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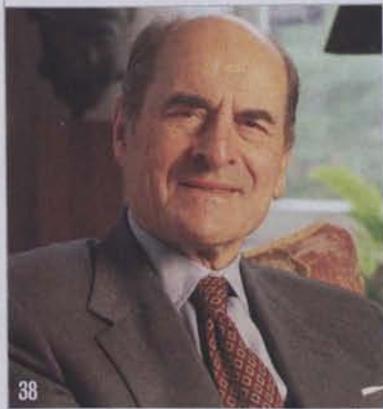
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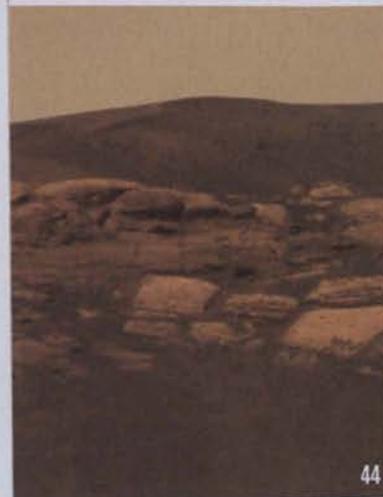
BRAD HERZOG

In addition to the maneuver that bears his name, Henry Heimlich invented a valve that prevents lung collapse and a host of other medical innovations. Now the eighty-four-year-old physician wants to cure AIDS and use his life-saving reputation to bring world peace. But critics say there's more to Heimlich than meets the eye.

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DAVID DUDLEY

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NATALIE GINGERICH

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# Answer the Call

SPEAK UP—PRESIDENT LEHMAN IS LISTENING

**A**FTER READING THE INAUGURATION REPORT IN OUR last issue, a Harvardian dropped me a note that said: “[Harvard President Lawrence] Summers in his inaugural laid out all the answers to the questions that interested him, and has pretty much pursued that agenda; Lehman appears to be asking questions and opening up to the community.”

Indeed he is. President Jeffrey Lehman’s Call to Engagement has been broadcast across the Cornell community, and he has already met with faculty, students, staff, and alumni to encourage responses. As my friend in Cambridge noted, this sort of openness is hardly the rule among college presidents.

There has been some confusion about what Lehman ’77 expects and how it should be presented. Some members of the community have found the length and complexity of Lehman’s questions rather daunting. “To answer all these questions,” one alumnus said to me, “I’d have to write a thesis.” That’s not what the president expects. “I don’t want people to feel a duty to engage all the questions,” Lehman told the *Cornell Chronicle*. “Deeper responses to fewer questions will be more valuable than shallow responses to more questions.”

That’s the key: find the question or questions that you feel strongly about, organize your thoughts, and send them off in an e-mail or letter. Lehman has said in several recent addresses that he wants “everyone who loves Cornell” to respond. That could make for a lot of mail, but he’s ready to handle the onslaught. His staff is putting the incoming material into loose-leaf binders, preparing one set with the responses in chronological order and another sorted by subject.

At the January meeting of the Cornell Alumni Federation Board, we broke up into small groups to discuss the Call. My

group was moderated by Trustee Denise Meridith ’73, and we considered questions 1 (“What should we be teaching our students?”) and 5 (“What does our land-grant mission mean today?”). Despite the complexity of these issues, all of us were quickly engaged and some really thought-provoking ideas came

forth. To name just one: it was suggested that because the revolution in the life sciences is going to have such a profound effect on the future of human society, all undergraduates, regardless of college or major, should be required to be “scientifically literate” in order to better understand the issues.

The give-and-take we had at this meeting is a superb way to approach these questions, and I hope other alumni groups will engage in such discussions and submit their ideas. A few skeptics have concluded that the Call is a public relations gesture and probably won’t have much effect on Lehman’s agenda, but I don’t think that’s true. There’s every indication that his desire to hear from all of his constituents—and his fellow alumni are certainly one of the most important groups—is deep and genuine. He wants our input, directly, without having it filtered and diluted by the Big Red bureaucracy. Don’t miss this chance to shape the

future of the university. It’s a rare opportunity—and perhaps one that could happen only at Cornell.

— Jim Roberts



To see the questions, go to [www.alumni.cornell.edu](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu) and click on “President Lehman’s Call to Engagement.” To respond, e-mail [calltoengagement@cornell.edu](mailto:calltoengagement@cornell.edu) or write to President’s Office, 300 Day Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853.

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# Into the Woods

## STUDENTS OPPOSE PARKING PLAN

**Y**OUR NEWS ITEM "A LOT OF Controversy" indicated that the Ithaca Landmarks Preservation Commission would play a pivotal role in deciding the fate of Redbud Woods (From the Hill, January/February 2004). On December 18, the ILPC voted 4-1 against the proposed University Avenue lot because it would irrevocably harm this unique space designed by Warren Manning for the Tremen family. This decision gives Cornell another chance to rethink the situation. It is not too late for an open dialogue about alternatives.

*Garrett Meigs '04  
Millerton, New York*

THE OUTCRY AGAINST THE PARKING lot has been strong enough to garner a letter with the signatures of forty-six faculty members, student/community petitions with more than 750 signatures, a Student Assembly resolution, a Tompkins County Environmental Management Council resolution, and the formation of a coalition of cooperative houses, student organizations, fraternities, sororities, and community neighborhood associations that oppose the plan. The fact that the plan has instigated such immediate and widespread student and community outcry certainly demonstrates the value of Redbud Woods to the campus and the town. If President Lehman truly wants to foster good will between Cornell and the Ithaca community, he should start by doing what few administrators in Cornell's history have done: listen.

*Aubryn Sidle '04  
Ithaca, New York*

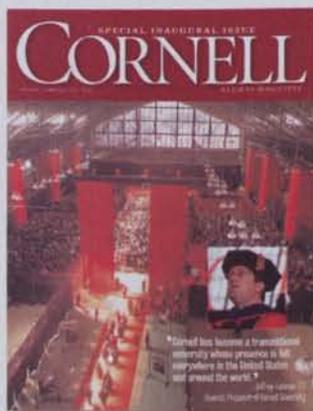
LEST ANYONE THINK THAT THE STUDENTS and community members who oppose the proposed parking lot are an exclusively negative bunch, I encourage readers to consider alternative sites that would not eliminate green space. The current parking lot at Stewart Avenue and Williams Street could be converted into an unobtrusive garage. Even more promisingly, the university could take advantage of the slope on which West Campus is situated and build parking underneath the new residence halls.

We who oppose paving Redbud Woods are constructive critics. We applaud Cornell's efforts to reduce demand for parking—but, at the same time, we remind the university that it has a ways to go. As a first step, Cornell should form a new Transportation Task Force to institutionalize tangible solutions.

*Danny Pearlstein '05  
President, 660 Stewart Avenue Cooperative  
New York, New York*

### Strong Language

IN YOUR EDITOR'S NOTE RESPONDING to Scott Abramson's letter regarding the murder of my son, you defended the use of the word "militants" by saying it means "persons acting aggressively on behalf of a cause" (Correspondence, January/February 2004). "Aggressive" is when you yell at somebody. To savagely beat to death with your own hands two thirteen-year-old boys who were out hiking is not an aggressive act. It is a savage, cruel murder and to use the word "militant" means that the murder is in some sense justified because the terrorists were acting on account of their "cause." Stoning two boys



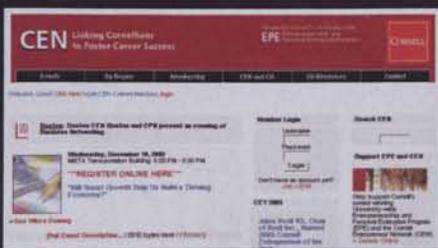
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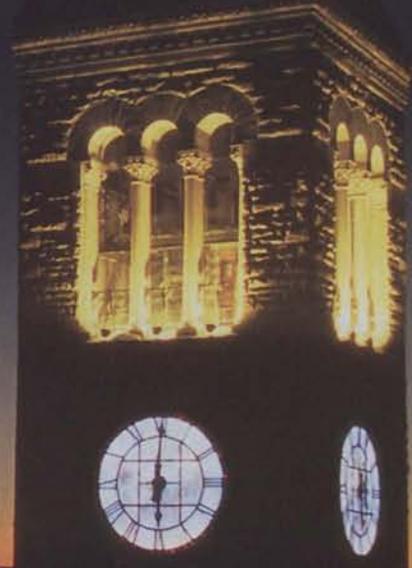
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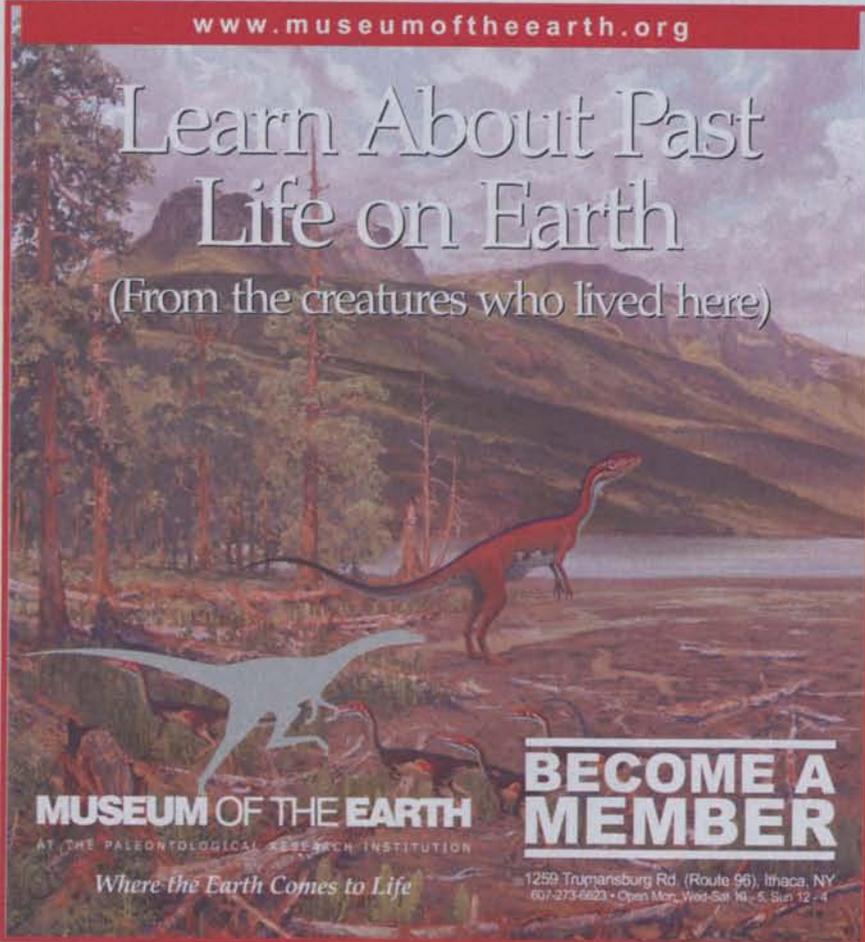


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to death, brutally butchering them and painting the walls of the cave with their blood, does not seem like aggression on account of a cause. This is terrorism, murder, homicide. The use of the word "militant" legitimates this crime and needs to be corrected.

*Sherri Mandell '77  
Tekoa, Israel*

BY YOUR DEFINITION, A PROTESTER who merely pushes someone at a rally is a "militant," as would be a rabid Cornell hockey fan who engages in a fistfight with a Harvard fan at a game. When is a terrorist not a terrorist? When the victims are Israelis. Cold-blooded Arab/Muslim murderers who kidnap, stone, and butcher innocent children like Koby Mandell, who pack bombs with nails, screws, and rat poison to kill and maim as many innocent civilians as they possibly can, are not "militants"—they are terrorists.

*Lee Bender '84  
Ardmore, Pennsylvania*

### Bugged

THE FEATURE ON TOM EISNER brought back memories ("For the Love of Bugs," November/December 2003). I used to help look after the insects (and their predators) in the entomology department in 1960-61. I particularly remember a colony of small, pale green cockroaches, an armadillo, and several tarantulas. I also remember absenting myself (probably illegally) from the dorm for a night to cut off the heads of hundreds of frozen ants.

*Anne Meigs Ghent '61  
Abbotsford, Victoria, Australia*

"FOR THE LOVE OF BUGS" MADE FASCINATING reading—but the cover was a contradiction. While I'm no expert, I thought I recognized a grasshopper with the words "A Bug's Life" alongside. Bugs are but one order of the class *Insecta*, and the article was about a great professor's work with all insects, not just bugs. Grasshoppers are not bugs; they are *Orthoptera*.

