham, AL) was named vice president/executive director of At Home, Southern Progress Corp.'s new direct-selling division. She has been with the Time, Inc. subsidiary in various positions since 1975. Dianne is also active in community service, serving on the boards of the Women's Fund of Greater Birmingham and the Oasis Women's Counseling Center and as development chair of the Alabama Humanities Foundation. At the end of March, **Bruce L. Miller** became executive vice president of Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Milwaukee, which he joined in 1996. He will head a new marketing dept. He and wife Susan have settled in at 1717 E. Fox Lane, Fox Point, WI. Keep the news coming! ♦ **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, [blamont@tribune.com](mailto:blamont@tribune.com).

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Reunion is less than a year away but it's never too late to get involved. If you have some ideas, would like to volunteer, or would like to help get the word out to other classmates, contact one of the class officers via the website or just write to me (**Susan Rockford Bittker**), **John Miers**, MBA

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during visits to artists' studios and homes. **Peter Freeman** reports that he had a summer 1999 reunion with his family in Elmira. In attendance were his 92-year-old mother, his brothers **Jim Freeman '55** and John, and their families. Peter and his wife enjoy the fall at their weekend home outside NYC.

**John Deasy**, MPS Ag '72, has been working on certification as an Outward Bound instructor for hiking and canoe trips and rope challenge courses. He led his first family canoe trip as an instructor in August 1999. He is fixing up a boat-access-only camp on a remote lake in the Adirondacks. **Steve**, PhD '72, and **Laura Purnell Krich**, MA IN T '71, report that their son Jacob is a Rhodes scholar and is studying maths in England. He graduated from Swarthmore. Their daughter **Abigail** is at Cornell, where she loves living in Ecology House. **Bruce '64** and **Toni LeRoy Berger** are the proud grandparents of Benjamin Aaron Inbar. Ben's parents are **Tomer**, MA '92, and **Jill Berger Inbar '91**.

As we look forward to Reunion, we hope to see many of you involved or at least in attendance. We know that everyone does not have a computer, but snail mail still works, so contact us whichever way works for you. Perhaps we should have a discussion group on how technology has changed our ability to find and stay easily in contact with others and what this has meant to each of us. ♦ **Susan Rockford Bittker**, 424 Pea Pond Rd., Katonah, NY 10536; e-mail, ladyscienc@aol.com; **Bill Blockton**, 18 Leatherstocking Lane, Mamaroneck, NY 10543; e-mail, rbsfabrics@juno.com; and **John Miers**, 5510 Huntington Pkwy., Bethesda, MD 20814; e-mail, John\_Miers@nih.gov.

**67** A first-hand report giving a close personal account of the recent Los Alamos fire follows from **Allan Hauer**, ME E '68, 3060 Arizona Ave., Los Alamos, NM (hauer@mailhost.usurf.com), dated May 28: "My family and I have just spent a harrowing week and a half that none of us will ever forget. On Wednesday, May 10, a wildfire in the Jemez Mountains that surround us swept down into our town of Los Alamos causing terrible destruction. Our home was spared but our neighborhood suffered significant damage. Our backyard was heavily damaged and two large storage sheds were burned to the ground. We must express much gratitude that the fire seemed to face a 'thus far and no farther' limit and did not touch our house.

"The entire town of Los Alamos (18,000) was evacuated and we were not able to return to our homes for a week and a half. This was an orderly and efficient process but didn't remove the surrealistic tone created by fire engines with loudspeakers proceeding through all of our neighborhoods announcing immediate evacuation. My wife Wendy and our family left first—packed with household treasures and 'irreplaceables.' I stayed behind to make sure that Wendy's parents were on the way and to check on a few other things in our neighborhood.

"Walking around our totally deserted neighborhood left an indelible memory, like something out of the 'Twilight Zone.' The huge clouds of smoke turned the sun a blood red and were already beginning to provide a direct reflection of the flames. The evacuation notice came at about 1:30 in the afternoon and the fire hit the edges of town at about 4 or 4:30.

"We found refuge with friends in Santa Fe. Their lovely home on an elevated ridge on the western side of Santa Fe provided a startling view of Los Alamos in the evenings. Watching the flames and the smoke from the beautiful, peaceful surroundings in Santa Fe provided an incredible contrast and a truly haunting experience. It seemed like we were in a scene from Dante where our guardian angel had plucked us out of the inferno and deposited us in paradise.

"Our community has pulled together in a truly touching way with neighbor helping neighbor in a wonderful spirit of love and caring. Another event that brings a tear to our eyes is when our little local radio station plays the recording of the Los Alamos High School Band playing the school song. In the small community of Bernalillo, 100 miles away, we were flagged down by high school students pointing to the contribution center for the 'Los Alamos relief effort.' Working at our local food bank was also an eye-opener, with incredible volumes of food, clothing, toys, etc.

pouring in from all over the West and other more remote areas (including rice from Japan!).

"We are truly grateful for all of the prayers and wishes of support from our friends and loved ones—they were a great source of strength for us."

Next time, back to our regular fare, but quick items to beat the hand around the clock: I ran into **Bill Newell** (5304 Pender Ct., Alexandria, VA) at the annual Cornell DC Father's Day picnic at the Kiplingers. Life begins at 40—40th Reunion that is—for the inimitable **Steve Conn '60**, spotted by the girl who remembered him from freshman English: classmate **Janet Reno '60**. ♦ **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

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I hope you have had a good summer! **Richard Edelman** lives in Watkins Glen, NY, about 25 miles from Ithaca.

He is retired and is now studying and serving at the Lakeview Assembly of God Church in Watkins Glen. **Barry Shaw** is an orthodontist in Binghamton, NY. His daughter **Natalie '00** will be going to med school next year. Barry recently went on a trip to Egypt with wife Annette. **Joel Roop**, ME E '70, lives in Hudson, OH, where he moved three years ago after 28 years in Boston. Barry works for Keithley Instruments as part of the sales organi-





zation. He has two married daughters and is a grandfather twice over. **Art Tenner**, MS '70, lives in Manhattan. **Tom Krop**, MD '72, lives in Virginia Beach, VA, where the Chesapeake flows into the Atlantic. He is a dermatologist and his hobbies include golf and piano.

**Judith Winter** Andrucki, MST '69, lives in Lewiston, ME, and is a partner with Hark Andrucki, which recently merged with a Portland firm. Judy recently spent time in London, where her husband was teaching at Bates College. **Tom Bodden** lives in Maui, HI, where he is with a five-attorney law firm concentrating on real estate and estate planning. Sounds like a great life. Tom's travel has included 12 trips to Eastern Europe and also trips to Southeast Asia as a consultant to the Washington, DC-based Eastern European Real Property Foundation. **Judy Reiser** Powell lives in Livingston, NJ, and works in Montclair teaching children with special needs. Her son Ian works for Sanford Bernstein in New York, another son attends the U. of Michigan, and a third is starting at Harvard Business School. Judy sees **Jane (Frommer)** and **David Gertler** '67.

**David Hughes** lives in Lancaster, PA, and is an orthopedic surgeon. Dave's hobbies include skiing, golf, and racing his Aston Martin. **Herb Scherzer** lives in Farmington, CT, and is a director of a sleep disorder laboratory and exercise physiology lab at St. Francis Hospital. **Susan Kass** lives in Merrick, NY, and is a painter, after a previous career in film and video in Soho and Europe. Her husband Alex Johnson is an architect specializing in custom interior renovation and restoration in Manhattan. Their 18-year-old son Nicholas will be entering Columbia. Son Gabriel is entering ninth grade and is an outstanding piano player. Susan sees **Mimi Herwald**, her Cornell roommate.

**Susan Clark** Norwood lives in New Orleans and is a trainer and consultant on conflict management, public relations, and educational assessment. Susan reports seeing **Necy Bradin**, who was in New Orleans for a meeting, as well as **Harrell Hunter** Scarcello. **Richard Keida** lives in Willow, AK, which is about 70 miles north of Anchorage, "out in the woods with the moose and bear." He is a pilot for Northwest Airlines. **Steve Boucher**, ME M '69, lives in Amherst, NH, and is president of Airmar Technology Corp., which designs and manufactures ultrasonic transducers for marine and industrial applications. That is, they make sensors for fish finders, echo sounders, and "acoustic deterrent systems." His wife **Arda (Coyle)** '69 is a technical writer. Their son Matthew graduated from Princeton in 1999 and works at Goldman Sachs in NY. Daughter Erin is a sophomore at Tufts. **Madelynn Berman** Heinz lives in New York City, with a weekend retreat upstate. She is involved in a part-time legal practice. She reports seeing **Carol Ziegler**. Carol, we haven't heard from you in a while and I urge you to write in.

**William DeCou**, BS Ag '70, lives in Missoula, MT, and works as a landlord/developer/investor. He is active with the local Hab-

itat for Humanity. His wife **Nancy (Schweinsberger)** '70, works for the U. of Montana in computer systems. Their travels have included a trek around Nepal and a riverboat cruise up the Yangtze River, and they have plans for a trip to the Everest base camp. William reports, "Cornellians are few and far between in Montana." **Kathleen Maney** Fox lives in Cortland, NY, teaches second grade at Groton Elementary School, and is a committee person for the Cortland County Democratic Committee. Her daughter **Melissa Toner** '97 attends Boston U. law school where she was elected editor of the Law Review. Her stepdaughter Carly Fox is teaching in Nicaragua and husband Gary is a curriculum coordinator for the Cortland High School Guidance Department.

**Lois Gartlir** lives in NYC and is a practicing attorney (trusts and estates). She went to Cardozo School of Law at age 35. Lois travels a lot and enjoys hiking in Ireland and the Lake District of England, as well as trips to Australia. **Richard Golding** lives in Deposit, NY, which is on the west branch of the Delaware River. He is an instructor in the hospitality department at Delhi College in Delhi, NY. **David J. McGee** lives in St. Louis Park, MN, and works in the IT department of a consulting firm in Bloomington, MN. He reports seeing **Mike Miller**. **Richard Gottfried** has been a member of the NY State Assembly since 1971 and is chairman of the health committee. Richard and wife Louise have one son, Michael. **Steve Balogh** has started a new consulting business to help early-stage companies in IT/Internet cross the Atlantic to Europe. They focus on executive search and HR consulting, with offices in London and Silicon Valley.

That's all for now. Look forward to hearing from you. ♦ **Gordon H. Silver**, Putnam Investments, 1 Post Office Square, Boston, MA 02109; fax, (617) 760-8349; e-mail, gordon\_silver@putnaminv.com.



The news and dues forms will be arriving soon, so please fill out and return your postcard. Include a business card with your news and print all names, so that the information about you and your family is accurate. I am sure all our classmates are looking forward to reading about more up-to-date events.

Ablely representing her constituency in the Vermont Legislature for the past ten years, **Karen Bittermann** Kitzmiller was named the first Woman Legislator of the Year in 1999. When not in Montpelier, Karen enjoys biking, having recently made a 160-mile ride from her home to Amherst, MA. Daughter Carrie spent a semester abroad in Italy, becoming fluent in the language, while daughter Amy was pursuing women's studies and government at UVA. Husband Warren is selling his Onion River Sports company after 25 years to devote more time to his family and leisure activities.

**Linda Tatelbaum**, PhD '72, tells us that she is an associate professor of English at Colby

College and has written two books, *Carrying Water as a Way of Life: A Homesteader's History* and *Writer on the Rocks—Moving the Impossible*. Both books were published by the company she founded, About Time Press. Linda and her husband Kalman Winer continue into their 23rd year as back-to-the-land homesteaders growing their own food and generating their own solar power. (See Box on facing page.) Son Noah finished his junior year at Amherst College, majoring in law, jurisprudence, and social thought.

When not working as a part-time accountant at a local state college in Pennsylvania, **Carol Maus** Greenberg is a community representative with the foreign exchange student program. Along with sons Jon and Jesse, the Greenbergs are hosting Jose, an exchange student from Ecuador. Carol's husband Howard is general counsel for Rutgers Organics. **Gail Papermaster** Bender continues her solo practice in medical oncology. Son Brian graduated from Penn and is now at the U. of Minnesota studying computer science. Twin sons David and Seth finished their freshman years at U. of Michigan and Lehigh U., respectively. **Phil Callahan** writes that he is deputy ground system manager for the Quik Scat Satellite which returns global wind measurements, including great images and animations of hurricanes. In July 1999, Phil visited son Josh in Buenos Aires where he was on a semester abroad from the U. of Penn. Phil says, "The Igazu Falls were absolutely spectacular, worth a journey." In September younger son Ezra began his freshman year at Stanford.

A sculptor and graphic designer, **Lorraine Spencer** Capparell exhibited her work, entitled "Five Women," at the Triton Museum in Santa Clara and later at the Carmel Highland's Sculpture House and Gardens Gallery. This work is made up of five life-size bronze figures. **Joe Cervasio's** company, Diversified Global Strategies Inc., is busy servicing Guardian Life Insurance Co. of America and Prudential Realty Assn. Joe and his wife Maria spent their 30th wedding anniversary on the island of St. Maarten. Daughter Tina became the first female color commentator in radio broadcasting of Arena football, and daughter Corrine is in pre-med. at Syracuse U. "Still grinding out USDA federal loans and grants in northern NY, and after 31 years, it's still fun," writes **Dale Coats**. He enjoys living on the St. Lawrence River, semi-annual trips to Florida, and Cornell hockey. Dale's two grown sons live in the Tampa area where one is a restaurant chef and the other a college student.

I received several notes about classmates beginning new jobs. The Rev. **Michael C. McFarland**, SJ, was elected the 31st president of the College of the Holy Cross. Before moving to Massachusetts, Father McFarland was dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Gonzaga U. in Spokane, WA, and also a professor of computer science. **Linda Salsbury** has taken a new position as a librarian at Lincoln U. in Jefferson City, MO. Her husband Robert Jacobs works for the Conservation Department and has written a breeding bird atlas for the state of Missouri. After ten years in

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the legal department of Electronic Data Systems Corp., **Bob Hebda** tells us that he has joined the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. (Freddie Mac) as an assistant general counsel.

**John Gross**, PhD '80, a research engineer, was promoted to leader of the structural systems and design group at the Building and Fire Research Lab, NIST. Last year job-related travel took him to France, Japan, Turkey, and the Dominican Republic. John lives in Maryland with wife **Phyllis (Norrie)** '71, MBA '79, and their children Emily and Tyler. A senior fellow at Mathematica Policy Research Inc., in Washington, DC, **Marsha Gold**, ScD, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Assn. for Health Services Research. Recent travels took Marsha to the Himalayas, including Nepal, Tibet, and Sikkim, where she especially enjoyed visiting the Buddhist temples.

Retired **Jane Feldmeier** is now spending her time substitute teaching at numerous area high schools. Travel took her to Redlands, CA, where she visited a 99-year-old cousin. Dr. **Joshua Freeman** was named interim chair of the Dept. of Family Practice at the U. of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio where he lives with his wife Pat and sons Matt and Adam. **Ellen Chapnick** was given a Pro Bono Publico award by the Legal Aid Society of the City of New York and has written "Access to the Courts," a chapter in the Law of Environmental Justice, published by the American Bar Assn. Husband **Bill Schleicher** '64 was promoted to editor of *The Public Employee Press*. **Tom Jones** was named co-chairman and CEO of SSB Citi Asset Management Group (Chairman and CEO of the Global Investment Group, Private Banking Group, and Citigroup) which is located in the World Trade Center.

**Laurel Rathbun Hunt** has edited a book entitled *Angel Pawprints: Reflections on Loving and Losing a Canine Companion*, the reprint rights of which were recently bought by the Disney-owned publisher Hyperion. Laurel is still working at Tetra Tech in corporate communications. Taking time out from work and writing, she cruised the Baltic with her 85-year-old father. Laurel writes that the highlight of her trip was a visit to the Hermitage Museum and a night at the ballet.

Many of you are finding more time for leisure activities. **Richard Poznysz** spent a lovely two weeks in the Italian Alps and Venice a year ago. He writes that soon after his return, daughter **Christine Poznysz Wilk** '90 gave birth to the family's first grandchild. After living in Washington, DC, and Paris, for a year each, where wife Linda was on assignment, **Robert Powers** has moved to Sea Ranch, CA, where he enjoys the rustic northern coast and cool weather. Mary and **Lee Pillsbury** have taken up flying, and both are now instrument-rated commercial pilots. Early in 1999, they bought a new single engine turbo prop in France and flew it back to the US across the Atlantic. **Mike Natan**, the chief information officer at Reliance Information Technology in Philadelphia, took time to travel through Portugal and Spain and later

## Back to the Land

LINDA TATELBAUM '69,  
BA '68, PHD '72

She calls herself "the woman who speaks tree." After the college where she taught went bankrupt in 1977, Linda Tatelbaum felt disillusioned by society. She and her future husband decided to start a homestead in Burkettville, Maine. "With Watergate, I started to realize that lots of crazy political things were happening," she says. "I didn't want to live in that world."

The couple built their home without power tools, learned to grow their own food, and heated shower water over a wood stove. After Tatelbaum gave birth to her son, she struggled to change diapers by flashlight. Since that first year, Tatelbaum and her husband have come to believe in compromise; though they still grow their own food, solar panels now provide them with electricity. A Romance languages and literature major on the Hill, Tatelbaum went on to earn a PhD in medieval literature and philology. She now teaches English at Colby College, writes about her homesteading experiences, and runs her own publishing business. "The quiet and the peace—I've never come to take them for granted," says Tatelbaum. "I'm a tree hugger, and I make no bones about it."

— Christen Aragoni '02



Hawaii. He writes that daughter Daria graduated from Princeton and is working in investment banking in New York City, while son **Shaw** '97 is at Temple U. in medical school.

**Ellen V. Crockett** has one of the more unusual interests in our class. She has traveled the world from Japan to Germany to Canada showing and judging cats. Until a few years ago, she showed her three Devon Rex cats, which are known for their short, wavy hair, large eyes, and broad head. Now a judge with the International Cat Assn., Ellen judged 28 shows in 1999. Due to the pressure of time, she had to give up showing her own felines. ♦ **Arda Coyle Boucher**, 21 Hemlock Hill Rd., Amherst, NH 03031; e-mail, aboucher@airmar.com.

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As tempting as it always is to set aside those much-thumbed 1999 postcards and plunge into that pristine 2000 batch, some '99ers have been waiting a long time to see their names in print. So, herewith a mix of old and newer news, and an advance apology if your stale 1999 news and your poppin'-fresh 2000 postcard cross paths between my deadline and our class column.

With our 30th Reunion looming, many

classmates are also anticipating their children's graduations, from Cornell and elsewhere, in 2001. **Brook Katzen**, son of **Bari (Boyer)** and **Marshall Katzen** '68, will be one such CU grad. Bari writes from Worcester, MA, that Marshall, an orthopedic surgeon, will be volunteering his medical skills in Tanzania this December and then meeting up with Brook to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro. Bari currently works at a communications firm, learning video production. Daughter Brit lives in California.

"A father's dream is realized," wrote **Marc Cohen** of Los Angeles, after his daughter **Jessica** transferred to Cornell from UC-Davis and became part of the Class of '01. Other daughter is **Amanda** '03. "Pretty far. Pretty expensive. Pretty COOL," Marc added.

**Ted Urban** is looking forward to Reunion, even though he was just in Ithaca this May for his daughter **Claire**'s graduation. Son Andy graduates from Middlebury in 2001. "Relief from tuition payments will be nice, but I'll miss the frequent opportunities for returning to Ithaca," Ted wrote last year. He and wife Janet were about to depart for a family research and reunion trip to Prague and Poland.

**Peter Gilman** reports that eldest son Andrew will enter Cornell this September. Ithaca is a four-hour drive from the Gilman home in



Wynnewood, PA, near Philadelphia. "Our whole family is looking forward to new and renewed Cornell experiences," Peter writes. **Marty Miller** of Monticello, NY, has son **Matthew** graduating from Cornell this year, just as daughter Mara enters. Now that's family planning! **Betsy Ostrov '99**, daughter of **Jerry** and **Aimee Goldstein Ostrov '72**, was one of the top five Arts and Sciences graduates in 1999 and got to carry the college banner.

Another graduate was **Samantha Muhlad '99**, daughter of **Pat Samuels Muhlad** of Setauket, NY. Samantha begins medical school at Boston U. this fall. Son Craig is entering Brown. Pat recently saw **Rebecca Singer** and **Cara Nash** Iason. **Paul Rothchild**'s youngest, Jennifer, is entering HumEc this fall, while older daughter, Lee, a student at Brandeis, will spend her junior year in Australia. Paul and his wife Donna live in Manhattan.

**Sally Clark Shumaker** and husband **Chris Ryan '72** celebrated the graduation of Chris's son Nash from the U. of Arizona last December. Meanwhile, Sally is devoting her efforts to sending fellow Tucson-ites Ithaca-ward. For eight years, she has been a Tucson volunteer coordinator for CU's summer college program. "We sent eight students to Cornell from Tucson, all on FULL scholarships," she wrote in June, 1999. Sally and Chris run a business consultancy. **Susan Phipps-Yonas** wrote from St. Paul, MN, last year that her youngest daughter Hannah was entering McGill U. in biochemistry. Susan, whose husband is **Albert Yonas, PhD '69**, was planning to turn 50 in Belize in January.

**Nancy Kiesendahl Bloch** wrote from Pleasantville, NY, to report that her daughter is a junior psych major at Cornell, and her son is in high school. "It's been great for me as I relive my time at Cornell," Nancy said. She runs her own business helping hotels with sales and marketing and recently attended the 75th Hotel Ezra Cornell. Nancy adds, "I would love to hear from **Jay Marvin**, **Dave Phippin**, and **Frank Noska**—are you still out there?"

For some Cornellians, graduations are still very much in the future. In his 1999 posting, **Jeff Liddle** reported the 20th anniversary of his Manhattan law firm, and in his 2000 mailing, completion of his and wife Tara's 16-month remodeling of their lower Fifth Ave. apartment and the birthdays of Alexa, 6, and Harry, now 3 and born since our last Reunion! Jeff's law firm is chockablock with Cornellians of various years, including partners **W. Dan Boone, JD '72**, **Ethan Brecher '88**, **Jim Batson '88**, and **Larry Moy '82, JD '85**, and associates **Rich Palmer '94** and **Christine Palmieri '91, JD '96**. Washington, DC, TV reporter **John Hennehan, BS Ag '76**, is now specializing in local education stories, aptly, he reports, since last year he and wife Linda Davidson had a son in kindergarten and a daughter in second grade. "Yes, some of us '71ers waited quite a long time before getting started on this family stuff," John wrote from Alexandria, VA. He's been visiting Ithaca in recent years, hoping to help revive and improve the radio station we all listened to back then: WVBR. As I recall, it was one of the few

stations you could actually pick up clearly in hilly Ithaca.

The US Dept. of Agriculture sent out a press release to announce the promotion of **Antoinette A. Betschart, PhD '71**, an expert on cereal grains. She joined the USDA in 1971 as a research food technologist in Albany, CA, and is now director of researchers for the government agency's labs in California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Idaho, Nevada, and Hawaii. More recently, Californian **Gary Weiner** was named director of the Sonoma County Superior Court Office of Alternative Dispute Resolution. In that post, he is helping spearhead the state's effort to reduce legal costs and increase satisfaction with the way lawsuits are resolved. It's a nationwide trend, Gary reports.

**Erik Lars Hansen** and wife Vanessa Chang live in Los Angeles, where Erik is a managing director at Korn/Ferry, the international executive recruitment firm. He also plays golf and is a string bassist in several jazz groups. In March, California native **Scott Wing, BArch '72**, (formerly W. Charles Wing) was named a principal at Ratcliff, an Emeryville, CA, architecture firm specializing, as has Scott, in major health care facilities. In his 25 years as an architect, Scott helped plan and design, among many others, a \$100 million project for the Palo Alto Medical Foundation, and health-related projects at UCLA and the U. of Utah.

All your news is good to get, but not all news is good news. **Eileen Nuhn Petrillo**, who last September alerted us to the untimely death of classmate **Kathryn Donnelly**, wrote this May with the news that her husband, Patrick, had died last October of complications from diabetes. It was a week before his 62nd birthday, and just weeks before his and Eileen's 21st anniversary. Eileen has moved to 552 Leisure Dr. in Ridge, NY, a Long Island town just three miles from their old house.

Reports **Amy J. Noble**, "I finished out 1999 quite precariously, suffering a heart attack and adult respiratory syndrome." She spent her 50th birthday in a Boston hospital. The good news is, "After 4-1/2 months in the medical/industrial complex, I got out on February 15 and am happily back at work as an editor at *eWeek* newspaper (formerly *PCWeek*)." Amy was helped through by the cards and good wishes of **Charlotte Bruska Gardner '69** and **Lorraine Palmatier Skalko '73**. She lives at 468 Neponset in Canton, MA, "unchanged for the past 20 years," and would like to hear from Cornell friends visiting the Boston area. If all the Reunion columns in this issue of *Cornell Magazine* were not enough of a reminder, remember that ours is slated for June 7-10, 2001. ♦ **Marsha Ackermann**, 1612 Waltham Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48103; e-mail, ackerm28@msu.edu.



So, who wants to be a millionaire? Who wants to wear a silk tie the same color as your shirt? Has anyone in the class been on the "Millionaire" show? Has anyone tried to get on the show? Has anyone been a lifeline for a friend on the show? If so, let us

know about your experience. Speaking of television, did anyone in the class try out for the "Survivor" TV show? I don't think that desert island is so bad, even with the rats. At least it's free rent. Some College-town apartments of the 1970s were even worse and students paid for the "privilege" (ask **Bob Tausek**).

Hope everyone is having a pleasant fall season. I received reports that the weather at this year's Reunion weekend was extremely hot and humid. So, you might want to plan on bringing a portable fan or two when you attend our 30th Reunion in June 2002. For those of you who like to plan ahead, you can visit the Cornell website and get the exact dates of the Reunion. **Tom Barron** has joined the law firm of Parker, McCay & Criscuolo, where he is the shareholder in charge of the Labor & Employment Dept. Tom's daughter Jane graduated from Dartmouth and plans to spend two years with Teach America and then go on to medical school. Daughter **Meghan '03** is in the College of Arts and Sciences and is on the Cornell polo team. Tom reports that he often sees **Bob Kugler**, who is a US Magistrate Judge in Camden, NJ. Bob has a wonderfully dry sense of humor and is greatly respected as a fair and practical judge. **Diane Donnelly** and husband Bert Faerstein have three sons aged 16, 13, and 9 (I wonder what their grocery bill is every week). Both Diane and Bert are clinical psychologists in private practice doing child and adult psychotherapy and child custody mediation. The couple lives and practices in Marin County, just north of the Golden Gate Bridge. Diane visited the Cornell campus last summer and says that it was really nice to get back after many years.

**Perry Heidecker** is proud to report that daughter **Stacey '04** is a freshman in the Ag college, planning to study plant science. Perry resides in New Hyde Park and celebrates his 20th year at Milman & Heidecker, a labor and employment firm on Long Island. I received an invitation to the Cornell Football Assn. Golf Tournament, which prominently featured a photo of **Don Jean, MBA '73**, and **John Morehouse**. There is a rumor going around that Tiger Woods owes much of his success to lessons he received from Don. **Sue Rosenberg** Thau writes that husband Larry is in commercial real estate with Insignia Financial. They have children Nancy, 15, and Andy, 10. Sue is a lobbyist for the substance abuse prevention field in Washington, DC. Sue reports that **Ellen Rosenstock** Morehouse runs a major student assistance program in Westchester County. **Irwin Rosenfeld** of Laguna Hills, CA, received the Outstanding Service Award from the Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Orange County and a Special Service Award from the California Psychiatric Assn. His daughter Elayna, 22, graduated from Loyola Marymount U. as a television major and will work for NBC studios. Son Ethan is a sophomore at the U. of Puget Sound in Tacoma, WA, where he majors in business and pre-law.

**Lars Lundeen** and family moved from Miami to the mountains of central Vermont in



1991. Lars is a personal injury attorney with Griffith & Lundeen, PC in Rutland, VT. He also served as chair of the local elementary school board and as a member of the high school parent advisory committee. Daughter Christa, 13, is active in the local 4-H horse club and junior high basketball. Son Evan, 17, spent the past two summers in the Cornell High School Summer Honors Program. Wife Charlene works as a triage nurse with a group of internists. During vacations Lars enjoys salt-water fly-fishing with the children, while Charlene stays on shore. He also enjoys wild turkey hunting in central Vermont. The Lundeen's visit occasionally with **Dave Trost '71** and would like to hear from other classmates. **Elizabeth Wardwell Burdick** has been substitute teaching at the local school (K-12) in Sackets Harbor. She says it is quite an adventure. Elizabeth anticipates making a career change to art education and is taking "fill-in the gaps" education courses. She is also continuing to operate a home-based greeting card design business, "Blank Verse," and filling custom baking orders for gourmet desserts. Elizabeth welcomed her first grandchild, Anthony Bergevin, on Aug. 23, '99. Son Seth is excited about his guaranteed transfer status to the Ag college in 2002.

**Albert Pagani** of Toms River, NJ, informs us that daughter Sara graduated from Boston U. and will attend the Washington College of Law at American U. Daughter **Karen Pagani '01** is in the College of Arts & Sciences. **Craig Yunker** is a member of the Dean's Advisory Council at the Ag college. Both sons are Cornellians. **Cyrus** is class of '00 and **Christian** is '02. Craig attended the FIGI pig roast at the Cornell Club of New York City with Christian, who is also a Phi Gamma Delta.

**Betsy Post Falconi** went from citizen activist to candidate last November when she ran successfully for office as a Township Supervisor in Newton, PA. She says that her Cornell background in government and urban planning will finally be put to use with local development issues heating up. Older daughter Katie graduated from Duke and younger daughter Lizzy is at NYU. Betsy frequently sees old friends **Kay (Burgunder)**, MRP '75, and **Gary Stevens**, JD '76, and she ran into **Bill Toffey** at a Delaware River Watershed conference in Philadelphia.

The Cornell Alumni Assn. of Northern California had a great time this summer attending a baseball game between the San Francisco Giants and the Colorado Rockies at the new Pacific Bell Park in San Francisco. We had 91 alumni and guests cheering the Giants to victory. Among those attending were **Bruce McGeoch**, ME E '73, and daughter Lauren, a freshman at Brown, **Jennifer Ose '99**, daughter of our classmate, **Mary Ose**, BA '74, of Sacramento, CA, **Peter Lee '63**, **Jim Stocker '51**, **Alex Brose '98**, **Sasha Ziman '99**, **Rudy Kraft '52**, **LLB '57**, **Sig Kriegsman '40**, **Sung Kim**, BA '75, and wife Haeju, **Timothy Dietz '99**, Dr. Emma White, **Eric Chang '99**, **Olive Lee Thaler '90**, JD '95, **Katherine McGee '89**, **Frank**

**Martinez**, ME E '91, **Dr. Milton Lorig '74**, **Amanda Lumpkin '95**, **Angela Moore '97**, **Bill Chow '76**, **Eunmee Park '91**, **David Cohen '90**, **Joel Cantor '64**, **Adrienne Moore Kerins '95**, **Shelli Bodnar '91**, MD '95, **Lawrence Sandler '72**, **Steve Tomaselli '88**, **Tom Nemeth '89**, **Greg Redinbo**, PhD '95, **John Bluth '94**, **Charles Feledy '57**, **Dr. Judith Strauss '63**, **Jonathan Trager '97**, and **Neal Ushman '73**.

Remember, **Gary Rubin** and I depend on your input for the items we use in your class column. Both of us are running very low on news. Send reports about your family, job, vacations, latest IPO, etc. ♦ **Alex Barna**, 1050 Eagle Lane, Foster City, CA 94404; e-mail, abarna@mail.arc.nasa.gov; **Gary Rubin**, 512 Lenox Ave., Westfield, NJ 07090; e-mail, grubin@aol.com.

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**Eric Ebner** of Marshall, MI, is an ob/gyn in solo practice. His son **Ethan** is a sophomore at Cornell. Eric is remarried to

his wife Allison who works for Continental Airlines. They are new parents of son Blake, 6 months. **Greg Kishel** of St. Paul, MN, spent July 1999 in Poland with his youngest daughter Peg, teaching at the UNESCO-sponsored English Language Camp for Polish high school students. In 1995 he taught at the same camp with his oldest daughter **Emily**, now Cornell '02, Arts and Sciences. **Bob Joehl** of Carmel, IN, is in the fourth year of operations of his agriculture consulting business in the Midwest.

**Lawrence Taylor** of St. Louis, MO, was elected president of the Cornell Club of St. Louis for the 1999-2001 term. Lawrence founded Aziotics, a consulting and marketing research firm focusing on business development in Asian markets. **Jeffrey Ross**, JD '76, of Evanston, IL, sent us his e-mail address: rossje@sefyrth.com. **Bill Welker**, MBA '75, of Glen Ellyn, IL, recently joined the Ralston Purina Co., a leading manufacturer of pet products, as vice president of international product supply. **Mary Corcoran** Murray of Eau Claire, WI, joined the ranks of academia in the fall of 1998, teaching nutrition courses at the U. of Wisconsin. **Brian Stains**, MBA '82, of Fairfield, IA, sent us his change of address: PO Box 849, Fairfield, IA 52556. His e-mail address is brianstains@yahoo.com. **Greg Florant**, a physician in Fort Collins, CO, won a second Fulbright Award to study fat metabolism in Vienna, Austria, in March of 2000. **John LaClaire II** is a professor of molecular cell development biology at the U. of Texas, Austin. **Harold Doty** of Cypress, TX, is a control systems engineer.

**Denise Meridith** of Phoenix, AZ, was named Minority Business Advocate of the Year in Phoenix by SBA's Vision 2000 and was awarded the Model of Excellence for Minority Business Development. She was also named one of 100-plus Very Influential People by the *Phoenix Business Journal*. Denise just finished a one-year sabbatical from her position as Arizona Director of the Bureau of Land Management. During the sabbatical she initiated and served as the first president of the

Greater Phoenix Black Chamber of Commerce. **David Felderstein** of Sacramento, CA, completed his 23rd year as a staff analyst for the California Senate (Legislative) Committee on Public Employment and Retirement. David keeps in touch with **David West**, BS ILR '74, who lives in San Francisco, and **Keith Roberts**, BS Ag '74, who lives in Accident, MD. His significant other, Dan Hoody, serves on the faculty at the U. of California, Davis, in the family nurse practitioner/physician's assistant program. **Harriet Seldin** of Encinitas, CA, is a dentist and the president of the San Diego County Dental Society. **Leah Bissonette**, MS '76, of La Habra Heights, CA, is the director of marketing for Williams Energy, taking the company international with its first power sale to Mexico.

**Judith Goldman** left Silicon Valley for a quieter life in Bakersfield, CA. She is associate dean of instruction (Child Development) at Bakersfield College. **Norma Reiss** of Seattle, WA, recently addressed the American Dietetic Assn.'s Annual Conference in Atlanta on "Power Coaching Tools for Business Marketing Success." She is a business career and professional coach and a frequent speaker on keynotes and executive coaching. **Marsha Pechman** of Seattle was sworn in as a Federal District Court Judge for the Western District of Washington in October of 1999. **Camille Crooks** Wright of Vancouver, WA, is switching roles, from senior business analyst of the DeskJet Division to the North America Region of Consumer Business Operations at Hewlett Packard Company. Camille had the opportunity to host a foreign exchange student. **Robert Kiltzau** of Bremerton, WA, retired as a Petty Officer from the Navy after 20 years of service and works at Lockheed. His e-mail is bobkiltzau@aol.com.

**Nancy Gail Dworkin** is the executive director of Visions, a company providing services for the blind and visually impaired in NYC. Her e-mail is nancy@visionsvc.org. **Teresa Richmond** currently resides in Ottawa, Ont., Canada, and has provided her new e-mail: richmond-ward@sympatico.ca. **Charlotte Pudnos** Berman lives in Gush Etzion, Israel. She serves as an oncology nurse in Leumit Health Fund Public Health and Well Baby Clinic and provides home care. She currently works with Dr. **Debby Tenenbaum** Vine '71 and is in touch with **Mel Benzon**, MS '68, PhD '71, and **Fay (Oestreich) '72**. Charlotte is also a neighbor of **Judy Slome** Cohain '77. **Sunil Lamba** of New Delhi, India, has been manufacturing and marketing Kwality-Wall ice cream in collaboration with M/s. Hindustan Lever Limited. **William Bader Jr.**, of Oberursel, Germany, is inde-

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pendently employed as a translator (legal/tax). **Redge Martin** is president of Harvey Clarks Estate Auction Gallery and resides with his wife.

**Pamela Meyers** writes that her daughter, Allison Greenberg, received the Class Scholar award, presented to the student with the highest academic average in her sophomore class at Cincinnati Country Day School. Her son David, who just completed his junior year at the same school, was one of ten Tri-State regional winners in the national chemistry competition sponsored by the American Chemical Society; he was also named to the school's chapter of the Cum Laude Society. Pam hopes that now she can convince at least one of them that Cornell is the place to go to college!

Congratulations go out to **Roger Jacobs**, who let us know that he received the Silver Beaver award from the Boy Scouts of Northern New Jersey, the highest award a council can give to a leader. He also received the Pro Bono Award this spring from the Essex County (NJ) Bar Assn. Roger's son Joshua is a US Senate page this summer and was elected class president at Newark Academy in Livingston, NJ. Roger's wife Robin began a new position with the American Society of Mechanical Engineers as Director of Long Distance Learning. His daughter Rachel has completed sixth grade. Roger enjoyed the bar mitzvah of **David Kapelman's** son in New York City, where he sat with classmates **Mark Liff** and **David Shaw**. Roger also heard from **Steve Holtzman**, JD '76, who now lives in Tampa, FL. Finally, we just heard that **Kevin Becraft** died in June 2000. We will miss his dedication to our class as one of the Cornell Fund representatives.

Please send your snail mail news to:  
❖ **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, 1531 Woodside Dr., E. Lansing, MI, 48823; e-mail, grummonp@msu.edu.

**74** **David W. Cox** reports his dsl.net service will be available in Ithaca soon. David is now in sales (which are doing great!) after doing start-up, venture funding, and an IPO. David resides in Hamden, CT. **Astrid Muller** writes from Aruba that she met with **Rene Moreno Jr.** who works with the World Bank in Washington. They are planning an ILC reunion at North Campus in 2001 since they both missed the 25th reunion. On either side of the Rochester Institute of Technology campus, you will find **Dave '75** and **Debbie Lyon Fister**. Debbie received her MA in counseling and works as an employment advisor at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, which is a college of RIT. She helps deaf students search for jobs and write resumes, and she teaches interviewing skills. She is learning sign language and loves her job. Dave has a position at the National Center for Remanufacturing and Resource Recovery.

**Bruce Nagel** and **Bill Landberg '73** organized an Alpha Epsilon Pi '73-'75 Reunion at the Harley-Davidson Cafe in Manhattan. **Seth Siegel**, JD '78, sent a long list of attendees: '74: **Dave Pickus**, **Andy Bernstein**, **Joe**

**Zuckerman**, **Andy Rosenberg**, **Gary Bettman**, **Jordan Berlin**, **Jeff Dorman**, **Mike Delikat**, and **Peter Braverman**; '75: **Marty Scheinman**, MS '76, **Jeff Drogin**, **Don Polakoff**, and **Steven Swirsky**; '73: **Kevin Kramer**, **Jeff Morse**, **Jeff Ross**, JD '76, **Dan Notterman**, and **Alan Rosenthal**; and **Paul Smolen** '72. According to Seth, everyone had a great time. **Ken Davies**, MA IN T '76, is still in Cambodia (at this time) with his five kids and wife Margrethe. Ken works for the UN World Food Program and is expecting a change of post in late 2000 due to UN transfer policy. He and his family have been very happy there. Ken calls the area "one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World."

Governor Gray Davis of CA announced the appointment of **Laurie Zelon** to the LA County Superior Court. Laurie is a prominent litigator and Bar leader in LA, specializing in complex civil litigation, usually on behalf of companies and governmental entities. She has been a member of the law firm of Morrison and Foerster since 1991. Laurie attended Harvard Law School after graduating from Cornell. She and her husband have two children and live in Yorba Linda, CA.

The first **Richard Cleaveland** Memorial Reading at Goldwin Smith Hall in March, 2000 was hosted by **Charles Ferris**. The fund was established by the friends and family of Richard, who passed away last year. The fund hopes to sponsor an annual reading of prose and poetry. Prof. Robert Morgan, author of the best-seller *Gap Creek*, and Prof. **Kenneth McClane '73** were the readers for this year's event. **Gary Biamonte** was in attendance, as well as Karl Kaiser and **Linda McCandless**. So far \$10,000 has been raised. Anyone interested in contributing should contact the Alumni Affairs Office.

**Bob Baldini** and his family have moved to a new address in Oakton, VA. Bob is still with Ruby Tuesdays as a partner and senior vice president. Free time is spent watching Ryan, 13, and Rory, 10, playing hockey for the Reston Raiders Hockey Club. Also into sports are **Ken Courage's** sons, David, 22, and Joshua, 17. Ken recently completed a Marine Corps marathon with David, a recent graduate of Vassar. Joshua, a senior, has received four Division I baseball scholarships (Ken coaches the high school baseball team). Rounding out the family are Debra, 20, and Bethany, 13. Ken lives in Bethesda, MD, and is the president and CEO of Psychiatric Inst. of Washington. He is also the founder and director of the Anbor Group, a healthcare management and ownership group, that operates specialty hospitals in the northeast.

Proud parents **Kurt**, MBA '75, and **Joanne Barsa Kreher**, announce that their son Brian will be entering Cornell in the fall, while son **Michael '00** finished up his senior year there. The Krehers live in Clarence, NY.

**Richard Livingston** became director of research at BECS Technology Inc. in January 1999. Congrats to **Howard '72** and **Renee Yormark Entin** on celebrating 21 years of

marriage. They live just outside of Denver with their three kids Kevin, 18, who will be attending Dartmouth in the fall, Lauren, 15, and Jake, 11. The family spends their time enjoying the Colorado mountains and going to exotic beaches as often as possible.

**Howard** and **Barbara Spitzer Hiller '77** have two kids, Ben, 9, and Evan, 5-1/2, and can be found in Westfield, NJ. It seems the only volunteer work Howard is involved with is taking out the garbage. His day job is with Salomon Smith Barney. In Westport, CT, **Moira "Dolly" Hearne** Hints keeps busy with her two sons Matt, 10, and Mikey, 5, and husband Mark. Moira volunteers at school and is on a garden committee, things she enjoys after getting an MBA and doing Madison Avenue. **Susan Jacobs** is an attorney for a legal action center in New York City. She and husband Russell Neufeld have daughter Johanna, 13. After living in France for 6 years and Canada for 5 years since graduation, **Michael Juergensen** and family (wife Anne and kids Kelsey, 14, and Erica, 12) are enjoying life in Atlanta, where Michael works for Bluebird Systems in computer software sales. **Marlane Juran** works for Mentholatum in Buffalo, NY. She volunteers at the Historic Society and PBS.

**Paul Korczak** started a new business in antiques. He writes that he has had major changes in his career path. Music is now an avocation; he is busy working in finance for the MTA/NYC Transit as a director of the Metrocard program. **David Nicholas**, BS Ag '79, is at Unipunch Products Inc., in Buffalo, NY, as vice president of operations and manufacturing. Involved with new business at Xerox is **Lois Fish** Niland, MBA '78. Lois has lived in quite a few places in the past 25 years: Liberia, West Africa, Connecticut, Texas, New Jersey, and now Rochester. She is also involved with the Art and Cultural Council of Rochester. **Janet Sisman Levy** has been a part-time piano teacher and full-time mom since retiring in 1990 from the world of finance. She and husband Ross are busy raising Adam, 14, Andrew, 12, and Alana, 10, in Chappaqua, NY.

**Harold Levy**, JD '79, has just been appointed the permanent chancellor for the NYC Public Schools. He had to get a waiver to be voted in as chancellor since he does not have a degree in education. He has been a chief litigator for Salomon Brothers, a former appellate attorney in the US Justice Dept., Civil Rights Division, and a director of global compliance for Citigroup before coming to his new post. In addition to his law degree, he has a master's from Oxford U., where he received a first class degree in the Honours School of Politics, Philosophy, and Economics. Harold hopes to staff schools with better teachers, improve summer school classes, and maintain high standards for superintendents.

**Mark Marchionni** met his wife Kazumi Kobayashi in 1987 at Cambridge NeuroScience Inc., where he is the director of molecular biology. Their son Kenta was born in 1990. Mark has been busy over the years earning a PhD at Kansas State and doing post-doc-

[Reunion class columns are on pages 74-85.]



toral studies at Harvard. **Richard McCarron** was also busy with grad school and post-doctoral studies after graduation. Richard is in Everett, MA, working as a technical service rep. Finishing up our news is **Joe Kowalik**, who describes himself as the "luckiest guy on the planet." Although he gives no explanation, we'll assume it is due to his wife Kate and their kids Joseph, 13, and Julie, 9! Joe is in new product development for Polaroid Corp. in Cambridge, MA. ♦ **Linda Meyers** Geyer, 25926 Monte Carlo Way, Mission Viejo, CA 92692; e-mail, lgdesigns@home.com; **Steven Raye**, 25 Litchfield Dr., Simsbury, CT 06070; e-mail, sraye321@aol.com; and **Betsy Beach**, 4 Thoreau Dr., Chelmsford, MA 01824-1268; e-mail, ebeach@baynetworks.com

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Hi, folks! I was forwarded a nice letter several months back, chock full of news. **Sam Tolbert** writes that he and

**Karen Lucas** have been married for 18 years, and that he and the woman who once said "no kids" now have four. They work together in their business, Air-Tech Products, in Hagerstown, MD. Sam says that **Greg Yawman** is an attorney for McCormick Spice in Baltimore and that his second novel, *Dead Luck*, was recently published by American Literary Press. It is a murder mystery like his first novel. Sam also writes that **Robin Lang** is living in Houston and running his real estate empire, with his office located at "Lantern Village" in Houston. **Anne Voorhees** Kirchner is living in Fallston, MD, with husband Steve and daughter Meredith. **Dave Albright** recently relocated to the Dallas area. Thanks, Sam, for all the news!

**Kari Weil** lives in Santa Monica, CA. Trying to have it all—job, daughter, husband, dogs, horse, garden (or facsimile thereof)—translates into never a dull moment. **David Stromberg** is in Lafayette, CA. He opened his law firm in 1998, focusing on business and corporate law and litigation, real estate and employment law. David has sons Sam, 9, Jake, 6, Aaron, 3, and Zachary, 3 (twins). He was recently elected to the board of directors of the Contra Costa County Bar Assn. Real Property Section. **Gary T. Nelson** sends word from Londonderry, NH. He is the general manager of the US operations of an engineering firm specializing in high pressure equipment. He and wife Debra have two active teenage daughters.

**Cameron Munter** sends news that he is still working at the Dept. of State. **Mary Lou Serafini** Monteiro moved to North Andover, MA, in June of 1998. She says life is going smoothly and that her daughter is back at her cooperative preschool, which brings back memories of volunteering in the coop at the North Campus Towers dorm. **Arden S. Handler** is an associate professor of maternal and child health at the U. of Illinois School of Public Health. She is the co-editor of *Analytic Methods in Maternal and Child Health*, published by DHHS/HRSA/MCHB. Arden is also president-elect of the Assn. of Teachers of Maternal and Child Health. **Marilyn Tebor Shaw** is an associate general counsel of the National Gallery of Art, which she calls "a fas-

cinating job." Her husband and classmate **Anthony**, ME EP '77, is a patent lawyer and a partner at the law firm of Howrey & Simon in Washington. Marilyn and Anthony have children Rachel, 17, Elizabeth, 14, and Daniel, 12. They recently got together with three other Cornell couples, **Laura Wernick** '77, BArch '78, and **John Hansman**, **Ada Tymiak** and **David Ackerman**, and **Jeanette Erhardt** and **Jeff Yorker**, and all the children (nine). This was the first time some had seen each other in 23 years. The Shaws also saw **Maria Nardella** this year while she was in Washington, DC, for a conference.

**Don Fanelli** is practicing general dentistry in Rutherford, NJ. His son Don is about to enter his senior year in high school and is looking at Cornell Engineering or Arts. His daughter **Lauren** is completing her freshman year at Cornell. **Michael Elpert** announces the birth of his first son, Brett Stone Elpert, on May 20, '99. **Patricia Weidler** is presently attending U. of Maine law school and volunteering at Maine Civil Liberties Union. Patricia has a fellowship to work at Volunteer Lawyer's Project this summer. **Rob Schaffer** writes that he lives in Manhattan with his wife and 8-year-old son. He is a patent attorney and on counsel in the intellectual property department of Clifford Chance Rogers & Wells. **Alice Mascette** moved to the East Coast in the Army Medical Corps and is currently serving as deputy director of medical education for the

US Army. She has visited 23 med schools in the US and Puerto Rico this year in support of students in the Health Professions Scholarship Program. She is virtually living out of a suitcase! Alice still practices cardiology at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington and when not traveling, she lives in Vienna, VA.

**Richard Nemchek** sends word that he and wife **Debra (Sabin)** visited campus with daughter Cara (a high school junior) and sons Dennis and Kyle. They were delighted to see Bob Petrillo at the helm of the Hot Truck, which was parked on the Arts Quad for the sorority/fraternity sponsored "Fun in the Sun" day, and later in its usual spot down on Stewart Ave., where the whole family enjoyed a double PMP (poor man's pizza) on garlic with mushrooms. Bob recognized his two former employees immediately, even after 25 years! Richard notes that Debra was the first female to work at the Hot Truck and the first to serve a "streaker." Well, that's all the news that I can fit to print (heard something like that somewhere?!). More to follow in the space allotments to come. Be well, and kind regards to all of my classmates. ♦ **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, 29 Margaret Ct., Great Neck, NY 11024; e-mail, Krinsk54@aol.com; **Lisa Diamant**, 31 Ingleside Rd., Lexington, MA 02420; and **Pat Relf** Hanavan, 6301 Winding Lane, Richland, MI 49083; e-mail, relf@aol.com.

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# Life of 'Crime'

CATHERINE RUSSELL '77

A diet of coffee and Snickers bars—along with 180 marine-style push-ups a day—has helped to keep Catherine Russell onstage for more than thirteen years. Starring as psychiatrist Margaret Thorne Brent in the Off-Broadway show “Perfect Crime,” Russell has missed only four of its more than 5,500 performances, a New York theater record. “I feel lucky to be doing what I love, and that’s why I am so healthy,” says the actress, adding that she can’t remember the last time she was sick.