Cornell's engineering faculty would have fits if an article that described fifty years of automobile technology were entitled "Pickups." Automobiles are not all trucks, and insects are not all bugs.

*Otis Curtis '66, MS '74  
Brookings, South Dakota*

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### Liberals vs. Conservatives

JAY FISHER '90 CRITICIZES NOT ONLY the university's efforts to have a diversified student body but also the lack of conservative faculty members (Correspondence, November/December 2003). He also laments the existence of "theme houses, ethnic studies, and other programs that lead to balkanization."

As an undergraduate in Agriculture and Life Sciences, I was exposed to a wide range of political philosophies from professors in that college and the College of Arts and Sciences, where I also took courses. Fisher complains that the present faculty is too liberal. If this is true, could it be that faculty members have had the time and interest to listen to all sides of political questions and, in their wisdom, generally lean toward the liberal side?

With respect to "balkanization": courses in ethnic studies not only enable individuals to learn more about their own heritages but enable students to qualify for governmental or commercial positions in international activities. While organizations such as fraternities and sororities, Hillel, and Protestant groups allow individuals with similar backgrounds and interests to strengthen their religious ties, many other clubs and groups allow for multicultural exchanges. As an undergraduate, I was a member of the Cornell Independent Association. I met and interacted with individuals of many backgrounds and majors. This opportunity to expand my knowledge of all peoples of this and other countries was as important to me in after-college life as the technical training I obtained at Cornell.

*A. Louis Shor '44, BS '47, DVM '53  
Mt. Laurel, New Jersey*

### McKinney, Pro and Con

I FIND IT MOST OBJECTIONABLE THAT Cornell has seen fit to employ Cynthia McKinney on its faculty (From the Hill, November/December 2003). McKinney is the representative who wanted to take money offered by a Saudi prince to Mayor Rudy Giuliani after 9/11. Giuliani refused the offer because it came with the implication that New York City was rightly attacked because of America's support of Israel. McKinney went on to run an ugly campaign in which she invoked anti-Semitism and then blamed her loss on "the Jews."

I have been a contributor to Cornell, but will not contribute again until McKinney is removed from the faculty. Let's see which Cornell considers more important—McKinney or alumni donations.

*Leslie Feldman, PhD '90*  
Hofstra University  
Hempstead, New York

I HOPE THE FOUR LETTERS YOU PUBLISHED in November/December 2003 do not represent the typical alumni reaction to Cynthia McKinney's appointment. The complaint is that McKinney should not have been named to the faculty because her opinions are "misguided." Two of the letters specifically threatened the withholding of future donations if these sorts of appointments continue.

I do not recall a similar outpouring of anger after the recent article on Professor Thomas Gold, who claims (among other things) that petroleum is created deep within the earth by geothermal activities ("The Wrong Man," September/October 2003). Gold's thinking is completely misguided according to most experts. But if Gold receives funding, then why not McKinney?

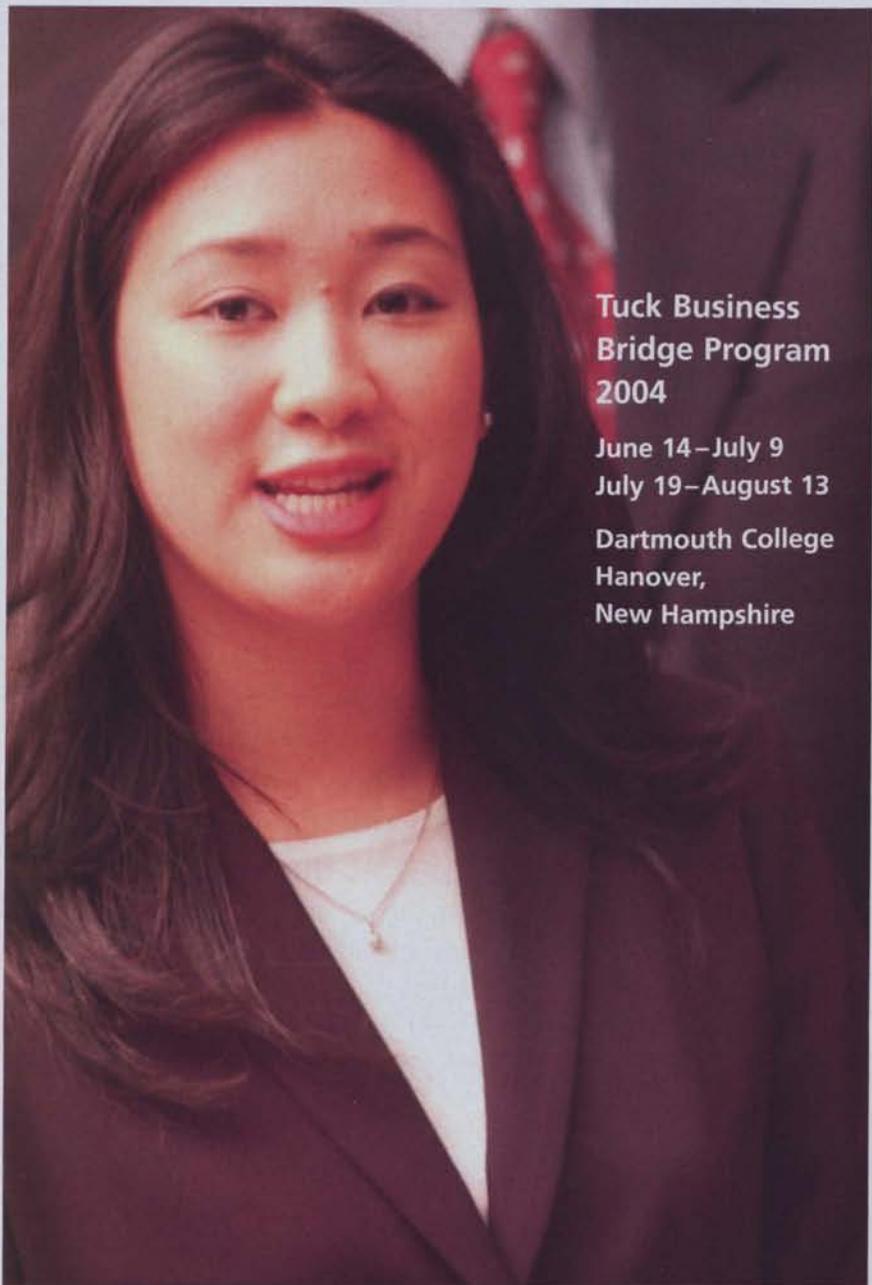
When I was at Cornell, debates on questions such as "what did the administration know and when did they know it?" were encouraged, as long as conclusions did not get ahead of the facts. The university and its alumni have generally supported a diverse academic and political environment and been fairly tolerant of the often misguided arguments that inevitably result. However, there is still work to be done. I want my donated dollars used to assure diversity of people, ideas, opinions, and cultures, whether or not I fully agree with them. I trust there are other alumni who feel the same.

By the way, although I live in Georgia, that has little to do with my views. I do not live in the congressional district McKinney represented, nor am I a native of the South—I was raised in Lake Placid, New York, and educated in the North.

*Ralph Blanchard '67*  
Rutledge, Georgia

### Fraternal Faux Pas

YOUR ARTICLE ABOUT FRATERNITY parties was well done—mostly ("Anatomy of a Frat Party," November/December 2003). I strenuously object, though, to the use of the term "frat" as an abbreviation



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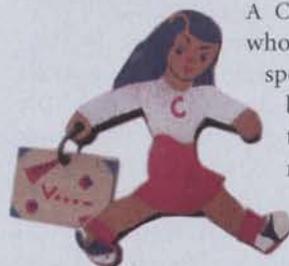
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*Thomas Trafzer '48  
El Dorado Hills, California*

*Ed. Note: Our apologies to Mr. Trafzer and any others who may have taken exception to our use of this abbreviation.*

### Call for Information



A COLLECTOR who specializes in sports memorabilia suggested these pins might be connected to Cornell's football program. The cheerleaders and their suitcases are made of wood. The suitcases sport the V for Victory with the Morse code

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*Richard Hyman  
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### Corrections

January/February 2004

THE "BIG FAT CULTURE FESTIVAL" pictured on page 71 was sponsored by Hillel and the Jewish Students Union and supported by a gift in honor of David Einhorn '91 and Cheryl Strauss-Einhorn '91.

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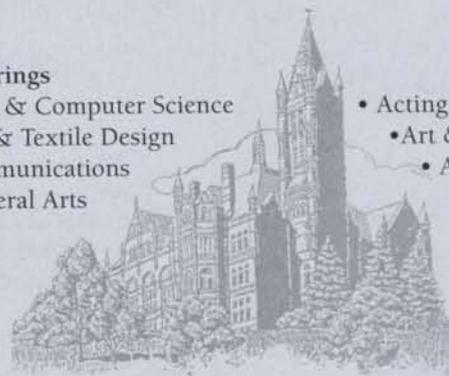
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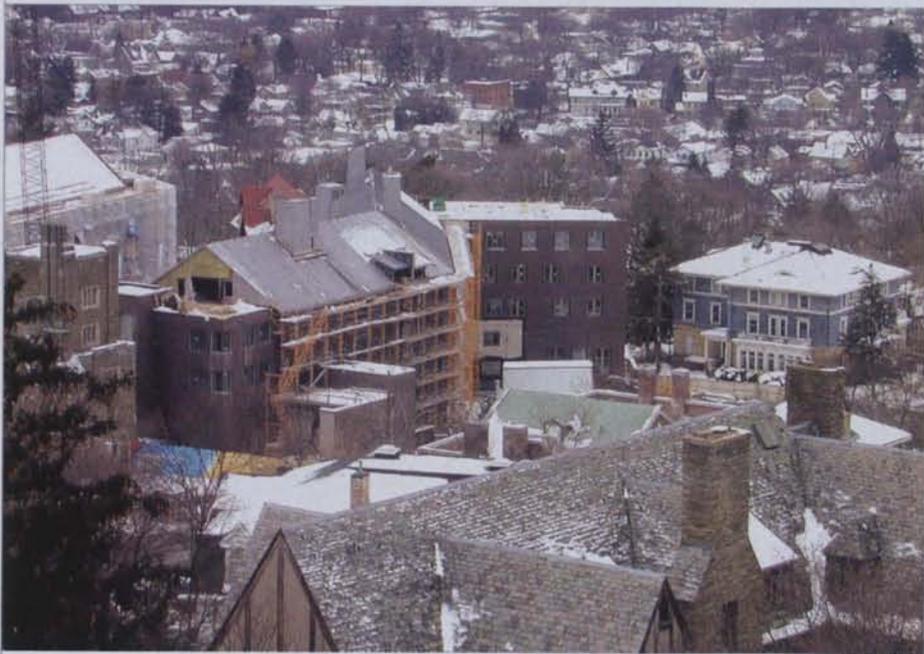
FRIGID TEMPERATURES, SNOW, RAIN, and ice did little to halt the pace of campus construction this winter. The \$58.5 million Duffield Hall project remains on schedule for an opening to the general public during Commencement Weekend 2004. In November, the Center for Nanofabrication completed its move into its first-floor clean room; within weeks, its former home, Knight Lab, had been torn down to make room for the south end of the Duffield atrium. By early February,

builders were in the process of customizing the twenty-eight wet and dry labs that have been assigned to other researchers. A \$4 million landscaping effort on the Engineering Quad began in November and is also scheduled to be finished in time for graduation.

Across Campus Road, builders spent January enclosing the 35,000-square-foot Beck Center on the Barton Hall side of Statler Hall. Besides two conventional classrooms, the addition features three

case classrooms, a computer room, and a lecture hall, all of which will open in August 2004.

Bailey Hall renovations hit a roadblock in June 2003, when only two bids were received for the project; both were \$1 million over budget, and New York State rejected them. A revised budget was approved by the state and the Board of Trustees in November and went out to bid in late January; a walk-through for potential contractors was held in February. Administrators anticipate construction might begin in early May; plans call for the building to return to full operating status in August 2006.



STEFANIE GREEN

**Corner lot: Alice Cook Hall, the first new dorm to be built on West Campus in almost fifty years, rises at the intersection of Stewart Avenue and University Avenue. The building, part of the West Campus Residential Initiative, is scheduled to open to about 360 sophomores and upperclassmen in August.**

### Design Time

#### LIFE SCIENCE PLANS UNDER WAY

ARCHITECT RICHARD MEIER '56 PRESENTED his preliminary design for the new Life Science Technology Building at a January meeting with faculty and administrators. Calling his concept for the four-story structure "introverted in its expression and extroverted as part of the campus continuum," Meier said the building would have an exterior of glass and white metal panels. It will be built on the western end of Robison Alumni Fields, adjacent to the Biotechnology Building and Lynah Rink. The project is budgeted at \$140 million and scheduled for completion in 2007. At press time, no sketches or other visual representations of the design were available, pending approval by the Board of Trustees.