The show takes place in a renovated strip joint formerly called the Paris Burlesque, now the Duffy Theater. Not only does Russell perform, but she collects the tickets, directs audience members to their seats, and once even unclogged a toilet. A theater and English literature major on the Hill, she also teaches acting and English at New York University and the City University of New York. Says Russell: “I knew I wanted to become an actress as soon as I could speak.”



— Laura Thomas

Laura is known as a leader in the field and is often asked to speak at conferences on the integration of educational technology and facility design. Continuing with the architectural theme, **Duo Dickinson**, BArch '78, won an AIA award for a home which appeared in *Home Magazine*. Duo's not the only media star in his household; his son Will sang at the White House and on the “Today” show. In a related profession, **Bill Utic** (waul1@pge.com) has worked for Pacific Gas & Electric in San Francisco since completing graduate school at Harvard 20 years ago. He is director of building operations, responsible for all building-related architectural and engineering work, in addition to his responsibilities for building management and leasing. Bill has also been elected president of his fraternity's national foundation, giving him a reason to travel and see other Cornell Acacia fraternity alumni such as **Chip Brueckman '78** and **Mark Maltenfort**.

**Joel Benjamin** has been living and working in Kazakhstan for seven years. He is the resident Western attorney for White & Case, where he is actively involved in international securities, banking, and corporate law. Joel can be contacted by e-mail at benjajo@whitecase.com or kazjoel@yahoo.com. **Grace Leo-Andrieu** (graceleo@glainternational.fr) lives in Paris with her husband and 7-year-old daughter. She has a consultancy/management company that specializes in small independent luxury hotels. They just took over the management of the hideaway hotel Cotton House on the island of Mustique, as well as the Royal Riveria Hotel in the south of France. Grace and her husband own the Lancaster Hotel in Paris, which was awarded best “classical” hotel in the world by the magazine *Travel and Leisure*. **John Lombardo** (jlombardo@oceanplace.com) is the general manager of the Ocean Place Conference Resort, formerly the Ocean Place Hilton, in Long Branch, NJ. The resort is undergoing a multi-million dollar renovation and is part of the Long Branch Tomorrow redevelopment plan endorsed by New Jersey Governor Whitman. Call (732) 571-4000 if you want to hold a conference or meeting at a premier location on the beautiful Jersey Shore. **Dennis Di Donato** invites everyone to stop into TJ's Sports Bar at Fox Run Parc, which is located at exit 21B of the NY State Thruway. **Carlos Maycotte** (atascadero@redmex.com) is general manager at Rancho Hotel Atascadero in the central Mexico town of San Miguel Allende. He has returned to Cornell for several summers to attend Adult University (CAU) along with wife Suzanne and sons Carlos Alberto and Rodrigo. They had a lot of fun staying in Balch Hall. **Ed Brown** (Ed\_J\_Brown@intl.cyanamid.com) has been living in Tokyo since July 1999, working for Cyanamid, a subsidiary of American Home Products. He is managing director for Japan and Korea and also president and representative director of Cyanamid Japan Ltd. Ed, his wife Elyse, and their children Jessica, 13, and Erik, 11, have been taking advantage of living in Asia. They recently spent ten days in Phuket and Bangkok, Thailand.

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**Steve Snider** (steven.snider@haledorr.com) continues to practice law at the Washington, DC, office of Hale and

Dorr LLP, where he is constantly amazed by the number of people he meets who have fond memories of their time at Cornell. Steve recently worked with **Brooke Schumm** who is a lawyer in Baltimore with Daneker, McIntire, et al., and **Jim Scheff**, who is CEO of Developers Diversified Realty Corp., both of whom share Steve's view that their time and experiences at Cornell were fabulous. Steve also recently heard from fellow Cayuga's Waiters member **Mark Mayrsohn**, who is prospering with work and family in Key Biscayne, FL. **Ben Miller** was in both the Glee Club and the Hangovers. He now lives out in Mountain View, CA, and recently had the pleasure of singing with the Glee Club when they gave a concert in California. Both of his daughters are musical as well. Sarah will be entering high school in the fall and has the principal viola seat for the Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra. Ben's younger daughter Rachel plays the viola and the piano. Ben's business has been booming. He is vice president for products and software services for Power Mate Technologies, a small San Jose software company that produces real estate software products. Ben's mother, Sylvia Miller, just retired from Cornell's Office of Development (major gifts). **Ron Mui** (mui\_ron@bah.com) married

Yuan-Qing Yu in August 1999. The couple is living in Chicago, where she is a violinist and the assistant concertmaster for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Classmate **Robert Raible** and his family came from San Jose, CA, to be at the wedding.

**Robin Schneider** Low (jrlow@msn.com) is general counsel of a small high-tech company that develops intranet and Internet solutions for business. She lives in Swampscott, MA, a coastal town about 15 miles north of Boston, with husband Jim and their daughters Sarah, 8, and Amanda, 5. Robin never thought she would be happy outside of her native New York, but she really loves it in Massachusetts and gets great pleasure from typical New England activities such as skiing and sailing.

**Joan Dineen '79** (DNAarch@aol.com) and **Craig Nealy '78**, MArch '81, are partners in the recently formed architectural firm, Dineen Nealy Architects LLP. Located in New York City and founded in 1998, DNA has designed the interior architecture for the Sulka flagship store on Madison Avenue, the new restaurant in Sotheby's expansion in New York, and the interior architecture concept design for the new Neiman Marcus store in Palm Beach, FL. **Laura Wernick**, BArch '78, is also a practicing architect. In March, she was named vice president of HMFH Architects in Cambridge, MA. The firm is known for innovative planning and design of school facilities.



Some of our classmates are working on the cutting edge of technology, doing things that are going to affect all of our lives. **Howard Schechter** (HIC@penop.com) is CEO and president of Penop Ltd., a software company based in New York and the United Kingdom. Penop patented technology is used in e-commerce and business solutions by allowing an electronic handwritten signature to be bound into electronic documents. **Rich Down**, BS ILR '79, (rich@www.wireless.com) lives in Atlanta, but founded a West Coast start-up called Littlefeet Inc., providing infrastructure for wireless networks. Rich says, "Watch this space!"

**Catherine Russell** is living a different kind of life. Eight times a week for 13 years, Catherine has walked onto the stage of the Duffy Theater in New York to play scheming psychiatrist Margaret Thorne Brent in the Off-Broadway murder mystery "Perfect Crime." Catherine, who says she "lives on coffee and Snickers bars," also teaches five classes a week, ranging from English at Baruch College to a drama workshop for adolescent inmates at New York City's Riker's Island prison. **Bill Steers** (wds6t@virginia.edu) also manages to find time outside of a busy work schedule. Bill is chairman of the department of urology at the U. of Virginia. However, he found time to start Three Notch'd Vineyard, growing Chardonnay grapes. **Judy Briggs** von Bucher (evb4ideas@aol.com) says she's currently not using her Columbia MBA; she's become a professional volunteer. Judy has been president of the Planned Parenthood Board, has served on the executive council of the U. of Rochester Cancer Center and on the board of trustees for Allendale-Columbia School, and has been a Girl Scout leader, among other things. Judy, husband Erik, and children Peter, 16, Lilly, 13, and Mark, 10, live in Rochester, NY.

Hope your lives are as full as those of our classmates mentioned here. ♦ **Lorrie Panzer** Rudin, 14833 Botany Way, North Potomac, MD 20878 rudin@erols.com or lorrie\_b\_rudin@fanniemae.com.

**78** **Ina Plotsky** Kupferberg and husband Mark live in Great Neck and are raising their children, Robert, Hillary, and Kara. Ina is active in the PTA and is on the board of the Great Neck Community School, a cooperative preschool. Mark owns an electrical power supply manufacturing company in New York City. **Chris Crowley** writes that he and wife Martha Howe have children Gus and Lurana and that "life on the farm is good indeed." Chris is starting Hardroad.com, a content portal for youths. **Martin Hummel** and wife Leslie Hulsbos live in London. Martin ran the 1999 New York City Marathon and this year's London 2000 Marathon, both in less than four hours. He is looking forward to bringing his family to Ithaca for our 25th Reunion. **Elliot** "Chip" and **Linda Joy Baines** live in Morristown, NJ. Their daughter Katie survived the college admissions process and is off to Dartmouth. Chip and Linda were hoping for a Cornell choice. Perhaps their younger daughter Emily, now 15, will

choose Cornell when she is ready to go off to college. Chip is joining a new company in the enterprise networking business that is spinning off his current employer, Lucent Technologies. Linda is a project engineer at Louis Berger where she helps design those sound barriers along the New Jersey highways. **Mark Rust** reports that he and wife Terry have moved into a house they had built for them just outside of New Paltz. Mark is currently in the studio recording his second CD.

**Steven Hodgson** got married in August of 1999. He is working for Hewitt Associates, a benefits consulting firm, in the participant services practice leadership group. He is also very involved in lay leadership in the Vineyard Community Church. Steven and wife Laurie traveled through Ithaca before they were married. Classmate **Charlie Cramton**, JD '83, was in the wedding. Steven and Laurie live in Skokie, IL. **David Bilmes** is planning a career change from journalism to school library media specialist. He said it was daunting to return to school after 21 years. He and wife Rachel Boshekin live in Middlebury, CT. **Lynne Kolton** Schneider and husband Robert have three children and so far have survived the bar mitzvah of their oldest son and are already planning for their second son's bar mitzvah. Lynne is working as a medical writer and sex therapist. **Fay Ogata** Pye lives in Alaska with husband Mel and their two children. She took seven years off to raise her children after a career as a process/project safety engineer with Arco. She is now pursuing an MA in teaching and certification to get into the classroom. She hopes that she can "encourage the future generation to figure out what they want, get the education they need for it, and go after it."

**Cindy Fuller**, PhD '92, vacationed in Seattle and Glacier National Park in the summer of 1999. The summer of 2000 finds her putting together tenure documents and going to a 50th wedding anniversary party in New Jersey. Cindy lives in Greensboro, NC, where she teaches at the college level. **Lawrence** and **Ellyn Graff Mix** live in Brookfield, CT. Ellyn is a dentist and Larry has a law practice. Their two children, Michael and Jason, keep them very busy. **Michael Bernard** says he tried to retire in 1998, but the Navy said no and sent him to Hawaii. He is currently taking a teaching-licensing course to earn a secondary education teacher license next summer when he does hope to retire. He became a grandfather in 1998 (a first for our class?). **Larry Becker** is currently the director for benefits and human resources at Xerox Corp.

**Melanie Allewelt** Hoff lives in Ann Arbor, MI, with husband Curt and their children Tyler and Emily. Curt has his own technology/engineering consulting firm. Melanie is "retired" and keeps busy volunteering at school and the U. of Michigan Museum of Art. She and her husband have designed and built their own home. **Eve Murphy** Reid has lived in Dallas for eight years since moving from NY. She has a 6-year-old daughter Claire and continues the athletic ways she started at Cornell by hiking and biking. **Ilene Kleiman** Chunko and husband John have

been married 22 years. They have children Rachel and Jason. Illene works in marketing for Lucent Technologies, but still finds time to chair the Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) for her area in Princeton, NJ. **Carla Rawcliffe** Lafayette and husband Danny live in Hampden, ME, and are in the hotel business. Their most recent purchase was the Fireside Inn in West Lebanon, NH. **Mark McAllister** writes that he leads a fairly typical harried existence, trying to juggle family needs, neuroradiology practice, and occasional outdoor fun in the Eastern Sierra Nevada Mountains. His mid-life "crisis" is the realization that he will probably never have enough free time to learn to sail a sailboard back to where he started! **Pam Marrone** started AgraQuest Inc. in 1995 to discover, develop, and market effective and environmentally friendly natural products for pest management. The company now employs 43 people and is launching its first major product, called Sere-nade, for controlling diseases of grapes, apples, pears, and vegetables. **Mick Rogers** is a child therapist at the Child Guidance Clinic of Sutter Health. Pam and Mick live in Davis, CA, with their three dogs and one cat. ♦ **Pepi F. Leids**, 7021 Boot Jack Rd., Bath, NY 14810; e-mail, pleids@aol.com; **Eileen Brill** Wagner, 4649 W. Carla Vista Dr., Chandler, AZ 85226; e-mail, brillcon@aol.com.

**79** This issue of *Cornell Magazine* has the reports from this year's Reunion classes. During a recent class officers' conference call, ideas for our 25th Reunion in June 2004 were already being brought up for discussion. If you have thoughts and want to get involved, don't be shy. The more the merrier as we brainstorm our way over the next few years towards our silver anniversary!

Highlights on the baby front: **Beth Silverman** (beth.silverman@swe.org) and **Barry Kann** (bzsilverman@aol.com) are the proud parents of Elliot Samuel Kann, born on Sept. 7, '99. **Deseria (Adams)** (aquinjv.isis@worldnet.att.net) and her husband **Rafael Ramos '80** welcomed their third child, Sadiya Deseria, on May 5, '98. Sadiya joins siblings Aquilla, 17, and Javier, 14. **Scott Schaire** (scott.schaire@sciatl.com) writes that his son Wesley David, born 3 years ago and three months premature at 2 pounds, 4 ounces, is today a healthy boy who is talking and doing very well. Wesley is just a few months behind in developmental milestones, a common occurrence among premature babies.

On the marriage front: **Linda (Shudlow)** (motsur@aol.com) recently married **Rustom Cowasjee**, BArch '80, (cowasjee@email.msn.com). **Pierre Dionne**, MD, and his wife Lesa celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary during the past year. Their daughter Nicole began her freshman year at the U. of Buffalo in the fall of 1999.

Busy practicing law: **Matt Schiff** (MBSchiff@aol.com) is practicing in Chicago. His wife Patsy and children Anne, 14, Louis, 12, and Becky, 9, were present last year when Matt was sworn in to the Bar of the US Su-



preme Court by the Chief Justice. Their family took in the sights of Washington, DC, and had a great time. Matt and Patsy also had a child-free trip to Hawaii recently, where Matt attended Bar Association meetings while doing some sight-seeing. **Steve Roland** (s.d.roland@sdma.com) is a partner in the San Francisco law firm Sedgwick, Oetert, Moran & Arnold, where Steve practices in the areas of commercial and real estate litigation. Steve and wife Karen have children Elizabeth, 10, Kyle, 8, and Jacqueline, 2. Steve enjoys playing beach volleyball and coaching the kids' soccer, basketball, and baseball teams.

**Ken Rubin** and his family live in Jupiter, FL. Ken is a partner at Wiederhold, Moses, Bulfinch and Rubin, PA where he is engaged in a civil trial practice. Ken and wife Annmarie have daughters Carly, 6, and Hanna, 4, and son Ben, 1. In the last year, the Rubins were visited by **Brett Cohen** (bcohen@chris-mill.com), his wife Kelly, and their sons Brandon and Cody. The Cohens live in Beverly Hills, CA, and Brett is an attorney practicing in real estate transactions at Christensen Miller in Los Angeles. The Rubins and the Cohens have had some get-togethers with **Wayne Meichner**, his wife Lisa, and their sons Jared and Justin. The Meichners live in Wilton, CT, and Wayne works in New York City as executive vice president of merchandising at Saks Fifth Avenue. Brett Cohen also writes that he keeps in touch with **Dave Halberstadter** (dhalberstadter@trooplav.com), an attorney at Troop Meisinger Stember & Pasick in Los Angeles, and **Bruce Rogoff**, the vice chairman of the Trans-National Group in Boston. Dave and his wife have two children and Bruce and his wife have three.

Finances and Banking: **Philip Ribolow** (philip.ribolow@db.com) was promoted to director of real estate at Deutsche Bank in NYC during the past year. Philip travels extensively for work; in 1999 he was in Japan five times, Korea twice, New Zealand three times and in various parts of Canada, Mexico, and the Hawaiian Islands. Philip recently married Anne Downes of New Zealand. **George Rogers** (georgero@iadb.org) is now living in Arlington, VA, and working in Washington, DC, at the Inter-American Development Bank. George focuses on the private financing of infrastructure development projects in Latin America. Previously, George and his family spent five years living in Buenos Aires. George's wife, Debora Benchoam, is from Buenos Aires and their second daughter was born during their five-year stay in that city.

**Jerry Ippolito** (jippolit@hcsus.jnj.com) is living in Ann Arbor, MI, where he is the managing principal at Great Lakes Partners, a real estate and financial venture capital company. He has been appointed as the managing director of business development and strategic planning for J & J Hospital Consulting. Jerry still maintains a summer residence on the lake and winter residences in Ann Arbor, MI, and in Palm Springs at the Rancho Mirage.

Management Consulting: Our current Class of '79 President, **Jeff Berg**, MBA '81, (jberg@prtm.com), is a director at Pittiglio

Rabin Todd & McGrath in Stamford, CT. Jeff was recently nominated to serve on the advisory council of the Johnson Graduate School of Management. Last fall Jeff was on campus to recruit JGSM graduates; he and **Robert Camp '58**, MBA '60, gave a guest lecture on "benchmarking," which was attended by approximately 100 JGSM and College of Engineering graduate students. Jeff celebrated the millennium in a big way by taking a 2-1/2-week cruise which began in Santiago, Chile, went around the tip of South America, and concluded in Buenos Aires, Argentina. One of the special features of the cruise was the chance to take a helicopter tour to the Antarctic during the voyage.

Changes in Jobs and Locales: **Priscilla Dolloff-Crane**, BS HE '78, (priscrane@aol.com), a major in the US Army, has retired from active service. She has been working for Century 21 doing real estate sales and plans to resume work as a military analyst for a defense contractor. She has twin sons, plus one other child, all of whom are in high school. Priscilla and her family are active in community activities and sports. Priscilla writes: "Soccer rules!" **Judy David Raichek** (jraichek@cusa.canon.com) writes that the fourth quarter of 1999 brought many changes to her household. After five years of commuting from Syosset, Long Island, to New Jersey, husband Evan left Paine Webber to join Chase Manhattan Bank at a branch eight miles from their home. Judy and her twin daughters, Abby and Rebecca, are very happy to see that commute disappear from their daily family routine. Judy has also made a change and has joined the corporate communications group of Canon, USA, where she will direct the efforts to promote and publicize the company's varied philanthropic efforts with the March of Dimes, the Nature Conservancy, and the National Park Foundation. **Ken Wilson** (wkmba@aol.com) and wife Mimi have children, Becca, 9, and Andrew, 8. They moved last summer from Zelenople, PA, to Chesapeake, VA, and are gradually settling into the community. Ken works with Michael Baker Corp. as a bridge engineer and project manager. Their lives are "a wonderful balancing act of family, church/ministry, and work." Ken stays in touch with **John King** (jking@ultranet.com), who lives in Shrewsbury, MA, and with **Cindy Cairns** (pompelia@helicon.net), who lives in Ligonier, PA.

Corrections: Tim Minton's e-mail address was incorrectly listed in the May/June issue. It should be Tim.Minton@nbc.com.

My mailbag is getting a little low. If you have news, please send it to Kathy or me. ♦ **Cindy Ahlgren** Shea, PO Box 1413, East Hampton, NY 11937; e-mail, cynthia.shea@hotmail.com; and **Kathy Zappia** Gould, 912 Meadowcreek Dr., Richmond, VA 23236; e-mail, rd\_ka\_gould@msn.com. Class of '79 e-mail is CU79@aol.com. The class of '79's World Wide Web page can be accessed by <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1979>.

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It's fall here in New England, the most spectacular time of the year. The weather is cool, the foliage is gorgeous, and the

children are back to school! How was your summer? We thoroughly enjoyed our vacation with children James, 8, and MaryAnn, 6, touring Boston's museums, visiting Cape Cod, and spending quality time with family and friends. Now, it's back to reality!

Believe it or not, our 20th Reunion will take place in just nine months. Are you planning a visit to Ithaca? Save the dates: June 7-10, 2001. We'll all be roughing it in the U-Halls on West Campus. **Steven Ritchey** and our fine Reunion team are already planning many wonderful activities. Please bring your children, too! We'll make this a real family affair. For more info, check out our new and improved website: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1981>.

Now, on to the news. The babies keep on coming! **Mike Rantz** writes that his third daughter, Carolyn Nicole, was born on Jan. 12, '00. She joins sisters Lauren, 6, and Sarah, 3. The Rantz family is back in New York City after having spent five years in London. Catharine Simone Sabaitis joined her big brothers Christopher, 6, and Charlie, 4, on Nov. 13, '99. Proud parents are **Barbara Amoscato** and Jim Sabaitis. The Sabaitis family lives in Spring Lake, NY, and Barbara writes, "Life is very hectic at the moment!"

In June 1999 **Bert and Karen Prescott Dalby** hosted a lavish "mini" reunion with many Kappa Kappa Gamma alums in attendance. The Dalbys live in Wayne, PA. Present were: **Debbie Osgood**, **Cathy Cosentini Bonczek**, **Terry Barchenko**, **Andy and Gretchen Pankow Eberhart**, **Paul Gleichauf**, and the Sabaitises.

**James Kent** recently left his job at Mobil Oil following its merger with Exxon. While actively looking for work in northern Virginia, Jim is enjoying his new role as "executive house husband," running errands, going to soccer practice, and spending lots more time with his kids John, 8, and Eleanor, 5. Jim reports, "Everyone is enjoying having Dad around, but they're starting to wonder if I like this so much I'll just stay home. Not a chance!"

We have lots of career updates. In Charlottesville, VA, **Jan Conrad Lesser** recently changed jobs and is now manager of vendor relations for Value America. In November 1999 **Gabriel Diaz-Saavedra** joined Becker Underwood in Sarasota, FL, as their southeastern US territory manager, responsible for sales of animal repellents, colorants, dyes, and biostimulants for use in aquatics, golf, agriculture, ornamental, and pest control markets. In Irving, TX, **Eric Purcell** was recently appointed director of application development at TimeVision, a provider of organizational charting software worldwide. Before joining TimeVision, Eric worked at Fidelity Investments for 12 years. **Donna Shaver-Miller** just received her PhD in zoology from Texas A&M U. Donna is married to John Miller and resides in Corpus Christi. Dr. **Donna Alderman** recently opened a new medical practice



in Glendale, CA, specializing in family practice and sports medicine, including non-surgical ligament reconstruction (prolotherapy). Find out more about prolotherapy at [www.prolotherapy.com](http://www.prolotherapy.com). In Chicago, **Carol O'Neil** is about to receive her master's in public health from the U. of Illinois. Since 1983, Carol has been working at Cooks County Hospital as a dietitian. In 1998, she was promoted to training manager.

Here's a very romantic Cornell story. **Regina Rouso** married Joe Wilmes on June 6, '99. Held in Cincinnati, OH, their wedding was small, including just their children, family, and a few Cincinnati friends, but no Cornell friends. A month later, the Wilmes family visited **Franny Osman** and husband **Bill Freeman** in Acton, MA, for a reunion of their Cornell group. Among those present were: Dr. **Jim Tulsy**, **Richard DiNardo**, **David J. Weiss '82**, **Lorisa Seibel**, **Donna Cohn**, **Ira '79** and **Chari Smith Diamant**, **Lynda Finn**, **Emily H. Jones '80**, **Steve Wells '82**, and all of their spouses and children. Regina writes, "Joe and I surprised them by wearing our wedding clothes to dinner. They surprised us by having a second wedding reception for us at dinner. So we had a Cornell wedding after all!" The Wilmes are now living happily in Cherry Hill, NJ.

Finally, in Laconia, NH, **Sherry Weeks** is a proud "auntie" to her three nephews Andrew, Mat, and Tim. A true volunteer, Sherry coaches girls' softball and youth basketball. She's also a camp counselor for her church's summer camp program and a mentor to a Cambodian refugee family in the area.

Now, take a moment out of your busy life and e-mail us about all the exciting things happening to you! Please note my new e-mail address: [lashoto@rcn.com](mailto:lashoto@rcn.com). Enjoy autumn. See you at Reunion 2001! ♦ **Kathy Philbin** LaShoto, 114 Harrington Rd., Waltham, MA, 02452; tel., (781) 899-5431; e-mail, [lashoto@rcn.com](mailto:lashoto@rcn.com); **Betsy Silverfine**, 1601 Third Ave., #4E, NYC, 10128-3452; tel., (212) 534-3922; e-mail, [bsilverfine@brownraysman.com](mailto:bsilverfine@brownraysman.com); and **Jennifer Read** Campbell, 14824 Hunting Path Pl., Centreville, VA 20120; tel., (703) 266-1742; e-mail, [ronjen.cam@aol.com](mailto:ronjen.cam@aol.com).

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When asked about the most important lesson learned at Cornell, the class of 1982 gave the following words of wisdom: **Mark Dwortzan**: "A good teacher is worth far more than a promising course description." **Nathaniel "Chip" Myers**, DVM '87, learned that "hard work and patience are vital habits for success, but so is knowing how to 'blow off steam' once in a while." **David Lintner**: "How to critically appraise information for the part that is accurate and useful." **Tony Satterthwaite**: "It's not how hard you work or how well you do, it's how much fun you have that really counts." **Greg Busby**: "All tests in real life are open-book. If you need it every day, you'll memorize it. If not, you can look it up. Learn how to apply your knowledge." **Gwen Szwarc** Hanson: "Hard

work pays off, enjoy each day, and PMS really does make you cry for no reason." **Steve P. Ross** discovered that "hard work will open doors, while the academic challenges at Cornell prepare you for the opportunities presented to Cornell graduates." **Neils Schmitt** found that "hard work and focus do count." Dr. **Stephen Kagan** advises: "Don't be afraid to think, even if your opinion is different than those around you." **Cyndy Schillinger** Rochford knows "it's important to recognize and respect each person's unique qualities and individuality." **Douglas Skalka**: "Enjoy everything that life has to offer." **Russell Henis**: "The pursuit of knowledge to achieve grades is worthless; the pursuit of knowledge to enhance one's worldly outlook has value." Russell regrets that he went for the grades. **Kelly Morrissey** Schoenberger: "Don't procrastinate; it makes your life harder, not easier." **John A. "Jack" Meskunas**: "You can achieve (almost) anything if you focus on it and try hard enough." **Al Rocco** found that "determination always wins," while **Michael Gordon** found that "nothing good comes easy." **Gregory M. Knue** left us with his pearl of wisdom: "To avoid hangovers after heavy drinking, you must drink plenty of water before passing out." The final lesson comes from **Michael Clements**, who advises, "Always hang out with a troublemaker, so no one will question you when you blame it on the other fella."

Other classmates gave words of wisdom about Cornell: **Alexa Hart** Bosshardt: "Wish I could still be on campus, 20 years later, and find classes (new and exciting) to take." **Margaret "Peggy" Nelson**: "Getting to the Vet school for class truly was uphill, both ways, through the snow!" **Earl "Skip" Adams** learned that "Ithaca and the surrounding area have beautiful landscapes." **Daniel Wiant** learned "that the name Cornell is synonymous with success and integrity." **Liz Dibs** Dole, DVM '86, learned from her 20-year friendship with Cornell roommate **Leslie Rosenthal** Jacobs '81 that "the bonds you form at Cornell last forever." Ending on a lighter note, Dr. **Michael J. Clements** found out at Cornell that "Harvard sucks!"

Some classmates found that Cornell taught them specific skills: **Emily Garr** Gottschalk learned "how to think and how to network." **Mary Parkman** "learned about different types of people." **Thomas Fairbanks** learned "analytical thinking and self-confidence." **Charles W. Krell** discovered "determination, staying power, fighting spirit." **Marianne Passarelli** found that after growing up in a homogeneous community in Vermont, Cornell taught her "about people of all cultures, faiths, and backgrounds." **Scott Silverberg** learned "how to relate to and care for people." **Susan Spira** Hakkarainen, ME E '83, learned "to be interested in a broad spectrum of areas." **Jeff and Dori Meeker Wolfe** learned the most important lesson: "how to learn."

Still others found that Cornell's greatest lessons were learned about themselves. **Hilary Mason** Rush learned that she "loves to be outdoors." **Nancy Duboise** discovered that she "is better at handling pressure because of

her early and frequent exposure at Cornell." Dr. **Dina K. Miller** learned how to live without "direct parental guidance without losing the benefits of a sheltered environment." **John S. McDaniel III** learned that he is not unique, that if he is curious about something, others are too. He also found that his interests are much wider than he ever imagined. **Clare Ludgate** learned from her sorority life that she "loved living with a big group of people." She found "the best part of Cornell was meeting the other students and getting a broader perspective on the world."

Dr. **Lynn Levy-Senderoff** discovered how nice and how helpful people could be to each other. "This lesson we should all apply in our day-to-day lives—remember other people are nice, and you should be nice and helpful, too, if you can."

In closing, I bring you some difficult news from **Ginny Pados-Beutnagel**. I will give you the e-mail I received in (almost) full text: "You cannot imagine how unnerving it is to write this e-mail. As I smile just thinking of all of you and your families, wanting to know the latest happy news, I am filled with a shocked sadness. **David Noziglia** died this past Monday morning (May 8) in a car accident in Phoenix, AZ. From what I am told he stepped from his car onto the zebra striped area where he had pulled over with some sort of engine trouble on the highway. He was run over. I spoke with his wife Liz (married 11 years) and she is a bit numb, as you can imagine. They have two daughters, Andrea, 7, and Rachael, 3.

"Buzz (David) was a lawyer and co-owner of a sports bar that was just starting to make a profit. Liz tells me the family didn't have much but the girls had a very loving, attentive father. I am sorry to tell you this alarming news. I find so much of my Cornell memories are interlaced with my 'big brother' Buzz that I spent some time thinking of them before writing this. [Those memories are] bittersweet now."

David's funeral was held on Friday, May 12, at 10:00 a.m. at the same place Liz and David were married, Paradise Valley United Methodist Church in Paradise Valley, AZ. **Monika Woolsey** wrote after attending David's memorial service: "I spoke with his two best friends from Cornell; one, **Ali Zarisfi**, was also his business partner. Both of them want to do something to keep David's memory fresh and alive. Ali and I are going to brainstorm about using this as an opportunity to start a class tradition when one of us encounters tragedy, etc. One idea I had was to put a page on our website where people could post their memories, thoughts, tributes, etc. I

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think it would be therapeutic for those who express their feelings as a form of closure, and it might be nice for families (especially children) to have a link to their loved one and see their lives celebrated and supported by so many friends. (Once a therapist, always a therapist!)"

I give this column as a tribute to David. Please let Monika know what you think of adding a memorial page to our website, with words and thoughts about our classmates who have left us. ♦ **Donna DeSilva**, 2719 N. Lorcom Lane, Arlington, VA 22207; e-mail, rjodmd@erols.com.

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Fall is a time for thinking about change and pursuing exciting possibilities. In this vein, I'd like to open the column with five classmates who have taken the plunge and tried something new, all of which have resulted in some interesting career opportunities and some very cool job titles.

**Thomas Keegan**, in addition to getting married in late April to Beth Waterbury, also wrote that he started a new job with Washington Fish and Wildlife at the end of February, working as the Upland Game and Furbearer Section Manager with statewide responsibility for program direction. One year ago **Paul Beedle** was ordained as a Unitarian Universalist minister and moved from Huntington, Long Island, to serve as interim minister for the Unitarian Universalist Community Church in Sacramento, CA. He's off to serve at another church beginning this month but didn't know the location as of press time.

**Kathleen S. Riley** reports, "My news is that after nine years working for a non-profit that serves the homeless in Washington, DC, I have gone to the dark side and am working as a network engineer for Business Engineering in Arlington, VA. All my life I've worked for non-profits, so this is a startling change. Fortunately, many of my clients are non-profit organizations, so I guess I haven't turned completely evil. Everybody needs help with computers, right? I earned a master's degree in environmental science and policy in 1997 from Johns Hopkins, and hope to eventually parlay my computer work into natural resource management using GIS (geographic information sys-

(she'll be embarrassed to see this in print) her wonderful mystery novel.

**Marcy Forman** writes from her home in Madrid, Spain, that she and husband Paco had a gorgeous baby girl named Andrea on January 19. Marcy wrote, "Paco and I are thrilled, and so might go for another baby next year." In another Spanish-speaking location is **Claudia Rivera Kong**, who writes from the Central America and Mexico Cornell Club Chapter, "I am still the president of the chapter. We had our last meeting in Cancun at the end of last year. I saw Elena Carranza, **Emilio Palazuelos '81**, **Ed Carrette '61**, **Crist Inman, PhD '97**, **Eduardo Palazuelos**, and **German Ongay**. I am president of the Conquistador Ramada Hotel, and am also developing a shopping center here in Guatemala."

**Marti Reisman Sheldon** is a software process engineer on the International Space Station project at Boeing in Huntington Beach, CA. She recently celebrated her 13-year anniversary with husband **Mark, MS '85**. They are active in local politics, and enjoy eating sushi and playing with their dog and two cats. **Phil Baxter** and wife Keiko also live in California with many cats—six in all—in their Westlake Village home. Phil is a vice president for the Tishman Hotel Corp. and writes he has been "taking on the mission of getting flavorful beer into hotels. Started the industry's first-ever Beer Sommelier program at T.H. Brewster's in the New Four Points Sheraton (at the) Los Angeles International Airport. Hosting monthly beer appreciation nights with the icons of craft brewing."

**Lisa Esposito Kok** and husband **George '82** had a baby girl last October, Philippa Venier Kok. She joins brother Nicholas, 6. Lisa included the following news: "We recently moved to Carnegie Hill (in Manhattan), and found out the guy right next door is **Bob Wirth!** I am an independent public policy consultant and do grant writing and program evaluation for governments, foundations, and non-profit organizations. George works in the commercial mortgage conduit for Morgan Stanley Dean Witter. We spend our summers in Bucks County, PA, and would like to hear from any Cornellians there, especially those with young children!" Also in the New York

cially Myra, Cheryl, Lelani, Linda, and Chris.

**Alan Ioffredo** and wife Cathy just celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary with a trip to Quebec City *without* their children: Michael, 7, Anya, 5, and Anthony, 3. Alan says, "I love being a dad! When not at home, I'm still actively growing my investment advisory business, convincing all those option-laden Cornell techies to cash in and reinvest their newfound wealth. At the same time, I'm on the evening faculty at BU, educating the 'next generation' of financial service professionals. The latter has proven to be a great time, as my students and I can share Seinfeld stories and wonder out loud whether this is the year for the RED SOX."

**Susan Bisom-Rapp** lives in San Diego, CA, with her husband and Cornell classmate **Charles** and their sons Skylar, 10 (named after Schuyler Place—Susan says it's a long story), and Ezra, 1, named after Susan's great-grandmother and Charles's grandmother (both named Esther) and, she admits, perhaps nominally after the Cornell founder. Susan continued, "I am an associate professor at Thomas Jefferson School of Law, where I teach employment discrimination, employment law, labor law, and torts. Charles is the director of enterprise architecture at Eastman Software, a company that makes imaging systems. He is a true telecommuter who works out of our home and reports to the home office in Boston." Additionally, Susan reported that she's in touch with **Jackie Stewart '82**, who opted for a form of semi-retirement that recently took her to Asia and Central America. Susan tells us that **Bill Bravman '82** moved to Los Angeles last summer with wife Wendy Lynch and became a dad when son Milo was born in February ("the baby is gorgeous"). Susan and Charles also keep in touch with **Alan Hoffman '82**, BA '84, who lives in San Diego, and **Mark Younger '80**, MBA/ME I '83, who lives in the Albany, NY, area with wife Kristina and their two daughters. Another legal eagle writing in is **Gary Armstrong**, an attorney practicing in his native Dallas, where he is married to Carron and raising children Zack, 8, and Haley, 4.

**Mark and Kim Osborn Rhodes** send their hello to all from Westfield, NJ. Mark is an in-house investment banking counsel for Salomon Smith Barney (M&A and bonds). He is also a Cub Scout leader and a baseball coach for his son Christopher, 9, and a soccer coach for daughter Amanda, 8. Kim now does some consulting work from home in public and structured finance after packing in the commute to Wall Street. She is also very active and an officer in many community activities: PTA, Junior League, College Woman's Club, Theta alumni, and a church after-school program. Most recently, she won election to the Westfield School Board.

Thank you to all who wrote in. Please keep those e-mails coming! ♦ **Jennifer Hughes Kern**, 1882 Yuma St. Salt Lake City UT 84108; e-mail, jenniferkern@juno.com; **Scott and Patty Palmer Dulman**, 109 N. Liberty St. Arlington VA 22203; e-mail, bigascii@attglobal.net.

"All tests in real life are open-book."

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tems). Wish me luck!" **Silvia Ceravolo**, ME M '86, also made a change. She writes, "Moved to Seattle, where I'm the director of operational excellence for Amazon.com. I am in touch with fellow classmates in Seattle **Eric Seibel**, **Linda Park**, and **Lynda Ransley**."

**Marcie Prentiss Mann** has just finished her master's in library science, a course of study begun in Tuscaloosa, AL, and finished in Syracuse, NY. Marcie lives in Jamesville, NY, with husband **Ken, PhD '91**, and daughter Caroline, 9. Marcie is hoping to work as a school librarian in the area and continue work on

area, **Ann Gorski** married Robert LoBue in Manhattan at Le Cirque 2000 restaurant. After graduation, Ann earned a master's in European literature from Oxford U. She currently is senior vice president for electronic trading at the Bridge Trading Company, a NY brokerage firm.

**Julie O'Hara** writes, "My husband Dennis White and I have just bought a house in Hoffman Estates, IL. I am taking a break from teaching seventh grade social studies to be a mom to our son Chandler, 2." Julie would love to hear from more of the "motley crew" from the second floor of Sperry ('79-80), espe-



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It has been quite a year for your class correspondents. First, I moved across New Hampshire in December and now Lindsay has moved across the Atlantic. Her new address and my new e-mail address are listed at the end of the column. Hope you had a good summer and keep that news coming!

**Patrick LaForge** and wife Jane Rosenberg LaForge, are celebrating the arrival of their first child, Eva Catherine, who was born on April 25. The couple became Manhattan homeowners in January. They keep in touch with classmates **Andy Ackerman**, **Norm Cadorette '82**, **Matt Tamney '83**, and **Ken Meehan**. Patrick sometimes runs into fellow Cornell Sun alumni around the City. He is entering his fourth year as an editor at the *New York Times*, and Jane will resume teaching in the fall. They invite old pals to drop a note to: palaf@ix.netcom.com or check out <http://palaf.home.netcom.com> for baby pictures.

Our class president, **Terri Port McClellan**, has a new job. She is a strategic alliance manager for Sun Microsystems e-Integrator team in Burlington, MA. She writes, "Had to give up the shortest commute in history (just upstairs), but love the new job. Ironically, one of the systems engineers I work with is **Gary Granito '82**. It turns out that Gary was **Leo Landers**'s roommate. Also bumped into **Duncan Perry**, MBA '88, in our office cafeteria. He works for Enron, in the building next to mine."

**Linda Kane Richter** and husband **Jesse '87** had son Cody David on Feb. 18, '99. She writes, "He's a little dynamo and a lot of fun!" Linda is currently working part-time as a veterinarian. She reports that **Judy Brant** is a member of the Celebrant Singers, a worldwide traveling missionary group.

Now, isn't this a coincidence, the next piece of news is from **Larry Charlamb**. He and wife **Jayne (Rubenstein) '91** have been married for three years now and just had their first child on Feb. 18, '00, exactly one year after Linda Richter's son was born! They also had a boy, and his name is Max. Jayne completed her internal medicine residency this past December in Syracuse at Upstate Medical University. Larry practices cardiology in Syracuse at Community General Hospital. He keeps in touch with **Peter Nalin**, who also practices medicine in Syracuse, does interviewing for Cornell, and lives close by. **Karen Johnston**, DVM '90, is a veterinarian and owns the Hampton Veterinary Hospital near Commack, NY. Her husband, Jay Wen, is also a veterinarian. They have sons Jason, 4-1/2, and Joshua, 6 months. Karen reports that Joshua was a home birth!

**Ross Wladis** and wife Pam have been married for ten years now. Congratulations! They have daughters Samantha, 6, and Phoebe, 2. Ross is in charge of communications for McDonald's Northeast Division, covering all 2,300 restaurants from Virginia to Maine. He is based in Philadelphia. **Bob Feinberg** and wife Maggie Drucker have a son James, 2-1/2. Maggie works for the legal department of the

*New York Times* and Bob has a new job as general counsel and vice president of strategy at 451 Inc., a dot.com for film and TV production. **Robin Haskell** and husband Scott Epstein have kids Shaun, 7, and Paige, 4. Robin went back to work after a four-year hiatus, which she took to raise her children. She sells fixed-income products for JB Hanauer. She saw **Linda Edelman Bradley** at a surprise party for Linda's husband. Apparently, Linda has adorable twin girls. **Brian Finnerty** is the US communications director for Opus Dei. He lives in South Orange, NJ. **Art Zysk** and wife Eileen have two sons. Art is the principal of New Jersey Internet.

**Dorothy Pelovitz Frank** is working at Screaming Media in direct sales. She is also training for her third New York City Marathon. She reports that **Don Picard** is working at an Internet start-up. He is married now and has a 1-year-old. **Robert Silvershein** just accepted a position as national sales director of TONOS.COM, a Los Angeles-based music insiders network. **Beth Isaacs Wonski** was promoted to senior vice president of planning, allocation, and database marketing at Loehmann's. She and husband Tony have a son named Matthew, 8, who loves baseball. Beth writes, "Loved our 'spring break' this year in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico!"

**Bob Frady** is currently the senior vice president for business development at the Locus Direct Marketing Group. He is primarily responsible for vendor relations and his company's ever-expanding Internet initiative. After living in every expensive city on the East Coast (DC, NYC, and Boston), Bob and his wife decided to find an expensive city on the West Coast. He now lives in Rancho Santa Margarita, CA, in Orange County, with wife Erika and their 18-month-old son, Jacob. Bob recently ran into **Steve Sutton** at the DMA conference in Toronto, where "we drank an awful lot of beer." He also keeps in touch with **Jeff Rollings '85** and **Hank Tillman**.

**Michelle Lesnick Goldman** and husband **Kenneth** welcomed Samuel Aaron to their family on Jan. 7, '00. He is baby brother to Benjamin and Rebecca, 5-year-old twins.

**Karen Ansbro Leone** keeps busy as a stay-at-home mom, taking care of Grace, 8, and George, 6, and doing lots of community volunteer work. Her husband Andy is an associate professor in accounting at Simon School of Business, U. of Rochester. She says, "We have moved often in the past 15 years. Three years here in Pittsford will be the longest yet!" **Robert Bartlett** and wife Lora have kids Robert and Sarah. Robert is practicing veterinary medicine. **Ezra Stillman**, MPS '92, is living in Brookline, MA, with wife Laura and their children Sarah, 9, Emma, 6, and Jonah, 1-1/2. Ezra sells and develops residential real estate in Brookline and Newton, MA. He's kept in touch with **Bob Cowherd '83**, who is living in Indonesia, researching Asian urban planning issues on a Fulbright Scholarship.

**Linden Craig** was recently promoted to assistant professor of anatomic pathology at the

U. of Pennsylvania veterinary school. She also received a faculty award for distinguished teaching! After 5-1/2 years in the Republic of Georgia, working as a consultant to their Parliament and as a partner in a law firm there, **Ted Jonas**, JD '91, returned to the States to take a job as counsel in the Washington, DC, office of Baker Botts LLP. He reports that **J. P. Moscarella '86** got married in his parents' hometown in Mexico and dozens of Cornellians were in attendance spanning classes through the '80s. **Chris Wronsky** and **Larry Delhagen** are preparing for their annual golf outing this year in Williamsburg, VA. "Brian and Nick, we have room for two more players!" **David Wiesner** is vice president of a company that stops oil spills. Their web address is: [www.magnapatch.com](http://www.magnapatch.com). He is planning a Cornell roadtrip to see Cornell alumnus **Ed Lu** liftoff on Space Shuttle STS-106. "For those who wish to attend, give me a call at (281) 855-2555. I'll be setting up a Web page, too!"

**William "Tony" Ryan**, MS E '85, is married to **Holly Isdale '86**, who is working at Goldman, Sachs in NYC. Tony finished work at RHIC, quit, and is at home with Abby, 6, and Jack, 3. **Len Rodriguez Cruz** is a practicing neurosurgeon with two kids and is moving from Philly to Tennessee. **Dan Azari** is a non-practicing anesthesiologist who is now importing shrimp in Miami. He also has two kids. **William Nolan** was elected partner at the firm of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey in Columbus, OH. William focuses his labor and employment practice on representing private and public sector employers in matters involving labor, employment, and education disputes. He is also chair of the Labor and Employment Law Committee of the Columbus Bar Assn. and is mayor and councilman of the Village of Powell, OH. ♦ **Karla Sievers McManus**, 19 Barnside Dr., Bedford, NH 03110; e-mail, [klorax@mediacore.net](mailto:klorax@mediacore.net); and **Lindsay Liotta Forness**, 1410 Carrington Lane, Vienna, VA 22182-1422; e-mail, [106064.1262@compuserve.com](mailto:106064.1262@compuserve.com). Class website address: [www.cornell84.org](http://www.cornell84.org).

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Flush with the euphoria of her new job in Atlanta, GA, in a global research position with Coca-Cola, **Karen A. Gryson** writes that "Coke is it!" and that she loves her new job and the accompanying travel, although she is working harder than ever. **Patricia Patynski Darnauer** has moved to Ft. Leavenworth, KS, where she attends the Army's Command and General Staff College.

**Jeffrey Dunlap** is enjoying life in Cleveland (and Browns and Indian games) after moving "back home" in 1997 from Chicago with wife Amy and daughters Erin and Casey. In late 1999 Jeffrey became a partner in Cleveland's Ulmer & Berne, a firm of approximately 110 attorneys. Jeffrey specializes in commercial and employment discrimination disputes. Speaking of lawyers, **Cornell L. Stinson** has left Boston College to become the director of development and alumni/ae relations for Northeastern U. **Alan Block** continues to

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practice intellectual property law with Oppenheimer, Wolff & Donnelly in Los Angeles. Daughter Amanda should be two by the time this report goes to press.

**C. John M. Melissinos** continues to practice bankruptcy law with the Los Angeles office of Andrews & Kurth, and managed to travel to Australia last spring on a combination of business and pleasure. Thanks to a case in Oakland, I had considerable opportunity to visit classmates in the Bay Area. **Linda B. Oliver** now practices law with Fleming & Phillips in Walnut Creek, CA, and is married with step-kids. **Vivek A. Hutheesing** continues to grow his investment banking firm, VH Advisors. Fortunately, he still has room to put up visiting classmates for an evening.

In June 2000, **Burton Siegel '56** and Naomi threw a surprise party for **Jonathan D. Roth** and wife **Lilli Siegel '88** in honor of their tenth anniversary. Attendees included **Mark J. Rosenberg**, who now practices intellectual property law with Amster, Rothstein & Ebenstein in Manhattan, **Valerie Rosenthal Schanzer '87**, and your loyal correspondent, who flew in from Los Angeles for the big event. Meanwhile, continue to send or e-mail that exotic news. ♦ **Jeffrey W. Cowan**, 1114 6th St., #10, Santa Monica, CA 90403; e-mail, jwcesq@pacbell.net; **Hilory Feder-green** Wagner, 108 Nicole Dr., S. Glastonbury, CT 06073; e-mail, hilwag@aol.com; **Michael Berkwitz**, 230 N. 22nd St., 12A, Philadelphia, PA 19103; e-mail, berkwtits@mail.med.upenn.edu.

**87** As I compose this column in June, we are experiencing a heat wave here in the Bay Area. It is hard to believe that by the time you read this, many of you will be enjoying the cool autumn days as the fall foliage begins to set in on the Hill. As the Class of 2004 arrived for orientation just a few weeks ago, baby news from classmates seemed to have dominated this month's mail bag:

Up the road from me, in Redwood City, CA, **Rebecca Russell** Notowitz reported, "Our second child, Tamara Martha, was born three weeks early on Dec. 28, '99. She will have a surrogate cousin in Julia Cady, born Jan. 7, '00, to **Conrad '86** and **Laura McMichael Cady**. Both little girls are doing well and the four parents are adjusting to being a party of eight whenever we get together." Across the Bay, in Berkeley, **Shari Posner** (sharibeth@home.com) started a new job as deputy attorney general with California Dept. of Justice in June 1999. Shari and husband Todd Andrew welcomed their first baby, Tucker James, on Mar. 25, '00. **Kellie Reynolds Bosenberg** and husband **Marcus '86**, MD '94, welcomed third daughter Emma Ruth on Feb. 17, '00. "Big sisters Alexandria, 6, and Zoe, 4, just adore her." Kellie was in Ithaca in November 1999 to see friend and classmate **Erik Bernstein** inducted into Cornell's Athletic Hall of Fame. "While there I saw **Cheryl Hornbaker**, **Bart Schachter**, and **Bill Miller**. Felt old in C-town, being 34 years old and 6 months pregnant!" **Gene Rendino**, BS Eng

'89, (genren@aol.com) and wife Joanne Lamphier had a big surprise on Feb. 4, '00 when baby daughter Rebekah Margaret arrived three months premature. Gene was pleased to report that everyone is doing well. This fall, Gene will be moving from Ft. Wayne, IN, back to the Hill to begin study in the MBA program at the Johnson Graduate School of Management. He is one of the Park Fellowship recipients.

**Karen Clifford** Gendron and husband Robert welcomed "beautiful daughter Lauren, born on Aug. 23, '99. [She is] still growing like a weed. Have just had my first book, *The Rabbit Handbook*, published by Barron's Press. Working on my second. Started a veterinary placement service for New England last fall." Claire Bridget, daughter of **Mark and Maureen Barnes Gardner**, turned 1 on June 15 (mnmgardner@msn.com). Mark was named president and CEO of Agway Coordinated Dairy Systems, a position dealing with applying emerging technologies to all aspects of dairy cow life cycle. **Thomas P. Barone** (tom.barone@gep.ge.com) welcomed second son Kyle Benjamin on Apr. 20, '00. "Both mom and son are doing great. We are still in Atlanta and would love to see any of the Sigma Nu or 150s gang." From Bangkok, Thailand, **David Keen** wrote, "Paul Jacob was born on Oct. 26, '99. He is a sheer delight to me and my wife Suki."