## Alumnus to Lead Football

KNOWLES NAMED HEAD COACH



ON JANUARY 30, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS Andy Noel announced that Jim Knowles '87 had been appointed Cornell's new head football coach. Former head coach Tim Pendergast was dismissed in November after a 1-9 season. Knowles, an ILR grad, was an All-Ivy defensive end in 1986 and began his

coaching career by serving as a Cornell assistant from 1988 to 1996. During that time, the Big Red shared the Ivy League title in 1988 and 1990. After leaving the Hill, Knowles was on the coaching staff at Western Michigan for six years before moving to the University of Mississippi, where he was linebackers coach and recruiting coordinator during the past season.

Three finalists had interviewed for the coaching position: Kevin Gilbride, former offensive coordinator of the Buffalo Bills, Marc Trestman, former offensive coordinator of the Oakland Raiders, and Steve Nelson, a former NFL player who is head coach and athletic director at Curry College in Milton, Massachusetts. When Gilbride and Trestman both accepted new NFL positions and Nelson withdrew, Noel tapped Knowles. "It is no secret among my closest friends," Knowles said, "that this opportunity represents my lifelong career ambition."

## No Rhodes Profs This Year

NOMINATIONS ON HOLD

IN THE WAKE OF THE FLAP OVER THE APPOINTMENT OF Cynthia McKinney as a Frank H.T. Rhodes Class of '56 University Professor, there will be no Rhodes nominations in 2004. In December, AA&P dean Porus Olpadwala, MBA '73, PhD '79, chair of the nominating committee, told the *Daily Sun* that the committee had decided they would not put out a call for nominations this year, "in order to give the central administration the opportunity to arrive at a final definition for the program."

Following a procedure that had been in place since the Rhodes professorships were established in 2000, McKinney and journalist/filmmaker John Pilger were informed of their appointments before they had been approved by the president, provost, and Board of Trustees. Provost Biddy Martin has indicated that this procedure will be changed, and that all future nominees will be reviewed by the administration before notification. Other aspects of the program, including its funding, are also being evaluated.

McKinney's first visit to the campus, in November 2003, received mixed reviews. Some students and faculty praised her for stimulating dialogue about important issues while others were critical of the content of her presentations and said she was evasive when answering questions.

## Leading Labor

SHEINKMAN, 77

FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union Jacob Sheinkman '49, JD '52, died on January 29. He was 77. Sheinkman led the campaign to unionize North Carolina-based J.P. Stevens in 1976, an effort that led in 1980 to contracts for 4,000 workers. Sheinkman was also active in labor advocacy efforts in Central America.

The Bronx native began working for the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America in 1953, serving as its general counsel and then as secretary-treasurer. In 1975, the union merged with the Textile Workers Union, forming the ACTWU. Sheinkman served as the new entity's secretary-treasurer and in 1987 was named president, a title he held until 1995.

Sheinkman served on national advisory councils and as a member of Cornell's Board of Trustees. He is survived by his wife, the former Betty Francis Johnson, and three sons.



**Downtown digs:** On a sunny morning in early February, President Jeffrey Lehman joined Ithaca mayor Carolyn Peterson and other civic leaders at a groundbreaking ceremony for the \$30 million Seneca Place project. The nine-story structure on the corner of Seneca and Tioga streets in downtown Ithaca will house retail and office space and a Hilton hotel. Cornell plans to relocate about 300 workers to offices in the new building. Work is expected to be completed by the fall of 2005.

# R&D

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

Insects eventually become resistant to transgenic crops, but a study led by entomology professor Tony Shelton shows that the process happens more slowly in crops containing two toxins than in plants with only one toxin. Implementing this "gene pyramiding" could reduce the need for insecticides.

Hotels try to gain repeat customers through guest satisfaction, but a report by marketing professor Judy Sigauw shows that contentment does not always result in brand loyalty. Furthermore, disappointed customers may return to the same lodging chain simply because they prefer not to spend time finding an alternative.

Tobacco plants can fight the *A. vitis* bacterium, but grapes are less resistant to its attacks. By studying the chemical signals among tobacco, grape, and bacteria, researchers led by plant pathologist Thomas Burr at the Geneva Experiment Station hope to discover a way to help weaker plants ward off disease through genetic modification.

Commercial farm-raised salmon tend to have higher concentrations of organochlorines, including PCBs and dioxins, than wild salmon, according to a study co-authored by natural resources professor Barbara Knuth. Contamination of the farm-raised fish results from chemical-laden feed. Wild salmon are safer to eat because they have multiple food sources.

Some people believe that awards in class-action court settlements are growing, but analysis by law professor Theodore Eisenberg shows that awards and attorney fees have remained stagnant over the past decade. This study could render meaningless proposed congressional bills to control settlement awards.

Boyce Thompson Institute scientists have discovered the gene that alerts plant immune systems to attacks. By modifying this gene to create a stronger signal, plant resilience could be increased, allowing plants to recognize and fight diseases promptly and reducing the need for pesticides.

A team led by textiles and apparel professor C.C. Chu has created a series of biomaterials that reduce artery blockage by providing preventive nitric oxide derivatives to the bloodstream. These inexpensive, biodegradable materials earned the College of Human Ecology its first patent revenue.

## Rising Tide

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AT ITS JANUARY MEETING, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES approved a \$30,000 price tag for 2004-05 tuition in the endowed colleges and the Graduate School. Tuition for the current school year is \$28,630. Rates for the statutory colleges will be set by the State University of New York; preliminary estimates are for a 9.4 percent increase for undergraduate resident students and graduated increases of 5.3 to 10.1 percent for nonresident students, which translates into rates from \$15,870 to \$28,400.

A 4.9 percent increase at the Johnson School bumped tuition to \$34,400, while incoming Law students will see a 7 percent increase to \$35,280 and Vet students will pay \$20,500, a 7.3 percent rise. Undergraduate housing and dining rates increased by 3.5 and 4 percent, respectively.

"While the economy has improved somewhat, Cornell continues to face significant financial pressure from declining state appropriations, small but still significant necessary decreases in endowment payout, and the increasing costs of maintaining academic excellence in a competitive, fast-changing, and costly technological environment," said Provost Bidy Martin. "We continue to try to keep tuition increases as low as possible by employing a number of strategies, including setting different levels of increases for new and continuing students. As always, we will adjust our institutional student financial-aid allocations to assist students and families with financial need."

## Iran Quake Victim

TOBB DELL'ORO, 41

THE EARTHQUAKE THAT DEVASTATED the Iranian city of Bam on December 26, 2003, took the life of Tobb Dell'Oro '84, MS '85, MBA '86. Dell'Oro was visiting the city with his fiancée, Adele Freedman '86, who was also injured but survived. The mud-brick guest house in which the couple was staying collapsed during the 6.3 magnitude temblor, burying them in rubble. Dell'Oro was rescued, but died during the ambulance ride to the nearest available hospital, about 150 miles away. Freedman suffered foot and ankle fractures and was transported to a hospital in Tehran.

Although the two attended Cornell at the same time, they did not meet until 1998, at a party in the San Francisco Bay Area. They soon began to travel the world together, preferring such destinations as Cambodia and Morocco. "We were always looking for a little bit of adventure, history, and someplace where it wouldn't be expected to go," Freedman told the *New York Times*. They visited Bam to see its ancient citadel, which they had toured shortly before it was nearly destroyed in the earthquake.



## Give My Regards To . . .

### These Cornellians in the News

Romance studies professor **Maria Antonia Garcés**, winner of the Modern Language Association's James Russell Lowell Prize for her book *Cervantes in Algiers: A Captive's Tale*.

Plant breeding professor **Steven Tanksley**, who won a 2004 Wolf Foundation Prize in Agriculture for his work with hybrid rice.

Computer science professor **Stephen Marschner, PhD '98**, winner of a Technical Achievement Award from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for his computer animation work.

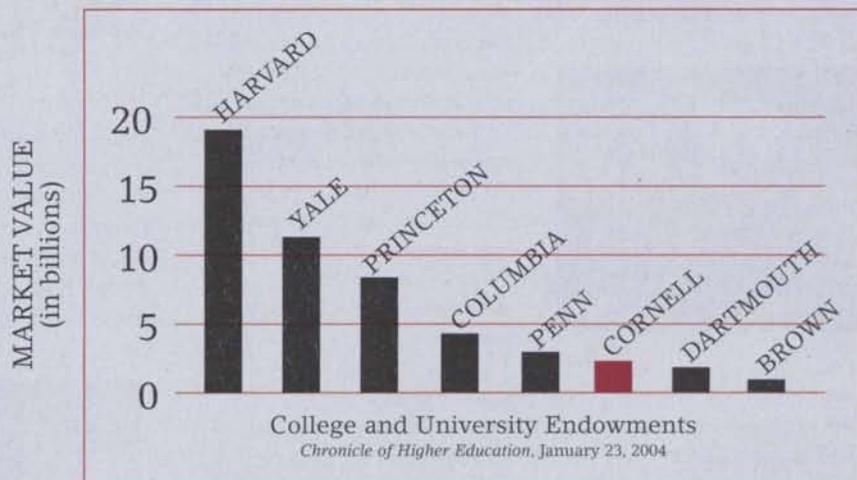
**Michael Pieretti '96**, named to the "40-under-40" list in *Crain's New York Business* for his work in the field of environmental design.

The **Northeastern Integrated Pest Management Center**, awarded \$4.3 million by the USDA to develop pest control methods that are safe for humans and the environment.

## Going Up

### CU ENDOWMENT RALLIES

AFTER STRUGGLING WITH DIFFICULT MARKETS DURING THE 2002-03 FISCAL YEAR, Cornell's endowment posted a significant gain in the closing months of 2003, says Donald Fehrs, the university's chief investment officer. In its annual listing of college and university endowments, the *Chronicle of Higher Education* reported that Cornell's endowment as of June 30, 2003, was \$2.85 billion—virtually the same as on June 30, 2002. (Harvard topped the list at \$18.85 billion, and it also had the largest percentage gain of any Ivy League school for the fiscal year: 9.8 percent.) But in the second half of 2003, reports Fehrs, Cornell's endowment climbed to \$3.20 billion. "It went up a lot," he says, "and our investment return for the calendar year was 20.5 percent." Fehrs credits an investment strategy of "increased equity exposure and increased diversification," as well as the stronger overall performance of the markets, for the upturn.



## Building a Roster

### DEANS APPOINTED FOR LAW SCHOOL AND ARTS COLLEGE

IN DECEMBER, STEWART SCHWAB, A SCHOLAR OF LABOR AND employment and tort and contract law, was named dean of the Law school, a position vacated by Lee Teitelbaum in June 2003. Schwab, who earned a JD and a PhD in economics from the University of Michigan, has served on the Law school faculty since 1983. Also in December, G. Peter Lepage was appointed the Harold Tanner Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Lepage, former chair of the Department of Physics, served as interim dean of the college beginning in July 2003, after the forced resignation of former dean Philip Lewis.

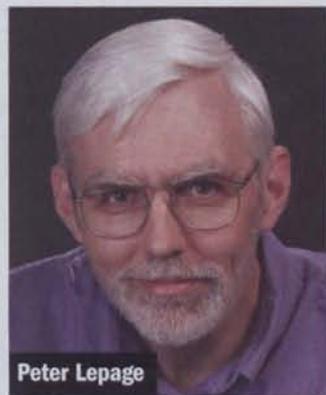
In January, Robert Constable was reappointed to a

second five-year term as dean of the faculty of Computing and Information Science. Constable became dean of the unit when it was created in the fall of 1999. Previously, he had been chair of the Department of Computer Science.

Ongoing searches include efforts to replace departing Human Ecology dean Patsy Brannon and recruitment of two vice presidents. Vice provost for land grant affairs Francille Firebaugh chairs the search committee in government and community relations, while Johnson School dean Robert Swieringa chairs the search committee in communications and media relations.