**Mark Theodore** (TheodorM@jacksonlewis.com) dropped me a note to say that he is a partner in the San Francisco office of Jackson Lewis, a labor and employment law firm. "My wife Gretchen and I were able to take a month off to slowly kick around the Greek isles. [We] live in San Francisco near Baker Beach and love it. We welcomed the arrival of our son, Alexander, on June 10, '99. With all the technological advances in computers and telephones, I am fortunate enough to be able to spend time with my son, even if it means taking a call on the merry-go-round at the San Francisco Zoo." **Daniel Tomson** and wife Kerry are "the proud parents of triplets born on Sept. 16, '99. We have girls Amelia and Greta, and a boy Sam." The Tomsons are living in New York City.

Also in the Big Apple are **Wendy Anderson-Brachfeld** and husband Ken. They got away to Oregon last year "to witness **Christine Neimeth's** marriage to Nanne Heijenga. The wedding was beautiful with the central Oregon mountains as backdrop. The best part was a relaxing environment to catch up with friends." More wedding bells rang for classmates in 1999-2000: **Suzy M. Lee** (smlee@shinkim.com) is "working in Seoul, at South Korea's second largest law firm, Shin & Kim, specializing in banking and securities and mergers and acquisitions. I was married in 1999 to Jin Soo Park, who works at Samsung as an account executive." **Rena L. Hecht** married Jeffrey Basch on Jan. 8, '00, in Annapolis, MD. "It was the first wedding in my generation for my family, so everyone went a little nuts! Maid of Honor was **Amanda Hecht '92**. Other Cornellians in attendance included **Hedy Zigman** Rashba (all the way from Isra-

el). **Jeanie McHale** Spencer, **Carrie Lewis**, JD '90, **Claudia Regen**, **Joshua Hecht '98**, **Penny Kramer '98**, and **Cheri Shack '99**. We took a classic honeymoon in Maui and Kauai, which was awesome." Rena also reported that Hedy now lives in Jerusalem with her husband Jeffrey and three beautiful bilingual daughters. **Victoria Lazar** married Alex Faulkner on Mar. 25, '00. Cornellians in attendance included **Whitney Weinstein** Goodman, **Elizabeth Brown**, JD '90, **Paul Weinberg**, **Dave Golob**, **Stephanie Greene Bosworth** and **Eric '85**, ME E '87, and **Kathy Ellis**.

I received several news clippings from Ohio: **Amy Janower** Weinstein moved to Columbus in the summer of 1999. "Feels worlds apart from my East Coast roots." She went back to NYC to attend a wedding shower and bachelorette party for **Shelley Tedesco Spak**, MRP '89. "**Barbra Klugman** and **Glenn Norrgard** were there, too. Been busy with Baby Number 3, Dalia Jordan, born on Halloween 1999." Amy and family moved into their first house in April 2000. **Carol Bline** Manosh (carolmanosh@aol.com) and husband Robert live in Grove City, OH. Carol is in private practice as a clinical developmental psychologist. She and Robert moved into a new house. They took a trip to visit **Zainab Ahmed Cox '86** and Earl. **Sue Antalovich** Cliffliff is in Hilliard, OH. She is happy to report that "Nickolaus Charles was born on Dec. 22, '99, after three painless hours of labor (for Mom)."

Several classmates reported new jobs or new homes: **Elaine S. Wong** (elaineswong@juno.com) relocated to San Francisco after living in NYC for 20 years. "The decision came after a series of major upheavals in my life in 1999. I started a new job at Gensler Architecture & Design, which was founded by Cornellian **Arthur Gensler Jr. '57**. I am starting to appreciate California. I still miss NYC. When I moved here, I got in touch with **David '84**, MBA '87, and **Patty Lee Liu '89**, who live in Mill Valley." **Ruth Petzold** and husband David Koester live in Burlington, NC, with daughters Jenna, 8, and Emily, 3. She was recently promoted to laboratory director in LabCorp's DNA/Identity Testing division. **Jessica Ettinger**, BS Ag '97, (jettin ger@bloomberg.net) participated in a successful fund-raiser on March 11. "As a member of the Inner Circle of City Hall journalists, I performed in our annual show spoofing NYC and national politics at the NY Hilton. It was the first time Hillary Clinton and Mayor Rudy Giuliani were in the same room," before Giuliani dropped out of the Senate race.

**Lydia Wagner** Heathcote and a bunch of "female Cornell alumni from '86-'87 meet in NYC every winter. The regulars include **Laurie Rousseau** Flowers '86, **Gail Isaacson '86** and **Pam Isaacson '86**, **Laura Ansell '86**, and **Bliss Blodgett**, ME Eng '88. We usually see a performance in the city, catch lunch and dinner and tour around the city. We have a blast updating one another on our lives." Please send news of weddings, new babies, new puppies or kittens. ♦ **Tom S.**



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Greetings, classmates! Aside from the purple mountains' majesty of the Rockies, one of the real benefits of living in Denver is that plenty of friends want to come and visit. This makes for late nights and great fodder for a class column. My recent guests have included **Kris Tassone** ([krist@alibris.com](mailto:krist@alibris.com)), who drove cross-country in fall of 1999 from New York City to San Francisco, and **Roger Herbert** ([roger.herbert@geo.su.se](mailto:roger.herbert@geo.su.se)) who attended a conference here this past May. After settling into her West Coast digs, Kris became the director of supply management for [alibris.com](http://alibris.com), an Internet-based company that sells used and rare books. Roger lives in Sweden with his wife Cecilia and daughters Emma and Julia. Roger works as a geoscientist at the Dept. of Geology and Geochemistry, Stockholm U., where he investigates the geochemistry of mine drainage environments.

Also on my guest roster was **Mark Evans '87**, BArch '89, who came through with his family for a reunion in Estes Park. Mark recently left his position as campus architect at Swarthmore College to become a town planner with a private firm in Doylestown, PA. Mark and wife Julie have young children Audrey and Benjamin. **Beth (Mansfield)** and **Ken Griswold** passed through Denver in August and attended the Laramie wedding of one of Ken's many brothers. Beth ([beth88@siu.edu](mailto:beth88@siu.edu)) and Ken recently moved to Carbondale, IL, which is equidistant from Beth's job as a counselor at Southeast Missouri State U. and Ken's faculty position at Southern Illinois U. They occasionally travel to St. Louis to visit **Chris Brown Piller**, her husband Ken, and their newborn son.

And speaking of weddings, please send a hearty congratulation to class president and newlywed **Kelly Smith Brown**, MBA '92 ([kjs35@cornell.edu](mailto:kjs35@cornell.edu))! Kelly married Tim Brown on May 13, '00 in Chicago. Members of the wedding party included **Chris Hal-dopoulos Staffin**, MBA '92, and **Susan San-born Rigger**, MBA '91. Cornellians in attendance included the parents of the bride, **George '56**, MFS '57, and **Grace Young Smith '57**, Jenny Ritter Kelly '89, Debbie Brown, Kelly Starr, Chris Brown Piller, Don Staffin '85, MBA '87, Derek Rost, MBA '89, Lisa Sotir Ozkan, Beth and Ken Griswold, Brian Sadler, MBA '91, and Blake Schultz '94. The couple honeymooned in Caneel Bay, St. John, and are now living at 7200 Graves Road, Cincinnati, OH, 45243. As expected, our president and her fellow alumni regaled the attendees with a proper rendition of the "Alma Mater."

**Grace Horn Normandin** ([ghorn@corcus.jnj.com](mailto:ghorn@corcus.jnj.com)) was married on Apr. 8, '00. She and her new husband live in Basking Ridge, NJ, where Grace manages a financial team at Johnson and Johnson. **Peter Sayles** ([\[sayles@home.com\]\(mailto:sayles@home.com\)\) and his wife Pamela celebrated both their fifth wedding anniversary and the birth of their son Elliott in June 1999. The Sayles live in Fanwood, NJ, and Peter is the manager of training and development for American General Assurance Co. \*\*Jane Wiener\*\* Parish \(\[jparish@sshsny.org\]\(mailto:jparish@sshsny.org\)\) wrote from NYC to announce the birth of her second child, Emma Dora Parish, on Apr. 21, '99.](mailto:peter</a></p>
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**Martha Montes** Di Vittorio ([mmdivittorio@aol.com](mailto:mmdivittorio@aol.com)) just left her job as manager of information services at a financial services consulting firm for a full-time position as stay-at-home mother. She reported that **Jodi Beck-with Cohen '89** just gave birth to her first child, Ethan Isaac, on Apr. 8, '00. **Rich Stone** ([rstone@aaas.org](mailto:rstone@aaas.org)) and wife Mutsumi are the happy parents of Aaron Rynoshin, born on April Fool's Day. On Jan. 8, '00, **Nicole Abbatecola** and husband Grant Babyak were blessed with the arrival of Andrew Grant Babyak, who weighed in at 6 pounds, 10 ounces. The family recently moved to their new home in Bronxville, NY, where Nicole has been enjoying time with Andrew and taking a break from her job at Playtek Products.

**Keith Gauley** ([kgauley@masses.net](mailto:kgauley@masses.net)) sent news from Plympton, MA, where he lives with wife **Deb (Harackiewicz) '87** and sons Benjamin and Ryan. Keith has finished his second year as school principal at Center Elementary School in Abington, and Deb recently tried out for the Boston Renegades soccer team. Sadly, torn ligaments forced Deb out of the running; however, she has rebounded to fame as a coach for both of her sons' soccer teams. **Spencer Hodson** ([shodson@cisco.com](mailto:shodson@cisco.com)) placed second as a black belt in the heavy weight division at the Battle of Columbus North American Tae Kwon Do Tournament. Spencer has daughters Sarah Elizabeth, 2, and Jessica Marie, born on Apr. 11, '00. Spencer keeps in touch with classmate **Mike McGrann**, who also has two daughters.

**Dina Weitzman** ([dinaw@bellatlantic.net](mailto:dinaw@bellatlantic.net)) just co-founded eLuminas Capital Group Inc., an Internet company whose mission is to provide financial planning, financial advice, and access to financial products to both the US Latino community as well as to Latin America. **Suzanne Bors** ([twobirch@mindspring.com](mailto:twobirch@mindspring.com))

has enrolled in the Deming Scholars Honors Program at Fordham U., where she plans to earn her MBA in 2001. She recently ran into **Ames Johnson** Collins in the Hoboken train station. **Chad Snee** ([ces33@cornell.edu](mailto:ces33@cornell.edu)), our class treasurer, was recently promoted to lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserves. "I hope to stay in long enough to retire with at least 20 years of service," he wrote. Chad and wife Lynne recently celebrated their eighth wedding anniversary and have settled comfortably into small-town life in Troy, OH, with their daughter Katelyn.

**Stacey Berg** Rosenzweig is working as a pediatrician at Chesnut Ridge Pediatrics in Woodcliff Lake, NJ. She and her husband have daughters Olivia, Shoshana, and Rebecca Leah, who was born on Feb. 8, '00. **Adam Bingaman** ([abingaman@emory.edu](mailto:abingaman@emory.edu)) and wife Kimberly are both chief residents at Emory. In February they celebrated the arrival of their first child, Avery. Next year the family will move to California, where Adam will begin a fellowship in organ transplant surgery at UCLA Medical Center, and Kimberly will work in pediatric neurosurgery at LA Children's Hospital. **Karin Berger** Sadow, MD '92, ([ksadow@hotmail.com](mailto:ksadow@hotmail.com)) is currently attending in the pediatric emergency room at Mount Sinai Hospital in NYC. She and husband Jonathan just had their first daughter, Rachel Peri.

**Diane Little** Sassano ([Diane.Sassano@worldnet.att.net](mailto:Diane.Sassano@worldnet.att.net)) e-mailed the news that Natalie Ann Sassano was born on Mar. 1, '00 and weighed in at 7 pounds, 7 ounces, and 20 inches. Natalie's sister Victoria is reportedly "intrigued" by the newest addition to the family. Diane keeps in touch with **Jim Hirshorn**, who is currently working for Bain Capital in Boston, although he spends more of his time in DC. Jim reports that he and wife Ali have healthy, energetic, and wonderful young boys Adam and Evan. When in Boston, Jim sees **Andy Scirri**, a new arrival to that city. **Richard Colvin** is living in Cambridge, MA, with wife Helen Raynham and their son Harry. Richard and Helen, a physician, were married in South Africa, and **Daryl Reece** attended the event.

One final note: we misreported the e-mail





address of class historian **Alison Minton**. If you would like to contact Alison and donate materials to the class archives, you can always reach her at [arm33@cornell.edu](mailto:arm33@cornell.edu). Alison is using the "totally free e-mail forwarding service" available to all Cornell alumni ([www.cuonnect.cornell.edu/html/forward.html](http://www.cuonnect.cornell.edu/html/forward.html)). This forwarding is useful because it remains constant as you change jobs, addresses, and Internet access providers. All Class of '88 officers have a Cornell address, and we encourage you to register for one. Cheers! ♦ **Larry Goldman**, 3019 Grove St., Denver, CO 80211; e-mail, [lig2@cornell.edu](mailto:lig2@cornell.edu); and **Diane Weisbrot** Wing, 727 Anita St., Redondo Beach, CA 90278; e-mail, [axel3@aol.com](mailto:axel3@aol.com).

**89** Greetings to all! I always like to show my appreciation to those who send me updates via e-mail or snail mail by including their news first. It's really important to keep us updated. As you will see, some of the news found on the News and Dues forms is from a year (or more) ago. So remember, if you want us to print the most recent happenings in your life, send us a quick note and we promise to include it! So, without further ado, I'm going to start with some personal news (one of the benefits of this job!). I (**Stephanie Bloom Avidon**) had a baby girl, Nicole Leigh, on Apr. 6, '00. She joins big brother Matthew who is 2-1/2. They both keep me very busy, but in my spare time I am still working as a public relations consultant from my home.

Now, onto the other "personal" news which came via e-mail. **Mark Mutkoski** and wife Dana had their first child, Matthew Skyler, on Dec. 30, '99. They live in Chappaqua, NY, with dog Milo, cat Harmony, and now a nanny. Mark is a managing director with Deutsche Banc Alex Brown covering hotel stocks as an equity research analyst. **Jane Cantor** Tucker sent in lots of news. She had a second baby boy, Jack William, on Feb. 4, '00. He joins big brother Ryan who is now 3. Jane lives in Great Neck, NY, and still hangs out with **Jodi Riffkin** Klass who had a second baby girl, Madden Reese, on May 30, '99, joining big sister Roey. **Elissa Darwin** Elko-witz also had a second baby girl, Rachel Nicole, in November 1999, joining big sister Allison.

**Bradley Siciliano** and wife Laura Evangelista had a baby boy, Benjamin, on Feb. 14, '00. They currently live in Forest Hills Gardens, NY. **Abby Pomerantz** Rothschild had her first son, Benjamin Zadoc, on Mar. 26, '00. **Michele Dowling** Johnson and husband David welcomed the birth of their first child, Nicole Alexandra, on May 8, '00. Michele works as a senior product manager for the lip-stick category at Revlon. **Dennis Julio** sent an e-mail to tell us his exciting news. He married **Jennifer Doherty** on Nov. 27, '99 in Tiburon, CA. They honeymooned for two weeks in New Zealand, where they swam with the dolphins, went cave tubing, glacier hiking, sea kayaking, and jet boating. Other marriages to note (as seen in the *New York Times*) include **Tevi Troy**, who married Kami Pliskow on

Aug. 15, '99 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Seattle. He is the policy director in Washington for Senator John Ashcroft, Republican of Missouri. **Lisa Gedzelman** married John Leone on July 17, '99. She is a designer for the Bobby Stix-n-Danny Stones, a children's clothing manufacturer in Manhattan.

Now onto the "professional" updates. **Stephanie Ralston** Khurana is co-founder and co-president of Panoptic Technology Services in Cambridge, MA. **Kathleen McKone**, MS I '90, was appointed visiting assistant professor in the management division of Babson College in Wellesley, MA. **Robert Milstein** lives in Scarsdale, NY, and works for Globix, a business-to-business Internet service provider, as director of marketing. **Ken Dearden** reported he bought an old house in Bronxville, NY, and is a corporate finance associate with Chase Manhattan Bank in New York City. **Beth Kantrowitz** works at the Marine Conservation Biology Inst. in Washington, DC. **Laura Knapp**, MMH '97, is also in DC, working at LaSalle Hotel Properties. **Kathryn Otis** Ducceschi wrote to tell us she's a captain in the Army and studied intermediate level Russian at the Defense Language Inst. in Monterey, CA, in preparation for a Foreign Area Officer assignment. Last winter she left for Garmisch, Germany, for an 18-month visit to improve her Russian and serve internships in countries of the CIS. After living in London, **Alan Hirzel**, MBA '97, transferred within the global strategic consulting firm of Bain & Company and moved to Johannesburg, South Africa.

**Dave Jansson** is currently in a master's program in geography at Penn State. He's also working with a group of progressive Cornell alums to establish United Progressive Alumni, an independent alumni association. To find out more about them, log onto [www.upalumni.org](http://www.upalumni.org). **Brian Campbell** is living in Dallas and working for Nokia Mobile Phones as a field test engineer. **Kuantai "Tai" Yeh**, MBA '98, works at Dain Rauscher Wessels, where he focuses on technology equity underwriting and M&As. He lives in Redwood City, CA. Also living in California is **Cynthia Charatz** Litt. She is an administrator for women's health at U. of California, San Francisco, Stanford Health Care.

That's all the room for this column. Please keep sending in your news via the official News forms and remember to update any one of us via e-mail or snail mail. Hope to hear from you soon! ♦ **Stephanie Bloom Avidon**, 5 Glenwood Rd., Plainview, NY, 11803; e-mail, [savidon1@hotmail.com](mailto:savidon1@hotmail.com); **Lauren Hoefflich**, 2000 Lincoln Park West #1107, Chicago, IL 60614; e-mail, [LAHoefflich@aol.com](mailto:LAHoefflich@aol.com); **Mike McGarry**, 9754 Burns Hill Rd., West Valley, NY 14171; e-mail, [mmcgarry@mcworld.com](mailto:mmcgarry@mcworld.com); and **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, 105 Overlake Park, Burlington, VT 05401; e-mail, [ac98@cornell.edu](mailto:ac98@cornell.edu).

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**91** Greetings from the Hill. RE-UNION, REUNION, RE-UNION! Have you made your travel plans back to the Hill yet? **Jeff Weintraub**, MD '95, would like to remind us all that it is never too soon to plan for your trip to Cornell for our 10th Reunion. The dates are June 7-10, 2001 (Thursday-Sunday). If you haven't already done so, start making your travel arrangements today! We'll keep you posted on those details as we know more. Also, if you haven't added it to your e-bookmarks yet, you really should check out the class of 1991 website. The address is: <http://www.classof91.cornell.edu>. **Dan Kim** and **Jeff** have asked everyone to check the site on a regular basis, so hopefully we'll develop a dynamic site that contains lots of useful stuff. OK, on to the news front...

We have a basic class theme running through all your mail this quarter, as noted by **Shawn Young** and echoed by our classmates: "Life is great!" Shawn completed his MBA from Dowling College and is currently working at SupplyForce.com as vice president of technology. Shawn and wife Babita currently have one son, Jonathan Anil Young. **Joel Freundlich**, MC CH '92, residing in Princeton, NJ, has dropped us a line to tell us about the awesome snowmobiling and skiing trip he had in the Adirondacks this past winter with classmate **Roddy Shuler**. Joel visited Ithaca in December and met up with Roddy again, as well as **Mark Riccio**, MS E '99. Joel continues his note: "Entrepreneurial ventures are the way to go. I love my job doing research on the Alzheimer's disease for Praecis Pharmaceuticals, a Boston-based biotech company."

**Doug Pascale**, ME I '92, has left Michigan and the Ford Motor Co. for a career and climate change. He is enjoying his new job as a program manager at Veridian Pacific-Sierra Research (a high-tech government and military contractor), as well as his new house and his new rock band. Doug tells us he has settled in at the lovely metro Washington, DC, suburb of Sterling, VA. **Kristina Montt** has made the transition from a contamination engineer to an integration and test engineer for the "Advanced Camera for Surveys" which will be inserted into the Hubble Space Telescope during the servicing mission in late 2000. In between switching roles, Kristina married Kelvin De Garcia this past September on Nantucket. **Wendy Fuhr** also started a new job in the later part of last year working for the Great Valley Health Organization as a family physician in Collegeville, PA (Wendy's home town). She finished her residency in family medicine at Albany (NY) and had a son in June of 1999. She really enjoys being back with her family in Collegeville. **Megan McNealy** Graves and husband Michael are still living in the San Francisco Bay Area and loving it. Megan is still working in Oakland with the Merrill Lynch Private Client Group as a financial consultant.

We received a great e-mail from **David Taylor**. The Taylor family has recently moved back to Ithaca after spending the past six years in Japan. Dave writes: "Our life in Ja-



pan consisted of two parts: life before kids and life after kids. Life before kids meant a fair amount of work and travel; in addition to opening the Hyatt Regency Osaka hotel with my wife, **Masako (Shibata)**, we traveled to many spots in Asia, including Indonesia, Malaysia, and Australia, just to name a few. Then came the kids (Joe and Kent). We moved to the suburbs (Nara, Japan) and began to enjoy the greenery and grandparents more." Since returning to Ithaca, Dave and Masako are taking courses at Cornell and really enjoying the time they have with their boys. **Jay Villa**, ME '92, dropped us a line a little while ago to tell us that he is the Young Alumni Chair for the Cornell Club of Arizona. Among Jay's various activities for the club, he organized some very successful "Young Alumni Nights Out for Cornell Desert Dwellers." If you are ever in Phoenix you should look up Jay and attend one of these events. As Jay notes, "Enthusiasm is high even if attendance isn't." **Gayle Berger** is still living in New York City and recently received a very deserved promotion at Tommy Hilfiger, USA. Gayle is currently the director of corporate technical services for the company. **Michael Saxon** is now with Jupiter Communications, working as an analyst at the NYC firm. After completing his MBA from the U. of Illinois this past January, Michael and wife Jill moved to Cranford, NJ.

Chuck and **Denise Law** Russell welcomed the arrival of their son, Matthew Charles, on Apr. 15, '00. Denise, formerly with Aetna USHealthcare, is thoroughly enjoying staying home and does not miss the corporate world at all! **Laura Ceglowski** Fronhofer and husband Frank celebrated the birth of their daughter, Scout Heather, on Nov. 20, '99. Laurie, Frank, and Scout currently live in Salem, NY. Classmate **Allison Crandall** and husband **Brian Armieri** '90 welcomed the arrival of their son, Dallas Patrick Armieri, on Apr. 4, '99. The **Spencer** family celebrated the birth of their first child, daughter Merideth Rose Spencer, on Feb. 25, '00. **Robert**, PhD '97, **Karen (Klingemann)**, MBA '96, and baby Merideth are currently living in the beautiful state of Oregon. Robert is still working for Intel. Other class of 1991 births include Zachary Patrick Beitel, born May 20, '99 to very proud parents **David**, ME CS '92, and **Joanna James Beitel** '92. David has recently moved on from Microsoft to Expedia Inc. Finally, we have news about **James** and **Elizabeth Heck**'s daughter, Leigh Ann Heck. Beautiful Leigh Ann was born on Jan. 21, '99 in the town of Elizabeth, CO. She was 9 pounds, 1 ounce, and 21 inches long. Congratulations to all the new parents!

**Janet Yi-Jen Chen** Daniel has taken a job as an assistant professor in the biology department at James Madison U. Janet currently teaches physiology, genetics, and cell biology at the school. In addition to receiving her PhD in human nutrition from the U. of Chicago in 1997 and completing her post-doctorate work at the university in molecular genetics, Janet and husband Ronn had a baby daughter, Hannah Ariel, in December 1998. **Sharlyn Carter** Heslam had a mini-reunion in Santa

Fe, NM, this past October. In attendance: **Kristen Sciacca**, **Cynthia Lee Dow**, **Kristen Hurley**, **Lisa Dale**, and **Kara Niles**. Kara made the trek all the way from Switzerland! "A great time was had by all and we got plenty of practice for Reunion 2001!" Sharlyn and husband Bill currently live in Dallas, TX. **Ben Stewart** just got a summer internship with Charles Schwab's electronic brokerage enterprise in San Francisco, CA. Ben completed the first year of his MBA studies at the U. of Southern California. **J. Scott Berniker** and wife Michelle joined **Mark Cisz** and me recently at the wedding of **Todd Gottesman**, MBA '92, on Long Island. Todd and Michelle celebrated their union in a beautiful ceremony on the nicest day of the year and honeymooned in the Caribbean. They plan on continuing to live in the Houston area once they return. It was wonderful to get together with friends we haven't seen in a long time.

On a personal note, Mark and I have just purchased a lovely home in Fort Salonga (Long Island, NY) and I've completed my year as chief pediatric resident at Schneider's Children's Hospital. In addition to packing, and unpacking, and raising our 17-month-old son Bryan, I have begun working in a private practice just a few miles from our new home. Mark still commutes to Wall Street as he continues his career at JP Morgan.

Thank you to everyone who mailed/e-mailed updates and alumni sightings! Keep smiling, stay happy, and keep the news flowing! ♦ **Linda Moerck-Cisz** (new address: 2 Susan Drive, Fort Salonga, New York 11768 or e-mail [cisz\\_mark@jpmorgan.com](mailto:cisz_mark@jpmorgan.com)); **Kevin Lemanowicz**, 25 Fox Dr., Dedham, MA 02027; e-mail, [kpl6@cornell.edu](mailto:kpl6@cornell.edu).

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Happy fall to all of you. Or, as I'm supposed to say now that I live in the south: Happy fall to y'all. A big thank you goes out to all of you who continue to send in your news via e-mail, our class info cards, and via the Cornell website. Here's some of what I have learned from your various notes.

**Keri Hungerford** Dutkiewicz was married July 31, '99 in an outdoor ceremony lit by tiki torches. After the ceremony, the guests enjoyed fireworks, midnight swimming in a lake, and a jazz band. Keri mentioned she was thrilled to see **Craig Horton** and **Madeleine Meagher** at the wedding, since they hadn't seen each other since graduation. They had met on our first day at Cornell back in 1988. Keri is now the director of sales and marketing at Strategic Interactive. She is also very close to finishing her PhD.

**James Martinez**, MMH '97, is involved in a business-to-business e-commerce company, Logo Wire. The company specializes in promotional products, including t-shirts, hats, caps, mugs, etc., with imprinted logos. Joining the world of homeownership is **David F. Murphy**, who has been learning plumbing and gardening at his new abode in West Hartford, CT. David was appointed market sector leader at his company for water supply projects in New England and New York.

**David Fine** '93, JD '99, left the Dryden Police in 1998, received a degree from Cornell Law in 1999, and was admitted to the New York Bar in January. He is currently clerking for a judge on the US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, but will start as a litigation associate with Arnold & Porter in New York City in the fall.

**Craig and Elizabeth Chiasson Bello** are the proud parents of Quinn Elizabeth, born on April 7. They have started their own business, D&H Solutions Inc., which implements diabetes treatment and education centers in hospitals. Liz serves as president, while Craig is vice president and treasurer, working part-time from home in order to be a stay-at-home dad.

Congratulations go out to **Erik Schuls** and wife Emily on the birth of their son Charlie who was 6 months old back in May. Erik is a hospital-based internal medicine physician at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse. Also announcing their new arrival are **Rob** and **Hillary Silver**, who became parents to Bradley Jacob Silver on April 24. **Jeannine Polito** Centanni's daughter Abby turned one in May. "How quickly a year passes when a baby comes into your life," she writes. Jeannine recently started a new career with Johnson & Johnson Consumer Products as a senior buyer, contract promotions.

**Carrie Carnright** also has a new job, working for shoppinglist.com as a client development manager in Sunnyvale, CA. **Jennifer Cobb** checked in with news that she was working in a busy emergency department in Columbia, SC. And **Dana Aron Weiner** moved to San Francisco after receiving her PhD in clinical psychology at Northwestern. When **Sean Harap** wrote in May, he was a lieutenant in the US Navy, serving as a flight surgeon in the medical corps. After serving aboard the carriers *Truman* and *Kennedy*, he was stationed at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, awaiting discharge at the end of June. Sean was slated to begin a residency in internal medicine at George Washington U. in Washington, DC, in July.

**Kristen Ahrens** and **Brad Vest** have a son Daniel, born Apr. 9, '99. **Sharon (Kowar)** and **Steve de Waard** moved into their new house in Green Village, NJ, in December, allowing them just enough time to prepare for the arrival of their son Jacob, born February 24. Congratulations go out to **Jack Hodgkins** for two achievements: the birth of his and wife Victoria's new daughter Priscilla, born February 21, and his master's from Columbia's real estate development program this spring. **Mariela Markelis** Dybner is the proud mother of Lucy, whose birthday is October 12. Mariela, living in Maplewood, NJ, with husband Ariel Markelis Dybner, is working part-

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Good wishes go out to **Mario Berrios** who married Blanca Rosa Rodriguez on December 18. And congrats to **Mindy Zane Rosenthal** and her husband Steve on the birth of Benjamin Zane Rosenthal on January 3. **Phil, MD '96**, and **Karen Schanzer Goldberg** have had a few major events happen in their lives. During their residencies they completed a two-month rotation in Fiji with a vacation in New Zealand. Then their first daughter, Shayla, was born January 5. They are now working in Clinton, CT, where Phil is an internist and Karen is a pediatrician.

**Michelle Hensel Chuaprasert** mentioned that husband **Rittie** was finishing up his MBA at Stanford, and would be starting work at Nortel this fall. They planned to visit Greece, Switzerland, Thailand, and Australia this summer during Michelle's sabbatical from marketing at Intel. Michelle has been active in the Society of Women Engineers. She mentioned that **Anthony Marino** was married recently and that **Bob** and **Jen Kiesendahl** recently had a baby.

Univera Healthcare in Buffalo appointed **Peter Rushefsky** as executive director for North AmeriCare. **Eric Weintraub** recently made a career change from nutrition/dietetics to market intelligence sales. **Gina Johnson** started an Internet business, RosePlace.com, which serves the senior living and care industry. **Kevin Kennedy** graduated in 1999 from Medical University of South Carolina with a PhD in pharmaceutical science and then began a post-doc program in chemistry at the U. of Washington in Seattle. He married Debbie Larmond on July 3, '99. **Michael Lipson** also had graduation news to share. He successfully defended his PhD in political science at the U. of Wisconsin in August 1999. He was teaching international relations through a visiting position at the U. of Colorado-Boulder this past year, and is now a visiting professor at the U. of Pennsylvania.

I think this qualifies for the most unusual news in this column. "I was watching a TV news program last week and was surprised to see my Cornell friend **Jessica Aronofsky** touting her latest creation as a food scientist for Nabisco," wrote **Bill Carson**. "Seems that Jessica was instrumental in creating a new type of Oreo cookie that, and I am not making this up, will turn your milk blue when you dunk it." Hey, Jessica, how do you feel about doing a Cornell Big Red version of the Oreo?

But you don't have to create blue milk to get mentioned here! Hey, just send us your happenings and we'll try to include them in a future column! ♦ **Renée Hunter Toth**, 3901 Thomas Dairy Lane, North Garden, VA 22959; e-mail, rah24@cornell.edu; and **Debbie Feinstein**, 6114 Temple St., Bethesda, MD 20817; e-mail, debbie\_feinstein@yahoo.com.

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Hi all. As always, the lazy, hazy days of summer seem to create a dearth of news, so please make sure to keep sending us your updates by e-mail, snail mail, phone, or carrier pigeon—we accept all medi-

ums! On to the news. **Keith Martin** writes that he finished his PhD at MIT and is now working as a research scientist doing acoustic research at Bose Corp. He and wife **Lisa (Kalns) '94** have recently moved into a brand new house. **Concordia "Connie" Smatlak** was married in March of 1999 to Niels Van Hoesel. **Dineen Pashoukos Wasylik '94**, **Heidjer Staecker**, **Rachel Scognamiglio**, and **Andy Ingham** were all in attendance. Rachel and Andy are married and had their first child, Benjamin Rexford Ingram, in September 1999. Connie and her husband are now living in Rome, NY, where she is working for the FPM group for another Cornell grad, **Gaby Atik, MEC '91**. **Lisa Ness Seidman** writes that she is practicing labor and employment law at Pitney, Hardin, Kipp & Szuch in Morristown, NJ. She and husband Scott recently welcomed daughter Hannah Lauren on Mar. 30, '00. Congratulations!

**Bill Mapel** writes via e-mail, "After two years at Microsoft, I have taken a new position as compensation and benefits manager for InfoSpace.com." Also via e-mail came the following from **Matt Kall** who is continuing the class trend I've noticed of lawyers changing jobs. He writes, "I just bought a house and quit my job. I'm leaving Baker & Hostetler to work for the Dept. of Justice as an assistant United States Attorney in the criminal division here in Cleveland. Should be an interesting job change." Matt's former roommate **Rick Jentis** also checked in with news. He writes that he and his wife **Jessica (Silber) '94** are moving back to New Jersey from Connecticut. Rick is now working for Gerber on the launch of a new line of baby wellness products. Over Memorial Day weekend Rick met up with **Matthew Estabrook** who is spending his summer as a summer associate with Gibson Dunn & Crutcher in DC.

**Jeff Cohen**, ME CS '94, writes that he married Galit Rogatinsky on Nov. 7, '99. In attendance were a large number of Cornellians, including **Robert Bruckheimer**, **Jennifer Buchalter '95**, **Zachary Cohen '94**, **Erik Feig**, **Joshua Frank**, **Jason Fromberg '95**, **Julian Gorfajn '96**, **ME E '97**, **Ross Goldstein '96**, **Beth Rubenstein '97**, **Keneth Gordon '95**, **Aron Izower** and **Tho Mai Izower**, **David Kahn '96**, **Keith Kannenberg**, PhD '98, **Ira Kaplan '95**, **Seth Kestenbaum**, **Matthew Krakowsky**, **Elana Levine '98**, **Scott** and **Jaqi Lurie Liebman**, **Max Rapaport '94**, **Karen Rothenberg**, **Michael Rozengarten '92**, **Gary Rozenshteyn, JD '95**, **David** and **Caroline Fox Schechter**, both '95, **James Sorhagen '94**, **Saul Stahl**, **Darren Tishler**, **Eric Wagner '92**, **Daniela Stahl Zablocki '97**, and **Mark Zukowsky**.

**Justin Bates** writes, "I'm currently on my second deployment with VFA-136 flying FA-18s on the USS *Dwight D. Eisenhower*. I deployed on February 18 from Norfolk, VA, and have been to the following ports: Trieste, Italy; Souda Bay, Greece; Haifa, Israel; Corfu, Greece; Sigonella, Sicily; Dubrovnik, Croatia; Antalya, Turkey; Bahrain; and Dubai, UAE. I've flown missions in support of NATO over

Bosnia, as well as international exercises with Croatia and Israel. I'm currently flying combat missions over Iraq in support of Operation Southern Watch. I'm looking forward to coming back home in August."

**Alyssa Frantz, MRP '94**, writes that she will be vacationing in Australia for three weeks in October and that **Sharon Hartnett Ricart** and husband Guillermo have bought a new house and are moving from Santa Cruz to Santa Barbara. **Lauren Bailyn, MBA '94**, writes that she recently started a new job as manager of distance learning at the New York Inst. of Finance. She is developing online courses in financial services and loves being in the World Trade Center. She also sent news of **Lori Denenberg Herz**, who finished her PhD at Rutgers and started a new job at Bristol Meyers Squibb, and **Adam Gartenberg** who is now working in the distance learning group at IBM and recently bought a house in Raleigh, NC.

Thanks to everyone who provided news for this month's column. Keep the news coming! ♦ **Yael Berkowitz**, 310 W. 95th St. #7A, NYC 10025; e-mail, yberkowitz@buckconsultants.com; and **Gregg Paradise**, 96 Fifth Ave., Apt. 17K, NYC 10011; e-mail, gparadise@kenyon.com.

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Greetings, class of '94! It's been over a year since our fifth Reunion, and I'm already looking forward to another one. As I write this, I'm enjoying a month-long summer sojourn in Toronto. Now if the weather would just cooperate and act like summer, the living would be easy. Thankfully, I'm not hurting for news this time around (even if it dates back to last year). **Carrie Oliver** is earning her MBA at the Owen School of Graduate Management at Vanderbilt U., concentrating in electronic commerce. **Antonio Soler** works as a risk management associate at GE Capital. **Timothy O'Neill** is a food service director for Flik International, as well as the proud owner of a house in Jefferson, NJ. He reports that **Pat Herguth** packed up and moved to Chicago to begin a job with GE. Also in New Jersey is **James Au**, who recently got his MBA and is now a project manager at Telcordia Technologies.

Last October, **Lisa Sacks** was finishing up her master's in public administration at Columbia U. before heading to New Zealand and Australia for five weeks. In Singapore, **Spencer Schubert** is trading currencies for Merrill Lynch. **Laura Sauter** announces that she left Arthur Andersen last year and is now working towards her MBA at New York U. More MBAs in-the-making: **Maryann Symanowicz** left Ernst & Young in DC to pursue her master's at Boston College, where she found herself to be classmates once again with **Joe Jose**.

**Sandip Tarafdar**, ME C '95, who is working as an independent contractor in IT consulting, announces that **Jane Gorayeb** is married to Tom Kiernan and that **Shawn Shannon**, who wed Denise Fiessl in the summer of 1999, passed the dental boards and is



now practicing dentistry on Long Island. **Quan Nguyen** checks in from North Carolina where he is a research scientist at Glaxo Wellcome. He writes, "We are performing genetic research to find the genes that cause diseases like diabetes and asthma." Last October, Quan was present as **Chris Beatty** and **Maile (Young) '95** said their wedding vows in Montauk, NY. Guests included **Whitney Will, Jenn Collins '95, Matt Maher '95, Brian Young '96, Sharon Perlman '95, Rob Stevens, Tomasz Mroz, and Jessica Geyer '93**. More wedding bells . . . **Sandy Wen**, a technical communications consultant, married **Robert Schirmer, PhD '98**, in August of 1999 at the St. Regis Hotel in Manhattan. In the bridal party were **Michiko Miura, Bonnie Eissner, and Elena Kwan '95**. The brother of the bride, **Jerry Wen '92, ME '95**, gave Sandy away at the ceremony. Cornell attendees included **Aki Kimihira, BS Eng '96, Millie Kwan, Mariam Mohaideen, and Joe Femino '95**. After honeymooning in London and Paris, the couple settled in Maryland.

**Don, ME E '95, and Sandy Lean Paterson** sent a double update from Seattle, where Don is studying computer science at the U. of Washington after a stint in the Navy. "Sandy is doing facility design and strategic management for all of the young whippersnapper dot.coms." The couple ran into **Mark Bullard** at Zinck's Night and reported that fellow ROTC alum **Brian McKay, ME E '95**, was planning to move to Italy.

Via e-mail in March, **Mike Croker** wrote, "Got married on Oct. 23, '99 in Cohasset, MA, to Carolyn Janet Rawson, whom I met in Jacksonville, FL, while going through Navy Fighter Squadron training. Am now flying sorties in F-18s off the deck of the USS *John C. Stennis* in the Persian Gulf until June. Living in Hanford, CA; any Cornellians in the area after July 4, please stop in."

And now for some legal updates. **Meghan McCurdy** is an associate at White & Case in NY. Also in NY is **Heather White**, a corporate associate at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton, and Garrison. (Try saying that one fast.) **Dongwook Anthony Chang** received his JD from Temple U. school of law in May of 1999. **Claire Halligan** got her law degree from Fordham U. in 1997 and is now the borough coordinator for the court-appointed special advocate program in the Bronx family court. Adds Claire, "This program links volunteer advocates with foster children." **Jen Spirn**, who was inspired to write in after attending Reunion, graduated from St. John's law. She received a public interest law scholarship from the Nassau County Bar Assn. and was planning to start a new position as assistant public defender in West Palm Beach, FL.

Moving from one coast to another, it's time for the California report. **Wade Pitts** is a software consultant in San Francisco. Also in SF is **Jeff Luszczyk**, who works at Nasa Ames Research Center in Mountain View, CA, and is learning how to snowboard. **Betsy McAfee** moved to Los Angeles last year, where she works at PKF Consulting. She sends news of **Tammi Ranalli**, who is living in Rochester

with **Judd Cain '96** and earning her PhD in biochemistry. Back East, in Bridgeport, NY, **Chanda Lindsay** is managing a stable and volunteering at Burnet Park Zoo and the Cornell Cooperative Extension. She adds that she is hiking, snowshoeing, and traveling as much as possible. From Massachusetts, **Amy Moskovitz** Whalen writes, "I teach sixth grade in Easthampton. [Husband] Joseph teaches band at the same school and plays bass in New England's premier show band, Souled Out." The Whalens were married in July of 1999 in the presence of classmates **Matt Brown, Mark Malowicki, Carmen Santana Tilson, and Eric Reesman '93**.

Thanks to all for sustaining the grapevine. Keep the news coming and have a wonderful fall. ♦ **Dika Lam**, 204 E 90th St., Apt. 4E, NYC 10128; e-mail, [DikaEsme@aol.com](mailto:DikaEsme@aol.com); **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, 155 E 29 St., Apt. 10C, NYC 10016; e-mail, [jar1229@hotmail.com](mailto:jar1229@hotmail.com); and **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasylik, 1111A N. Taylor St., Arlington, VA 22201; e-mail [dmp5@cornell.edu](mailto:dmp5@cornell.edu).

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I'm a little apprehensive about attending Reunion 2001. It's September and I have yet to launch my own successful Web venture or appear on MTV's "The Real World" in a hot tub. Fortunately, I made a few

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observations during my brother's 5th Reunion bash last June. To prevent awkward silences and blank stares, wear an unusual piece of jewelry or clothing. (A Milli Vanilli concert T-shirt is appropriately ambiguous. Was "Blame It On the Rain" really your favorite song, or are you expressing your delicious sense of irony?) Do not make overt attempts to read name tags; refer to unfamiliar classmates as "Josh," "Mike," or "Brian" until they correct you. (This technique worked surprisingly well for my brother.) Burdened by an embarrassing freshman year moniker? Become an eccentric billionaire and your peers will instantly forget about the "lemon pudding incident" of 1992. Most importantly, summarize your personal triumphs and disappointments in 60 seconds or less. You'll thank me later. For Reunion 2001 news-you-can-use, check out the Class of 1996 website at [www.classof96.cornell.edu](http://www.classof96.cornell.edu).

While you're preparing for Reunion 2001, tell **Courtney Rubin, Sheryl Magzamen**, or me, **Allie Cahill**, about your promotions, wedding receptions, graduate degrees, and mewling infants. Without frequent updates we would be forced to kick our columns off with outlandish anecdotes.

Class of 1996 vice president **Stephanie M. Cockerl** reports that [www.iVillage.com](http://www.iVillage.com) named her an iVillage Technodiva last May. Another Internet veteran, **Kathryn S. Rubenstein**, was recently promoted to manager of business development at TV Guide Online. In

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her new role, she will become the primary contact for all licensing and distribution agreements for the site and continue to help develop strategic partnerships to further the reach of Online's content and brand. After I pestered Kathryn for more news, she told me that **Lewis M. Pine** is starting a new job as director of human resources for Ralph Lauren Media.

**Josh Holbreich** e-mailed me about his transition from broadcast to print media: "Josh Holbreich, who until very recently was just another cog in the Big Machine known as ABC News, where he worked on such projects as the 24-hour ABC2000 Live Millennium Coverage and obscure women's health programming, has left the alphabet network to become the news editor of the CMJ New Music Report. According to the *Los Angeles Times*, CMJ (*College Music Journal*) is 'the bible of new music,' and is known to both radio programmers and record industry executives as a 'primary source for up-to-the-minute radio airplay data, and cutting-edge new music editorial.' In pursuing that 'cutting-edge' content, Josh may be trying to recapture his glory days as the *Daily Sun's* Arts & Entertainment editor. Josh also wants to point out that he is not expecting children, has not gotten married, and is not engaged to any other '96ers." To counteract Josh's woefully cynical remarks, here are a few wedding announcements:

**Robert L. Price** attended the wedding of **Charlie Skipsey '94** and Katie Dubaa. Charlie's entire pledge class from the fraternity formerly known as Phi Delta Theta celebrated the nuptials in Cabo San Lucas. Medical student **Laura A. Nicoll** (*née* Welch) lives in beautiful Brooklyn Heights with her husband **Jason Nicoll '95**. Architect **Monica Rodriguez** Quirch invited several classmates to her Oct. 3, '99 wedding. **Jeffrey S. Kovel** is working on a house for rocker Lenny Kravitz in Miami. **Kelly A. Collini** currently lives in Portland, and **Maria J. Castro** and **Lourdes Herrero '93**, BArch '96, reside in New York City. Los Angeles-based artist **Olivia Booth '95** received coverage in the *New York Times*

Entrepreneur **Heather L. Rothke** took over the family clothing business (Guess What's New?) in Westwood, NJ. **Thomas J. Walters** reports that he was able to use his knowledge of nutrition in the Peace Corps. He will put his Cornell education to use again as a U. of Rochester medical student. **Jodi A. Erlandsen** is a legal assistant at ING Baring, Furman Selz LLC. She passed her notary public exam and is planning to take the Series 7 in the near future. **Chanda E. Bennett** has been accepted to a graduate program in environmental biology at Columbia U. "Both of us are in love with New York City," Jodi proclaims. **Rachel S. Ravitz** lives in NYC's Upper East Side with her fiancé. She toils for Oppenheimer Funds in their marketing department.

Keep the notes coming. We'd love to hear from anyone who's never written in before.

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Thanks to all Class of '97 members who've sent in updates over the past few months . . . stay tuned for your news.

See you at Homecoming . . . GO BIG RED! And now, the news:

**Jeremy Mason** (mason\_213@yahoo.com) graduated from the Ohio State U. college of law this spring and after taking the bar exam in August planned to practice bankruptcy and commercial law as an associate at Mason, Slovin and Schilling Co., LPA, in Cincinnati. Also in Cincinnati, **Soumyajit Dutta** (duttas@email.uc.edu) owns a start-up biotech company and was preparing to start law school at the U. of Cincinnati. Soumyajit keeps in touch with **Kurt Lamont**, **Jesse Matheson**, **Shawn Murphy**, and **Bob Nandi**. **Keith Scala** was hired as an associate with Sughrue,

**Walter** was on track to graduate from law school this past May.

This issue brings several updates from classmates in New York City and New Jersey. **Yongwan Cho**, ME I '99, (ycho\_2000@yahoo.com) is an associate at Capital Markets Company. **Dan Unger** (unger@tischman.com) wrote in January that he continues to work at Tischman Hotel & Realty and keeps up with **Nolan Hecht**, **Ruby Huang**, **Kevin Leichter**, **Jeff Hancock**, **Jamie Murdock**, **Christie Trotter**, **Carl Mittleman**, **James Izanec**, **Neal Dunn**, **Lea Andreasen** Parsons, **Ginger Parsons '98**, **Colleen Sorrell '98**, **Jen Williams '96**, and **Mark Morrison '96**. Dan went camping in the Canadian Rockies with **Randy Garutti**, **Travis Rosenthal**, **Mark Canlis**, **Joe Welker '98**, and **Cary Friedman**. **Heidi Mochari** (heido16@aol.com) is a nutritionist at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital. **Mira Sullivan**, MS M '98, (msullivan@crdus.jnj.com) is living in New Jersey and still working for Cordus. She traveled to Paris, France, with classmates **Vera Kim**, MS M '98, and **Cherilyn Nadal**. Mira has also seen **Kate Yannitte '98** and **Kristen Forkeutis**. **Ryan Zimmerman** (rzimmer3@csc.com) was working for Computer Sciences Corp. and transferred from their West Orange, NJ, office to their Philadelphia, PA, office. He's traveled quite a bit, managed to keep his band together (visit [www.bucketweb.com](http://www.bucketweb.com) for info), and kept up with **Charles Spaziani**, **Jason Garlock**, **Marty McNamara '99**, **Don Yorkman '99**, **Joe Scheeline '99**, and **Chris Kalb '98**.

After teaching third and fourth grades in Houston, TX, through Teach for America, **Jonathan Larsen** (jpl6@waus.net) worked as a business services manager for Edison Schools Inc., a school management company, where he handled all of the business affairs of Wyatt-Edison Charter School in Denver. **Sarah Musher** (sem9@cornell.edu) returned to Washington, DC, after spending nine months at the U. of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She's finished two national fellowships with Hillel, works for the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and has seen **Jennifer Lagnado '96**, **MAT '97**, **Elina Zaretsky '98**, **Sarah Miller '98**, and classmate **Marc Tuckman**. **Stephen Dewey** (std3@cornell.edu) earlier this year said he had accepted a position with Raytheon in Sudbury, MA, and was relocating to Boston. **Jakub Rozga**, MS C '98, (jrozga@aol.com) relocated to Procter & Gamble's plant in Lima, OH, which he confirms stands for "Lost in Middle America." He took a four-week vacation in Puerto Rico. **Sean Cutler** (scutler@telution.com) said in January that he left PricewaterhouseCoopers after two years to join Telution LLC in Chicago, a software provider serving the telecom industry.

In March **David Zizmor** (dazizmor@aol.com) said he was keeping busy working for four different radio stations, including Alice Radio, KCBS-AM, KEST-AM, and KSJX-AM. He's also done freelance on-air work for the Sportsfan radio network and ESPN radio. David reports **Ian McLeod**, MS CS '98, and

## “I'm only 1 km from the water pump and the latrine is just outside!”

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for public art work entitled "King Museum Mile." **Kerry A. Duffy '95** was the maid of honor at her sister's June 2000 wedding in Somerville, NJ. Bride **Lois Duffy '92** and Rutgers U. alum Christopher Castellano celebrated their wedding with **Diana G. Fox**, **Dominique M. Lazanski**, **V. Marie Rodriguez**, **Stacy Morrison Sefcik '95**, **Mary Alice Lee '95**, and **Loren Sparling '95**. I attended this wedding but I can't remember anything that happened after Kerry pushed me aside to catch the bouquet! Congratulations to all the happy couples. May your marital bliss inspire your single friends to drown their sorrows in a pint of Chubby Hubby.