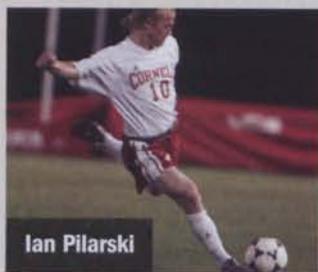
Stewart Schwab



Peter Lepage

**HELPING HAND** **Matt Underhill '02** spearheaded a fund-raising effort that brought in more than \$3,000 to help eight families who were burned out of their Florence, South Carolina, homes in January. Underhill, a goaltender for the Florence Pride in the East Coast Hockey League, pledged \$1 for each save by Pride goalies and \$5 for each goal scored by the team during a three-game span. His pledge was matched by 19 individuals and businesses. Underhill more than did his part between the pipes, making 37 saves in a 4-2 win over the South Carolina Stingrays and 42 saves against the Toledo Storm while posting his first professional shutout.

**DRAFTED** **Ian Pilarski '04** became the first Cornell soccer player to be drafted by Major League Soccer when the Chicago Fire selected him in the fifth round of the league's SuperDraft on January 16. Pilarski was a three-time All-Ivy midfielder, finishing his career with 15 assists, fourth best in team history. He also earned first-team All-Region honors in 2003 and helped his club team, the Cape Cod Crushers, to back-to-back national championships. The Chicago Fire is coached by former Cornell coach **Dave Sarachan '76**, who was named the MLS coach of the year after leading the Fire to the title game.



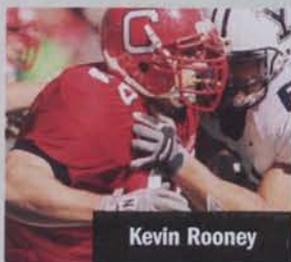
Ian Pilarski

SPORTS INFO

**NEW LEADER** In January, Donna Hornibrook was named head coach of the Big Red field hockey team, replacing Philip Sykes, who had served as interim coach for the 2003 season. Hornibrook comes to Cornell from Houghton College in Western New York, where she posted a 111-39-4 record in nine years, including a 16-2 mark in 2003. Hornibrook had previously spent five seasons as head coach at her alma mater, the University of New Brunswick, where her teams never lost a conference game. During her playing years, Hornibrook was a four-time All-Canada selection and was twice named Prince Edward Island Athlete of the Year. She also played for the Canadian national team from 1979 to 1983.

**GREAT EXPECTATIONS** Both of the Big Red lacrosse teams were nationally ranked as the 2004 season began. The men's squad was picked ninth in the *Lacrosse Magazine* preseason poll after posting a 9-4 record last season and winning a share of the Ivy League title for the first time since 1987. The women's team was named to the twelfth spot in the *Lacrosse Magazine* ranking. The Cornell women return five starters from last year's squad, which went 11-5 and won its second ECAC title in four years.

**BRAINS & BRAWN** **Kevin Rooney '04** was named an Academic All-American by the College Sports Information Directors of America; he was the only Ivy League football player to earn first-team honors in 2003. A co-captain, he led the team with four sacks and was second among defensive linemen with 29 tackles while earning a 3.86 GPA as a history major. Rooney, a member of the 2002 American Football Coaches Association's Good Works team for his community service, plans to attend law school after graduation.



Kevin Rooney

SPORTS INFO

**QUICK STUDY** **David McKee '07** hasn't taken long to get comfortable in the Cornell crease. The freshman goaltender on the men's hockey team was named the National Rookie of the Month for December by College Sports Television and the Hockey Commissioners' Association. McKee, a native of Irving, Texas, was 3-0-1 for the month with two consecutive shutouts and twice earned Eastern College Athletic Conference Rookie of the Week honors. In Florida, he backstopped the Big Red to the Everblades College Classic title with 27 saves in a 4-0 win over Notre Dame and 20 saves in a 4-3 overtime win over Ohio State.

## Big Game

January 17, 2004

The men's basketball team started the Ivy League season with a bang, trouncing Columbia 90-66 in a Saturday afternoon contest at Newman Arena. Senior guard **Ka'Ron Barnes** (below) pumped in 19 points and handed out three assists. **Cody Toppert '05** had 17 points, and freshman **Graham Dow** tallied 13, matching his career high. The Big Red broke open the game early in the second half with a 15 to 5 run that propelled them to their fourth straight home-court victory.



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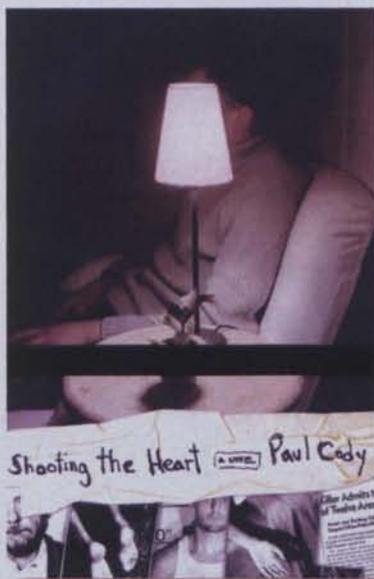
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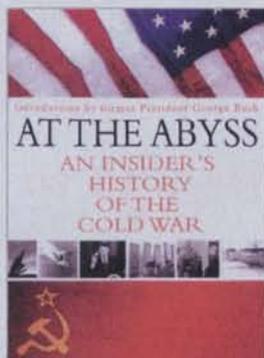
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## In Brief

**SHOOTING THE HEART** by Paul Cody, MFA '87 (Viking). In a harrowing portrait of the dark underside of American life, former CAM associate editor Cody's fourth novel tells the story of Earl Madden, previously a Boston schoolteacher now committed to the locked ward of a mental hospital. Haunted by thoughts that he may have killed his wife and driven between memory and hallucination, Madden broods on love's mysteries, his unstable childhood, his obsession with famous serial killers, and the need to seek forgiveness.

**AT THE ABYSS** by Thomas C. Reed '55 (Ballantine Books). A former secretary of the air force, special assistant to President Reagan for national security policy, and consultant to the director of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory gives an insider's look at the Cold War; with an introduction by former President George H. W. Bush.

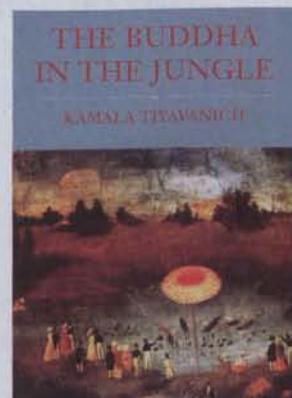
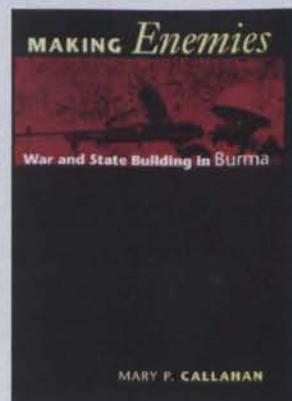


**ZIGZAGGER** by Manuel Muñoz, MFA '98 (Northwestern University Press). In his first collection of stories—a volume in the Latino Voices series—Muñoz explores the conflicts of family and sexuality and the struggles of characters against their physical and personal isolation in the rural towns of California's Central Valley. The stories transcend the traditional family myths and narratives of Chicano literature and the constraints of geography.

**MAKING ENEMIES** by Mary P. Callahan, PhD '96 (Cornell University Press). An assistant professor at the University of Washington's Jackson School of International Studies analyzes the durability of the Burmese military government using interviews with former officers and archival material to which no other foreigner has gained access.

**WHY SHE WENT HOME** by Lucinda Rosenfeld '91 (Random House). In this sequel to her debut novel, *What She Saw*, Rosenfeld's heroine Phoebe Fine leaves New York City for her parents' home in the New Jersey suburbs while she continues her maneuvers through the dating minefields. Rosenfeld sends up the lives of her quirky New York strivers and their equally strange suburban counterparts.

**THE BUDDHA IN THE JUNGLE** by Kamala Tiyavanich, PhD '93 (University of Washington Press). A Buddhist scholar presents a vivid picture of Buddhism and the natural environments in which the Buddha's teachings were practiced through real-life accounts of nineteenth- and early twentieth-century Buddhist monks in Thailand.



## Recently Published

### Non-fiction

**SPECTRAL NATIONALITY** by Pheng Cheah, PhD '98 (Columbia University Press). An assistant professor of rhetoric at the University of California, Berkeley, rethinks postcolonial theory's discussion of the nation and nationalism and assesses the difficulties of achieving freedom in the postcolonial world.

**FROM MEETINGHOUSE TO MEGACHURCH** by Anne C. Loveland, PhD '68, and Otis B. Wheeler (University of Missouri Press). An exploration of the rise of the evangelical megachurch, which has grown from ten churches in 1970 to nearly 2 percent of Protestant churches in the U.S. today.

**IT'S HARD TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE WHEN YOU CAN'T FIND YOUR KEYS** by Marilyn Paul, MBA '78 (Penguin Compass). A management consultant and self-confessed former queen of clutter gives a practical, seven-step guide for finding relief from the stress of disorganization.

**DR. PETE'S EATING FOR A HEALTHY HEART** by Pierre S. Aoukar '98 (Magalhães Scientific Press). Advice and recipes for promoting cardiovascular health and longevity.

**POSTNATIONALISM PREFIGURED** by Charles V. Carnegie '75 (Rutgers University Press). The chair of African American studies at Bates College casts a cold eye on nationalism's hold on modern consciousness and points toward possibilities for new forms of world community that accommodate local histories and cultures in a larger global framework.

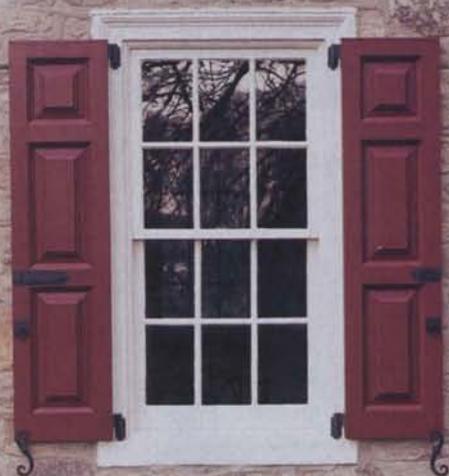
**TEXTBOOK OF CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY**, third edition, edited by Jerry M. Wiener and Mina K. Dulcan '70 (American Psychiatric Publishing). An update that integrates clinical experience and scientific research to improve treatment for children and adolescents, written by eighty-eight experts in the field.

**RANCOR & RECONCILIATION IN MEDIEVAL ENGLAND** by Paul R. Hyams (Cornell University Press). A Cornell professor of history and director of the Medieval Studies Program contests the notion that England had forged a centralized legal system and advanced beyond anarchic barbarism by the time of the Norman Conquest, while feuds and vengeance prevailed across the Channel.

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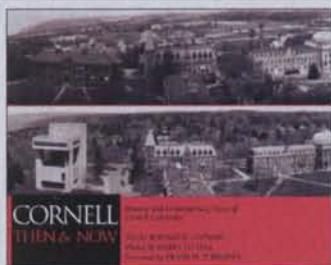
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# Wines of the Finger Lakes

## Featured Selection

### 2001 FULKERSON VINCENT

The red wine grape Vincent, a hybrid released in 1967 by the Horticultural Research Institute of Ontario at Vineland Station, Canada, can hardly claim to be among the preeminent varieties in the Finger Lakes region. However, at Fulkerson Winery on Seneca Lake's west side in Dundee, winemaker and co-owner Sayre Fulkerson has helped it to find a niche.

Sayre strives to vinify his varietally labeled Vincent—of which 400 cases are produced from purchased grapes grown on vines over thirty years old—in what he calls a “light, fruity, Valpolicella style.” With the 2001 Fulkerson Vincent (about \$9), he appears to have achieved his objective. Very deep in color, as is typical of wines made from this grape variety, it offers up clean, uncomplicated,

light- to medium-bodied flavors of red fruit with just enough acidity to impart liveliness. It requires only one taste to realize that this dry red wine would be perfect alongside pasta served with a zesty tomato sauce or, as Sayre recommends, chicken cacciatore.



The 8,000-case Fulkerson Winery (and Juice Plant), whose first vintage was in 1988, has for years been a stopping point for home winemakers, providing a wine-making program and free instruction. One piece of advice that Sayre offers to aspiring winemakers is to “learn to help a variety express itself.” Vincent, in the hands of someone like Sayre Fulkerson, seems to have plenty to say.

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# Extreme Makeover

STUDENTS SEEK TO BOOST UNIVERSITY'S IMAGE

**F**IVE YEARS AGO, WHEN CORNELL EMBARKED ON an ambitious project to enhance its public image and improve its communications efforts, the university hired the corporate consulting firm Lippincott & Margulies. After a lengthy—and expensive—study that included a census of publications, dozens of interviews, and meetings with campus representatives, the consultants presented a plan that made such recommendations as the creation of a new university logo and a characterization of Cornell as “elite but not elitist.”