**Mion**, **Zinn**, **MacPeak & Seas**, a Washington, DC, law firm specializing in patent law, and will start this fall after finishing law school in Chicago. **Jill Dash** planned to work at Washington, DC's Akin, Gump, Strauss, Haver and Feld after finishing Duke Law School last spring. She's seen **Dilpreet Chowdhry**, **Carrie Coberly**, **Suchi Sanagavarapu**, **Eric Beveridge**, and **Loren Sparling '95**, and attended the August 1999 wedding of **Kerstin (Johnson)**, MS Ag '98, and **Indy Mukerji '95**, MS Ag '96, where she visited with **I-sah Hsieh**, **Grace Hsu**, **Brad Corrión**, bridesmaid **Bindiya Patel**, and **Jeff Tompkins**, a Marshall Scholar studying at Oxford. **Steven**



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**Cammie (Olsen)** got married last October and relocated to Silicon Valley, where Ian works for VA Linux and Cammie for 3Com. In Jackson Hole, Wyoming, **Steve Hansen** (stevhansen@aol.com) is fulfilling his lifelong dream to be a ski bum by working as a ski instructor. Steve plans to travel to Australia to teach skiing during their winter, and expects to go back to school someday, but for now, he writes, "countless days of knee-deep powder will suit me just fine." Speaking of weddings, here's the latest scoop: **Sonya Lee '96** shared news of the Apr. 1, '00 wedding of **Danielle Teachout** and **Geoffrey Uy '96** in St. Louis. After collecting her JD from Washington U. law school in May, Danielle planned to clerk for the chief judge of the Eastern District of Missouri, while Geoff finishes med school at Washington U. Cornellians attending included **Douglas "Tex" Humphrey '96**, **Joe Doyle '96**, **Steve Ewer '96**, **Sudip Bose '95**, **Tom Bartnikas '96**, **Sharon Hartnett Ricart '93**, **Scott Goldsmith '96**, **JD '99**, **Angie Datta**, **Marnie McGranahan**, **S. Margot Koschier**, **Danielle Girard Kraus '92**, and **Amanda Marlowe Subbarao '86**.

**Lee Ann Giangrasso Schwartz** (lee.ann.schwartz@us.pucglobal.com) married high school sweetheart Adam Schwartz at the Harbor Club on Long Island in September 1999; bridesmaids included **Lee Weiss '96**, **Rachel Weisberg Mears '96**, and **Cindy Jarom '98**. **Tom Aitchison**, MPS Ag '99, **Brian Vance**, **Jessica Becker**, **Michael Cooperman**, MS Eng '99, and **Debbie Kemp '94** were in attendance, as were several Delta Phi Epsilon sisters, including **Jenn Halsey**, **Kristi Snyder**, **Kathryn Krase**, **Kelly Belnick**, **Amy Monti '98**, **Amy Snyder '98**, **Sharon Malinak '98**, **Dana Lesniak '98**, **Karen Viechnicki '98**, **Amie Uhrynowski '98**, **Jeanne Devine '99**, **Taryn Smith '99**, **Diana Jensen '99**, and **Jill Ausiello '99**. Also in September 1999, **Dea Good Webb** (dead.l.webb@boeing.com) got married and **Diana Mitro** served as maid of honor. Dea has since bought her first house in Washington. **Heidi (Straub)** (hlh67@aol.com) married **Nathan Henderson '96** in San Diego in July 1999. About 50 Cornellians attended, and **Liz Healy '98** and **Erin Hoese Baehr '93** were bridesmaids. **J. P. Chaîne '96** and **Matt Stanton '96**, ME C '97, were groomsmen, as were **Eric Andersen '96** and **Mark Gelston '96**, who were in absentia due to military commitments. Heidi biked from San Diego to Long Island with **Carly Ferguson** and **Sandra Sirota**, left the corporate world and started teaching fourth grade in California public schools last year. **Lisa Cinnamon Freire** (L4spcy@cs.com) got married in December 1999 and has worked in the Washington, DC-Baltimore-Northern Virginia area as a restaurant/food services manager. Lisa has kept in touch with **Tania Condon**, **Terrie-Ann Welch**, **Nana Fujise**, and **Sam Unglo**, who Lisa notes is running marathons. ♦ **Erica Broennle**, 425 N. First St., #1, Charlottesville, VA 22903 ejb4@cornell.edu. Class website: www.classof97.cornell.edu.

Expect to be in Ithaca during the second week of June in the year 2003 for our 5th Reunion because it's going to be a blast. I was fortunate enough to "work" Cornell Reunion this year, which consisted of pouring beer and talking with happy alumni. The class of 1995 was having a great time, and I'm looking forward to seeing you all in three short years.

By the time we meet for our 5th Reunion, there will be plenty of doctors and lawyers in the class. **Nancy Becker** wrote from New York, where she is studying law at Fordham U. **Matthew Semino** is also studying law in New York, at Columbia law school. **Alisa Greenstein** and **Karsie Kish** are at UPenn Law School, **Wendy Fiel** just finished her first year at Tulane Law School, and **David Sausen** is in his second year at Cornell Law.

We have several classmates studying medicine as well. **Heather Lin** is a second-year medical student at SUNY Upstate Medical U., as are **Matthew "Casey" Becker** and **Sam Blueuz**. **Julie Stein** finished her second year at the U. of Connecticut in Farmington this past spring. **Carrie Golden** is at the U. of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in southern Maine, and **Michelle Kim** is studying in our nation's capital at George Washington U. **Jamileh Jemison** reports that she received an MS in biology, is teaching at the Lawrenceville School, and going to med school next year. "Ironically enough," she writes about Lawrenceville, "another Big Red." Finally, **Dominic Cirillo** is attending the U. of Iowa in the fall for an MD/PhD program. Good luck!

Other graduate degree seekers include **Jennifer Woodard**, who is studying movements of suburban deer at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. **Anne Sperling** is in her first year of a Neuroscience PhD program at USC, and she reports that **Rebecca (Kaiser)** married **Marty Handwerker '97** and they are living in Palo Alto. Congrats! **Amy Griffin** is at George Washington U. school of public health and health services studying for a master's in health services administration. **Elizabeth Germano** graduated from the U. of Mississippi with a master's in biology in May, and **Anyeley Dzegede** just finished her master's in City Planning at MIT. **Sandra Irlen** is still working on her PhD at UCLA, and is the personal research assistant to the dean of the School of Education. Good work! **Kim McMunn** is working on a master's in Animal Science in NJ, **Ann McGovern** is getting a master's of architecture at the U. of New Mexico, and **Amy Hargrave** is at Cornell getting a master's in ILR. **Jennifer Emerling** is getting a master's in speech communication from Colorado State U., and **Jillian Pagano** is in Gainesville, FL, at the U. of Florida college of veterinary medicine. Keep up the good work!

**Juan Felipe Rincon** writes that in the last year he "did the Washington, DC, AIDS ride (310 miles on a bike), joined a choir, changed jobs, and visited Ithaca too many times."

**Raeanna Cranbourne** spent this past Christmas holiday traveling around Thailand, and **Eric Krawczyk** is playing and coaching football in the American Football in Deutschland Federation (AMVD) for the Russelheim Razorbacks. FUN! He is also working part-time, teaching informal/business English to German businesswomen and men.

As usual, it is great to hear from all of you. Keep writing! ♦ **Molly Darnieder**, Cornell U., 114 Day Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853; tel., (607) 255-7419; e-mail, mbd4@cornell.edu; and **Anna Sise**, E. Surry Rd., Keene, NH 03431; e-mail, srs12@cornell.edu.

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Since I joined the Gore Presidential Campaign last fall, logging over 40K miles from DC to LA to Boston to Nashville to Miami to Des Moines, IA, people constantly ask for insider gossip. Example: Who's Gore's choice for vice president? So, when Al asked me himself, I'd already narrowed it down: Bill Clinton, David Hasselhoff and Pamela Anderson (tied), Tom Green, and Nick Carter of the Backstreet Boys.

1) Bill Clinton. Name recognition. Cornell '99ers know what that's all about. The eternally-impressive **Melanie Acostavalle** now works for the World Bank in DC on the World Organization Program, connecting students in developing countries to the Internet. Another name to keep in mind: **Suzanne Proctor**. While working towards a master's in public health at Emory, Suzie can be found within the halls of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta. After one year at the Federal Reserve Bank of NY, National Science Foundation Fellow **Rema Hanna** just began her journey into Econ PhD-dom at MIT. In Officer Candidate School, **Carrie Deshaies** endured Army basic training in Ft. Benning, GA. This, after winning a gold medal at last summer's Empire State Games playing rugby with **Kelly Flynn '00** and **Susan Van de Mark '00**. Another rising star, **Michael Shannon** was anointed "Notre Dame Law School Scholar" after a year in South Bend, IN. He's just returned from a summer law program in London. Which leads me to my second pick(s).

2) The dynamic "Baywatch" duo. With airwaves in over 76 countries worldwide (I checked), who better to facilitate international relations? I wonder if David or Pamela Lee has bumped into **Katherine White**, one of our talented Fulbright Scholars, finishing up work in Paris, France, in a language acquisition lab at the *École Des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales*. Or **Eve Moscato**, who returned to the continent, in the name of med school, after studying her share of languages and architecture in Bologna, Italy. **Maureen Ryan** is now stationed in Germany after attending the Army's Officer Basic Course in Ft. Lee, VA. **Jennifer Ose-MacDonald** partook in a little international relations herself as a white-water rafting guide in the Dominican Republic, while doubling as a math teacher (in Spanish) to orphan children. She now investment banks in San Francisco with her Bay island housemate **Kelli Bab-**



**inecz '98.** The forever fun **Jess Klement**, who shares stories of candlelit nights with no electricity and Senegalese music sessions, is still in Guineau, West Africa (yes, a country which gets "Baywatch"), teaching math with the Peace Corps. Jessica says: "I'm only 1km from the water pump and the latrine is just outside!" Lucky, lucky girl. **Kelly Newman** also offers her services to the Peace Corps in Khabasvsk, Russia. My former Eddy Street apartment-mate **Sumreen Mirza** (the truck-driving Bostonian with CA vanity plates) is taking a Tufts Fletcher School hiatus to study Urdu in Pakistan through a program with the Defense Department. And **Melana Sacharny** Rakita writes to tell us of her honeymoon in Spain: the law student and her not-yet-American med school husband were detained in DC on their return trip to the states. With a year of legal studies under her belt and the Ivy connection, Melana brilliantly decided to ring Attorney General **Janet Reno '60**, whose staff offered a helpful hand! And, speaking of Ithaca grads...

3) Tom Green. Wait a sec, I'm not so sure I buy the whole "University of Ithaca" thing in the movie *Roadtrip*. I do admire the whole tour-guide premise, however. But come on, Tom Green is SO cool. Much like **Liz Arguelles**. Liz is now a party planner to the stars in New York City, busting a move with some of the jiggiest in the music business. Her wackiest experience, she recounts, is when a co-worker mistook a rock star for the long-overdue lunch delivery guy. Where's my refund? I demand my burritos! Yikes. **Jack Woei-Jie Chiu** owes his engineering consulting job at Arion Systems in Herndon, VA, to the Big Red Double-E department. He credits Intro to Wines, too: "The wines course only helped propel my professional experience." When not wining, dining, and telecommunicating, Jack spends time with Cornellians **Phil Oh**, ME M '00, and **Kenny Zee '98**. I

Montham Air Force Base in Tucson, AZ, after an extensive roadtrip of her own. Come to think of it, isn't Tom Green Canadian?

4) That brings me to Nick Carter of the BSB. Okay, so I don't know his politics. But the little girls who have me on their listserv (how'd they know?) have power. Enough to win the presidency? I wonder. Be in touch '99ers, and don't forget to vote! ♦ **Jess Smith**, 641 E. Tropical Way, Plantation, FL 33317; e-mail, jesssmith99@excite.com; **Melanie Arzt**, 47 Paulina St., Apt #2, Somerville, MA 02144; e-mail, snoopymel@hotmail.com; and **Jennifer Sheldon**, 91 Kinnaird St., Apt #2, Cambridge, MA 02139; e-mail, jls33@cornell.edu.



"Don't you love the fall? It makes me want to go out and buy school supplies. And if I knew all of your addresses, I would send you each a bouquet of freshly sharpened pencils." This quote was taken from the movie *You've Got Mail*. No comparison to *Sleepless in Seattle*, but I still love Meg Ryan.

Anyway, it IS September and some of our classmates ARE out there buying notebooks, pens, and pencils for their first years at graduate school, medical school, law school, and veterinary school. So let's take a look at all those in continuing education. **Becky Avrin** is attending Iowa State U. in order to receive a PhD in biomechanics and athletic performance, while **Jim Lebre**t is abroad in Denmark spending a Fulbright year studying spinal cord physiology (or as he says, "getting lab animals high"). **Judy Seltzer**, our own alumni class secretary/treasurer, and **Jessica Thornton** are fulfilling their dreams to save the animals at the Royal Veterinary College at London U. And kudos go to **Andrew Barbera** for receiving a full scholarship to Harvard U. He will be doing graduate work in the biochemistry field.

And remember all those people in the

Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. However, many have chosen to stay in the New York area to study their gross anatomy, such as **Evan Grossman**, who has joined his brother, **Craig Grossman '97**, up in SUNY Health Science Center at Syracuse. Make room, Craig, there's going to be one more doctor in the family! Meanwhile, **Mark Goldman** is studying hard to get through that first year at SUNY Downstate in Brooklyn. And as for my favorite future doctor, **Scott L. Weiss** is staying true to his alma mater by attending Cornell's Medical School in Manhattan. He left his undergraduate years as the valedictorian of the College of Human Ecology, as well as the recipient of the Merrill Presidential Scholarship and the Robinson-Appel Award. I am sure that this is not the end of Scott's stream of accomplishments, and that he will continue with his success throughout medical school.

Whew! Put all those people together and that's a lot of years at school! But there are some who didn't even get a summer break and entered the "real world" as early as June to begin their new careers. **Megan Renfrew** is currently a campus organizer for the Feminist Majority Foundation. She is living in the Washington, DC, area and will be traveling to campuses ten weeks out of the year. Over in St. Louis, MO, **Charlotte Lewis** is working for Procter & Gamble in the Cascade Manufacturing Division. And the members of the band LFO aren't the only people who "like girls that wear Abercrombie & Fitch." Cornellians **Julie Hundert**, **Justin Flowers**, **Janel Fung**, **Benita Gateman**, and **Justin Matthews** are all working for the famous clothing company (A&F) this year. Currently traveling across Europe and working in London for six months, **Tatiana Kazdoba** plans on returning to the East Coast to work full time. **Sarah Fogelman** is putting her food science degree and biochemistry background to great use as a product developer at Kraft Foods, and **Kristin Schnabel** is doing Web design in Chicago. **Matt Varble** has moved to Decatur, IL, where he is a corporate labor relations manager for Archer Daniels Midland Corp. Wow, that's a mouthful!

Many class officers are also beginning new jobs around the country. **Kim Melson**, events co-chair, is in Chicago working for Andersen Consulting. **Barrett Yates**, campaign vice chair, and **Andrea Wasserman**, events co-chair, are in New York City at Merrill Lynch. But there is one alumnus who has made a different transition to the "real world." **Phil Ballard** was commissioned as a US Naval Officer on May 27, '00. He is currently spending six months at the Surface Warfare Officer School in Newport, RI, for training. Then Phil will assume junior officer duties aboard the USS *Simpson 56*, a frigate based in Norfolk, VA.

Now, I would like to acknowledge all my fellow Thetas out there! **Ryen Dy** is out in Phoenix for the next two years, giving her time, patience, and wonderful teaching skills to the Teach for America program. And while **Meg Cavanaugh** is discovering the wonders of Africa, **Sue Heter** is becoming

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ANDREA CHAN '00

was delighted to find the nameplate on the door of **Sarah Berger** here at the Democratic Convention in LA. She coordinates service projects—neighborhood beautification, feeding the homeless, reading to inner-city kids—for staff and Convention delegates. Appropriately, the American studies major just finished the Coro Fellows Program in Public Affairs. **Karl Kamm**'s bio is impressive: he works at a residential treatment center for emotionally disturbed children, he drives an EMT ambulance, and he guides fly-fishing in Golden, CO. And then there's 2nd Lt. **Caroline Bower**, now a weather forecaster at Davis-

stacks of Uris cramming for orgo and physics? Well, now those pre-meds are finally entering the world of medicine. First, I would like to give a shout out to a young woman who gave up the chance to be on MTV's "The Real World/Road Rules" in order to become a great researcher and physician. Yes, the bubbly, bouncy-haired **Stacey Trotter** is attending the U. of Virginia to earn a combined MD/PhD in neurosurgery/neuroscience. She also received a fellowship from the NIH in support of the Medical Scientist Training Program. **Jeff Kozlow**'s "calendar" will certainly be full, as he is spending the next four years at



an E-savvy businesswoman, consulting in Chicago for a company called marchFirst. Furthermore, **Erica Allgyer** is in Newark, NJ, doing financial planning for Prudential. **Kent Davis-Packard** spent the summer writing for the *Christian Science Monitor*, but will be in Paris getting her master's degree in French literature beginning in October. And last but not least, **Kathleen Barr** has relocated to Boston to be a campus organizer for Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group (MassPIRG). Kat will be organizing students and community members in public interest political campaigns, environmental protection, consumer and democracy rights, and education and public health, as well as overseeing an internship where students research and organize on their own issues. Good luck, girls, and much Theta love!

Finally, let's see what my former housemates, the ladies of 132 College Ave., are up to these days. **Julie Rodriguez** is living it up in Manhattan as she attends New York U.'s Wagner School for Public Service. Her concentration is health policy and management. Julie was also awarded a public service scholarship due to her numerous achievements at Cornell. **Heather Harkulich** is beginning her first year at the U. of Pennsylvania law school. She spent the summer up in Ithaca and got the chance to meet Hillary Clinton on our own Ithaca Commons! And although shaking the hand of the First Lady was the highlight of her day, Heather admits that she didn't mind meeting all of Hillary's secret service agents! As for the other three, I see scrubs and stethoscopes in their futures. **Linda Nicoll** spent the summer sharing her wisdom and knowledge with pre-med students on Long Island as a Kaplan MCAT instructor. Now she furthers her own medical education at SUNY Downstate in Brooklyn. **Kim Case** has flown back to her homeland and is a medical student at Texas Tech U. Health Sciences Center in Lubbock, TX. She will then spend her third and fourth year in El Paso. Although Kim is happy to be back with the cacti and tumbleweed, her friends on the East sure do miss that Texan's chili!

Lastly, **Waina Cheng** is on her way to the ER as she studies at Mount Sinai Medical School in Manhattan. After organizing her four-bedroom apartment and figuring out how to fit all her clothes in her tiny closet, this city girl plans on hitting the club scene and making the most of her time in NYC! And as for me, **Andrea Chan**, I will be consulting for American Express Financial Advisors. While mostly helping individuals and businesses with their investment and estate planning, I will also be advising on retirement, insurance, income tax, etc. It's amazing what one can do with a biology and society major from Human Ecology!

As for class events, I did go on the Cornell Club's Twilight Cruise around Manhattan this past June. It was really nice seeing all the graduated seniors who were going to be in NYC. Moreover, there were many older alumni in attendance. If you have a Cornell event in your area, be sure to tell us about it. And re-

member: You, too, can be famous! You, too, can have your name in print! It's really easy. Just e-mail or write to me or Sarah, and we will make sure that you appear in an upcoming issue of *Cornell Magazine*. Good luck, my friends, and keep in touch! ♦ **Andrea Chan**, 5 Rozlyn Ct., Eatontown, NJ 07724; e-mail, amc32@cornell.edu; and **Sarah Striffler**, 180 Jonathan Rd., New Canaan, CT 06840; tel., (203) 966-5790; e-mail, sjs34@cornell.edu.



Reunion 2000 is history! Alumni from classes ending in "0" or "5" and their guests joined together for friendship, fun, and beautiful weather on June 8-11! Over 300 people gathered at the ever-popular CVM All-Alumni Barbecue on Friday evening. This annual Reunion event is held on the racetrack at Cornell's picturesque Equine Research Park among pastures with horses and foals. Other events included a welcome reception, breakfasts, class picnics, learning opportunities, tours of the College, this year's annual Alumni Association speaker (**R. Reed Stevens '85**, DVM '00), and many other College/University happenings. The weekend culminated with memorable CVM class dinners on Saturday evening. "CU" at your next reunion! Reunion 2001 is June 7-10.

Reunion News: Oldest Registered DVM Alumni: **Tevis Goldhaft**, DVM '35, and **Harry Goldwasser**, DVM '35. The youngest Reunion attendee we saw was the 8-week-old daughter of Drs. **Joe Wilder** and **Chris Schweizer**, both DVM '90. Fifty-nine percent of the DVM Class of 1950 returned for their 50th Reunion! The DVM class of 1990 had the greatest number of alumni return—25—and their class picture looks great! **Robert J. Harris**, DVM '50, traveled the furthest to join the celebration—all the way from Turlock, CA (2,812 miles from Ithaca), and the only international alumna to register for Reunion was **Tracy Ward**, DVM '90, from Alberta, Canada. The DVM Class of 1975 won the Dean's Cup for the highest participation in the Annual Fund, with 42 percent participation as of Reunion weekend.

During Reunion, **Simeon Ross**, DVM '50, wrote, "This has been a wonderful life for me. And now it is time to repay this wonderful world. I do trail maintenance to keep hiking trails open and enjoyable for everyone, and work part-time on a boat that takes school children out to teach them about the waters around us. I also do a lot of gardening, mostly vegetables, lots of dancing, and woodworking, and I can olives."

**Holly Reid**, DVM '95, says she had a wonderful time during Reunion (well-planned events and good food) and will be working with other classmates who attended to get a great turnout for the 10th Reunion in 2005! **Jeff M. Kramer**, DVM '80, participated in the University Reunion Run during the weekend. He completed the 5-mile run in 48 minutes, 2 seconds. Congratulations! Dr. Kramer came to Reunion with his family (who loved the experience), including 6-year-old daughter Becky who will be in the CVM class of 2015!

After Reunion, **Ralph Schoemann**, DVM '65, e-mailed, "I want to thank you for organizing a marvelous weekend. This was the best Reunion I have ever attended. Everyone I met at the Veterinary College—students, staff, and faculty—made me feel welcome, and also good about the state of veterinary education at Cornell. I had a lot of fun with my classmates and many nostalgic moments walking around campus. A first for me, I climbed up the bell tower, watched a concert, and had a great view. I am getting in touch with the people on my list and will tell them what they missed and make sure they come for our next reunion. Thanks again."

During his 50th Reunion class dinner at the A. D. White House on Saturday evening, **Stewart Rockwell**, DVM '50, mentioned how much he appreciated the time that Carol Collyer, director of equine services, and Christine Schweizer spent with him that morning at the Equine Research Park. Dr. Rockwell said he "couldn't have gotten a better education by attending a continuing education course!" He was totally impressed with the work going on in pregnancy checking and breeding and enjoyed looking at ultrasound images and talking about modern procedures in equine breeding with Carol and Dr. Schweizer.

Other News: **Joe Impellizzeri**, DVM '94, has taken an oncology residency position at the U. of Illinois. **Tara S. Rabuffo**, DVM '97, and **Fernando Efrain Motta**, DVM '97, were married in July of 1998. They purchased a new home in Atglen, PA, shortly thereafter. Tara is currently a large animal surgery resident at the U. of Penn. From June 1997 to June 1998 she was an intern at the Mid-Atlantic Equine Medical Center. **Polly Sisson Fleckenstein**, DVM '93, MS Ag '94, writes that she and husband **Larry '86** have moved to his grandparents' 350-acre farm, which has been mostly idle for 20 years. They are planning on growing hay and trees and producing maple syrup. In her spare time, Dr. Fleckenstein works part-time in a small animal practice just north of Syracuse, NY, with **Sandy Young**, DVM '93. They commute once a week to Massachusetts to see acupuncture patients and do a night of emergency and critical care. She reports that "Jack and Dan" are well!

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**'21 BS HE—Dorothy Guernsey** Langworthy (Mrs. Virgil B.) of Elmira, NY, exact date unknown.

**'22 DVM—Clarence R. Roberts** of Roanoke, VA, December 1, 1999; retired president/CEO, Sealtest Foods; active in alumni affairs.

**'23—Sylvia Muller Hartell** (Mrs. John A. '24) of Ithaca, NY, January 13, 2000. Alpha Phi.

**'24 CE—Frank L. Thompson** of Silver Spring, MD, January 2000; retired president/CEO, Money Management Service, Jamaica, NY.

**'25 BA—Walter E. Eels** of Walton, NY, January 20, 2000; retired physician; owner, Smith Hospital; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs.

**'25 CE—William S. Louchheim** of Beverly Hills, CA, January 5, 2000; active in alumni affairs.

**'25—Herrick Osborne** of Warrensburg, NY, exact date unknown.

**'26 BA—Robert B. Aird** of Mill Valley, CA, January 28, 2000; founder, Dept. of Neurology, UC-San Francisco; former president, Deep Springs College; active in professional affairs.

**'26—Theodore W. Hakes** of Lyndonville, NY, December 4, 1999; retired livestock farmer.

**'26 BA—Hope Cushman Stillwell** (Mrs. Charles W. '22) of Westborough, MA, formerly of Framingham, December 9, 1999; active in community and religious affairs. Kappa Alpha Theta.

**'27, EE '29—Walter Muir** of Salem, VA, December 29, 1999; retired electrical design engineer, General Electric Co.; active in community affairs.

**'28 BA, MD '31—Alvin R. Carpenter** of Vestal, NY, formerly of Binghamton, January 24, 2000; active in alumni affairs. Kappa Delta Rho.

**'29 ME—Earl C. Clark Jr.** of Holland, PA, formerly of Oradell, January 11, 2000; retired director of engineering, Air Reduction Co., New York City; active in community affairs. Kappa Alpha.