The project was a good idea, says a group of students who have formed the Ad Hoc Committee on Improving Cornell's Image, but it didn't work. They point to such evidence as a recent decline in national media exposure, mixed messages in Cornell's communications, and—most important—the damaging effect of the university's slide in the *U.S. News & World Report* rankings.

“When I applied to Cornell, it was ranked sixth,” says Peter Cohl '04, “and right after I got here, it was ranked tenth. And then it went down to fourteenth.” Cohl, a forty-year-old “mature student” with a double major in government and city and regional planning, compares the decision to enroll at Cornell to an investment. “The fall in the rankings really ticked off a lot of students because we felt betrayed by our ‘falling stock price.’” The students were further perturbed, he says, when then-Vice President for University Relations Henrik Dullea '61 declared that the rankings “didn't matter.”

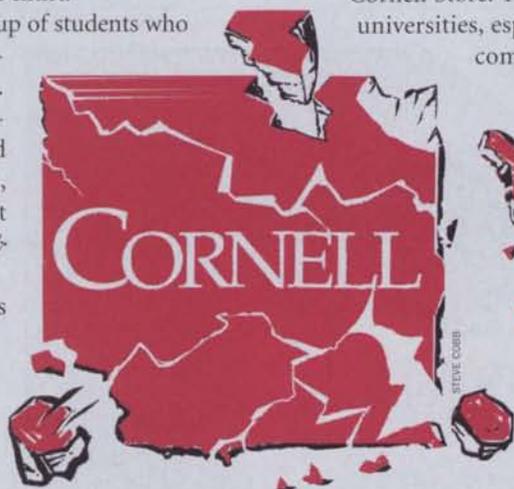
Cohl—whose pre-Cornell background included stints as a business executive, photographer, screenwriter, and actor—decided to tackle the problem. In the fall of 2002, he went to the Student Assembly and asked to form a committee to improve Cornell's image, an idea that was unanimously endorsed. A core group of student leaders, including Steve Blake '05, Ryan Horn '02 (now a graduate student in the Cornell Institute for Public Affairs), Jamison Moore '04, Ben Rockey-Harris '04, Justine Van-

hilt '05, and Benji Weiss '03, began to meet, and the committee eventually grew to more than twenty members. “Here I was,” says Cohl, “sitting down with the chairman of the College Republicans [Horn] and the past president of the College Democrats [Moore], and we all agreed about these things.”

The group reviewed the university's marketing efforts, including the Lippincott & Margulies study, and interviewed fellow students. They evaluated the appeal of the clothing at the Cornell Store. They scrutinized the websites of other universities, especially those in the Ivy League, and compared them to Cornell's. Then they summarized their findings in an 8,000-word report that was presented to the Student Assembly last October.

The report asserts that the university has “an identity crisis.” The impact of this crisis, it says, “has been profound, dampening the enthusiasm of Cornell's students and most likely accounting for a significant percentage of Cornell's drop in applications for undergraduate admission.”

Cornell has suffered in the US-NWR rankings, says the committee, largely because of problems in two areas: class size and alumni giving. According to their analysis of USNWR statistics, “Cornell ranks dead last among the Top 25 universities in both its percentage of classes with under twenty students and its percentage of classes with over fifty students.” Because changes in the ranking system have put additional weight on class size and faculty/student ratio, Cornell's standing has suffered. With regard to giving, the students note that “Cornell has been exceptional in its pursuit of high-dollar contributors,” but its participation rate (the percentage of alumni who contribute) consistently falls below that of other selective institutions. (The report does not name other universities, but its conclusion is consistent with studies that show Cornell's participation rate is one of the lowest in the Ivy



League.)

In its evaluation of Cornell's marketing, the report takes dead aim at the logo introduced in January 2001: "The 'Big Red Box,' as it is derisively known . . . by students, faculty, and staff alike, is completely inappropriate as the central visual identity platform for an Ivy League research university." Cornell would be much better served, the students say, by returning to "the traditional Cornell crest."

They also take a dim view of the university's current website, calling it "generic" and saying it "denies visitors the opportunity to experience the beauty of Cornell." Since last September, Cohl and other committee members have been meeting with Thomas Richardson, Cornell's director of Web communications, and their input is contributing to his redesign of the site. "Reading their report gave me a fresh perspective," says Richardson.

Richardson adds that after reviewing the report, he and Cohl took a "tour of Cornell's graphical history," scouring the campus to find paintings, murals, architecture, and other visual elements that could be incorporated in the next version of the site. "That gave me a sense of how rich Cornell's visual history is, and how that should be a major factor in Cornell's identity as it is portrayed going forward," says Richardson.

The committee hopes to bring a similar approach to an overhaul of *The Big Red Book* (the brochure sent to prospective students), to Cornell clothing and merchandise, and to other communications and marketing vehicles. As with the logo, they recommend a more traditional look that emphasizes Cornell's heritage and Ivy League status.

In recent months, committee members have met with senior administrators to present their findings and offer assistance. "It looks like President Lehman is interested," says government and history major Steve Blake, "but he's not moving quickly, which is understandable. It will probably take a while for him to get to the active involvement stage." Cohl says that he will continue to follow up with the administration and present progress reports to the Student Assembly. He also encourages alumni input, stating that "we would like to build the strongest possible rela-

## Model Teacher

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**W**hen Carolyn Leuner '02 joined Teach for America, the last thing she expected was to see her face on a Polo jeans ad. "It's so far from my style," she says. "I don't even wear makeup." To Ralph Lauren, however, the South Bronx kindergarten teacher was exactly what they were looking for—young, beautiful, and passionate about her cause. In the shadow of war, terrorism, and a struggling economy, Ralph Lauren decided to promote advocacy groups and social change. And so the G.I.V.E. jeans campaign was born. Polo selected twenty-three individuals deeply involved in charitable activities as models for the company's website and in a series of magazine ads. For Leuner's participation, Ralph Lauren will donate \$10,000 to Teach for America. Additionally, 10 percent of the sales of G.I.V.E. jeans will go to nonprofits.

In her second year with Teach for America, Leuner, who was profiled in *Reader's Digest* in October, has dedicated herself to the children she works with. "I have no life," she admits. "I get to school at seven in the morning, I stay there until five or six, and I come home to do more work." With her commitment to Teach for America ending this spring, the former government major will have to decide what to do next. "I've always wanted to go into civil rights law or child advocacy," she says. But her deep connection to her students would make it difficult to give up teaching. "These kids are like my children," she says. "Just being in one classroom, I see the effect I'm having, and I want to effect more change."

— Natalie Gingerich '04

tionship with the alumni, because we view this as a continuum." (His e-mail address is: peter.cohl@cornell.edu.)

While some might see the students' views as overly negative, Cohl stresses that the committee is motivated by its love of

Cornell. "I just want to give back to the school, and that's why I've put so much effort into this," he says. "I hope to be a seven-figure giver to Cornell one day, but this is the biggest gift I can give right now."

— Jim Roberts

# Director's Cut

## SILVER SCREEN REMEMBERED

**R**OCHELLE SHAW SLOVIN '62 THOUGHT SHE WAS unemployable. The year was 1980, and her job as director of an ambitious New York City artists' project was about to disappear along with its federal funding. Since graduating from Cornell with an English degree, she'd compiled an eclectic resume: off-off-Broadway actress, peace activist, director of volunteers for Bella Abzug's first congressional campaign, city planner, adviser for cultural affairs to the Bronx borough president, Columbia business student. Then she got an offer to lead a foundation trying to establish a museum on the site of the recently revived Astoria Studios in Queens. "Against the better judgment of everyone I knew and loved," she says, "I took the job."

More than two decades later, Slovin is still there—as director of what may be the most extensive collection of film and television artifacts on the planet. Opened in 1988, the American Museum of the Moving Image is a 60,000-square-foot complex whose collection begins with the dawn of cinema (Eadweard Muybridge's nineteenth-century photographic studies of locomotion) and runs through the digital age. The museum, located about half an hour from midtown Manhattan, houses more than 100,000 items—from vintage TV cameras to the latest action figures from *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*.

It has Elsa Lanchester's wig from *The Bride of Frankenstein*. A miniature of the futuristic cityscape from *Blade Runner*. A set model for Hannibal Lecter's medieval cellblock in *The Silence of the Lambs*. Ape costumes from *2001: A Space Odyssey*. Charlton Heston's chariot from *Ben Hur*. A Yoda puppet

from *The Empire Strikes Back*. The mannequin that made Linda Blair's head rotate in *The Exorcist*. Freddy Krueger's glove from *A Nightmare on Elm Street*.

The list goes on and on. While such cinematic treasures may captivate tourists, displaying them isn't the museum's central mission. The point is education—teaching 80,000 annual visitors about the art, science, and sweat that goes on behind the scenes. "We're very interested in the work of people who make motion pictures and television possible," says Slovin, a striking figure who wears artsy cat's-eye glasses and whose well-coiffed salt-and-



**Roll 'em:** Rochelle Slovin stands in front of a vintage 35mm projector, made in 1938, that once operated in Radio City Music Hall.

For all those who got in trouble blowing bubbles in their milk as a kid, Cornell Food Science—in conjunction with Mac Farms in Burlington, Massachusetts—has something for you: RPM (or “Refreshing Power Milk”). It’s a carbonated beverage developed by a team of food scientists as a healthy alternative to soda for young adults. “The average consumption of popular carbonated beverages by Americans over the age of two is sixty gallons per person per year. That’s more than a gallon a week,” says food sciences professor Joseph Hotchkiss, a lead researcher for the project. “The goal is to provide the sensory benefits of carbonated beverages, only with a more desirable nutritional profile.”

Like e-Moo, the fizzy milk Cornell and Mac Farms debuted in 2001 for younger kids, RPM is a lactose-free, fat-free, low-calorie drink based on powdered milk. It boasts high amounts of calcium, magnesium, and potassium, and it can be targeted to fit a specific audience. Hotchkiss and his team spent a year developing a taste to lure twentysomethings. “Bubble gum is not for adults. They generally find it to be horrendously bad,” says Hotchkiss. “But six- to seven-year-olds like



it’s quite normal for people to drink carbonated milk,” says Hotchkiss, who thinks RPM will pleasantly surprise those who can set aside their preconceptions. The New York State Department of Economic Development is hoping so, too: seeking to boost the flagging dairy industry, they awarded Mac Farms a \$100,000 development grant this past summer.

— J.R. Johnson '04

pepper hair is accented by a shock of white. “Not that we’re opposed to iconic objects, but we’re less interested in them than in giving people a sense of the processes involved in making a movie or television program. I like to say, ‘Who are all those people listed when the credits roll?’”

Take the museum’s exhibit on *Little Big Man*, part of its look at movie make-up techniques. For the 1970 film about an old man recalling his Wild West youth, make-up artists had to age Dustin Hoffman from his teens to 121. The exhibit comprises a series of molds, latex prosthetics, hairpieces, even a stamp used to simulate liver spots; nearby, a clip from the movie plays in an endless loop. “Some of the materials that we house are homely, when you see them by themselves,” Slovin says. “If you were to just see a mold of Dustin Hoffman’s hand from *Little Big Man*, it might not inspire you. But when you see all of these molds together in context, it takes on a different resonance.”

Slovin’s love of the performing arts goes

back to her childhood on the South Shore of Long Island, where she put on shows in the backyard. After graduating from Cornell, she worked with avant-garde theater groups like La Mama, but found pursuing an acting career to be “a very, very difficult and depressing enterprise” and quit after the birth of her second son. (Both went on to careers in show business: Karl Slovin as a film director, and Eric Slovin as a writer for “Saturday Night Live.”)

Much has changed since Slovin first arrived at Astoria Studios in 1981, armed with “a ring of ninety keys to empty rooms.” The studios themselves, built in 1920 and variously owned by Paramount and the U.S. Army, are now home to major productions like the remake of *The Stepford Wives*, filmed last summer and starring Nicole Kidman. Long-range plans for the museum call for its space to more than double, and construction on an outdoor theater is set to begin this summer. “This is the only unified collection of motion picture and television materials in the country, possibly in the world,” Slovin

says. “We view the two media as more alike than different, taken from the perspective of the craft as well as the business structure and the social impact.”

In addition to revealing behind-the-scenes techniques, the museum explores how TV and film enter the popular culture through an extensive collection of fan magazines and licensed merchandise, from silent-era cookie tins to the “Dr. Kildare Medical Game for the Young” to products promoting current hits. Slovin stresses that the museum isn’t dedicated just to collecting and exhibiting, but also to celebrating motion pictures as they were meant to be seen. Every year, the museum screens hundreds of films, each accompanied by commentary; recent speakers include Francis Ford Coppola, Martin Scorsese, and Michael Caine. “We want people to understand the richness of the artistic decision-making that takes place in the creation of any production,” Slovin says. “We view our theater as a gallery where art is shown.”

— Beth Saubnier

# Better by Design

OWEN COMBINES FORM & FUNCTION

Most of us look at a bowling pin and see, well, a bowling pin. Josh Owen '93, BA '94, looks at a bowling pin and sees possibilities. His Knock-Off Lamp, an illuminated plastic pin that shuts off when turned on its side, and other witty takes on familiar objects are getting the thirty-two-year-old a lot of buzz in the world of design. In 2003, Owen was named one of the ten most avant-garde industrial designers in the country by the magazine *Surface*, but the functional friendliness of his work also got him a spot in *Newsweek's* annual design issue.

"The first thing people imagine when they hear avant-garde is that it's going to be beyond their reach conceptually and financially," says Owen, who earned his BFA in 1993 and a BA in visual studies the following year. "I try to dance along that knife edge so that my work can be understood both critically and universally."

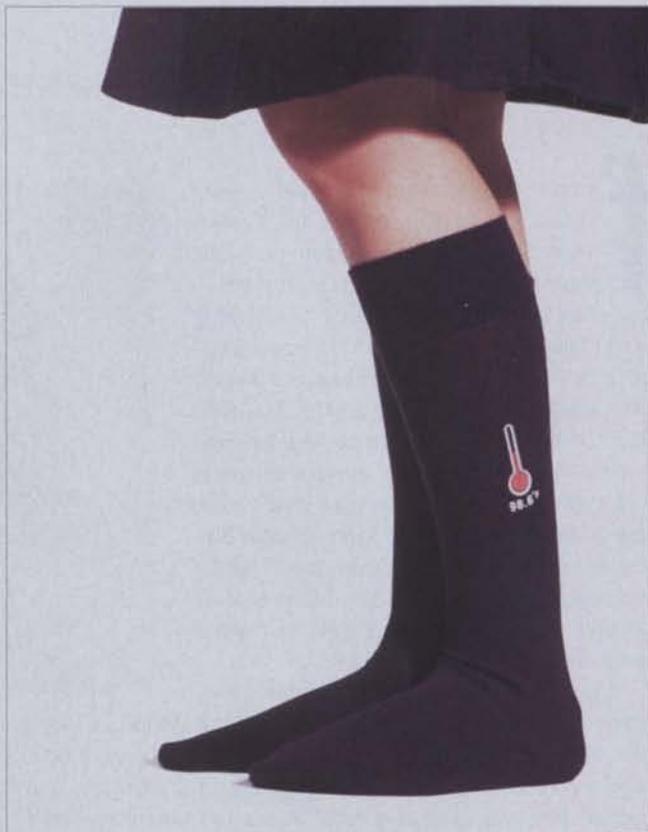


JULIE MARQUART

His Mood Tray, for example, has a liquid-crystal serving area that changes color when warm beverages are sitting on it—an innovative use of the material, but also just plain cool. He also holds the patent on the Tone Knob Lamp, a lighting fixture that looks (and works) like a radio dial, glowing brighter as you turn it. Manufacturers including Umbra, Soxbox, and Philadelphia-based Bozart have produced his designs for retail sale.

Owen's pull may be strongest in Philadelphia, where he makes his home and draws his inspiration. He shares a renovated loft in South Philly with wife Marsha Wittink '93 and their son. The space is also home to his studio, owenLOGIKdesign. Recently named one of *Philadelphia Magazine's* 2003 "People Who Will Change Your World," Owen, an assistant professor of industrial design at Philadelphia University, finds inspiration in his urban setting. "A lot of people moved out of the city in the 1960s, and now there's a new influx of population," he says. "Philadelphia has always been a great place for architecture, and there are so many educational institutions in the area. There's a cool new energy here."

Although he's pleased with his recent recognition, Owen is most interested in the designs he has yet to create. "My passion is always tied up with the latest object, and I want to break new ground," he says. Projects in the works include "six exqui-

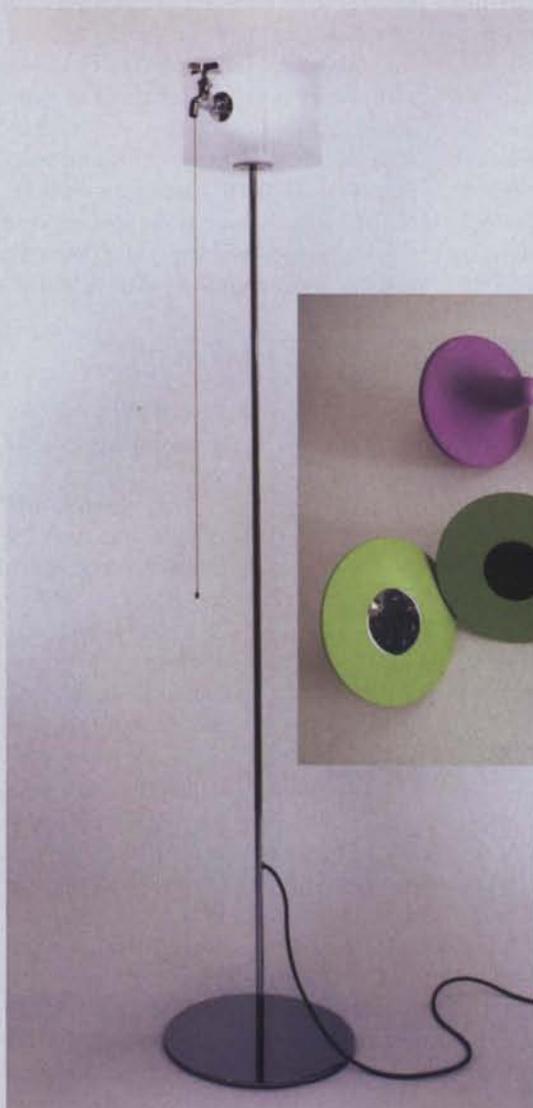
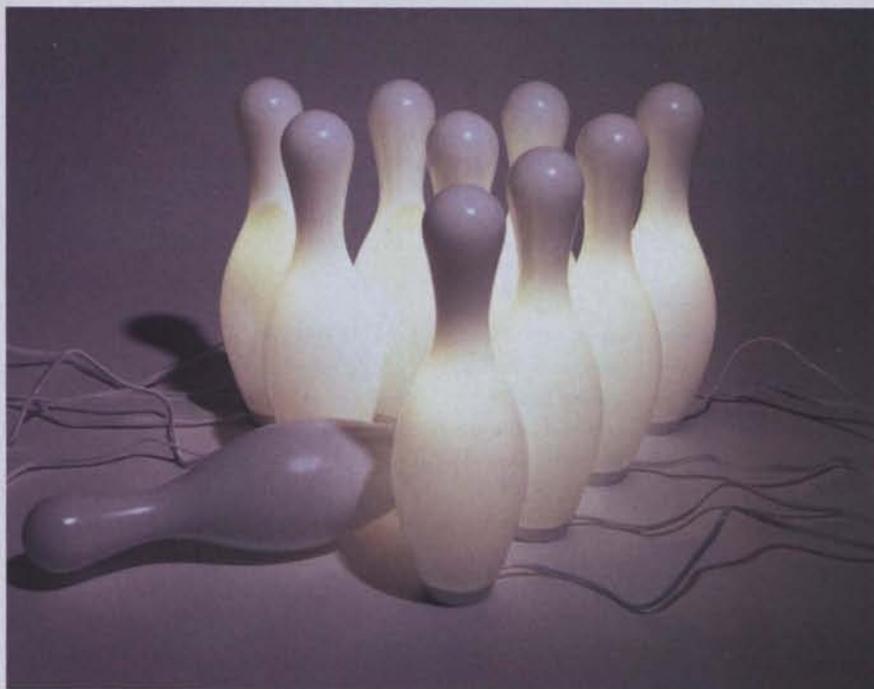


Touch of whimsy: Owen's graphics adorn Soxbox.net's cotton socks (above). The ceramic Moneypig Piggy Bank (below) for Bozart comes in brown, pink, and white.



site chocolates" for the company Conduit, and he's also in discussions with an Italian company on a project that he can't disclose. What would be his dream commission? "A car," he says, excitement in his voice. "But everything in the world is touched by design, right down to doors and thumbtacks. For a designer, there's no task too small."

— C.A. Carlson '93, MFA '96



**Making light:** The Knock-Off Lamp (above) for Bozart uses a gravity switch, while the Tap Light (left) for Interior Tools employs a simple pull-chain.



**Kitchen craft:** The Magnito salt and pepper shakers (above), manufactured by Interior Tools, stick together to form a top.

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# Without a Net

INSTITUTE HOLDS THE BAD GUYS OF CYBERSPACE AT BAY

**T**ODAY'S TOPIC: THE "SOFTWARE Chernobyl." In computer security circles, this is the Big One, the unspecified nightmare of every high-tech fatalist who lies awake worrying about the dark day the mother of all e-mail viruses arrives. "By 'Chernobyl,' I mean billions of dollars in damage and thousands of deaths," says computer science professor Fred Schneider '75. "It's disturbing."

It's also unlikely, apparently. Schneider, garrulous and cheerful in his Upson Hall office, is reassuringly undisturbed. He's an expert in computer security, and in these jittery Code Orange days, it's his duty to monitor the delicate state of the world's digital lifelines. As director of Cornell's four-year-old Information Assurance Institute (IAI), Schneider partners with the U.S. Air Force in developing hacker-proof computer languages and networks, a role he also assumes as an advisor to Microsoft,

Intel, and other companies for whom security has become increasingly vital. But, he notes, this is about more than just downloading the latest anti-virus software. "Previously, computer security was all about protecting confidential information," he says. "Now it's about availability and integrity."

Over the last decade, Cornell computer scientists have quietly been carving out a research niche in security, which is perhaps karmically appropriate: back in 1988, a grad student in the department named Robert Morris ushered in the modern era of computer insecurity when he unleashed an experimental self-propagating program—the "Morris Worm"—onto the Internet. Because of a software glitch, the program replicated itself wildly, crashing thousands of machines and effectively bringing the Web to a standstill for days. The incident proved to be a historic object lesson in the

mischief-making potential of homemade viruses. These days, the department prides itself on manning the other side of the fence, working to defend computer networks from hacker attacks, curious snoopers, and plain old-fashioned bugs.

Schneider's specialty is in fault-tolerant distributed computing—keeping big networks running smoothly even if parts of them fail—which turns out to be an issue of some national security urgency. Technological progress and widespread deregulation have moved much of the nation's utility infrastructure into the wilds of cyberspace, and, as the East Coast learned during last summer's blackout, such networks are vulnerable to all manner of disruptions, malicious and otherwise. A cyber-terrorist who could temporarily crash the 911 emergency service, for instance, would sow serious civil unrest. "What if you could take down the grid for three days instead of three hours?"

## Making Waves

ENGINEERS  
HEAD FOR THE  
HIGH SEAS

**K**en Davies '03, a graduate student in operations research and industrial engineering, wanted to do something a little different for his MEng project, which typically involves collaborating with businesses on forecasting models, market analysis, and other sober real-world concerns. Instead, he and three classmates are hitching a ride on a 32,000-mile round-the-world yacht race. Davies, a sailing enthusiast and former varsity rower, devised a way to indulge his seafaring bent while still fulfilling his course requirements: he contacted a team competing in the 2005 Volvo Ocean Race and offered to do statistical analysis of historical weather data to help them navigate the global race's nine legs. Annapolis-based Team Kan-Do, the first American syndicate to announce their entry into the event, will work with the students on the two-semester project; Davies approached Kan-Do because of their emphasis on learning and public outreach. "They sounded appropriate because they were taking an educational approach," Davies says. "And they might be crazy enough to let four grad students do weather routing



through the most dangerous oceans in the world."

The Volvo race, formerly known as the Whitbread and often called "the Mount Everest of Sailing," is a brutal four-month circumnavigation aboard high-tech racing yachts that rely on complex navigational

software. Davies and fellow first-year grad students Tristan Wietsma '03, Yoji Asamizu, and Sean Koo '04 hope to give Team Kan-Do an edge by deploying a few tricks of the OR trade, including stochastic modeling and game theory, that can predict not only what the wind will do, but how competitors are likely to respond. "The problems of routing a boat through the weather are analogous to navigating a business," says Davies, who stresses his project's applications on the equally treacherous high seas of the corporate world. "You have to hedge your bets."