**'29 MD—Dominic A. Desanto** of La Jolla, CA, January 8, 2000; retired pathologist, Mercy Hospital, San Diego; veteran; active in pro-

fessional affairs.

**'29—Archie M. Johnston** of Robinson, IL, October 24, 1999; former district engineer, Marathon Oil Co. Delta Tau Delta.

**'30 EE—Charles Breen** of Seneca, SC, formerly of San Jose, CA, December 25, 1999; retired electrical engineer, Lucent Technologies. Delta Chi.

**'30 PhD—Leaman A. Dye** of Charleston, SC, December 4, 1999; retired professor, The Citadel; active in professional and religious affairs.

**'30 BS HE—Caroline Chadwick Russell** (Mrs. George C.) of Casper, WY, January 18, 2000.

**'31 BA, MD '34—Leroy H. Wardner** of Lake Ridge, VA, formerly of West Hartford, and Saranac Lake, NY, January 7, 2000; retired obstetrician/gynecologist, Hartford Hospital, Hartford, CT; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Lambda Chi Alpha.

**'31 BA—Eleanor Eggleton Way** (Mrs. John H. '29) of Sherrill, NY, December 31, 1999. Kappa Alpha Theta.

**'32 MS, PhD '36—Theodora Cope Gray** (Mrs. Philip H.) of Dimock, PA, January 15, 2000; nature writer.

**'32 MA—Andrew B. Lawson** of Williamsport, PA, exact date unknown.

**'33—Ida Haswell Cook** (Mrs. David B.) of Albany, NY, November 24, 1999.

**'33 PhD—Elizabeth B. Drewry** of Gaithersburg, MD, January 5, 2000; retired director, Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, Hyde Park, NY; active in community affairs.

**'33 BA—Raymond J. Grant** of Dover, NJ, December 26, 1998; physician; active in community and religious affairs.

**'33 BS HE—Helen Burritt Latif** (Mrs. Alma) of Dehra Dun, India, December 31, 1999. Kappa Alpha Theta.

**'33 CE—David H. McKinley** of Rochester, NY, June 6, 1999. Sigma Phi Epsilon.

**'34, CE '35—Gerow D. Brill** of Canterbury, NH, December 19, 1999. Lambda Chi Alpha.

**'34 ME—Lloyd Bradford Lovitt Jr.** of Germantown, TN, December 6, 1999; real estate developer, Lovitt Co. Realtors, Mem-

phis; veteran; active in professional and alumni affairs. Alpha Delta Phi.

**'34—Robert J. Tallman** of Sennett, NY, January 19, 2000; retired institutional farm advisor, NY State Dept. of Agriculture.

**'35 BA—Louise Barlow Ackerman** of New Orleans, LA, exact date unknown.

**'35 BS HE—Olive Calkins Dubiel** of Leesburg, FL, November 4, 1999; retired teacher; active in alumni affairs. Husband, Edward A. Dubiel '40.

**'35 BS HE, MS '36—Stella Gould Fales** (Mrs. David B., MS Ag '44) of Sarasota, FL, January 19, 2000; retired 4-H agent, New York State Cooperative Extension Service; active in community and alumni affairs.

**'35—Esmond W. Gifford** of Millbrook, NY, exact date unknown.

**'35 BS HE—Jean Maloney Jenkins** of Phoenix, AZ, December 15, 1999. Alpha Omicron Pi.

**'35 BS HE—Celestine M. Latus** of Sidney, NY, June 20, 1999.

**'35—William E. Lawson** of Syracuse, NY, exact date unknown; mechanic, Central NY Coach Lines.

**'35, BS Ag '36—Daniel Lind** of Naples, FL, exact date unknown; retired real estate agent, Dan Lind & Sons Co., Inc.; active in alumni affairs.

**'35 BS Ag—Audrey Harkness O'Connor** of Ithaca, NY, December 29, 1999; active in alumni affairs.

**'35 BS HE—Constance Sheedy Powers** (Mrs. Martin T.) San Diego, CA, exact date unknown; active in alumni affairs. Kappa Kappa Gamma.

**'36 BA—Harry Jay Herbst Jr.** of Avenel, NJ, formerly of Vero Beach, FL, November 21, 1998. Phi Kappa Psi.

**'36 BS Ag, MS '38, PhD '40—Robert F. Holland** of Ithaca, NY, formerly of Trumansburg, January 16, 2000; retired professor, Cornell University; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Alpha Gamma Rho.

**'36—Howard S. Mather** of Ballston Spa, NY, May 21, 1999; retired consultant. Kappa Delta Rho.

**'36 BA—Jerome Rakov** of Delray Beach, FL, December 3, 1999; retired dentist. Sigma Alpha Mu.

**'37 BS AE—Norman V. Amorosi** of LaGrange, NY, formerly of Shrub Oak, December 19, 1999; retired engineer, Niagara



Blower Co., New York City; active in religious affairs.

**'37 BS Ag—William W. Ballagh** of North Rose, NY, formerly of Lowville, January 11, 2000; farmer; retired agricultural advisor, Dept. of State; active in community affairs. Cayuga Lodge.

**'37 BS Ag—Charles A. Clark** of Binghamton, NY, January 30, 2000; organic chemist, Ansco/GAF/Anitec; active in professional affairs. Alpha Zeta. Wife, Helen (Harding) '36.

**'37 BS HE—Margaret Chase Johnson** (Mrs. Robert E., LLB '35) of Brooklin, ME, formerly of Weston, CT, January 20, 2000; former president, New York Association of Day Nurseries; active in community affairs.

**'37 PhD—Alton A. Lindsey** of Tulsa, OK, formerly of Lafayette, December 19, 1999; emeritus professor, Purdue University; active in professional affairs.

**'37 BA, JD '40—Richard C. Lounsberry** of Owego, NY, January 30, 2000; former Tioga County Assemblyman; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Kappa Sigma.

**'37 ME—Robert H. McKane** of Aiken, SC, formerly of Charleston, WV, January 30, 2000; veteran.

**'37 BS AE M—Charles Y. Neff** of Pepper Pike, OH, formerly of Lantana, FL, exact date unknown; president, C.Y. Neff Consultants, Inc.; active in alumni affairs. Alpha Delta Phi.

**'37 BS Ag—C. Hubert Vail** of Ithaca, NY, and Venice, FL, January 10, 2000; retired partner, Vail's Grove, Inc.; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Delta Sigma Phi. Wife, Charlotte (Dredger) '35.

**'37 ME—Gerald S. White** of Devon, PA, exact date unknown; retired sales manager, Babcock & Wilcox Co. Sigma Chi.

**'38 BA, MA '39—Marvin M. Graham** of Naples, FL, formerly of Pikesville, MD, June 30, 1998; retired dentist. Alpha Epsilon Pi.

**'38 BS Ag—William D. Hamrick** of San Antonio, TX, exact date unknown.

**'38—John A. Letherland** of Fort Pierce, FL, December 8, 1999; veteran. Delta Tau Delta.

**'38, BA '39—James E. McCauley** of Dundee, NY, June 30, 1999. Delta Chi.

**'38 BS Ag—Leslie S. Nichols** of Riverdale, MD, January 10, 2000; retired director, international 4-H youth exchange program; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Alpha Zeta. Wife, Esther (Smith) '40.

**'38 BS Ag—James C. Otis Jr.** of

Germantown, MD, November 1999.

**'38 BA—John S. Riggs** of Jupiter, FL, formerly of Elmira, NY, December 10, 1999; member, New York Bar; former owner, radio stations WELM, Elmira, WHAM, Rochester; active in community affairs. Alpha Delta Phi.

**'38 PhD—Harold F. Spencer** of Etna, CA, January 24, 2000; former dean, Whittier College, retired vice president, Cal State Northridge; active in community affairs.

**'39 BA—Ruth Woolsey Findley** of Rumford, RI, January 31, 2000; artist; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs. Husband, William N. Findley, MS Eng '39.

**'39, BS HE '60—Barbara Kilborn Johnson** (Mrs. Hubert N.) of Clayton, NY, January 28, 2000; retired teacher, Thousand Islands High School.

**'39 BA—Carolyn Goldstein Schwartz** (Mrs. Donald M.) of Rochester, NY, December 6, 1999; Alpha Epsilon Phi.

**'39 BS AE M—John P. Griffin** of Erie, PA, exact date unknown. Theta Xi.

**'39 ME—Henry L. Setz** of Austin, TX, November 1996. Sigma Pi.

**'39 EE—John W. Yetter** of Cherry Hills Village, CO, formerly of Englewood, January 12, 2000; retired vice president, Stone and Webster Engineering Co.; active in professional and alumni affairs. Sigma Chi. Wife, Claire (Herrick) '40.

**'40-41 Sp Ag—Irving A. Fraleigh** of Red Hook, NY, January 27, 2000; dairy farmer; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

**'40 BS Ag—Arnold E. Fredericksen** of Palatine Bridge, NY, exact date unknown.

**'40 PhD—Robert E. L. Greene** of Chapel Hill, NC, formerly of Gainesville, FL, October 9, 1999.

**'40-'41—Walter D. Hoffman** of Odessa, NY, December 17, 1999.

**'40, BS AE M '41—Dewitt C. Kiligas** of Wyckoff, NJ, exact date unknown; active in alumni affairs. Beta Theta Pi. Wife, Ruth (Dillenbeck) '42.

**'40 BS Ag—Vivian D. Linderman** of Ischue, NY, December 9, 1999. Alpha Gamma Rho.

**'40 BS Hotel—Robert D. Pickel** of Manchester, NJ, December 17, 1999; retired director of sales, Inter-Continental Hotels Corp.; veteran.

**'40 B Chem—Edward C. Richardson** of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Kenne-

bunkport, ME, January 19, 2000; retired vice president, sales and international marketing, Chemical Division, National Distillers and Chemicals; veteran; active in professional affairs.

**'40 MD—Carl J. Schmidlapp II** of Oyster Bay, NY, December 29, 1999; psychiatrist, Memorial Hospital, New York City; active in alumni affairs.

**'41 MA—David A. Avant Jr.** of Tallahassee, FL, January 22, 2000; writer/historian; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

**'41 BS HE—Betty Bloom Bachman** (Mrs. Bernard '38) of Coconut Creek, FL, exact date unknown.

**'41 MS—Harold F. Furber** of Exeter, NH, formerly of Wilmington, DE, exact date unknown. Delta Upsilon.

**'41-42 Sp Ag—Parran A. Gates** of Lake Katrine, NY, May 1, 1999. Sigma Phi Epsilon.

**'41 BA—William J. Murphy** of West Orange, NJ, exact date unknown. Psi Upsilon.

**'41 BS Hotel—Joseph L. Raub** of Groton, CT, exact date unknown; retired owner/operator, Raub's Hardware and Sporting Goods; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Alpha Phi Omega.

**'41 PhD—Nelson J. Shaulis** of Geneva, NY, January 15, 2000; active in alumni affairs.

**'41 BS Hotel—Kermit I. Whiteman** of Lincroft, NJ, formerly of Red Bank, December 28, 1999; retired accountant, Dupont, Parlin; veteran; active in community affairs. Pi Kappa Alpha.

**'41 BS Ag—Violet S. Yaxis** of Amityville, NY, exact date unknown. Husband, Alexander G. Yaxis '39.

**'42 BS Ag—O. Cleon Barber** of Binghamton, NY, January 7, 2000; former administrator, Broome County Cooperative Extension; representative, Broome County 10th District Legislature; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs.

**'42 PhD—C. Arthur Bratton** of Ithaca, NY, January 25, 2000; professor, Cornell University; active in alumni affairs. Alpha Zeta. Wife, Esther (Crew), PhD '49.

**'42 BA—A. Richard Heldt** of Anacortes, WA, October 12, 1999. Pi Kappa Alpha.

**'42-43—Michel A. Saad** of Austin, TX, and Roumieh El Matin, Lebanon, January 30, 2000; former associate professor, Johns Hopkins U.; former contracting engineer.

**'42 BS AE M—Francisco Zayas** of Key



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Biscayne, FL, exact date unknown.

'43 BA—**Alden B. Anderson** of Bronxville, NY, January 8, 2000.

'43, BA '47—**William E. Herrmann** of Lake Lure, NC, December 24, 1999; founder, Herrmann International; Theta Delta Chi.

'43 BS Ag, MS Ag '51—**Anthony F. Joy** of Fredonia, NY, December 17, 1999; retired teacher; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

'44, BS Ag '47—**Douglas R. Calsetta** of White Township, NJ, formerly of Indialantic, FL, and Clinton, NJ, December 26, 1999; retired research entomologist, Lehn & Fink, Montvale, NJ; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

'44-46—**Robert Bronson Holden** of Manhattan Beach, CA, exact date unknown. Wife, Marjorie (Halpern) '47.

'45, BEE '44—**Nicholas J. Markason** of Oakland, NJ, exact date unknown.

'45—**Sherman C. Meschter** of Santa Barbara, CA, April 13, 1999; retired physician, UC Santa Barbara Student Health Services. Sigma Phi Epsilon.

'45—**William R. Shimer Jr.** of Medford, NJ, December 13, 1999; co-founder, Shimer/vonCantz Advertising Agency, Philadelphia, PA; veteran.

'47 BA—**Emmett W. Louis** of Cortland, NY, December 28, 1999; retired president/CEO, A. Louis, Inc.; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Phi Epsilon Pi.

'47 BS ILR—**Robert W. Lutticken** of Longboat Key, FL, December 11, 1999; retired vice president, Brunswick Corp., Chicago, IL; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

'47, BS HE '46—**Linda M. Ward** of East Quogue, NY, December 1999.

'48 LLB—**James K. Baker** of Helena, AL, exact date unknown; attorney, Hare, Wynn, Newell & Newton, Birmingham, AL.

'48 BS HE—**Theodora Chirico** Demnitz of Morristown, NJ, December 7, 1999; therapist, Kohler Child Development Center; active in alumni affairs. Husband, Peter E. Demnitz '49.

'48 BME—**Walter F. Laun Jr.** of Cedar Rapids, IA, exact date unknown.

'48 BS Ag—**Donald M. Lins** of Tampa, FL, exact date unknown. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

'48 BA—**Richard H. Martens** of Melbourne Beach, FL, formerly of Port Richey, October 30, 1999.

'48 LLB—**Adam R. Palmer** of Scottsdale, AZ, December 25, 1999; veteran; retired town attorney, Tupper Lake, NY; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'48 BEE—**Robert H. Snider** of Fairport, NY, December 4, 1999; retired electrical engineer, Eastman Kodak; veteran. Acacia.

'49—**Esther Dorszynski Dziedzic** (Mrs. B. J.) of San Diego, CA, formerly of Rancho Bernardo, January 7, 2000; Assistant Dean of Women, University of California, Berkeley, and Cornell University.

'49 BA, MBA '50—**Robert R. Irwin**, exact date unknown.

'49 BS HE—**Miriam Leis Kaye** of Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, exact date unknown. Husband, Alvin Kaye '46.

'49 BME—**Allan E. Rasmussen** of Queensbury, NY, January 27, 2000; retired manager, Radar Mechanical Engineering; active in community and professional affairs.

'49 BME—**Roy R. Rothermel** of Upper St. Clair, PA, exact date unknown.

'49 BS HE—**Anne Lanzoni** Young of Temple Hills, MD, December 31, 1999; retired teacher, Prince George's County Public Schools; active in professional and religious affairs. Husband, Arthur F. Young '50.

'50 BA—**Bernard S. Babula** of Burlington, NJ, exact date unknown. Seal and Serpent.

'50 MS—**John E. Manger** of Bloomington, MN, July 1999.

'50 BA—**Richard R. Millan** of Wimberley, TX, December 19, 1999; retired attorney; veteran.

'50—**Brian C. Nevin** of Bradenton, FL, December 13, 1999; co-owner, Brianwood Sales Service; veteran; active in community and alumni affairs. Watermargin.

'51 BA—**Thomas I. Bean** of Chapel Hill, NC, exact date unknown. Phi Kappa Psi.

'51 PhD—**David R. McClay** of Durham, NC, formerly of State College, PA, January 19, 2000; retired professor, Penn State University; veteran; active in religious affairs.

'52 BS Ag—**Richard E. Eschler** of Owego, NY, December 26, 1999; retired farm management specialist, CTTs Area Dairy Team; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'52 BS Ag—**Edward G. Kratzer** of Baldwinsville, NY, January 17, 2000; former teacher; veteran.

'52 MRP—**Eric S. Lane** of Lakewood, OH, exact date unknown.



'52 LLB—**Thomas R. Short Jr.** of Chatham, NJ, exact date unknown; lawyer, Chubb and Son Inc..

'52, BCE '53—**Eric S. Siegfried** of Snyder, NY, January 10, 2000; retired executive vice president, Siegfried Construction Co.; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Delta Upsilon.

'53 MRP—**Kermit C. Parsons** of Freeville, NY, December 9, 1999; emeritus professor, Cornell University; former director, Cornell in Washington program; active in professional affairs.

'53—**Kathryn Sly Rowe** of Wilmette, IL, exact date unknown; active in alumni affairs. Husband, Royce G. Rowe Jr., LLB '52.

'53 BS Hotel—**Colvin R. Whitney** of Holmes Beach, FL, January 14, 2000; retired executive vice president, Burger Chef Systems, Inc.; veteran. Chi Psi.

'54 MS—**William R. Eblen** of Bronxville, NY, December 16, 1999; president, The Rene Dubos Center for the Human Environment.

'54-57—**Ada V. Felch** of Black Mountain, NC, January 31, 2000; retired chair, Home Economics Division, SUNY Cobleskill; active in community and religious affairs.

'55, BA '58—**Joseph P. Powers** of San Leandro, CA, December 28, 1999; retired lawyer.

'55—**Joseph J. Serafini Jr.** of Altamont, NY, December 17, 1999.

'56, BA '57—**Lawrence B. Caldwell** of Ithaca, NY, November 27, 1999; owner, Larry Caldwell Real Estate; active in community and professional affairs. Sigma Chi. Wife, Barbara (Hassan) '58.

'57, B Chem E '58, M CHE '59—**Jay L. Markley** of Reading, PA, May 1999; teacher, Downingtown High School. Alpha Phi Omega.

'57 BA—**Stuart A. Waltzman** of Weston, CT, January 2000; physician; veteran.

'58—**Marion Z. Meyers** of Kingston, NY, exact date unknown.

'58 BA—**David O. Ochs** of Tallahassee, FL, December 8, 1999; orthopedic surgeon; veteran; active in professional affairs. Phi Sigma Kappa.

'58 BA—**Faith Apfelbaum Sale** of New York City and Cold Spring, NY, December 8, 1999; vice president/senior executive editor, G. P. Putnam's Sons. Husband, J. Kirk Sale '58.

'60—**Marguerite Blomgren Ernstene** of

Flagstaff, AZ, November 18, 1999; consultant, Richard D. Phelps Associates; active in community affairs.

'60 BS Ag—**David W. Kitts** of Dayton, OH, November 25, 1999; contractor, Kitts Kreations. Alpha Zeta.

'61 PhD—**Margaret H. La Pray** of San Diego, CA, December 1, 1999; retired professor, San Diego State College; active in professional affairs.

'61 BA—**Ted W. Mihalisin** of Newtown Square, PA, exact date unknown. Delta Phi.

'61 BA—**Robert F. Moran** of Chicago, IL, formerly of Baltimore, MD, November 10, 1999; group sales director, Mass Mutual Life Insurance Co.; veteran. Phi Sigma Kappa.

'62 LLB—**George R. Parsons Jr.** of Rochester, NY, November 25, 1999; attorney, Nixon Hargrave Devans & Doyle; active in alumni affairs.

'62 BS Hotel—**Dieter K. Straube** of Matawan, NJ, exact date unknown; owner, Saxon Hotels Corp.

'63 BME—**M. Chris Riker** of Kalamazoo, MI, exact date unknown. Alpha Delta Phi.

'63-64—**John C. Swartz** of Washington, DC, January 17, 2000; independent investigative contractor, DEA and CIA; retired CIA operations officer; active in community affairs.

'64 MBA—**Joseph W. Fitzpatrick Jr.** of Hilton Head, SC, formerly of Norwalk, CT, exact date unknown; president/CEO, Wiltek, Inc.

'64 PhD—**Everett C. Ladd Jr.** of Storrs, CT, December 8, 1999; executive director, Roper Center for Public Opinion Research, University of Connecticut; active in professional affairs.

'64 BA—**Emily L. Meschter** of Hockessin, DE, exact date unknown.

'65—**Priscilla Graichen Youmans** of Brunswick, ME, November 22, 1999; office manager, Sunray Animal Clinic; active in community and religious affairs.

'66 BS Ag—**Lindsey S. Ardwin** of Palm Springs, CA, February 4, 1998; writer, Editorial Services.

'66-67—**Richard L. Fenton** of New York City, December 13, 1999; real estate executive, Peter R. Friedman, Ltd.; former Foreign Service Consul; active in community and religious affairs.

'67 MD—**Kenneth M. Matchett Jr.** of Grand Junction, CO, November 14, 1999; physician, St. Mary's Hospital; active in com-

munity affairs.

'68 BS Eng—**David W. Fradin** of Newark, NY, December 1999; president/CEO, IEC Electronics Corp.; active in professional affairs.

'69, BS ILR '70—**Neal Rauch** of West Palm Beach, FL, January 23, 2000; former lawyer, Norman Construction, Inc. Zeta Beta Tau.

'69 BS ILR—**John T. Weeker** of Wheaton, IL, January 6, 2000; vice president, Great Lakes Area Operations, US Postal Service.

'71 BS Ag, DVM '75—**David E. Deutsch** of Alpine, NY, January 6, 2000; veterinarian, Cornell University.

'71 MS, PhD '73—**Itzhak Jacoby** of Bethesda, MD, November 26, 1999; professor and director, Center for Health Quality Assessment, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences; active in community affairs.

'74—**Andrew H. Gunther** of Miami, FL, exact date unknown.

'76 MS—**Steven N. Fellows** of Rochester, NY, January 26, 2000; writer; disabled-rights and accessibility activist.

'78 BA—**Michael S. Weisberg** of Bala Cynwd, PA, December 10, 1999; law partner, Rosenthal & Weisberg, Philadelphia; active in community affairs.

'79 JD—**Robert Allen Hykan** of Superior, CO, formerly of Beverly Hills, MI, January 14, 2000; attorney, Honigman, Miller, Schwartz & Cohn.

'79 MBA—**Michael Rosenquist** of Kings Beach, CA, exact date unknown; president, Bay Area Teleport.

'81 MD—**Roberta Brockman** of Mercer Island, WA, January 2, 2000; surgeon, Seattle Hand Surgery Group; active in community affairs.

'83—**Jeffrey B. Thorp** of Ithaca, NY, December 22, 1999.

'89 BS Ag, MPS Ag '93—**Steven E. Merrill** of Goodyear, AZ, formerly of Colorado Springs, CO, January 10, 2000.

'92 BS HE—**Elizabeth F. Closter** of Washington, DC, December 10, 1999.

'93—**Everett M. Sugarbaker** of Coral Gables, FL, formerly of St. Louis, MO, January 23, 2000; medical student, St. Louis University. Phi Gamma Delta.

'99 MBA—**Yasusuke Hirohashi** of Tokyo, Japan, January 5, 2000.





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At Theodore Zinck's  
When I get back next fall!*

It isn't a pretty rhyme, but it's catchy—and in the 1890s, it expressed the intentions of every socially inclined Cornellian. Anyone who was anyone spent evenings at Theodore Zinck's pub on Aurora Street, singing Cornell songs; anyone who was *more* than anyone had a regular table, and a place in Theodore Zinck's heart.

When Zinck died in 1903—he drowned himself in Cayuga Lake after his only child died in a typhoid epidemic—his popular saloon died with him. Cornellians would never again

enjoy the pub's cramped confines or the owner's broken-English grouching when his patrons sang songs against the Kaiser, or the taste of his special fried smelt, or the authentic Bavarian temperature (48 degrees Fahrenheit) of his five-cent German beer.

Although Zinck's closed its doors, the name lived on through the years, as several local bars and restaurants invoked the spirit of the original gathering spot. But the last shut its doors in the mid-1960s. George Bean '58, who has kept a copy of the restaurant's



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menu since his undergraduate days (when a filet mignon cost \$3), remembers it as “the place you’d go to if you had money to spare.” In Bean’s day, alcohol was available on campus, so the downtown bar was a long way to go for a beer. “But if you wanted a classy place for a drink,” he says, “Zinck’s was it.”

Today there are plenty of classy places for a drink, but there’s no Zinck’s. That is, there isn’t a *physical* Zinck’s. Traditionally, every Thursday night in Ithaca is “Spirit of Zinck’s” night. An international version of the gathering is held the third Thursday of each October, when Cornellians around the world go to their locally designated “Zinck’s” to toast the long-departed bar owner. “It’s usually very low key,” says Ron Witton, PhD ’71, who frequents the Sydney, Australia, incarnation. “But it’s an enjoyable evening in the pub.”

—Farhad Manjoo '00

LATTER-DAY ZINCK'S: THE WATERING HOLE'S FIFTIES-ERA LOCALE AND MENU, WITH OYSTERS ON THE HALF SHELL FOR 50 CENTS (LEFT). ABOVE: THE FOUNDER, WHOSE BODY WAS NEVER RECOVERED.



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