Schneider asks. "What if you could incapacitate a country without a bomb?" Such computerized mayhem, he says, can be "a force multiplier" when accompanied by conventional attacks.

But while the invisible menace of cyber-terrorism remains largely hypothetical, the more mundane spectre of human error is very real. "We worry about the terrorists, but the legitimate worry is that we're shifting all sorts of societally critical activities to these computing-based infrastructures," says Ken Birman, one of sixteen computer science faculty pursuing research at IAI. "The Internet was designed for e-mail and file transfers between friends, basically, and here we are using it to run the power grid and our banking systems. We've already taken the first steps out onto this shaky bridge. The big challenge we're looking at is how to retrofit reliability and security."

Birman has helped create software for air traffic control in France and the stock exchange in Switzerland, and he's pragmatic about the risks and benefits of an online world. "We've built a world in which we're apparently prepared to tolerate the cost of blackouts, and medical records getting out, and huge numbers of Visa cards being stolen periodically, but we consider those costs quite tolerable relative to the other costs of not exploiting technology as effectively as we can," he says. "In the big picture, it's expensive and inconvenient. You really don't want to be in the airport the moment the whole air traffic control system shuts down for six hours. And these kinds of things will happen endlessly if we don't as a society begin to engage on the questions."

Such engagement could come, Schneider says, if computer security breakdowns ever become something more than just nuisances to the public at large. And that, perhaps, is where the dreaded Software Chernobyl would come in. "[Hackers] could easily make your life really miserable—if anything, you should be thankful that they have this huge power over us and they haven't really used it," he warns. "The question is, what would cause the attackers to turn from being basically benevolent to malevolent? When that happens, the game really changes."

— David Dudley

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# This Girl's Life

## SHULL SPINS TALES OF ADOLESCENCE

**S**KYE O'SHEA STEPS GINGERLY onto the ice at the Comets hockey tryout. The pigtailed eleven-year-old knows she can play, but her pulse quickens, and sweat seeps into her pads. Some of the competition looks good, better than the sixth-grader expected. Others look as if they can't skate at all. She feels nervous. She also snubs those who will probably miss the cut.

Megan Shull '91, PhD '98, Skye's creator, knows those feelings of anxiety and rejection all too well. The thirty-five-year-old experienced ups and downs of her own from the time she first wobbled on skates to her days playing right wing in Lynah Rink. But throughout her early adolescence—when unrequited crushes, catty classmates, and bad grades made middle school miserable—Shull always looked to strong female role models for guidance. Now the icer-turned-author parlays her memories into paperbacks, hoping that she, too, can help girls overcome obstacles and achieve their goals.

"My books aren't necessarily written from personal experience, but I know what everything in them is like," says Shull. "You never outgrow bullies and people who don't like you. The best way to help girls is to have adult women tell them what that time was really like without romanticizing the memories. It helps them know they're not alone."

In September 2003, American Girl Publishers released Shull's first two books, *Skye's the Limit!* and *Yours Truly, Skye O'Shea*. More than 700 Ithacans turned out for the debut, and Shull sold nearly 1,000 copies that evening. "One girl came up to me and said, 'When I grow up, I

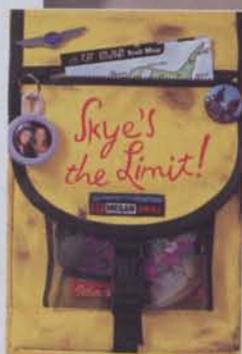
want to do hair and nails, be a doctor and a lawyer, and be a pro wrestler,'" says Shull. "That's exactly what girls need to do to have confidence: dream big."

National Parenting Publications gave Skye's *the Limit!* its 2003 Gold Award in recognition of the book's coupling of an entertaining storyline with moral and educational undertones—a combination that has made Skye popular with girls and their parents. "There's nothing super sexy and glamorous about Skye O'Shea," says Shull.



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Girl power: Megan Shull



"The books are just about the stuff kids go through."

Girls enjoy reading about Skye's problems with her parents, moral dilemmas over secret journal entries, and adventures at summer camp. Parents appreciate the messages

Shull sends their daughters. "Some girls are missing guidance on how to set boundaries, expectations, and goals," says Shull. "They need to know that you can't always just talk things over, that you can't just make someone like you, and that you can't be successful in the classroom if you're quiet and mysterious."

Inspiration for the paperbacks came during a summer hike at Buttermilk Falls.

While walking in the gorge, Shull had an idea to create a character who, like the waterfall itself, could be strong and beautiful but also flexible and constantly on the move. "When the idea popped into my head, I sat down, pulled out an old receipt I had in my pocket, and started writing," she says. "I still have the receipt."

Though Skye's inception may have come in a flash, Shull's path to becoming an author was much less direct. After earning her undergraduate degree in communication, Shull went on to get a PhD in educational psychology. While doing her doctoral research, the Ithaca native explored adolescent female development. "I wanted to find out why nine-, ten-, eleven-year-old girls are super sassy and full of sparkle and confidence, but when thirteen and fourteen rolls around, girls just start losing their voice," says the author. "There is an image of the perfect girl, and girls are comparing themselves to it—just look at any fashion magazine where they airbrush all the photos."

After completing her thesis, Shull joined *Girls on the Move*, an Outward Bound program comprising twenty-two women determined to bike 3,885 miles from Portland, Oregon, to New York City. During the seventy-day trek in September 2000, the troop passed through fourteen states, stopping in small towns along the way to speak with the girls and women who greeted them. "There were parts of the trip when I saw the reality of my research. When we stopped in different towns, all of these kids were saying to us, 'Wow, how do you do this?'" she said. "I told them that there were times when we'd be at the bottom of a big hill, and I had tears streaming down my face because the wind was so strong we could only go five miles an hour. But we made it. If you can say, 'I've been there,' kids can relate."

Shull plans to release another Skye O'Shea novella in the coming year. But she has no plans to tackle the male psyche anytime soon. "I would do books for boys, and I love them, but I'm still trying to figure them out myself," she concedes. "For now, they'll just have to play Skye's romantic interests."

—Everett Hullverson '05

# Your Money or Your Morals

ECONOMICS PROF SAYS IT PAYS TO DO THE RIGHT THING

ACCORDING TO CONVENTIONAL WISDOM, NICE GUYS finish last. To finish first, rational-choice models of economics say we each must pursue our own self-interest. But economist Robert Frank thinks real life might not be quite so simple. In his latest book, *What Price the Moral High Ground? Ethical Dilemmas in Competitive Environments*, the Johnson School professor lays out a theory to explain the competitive advantages realized by people who cooperate, contribute to charities, and exhibit other seemingly altruistic behaviors.

"People aren't nearly as selfish as the simple economic models assume they are," says the lanky U.C. Berkeley grad. "Even in the most bitterly competitive environments, people seem willing to return money they find in envelopes, leave tips when dining on the road, and vote in presidential elections. People like that actually make their way pretty well."

In his earlier books, *Luxury Fever: Money and Happiness in an Era of Excess* and *The Winner-Take-All Society*, Frank relied heavily on such concrete examples as the "arms race" of spending on oversized mansions, diamond-studded bras, and \$3 million wristwatches. In *What Price the Moral High Ground?*, he takes a more academic tone, exploring the economic implications of philosophical thought experiments and reporting the results of research he conducted with Cornell social psychologists Dennis Regan and Tom Gilovich. Overall, they find, most Cornell undergraduates prefer to cooperate. But the news isn't all good. Frank found one group whose levels of cooperation meet the low expectations of classical economic models—undergraduate business majors. "We found, in particular," he writes, "that the likelihood of making selfish choices rose sharply with people's exposure to training in economics. The irony is that the ultimate victims of opportunistic behavior are often the very people who practice it."

Frank, who teaches introductory microeconomics for management in the Johnson School and microeconomics in the Arts college, also writes regularly for the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and *USA Today*, as well as England's *Guardian* and *Independent*. In December, Frank talked with the *New York Times* about repealing the estate tax for its list of the most overrated ideas of 2003. "The estate tax lets us finance valuable public services with a surcharge that kicks in only if we end up among the

wealthiest 1 percent," he told the paper. "It also permits lower income-tax rates, encouraging effort and investment. It stimulates charitable giving, reducing the need for tax-financed public services. And a tax levied after death is surely less unpleasant than one collected from the living." In January, a Georgia congressman called for advice on how to persuade his constituents that repealing the tax would be a bad idea. Yet overall, Frank concedes that his ideas haven't had much effect on Washington. "The rule seems to be that if I recommend the left, policymakers go right," he says. "The mystery is why the proposals are so popular—about 70 percent of voters think it's a good idea to repeal the estate tax."

Although only the wealthiest 1 percent will be subject to such taxes under current laws, he says, close to 40 percent of all Americans believe they'll have to pay the estate tax.

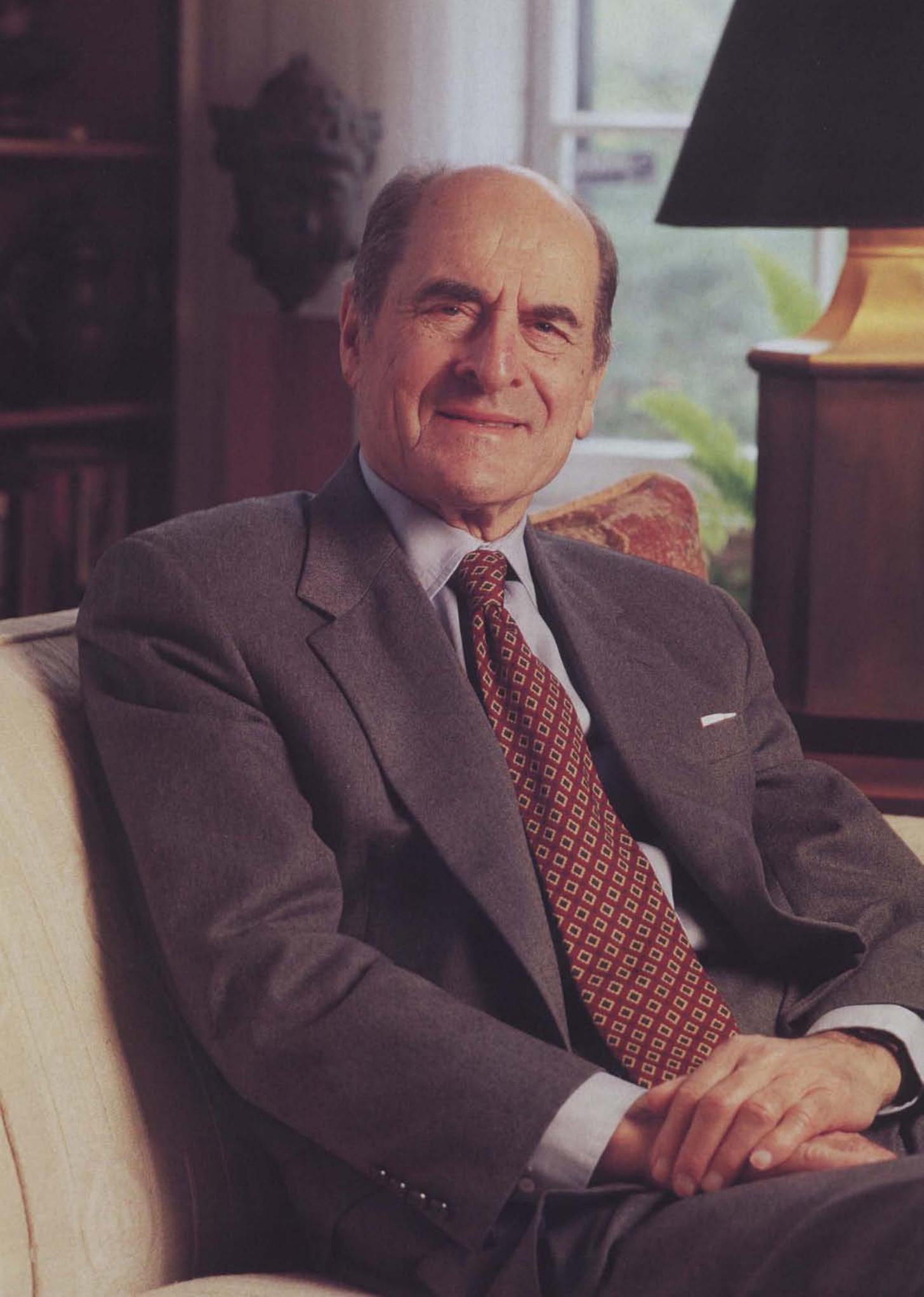
Frank's forthcoming book, tentatively titled *Does Rising Inequality Harm the Middle Class?*, traces the consequences of a trend he outlined in his earlier works: the steep growth in earnings by people at the top of the income pyramid and its effect on the rest of society. "Spending at the top has created a cascade of expenditures that's made it more expensive for people in the middle class to achieve ordinary goals," he argues.

Now he's seeking an explanation for the trends. His current studies with Gilovich and Regan explore popular opposition to consequentialist moral reasoning, the formal term for theories that advocate choosing the action that leads to the best overall consequences, rather than the most personally appealing—for instance, sacrificing your best friend to save 100 strangers, all of whom will perish if you don't act. "The consequentialist framework is really a cost-benefit framework," explains Frank. "So you have to make estimates of the relevant costs and benefits of the actions you might take. The worry is that you'll fudge in your own favor when making those estimates. If I'm estimating how costly my action will be for others, I'm going to underestimate. If I have to estimate how much I'll gain from the action, I'll probably overestimate—I'll be biased toward taking actions in my favor. Other people will see me doing that and feel it's unfair, so they'll do it, too, and then you get this race to the bottom. Thinking in cost-benefit terms might actually lead in practice to bad outcomes."

— Sharon Tregaskis



STEPHANIE GREEN



**L**ong ago in fourth-century Armenia, there lived a man named Blasius who was both the Bishop of Sebaste and a physician. Legend has it that, to avoid persecution as a Christian, he hid in a cave, where sick animals would come to him for help. But one day his persecutors arrived instead. Blasius was arrested, and while imprisoned, he healed a child whose airway had been blocked by a fish bone. Such is the tale of St. Blasius, the patron saint of choking.

**The man,  
the Maneuver,  
and the many  
battles of  
Henry Heimlich**

# Dr. Eponymous

**by Brad Herzog**

Sixteen centuries later, in 1920, a child was born in Wilmington, Delaware, on February 3, the day of the Feast of St. Blasius. Henry Heimlich '41, MD '43, would be celebrated as a healer—perhaps the most widely known physician of his generation. Indeed, if there were an Eponym Hall of Fame, his bronze bust might go next to those of Samuel Maverick and the Earl of Sandwich.

The Heimlich Maneuver, introduced in 1974, is now so ingrained in society's consciousness that it seems always to have been there. *Make a fist. Place the thumb side against the abdomen, above the navel but below the rib cage. Grasp the fist with your other hand and press into the abdomen with quick upward thrusts.* Voila! A modern-day Blasius in the guise of a now eighty-four-year-old Jewish physician in Cincinnati.

Perhaps the most fascinating thing about the man behind the maneuver is not necessarily that he developed a lifesaving tech-

nique used around the world, or that he produced several other contributions to medical science, or even that he has lately set his sights on nothing less than finding the cure for AIDS and the key to world peace. It is that the man often credited with saving more lives than any other American has also been described by some medical experts as reckless and even dangerous.

Heimlich prefers to think of his critics as persecutors—either unprogressive purveyors of an imperfect status quo or pedestal-toppers aiming to drag a famous name through the mud. The truth of the matter, as is often the case, may lie somewhere in the middle.

**O**n the peach-colored walls of the offices of the Heimlich Institute at Cincinnati's Deaconess Hospital hang a dozen framed comics referencing the doctor's claim to fame. He rises out of his chair, shuffles past the four-foot caterpillar on the floor (a stuffed version of "Heimlich," an oft-hungry character from the animated film *A Bug's Life*), and points out his favorite, which shows a doctor putting his arm around a nurse in a darkened movie theater. The caption reads "Heimlich's First Maneuver."

Actually, the first maneuver was performed on a beagle. The way Heimlich remembers it, while reading a magazine article one day in the early 1970s he was surprised to learn that choking on food was among the leading causes of accidental death. Since 1933, the American Red Cross had been promoting back slaps as



**Heimlich hero:** In 1986, five-year-old Brent Meldrum, of Lynn, Massachusetts, saved Tanya Brandon, six, from choking on a piece of candy. Meldrum learned the Heimlich Maneuver from an episode of the TV show 'Benson.'

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the appropriate aid to choking victims, even though Heimlich claims scientific evidence showed that it can actually force a choking object tighter into the airway. "I wondered, OK, what will drive the object away from the airway?" says Heimlich, who was at the time director of surgery at Jewish Hospital in Cincinnati. He inserted a tube with a balloon on one end into the larynx of the anesthetized dog and tried different ways of pressing on the chest without success. Finally, he pressed under the animal's diaphragm and found that the tube was expelled consistently.

He unveiled his findings in an article called "Pop Goes the Café Coronary," published in the June 1974 issue of *Emergency Medicine*. A newspaper columnist in Chicago picked up the story and wrote a syndicated article, which was noticed by a restaurateur in Seattle. A week later, the man successfully performed the maneuver on a choking woman and became the first of thousands of Heimlich heroes.

According to Heimlich, he originally dubbed his discovery "sub-diaphragmatic pressure," but when letters began pouring in with accounts of people miraculously brought back from the brink of expiration, the editors of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* decided to name the procedure after its inventor. The Heimlich Maneuver entered the mainstream with remarkable speed, and it has been pop-culture fodder ever since—from Archie Bunker (the king of bigots saves Sammy Davis Jr.) to Homer Simpson (he chokes on a donut while his co-workers ignore a Heimlich Maneuver poster in favor of a softball team sign-up sheet). Liz Taylor, Cher, and Goldie Hawn are listed among the thousands saved by the Heimlich; so are Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau, and Ronald Reagan. And as the fame of his maneuver spread, Henry Heimlich became a celebrity himself.

**T**he maneuver was not the doctor's first eponymous invention of widespread application, or his last. The Heimlich Chest Drain Valve, unveiled in the 1960s, attaches to a chest tube and prevents lung collapse in gunshot victims. The Heimlich MicroTrach, a 1980s innovation, permits direct delivery of oxygen to the lungs via a tube inserted through the throat.

The first time Heimlich attached his name to a medical innovation of note was nearly a half-century ago, although that episode remains somewhat controversial to this day. In 1955, Heimlich co-authored a paper about an operation he had conceived, which consisted of replacing a defective esophagus by fashioning a tube from a portion of the stomach. It would gain fame as the nation's first total organ replacement. However, after publishing the paper, Heimlich learned that a Romanian surgeon named Dan Gavrilu had been performing the operation behind the Iron Curtain since 1951. Heimlich later cited Gavrilu in various medical journals, suggesting in one of them that the Romanian surgeon "be given priority for having described and successfully performed" the operation. But even a half-century later, Gavrilu remains bitter, contending Heimlich has sought undue recognition for the procedure. "Scratch a liar," he told the *Cincinnati Enquirer* in 2003, "and I will show you a thief."

The esophagus operation jumpstarted Heimlich's career and led to the formation of the nonprofit Dysphagia Foundation (dysphagia is a swallowing disorder) in 1961. Renamed the Heimlich Institute in 1982, its website still refers to the gastric-tube

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procedure as the Heimlich Operation.

There are some indications, too, that the name given to the doctor's famous maneuver ignores the contributions of one of Heimlich's colleagues. "I always looked at Dr. Heimlich and me as the Wright Brothers," says emergency physician Dr. Edward Patrick, who was a Purdue University electrical engineering professor and medical student when he collaborated with Heimlich in the 1970s. "We worked on this process together, and we jointly developed what would be called the Heimlich Maneuver."

Patrick conceived the Patrick Energy Model to explain the air pressure of the Heimlich Maneuver, performed outcome analysis that he says verified the danger of back slaps, and promoted the maneuver on talk shows in the 1970s. The two men remain in close contact, but differ on when they met: Patrick says it was before the maneuver was introduced to the world; Heimlich says it was after. "Dr. Heimlich once told me, quite a few years ago, that I did not receive the proper credit for development of the Heimlich Maneuver," says Patrick. "As to why that is, I'm not sure."

One thing is certain: Heimlich has made quite a name for himself during his sixty-year medical career, often courting the spotlight (in his pre-med days on the Hill, he was drum major of the Cornell Band). But whether he has used his fame and influence in a responsible manner is a matter of some contention.

**H**eimlich is fond of quoting Belgian poet and playwright Maurice Maeterlinck: "At every crossway on the road that leads to the future, each progressive spirit is opposed by a thousand men appointed to guard the past."

It wasn't until 1985, eleven years after the maneuver was introduced, that Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, MD '41, endorsed the technique, calling other methods "hazardous, even lethal." Heimlich believes the delay in the maneuver's acceptance by the American Heart Association (AHA) and the American Red Cross (ARC) is evidence of institutional obstinacy—politics betraying public health. But in insisting that his choking maneuver can also be used to

save drowning victims, Heimlich has run into far stiffer resistance.

Victor Esch, now retired but formerly chief surgeon of the Washington, D.C., fire department, compares Heimlich to "a white knight charging a medieval castle." In 1974, Esch was credited by Heimlich with being the first person to save a near-drowning victim with the Heimlich Maneuver; he reportedly revived an unconscious man in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, just weeks after the maneuver was introduced. Ever since, Heimlich has promoted the maneuver as a means of expelling water from the lungs. Although both the AHA and ARC incorporate it as part of their rescue protocols, they say that CPR should be attempted first and the maneuver should be used only if something solid appears to be blocking attempts at rescue breathing.

Heimlich insists it should be the first response in a rescue sequence. "You can't get air in until you get the water out," he says. To Heimlich, the drowning debate is another case of the maverick doctor with good intentions dueling a stubborn medical establishment.

In 1994, a committee of scientists commissioned by the Institute of Medicine concluded that the research did not support the routine use of the Heimlich Maneuver for drowning; Heimlich called their findings "scientifically fraudulent." Five years later, he and researcher Eric Spletzer published an analysis in which they announced that a review of 400 scientific papers over more than six decades proved that "the Heimlich is the best method for saving drowning victims." Their article referenced two studies in particular, which Heimlich says confirmed his maneuver is a safer and more successful lifesaving response than CPR. Both studies were performed by the Patrick Institute, presided over by his longtime associate Edward Patrick.

Heimlich's analysis also notes that, in 1995, the aquatic safety firm Ellis & Associates, which trains lifeguards at most of the nation's water parks, had switched its emergency response protocol to employ the Heimlich Maneuver as a standard first step in treating drowning victims. "You now know the scientific facts," the article concludes. "When faced with a drowning victim, you can make an informed decision. Can you in good conscience not



use the procedure you know is the best lifesaving technique?"

But in 2000, a California-based freelance writer named Pamela Mills-Senn decided to look into the issue while writing what was supposed to be a 1,500-word article for *Funworld*, a publication of the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions. It turned into a painstakingly researched 10,000-word special report on the efficacy of the Heimlich Maneuver for drowning victims. Three of the experts whose research Heimlich had referenced to support his contentions told Mills-Senn that Heimlich had either misinterpreted or misrepresented their findings. "Not one of the sources that Dr. Heimlich gave me panned out," she says.

The report was sent to Ellis & Associates for review and comment. Within weeks, the company revised its protocols and aligned them with those of the AHA and ARC. Nevertheless, Heimlich has continued to crusade for his cause, which in recent years also includes promoting the maneuver to treat asthma attacks. A 2000 Heimlich Institute press release lamented that "many Americans still mistakenly believe that CPR is the first step to rescue a drowning victim."

Chris Brewster, former lifeguard chief for the City of San Diego and current president of the U.S. Lifesaving Association, believes that the danger of the drowning debate is in the conflicting messages given to lifeguards. "What Heimlich has done is extraordinarily reckless, in the sense that he has elected to encourage lifeguards and other emergency medical services providers to ignore the protocols they were taught and follow his recommendations," says Brewster. "Because of his reputation, it's my opinion that many have indeed done so, which creates a certain air of anarchy in emergency medical care, at least in the field."

Heimlich's response is simple. "What method saves lives better? Period."

"That's very nice," Brewster says, "but if every doctor in the world, whenever they came up with a new idea, was able to tell people, 'Hey, do this instead of that,' we wouldn't have medical protocols anymore. We'd have thousands of doctors recommending different things. I guess the question is: what gives Henry Heimlich the right to play God with peoples' lives?"

**T**he Heimlich Institute's self-described mission is to seek "simple solutions for saving lives around the world." Such has been Heimlich's pursuit from the beginning. After a nine-month internship at Boston City Hospital, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was assigned to be one of a dozen Americans attached to General Fu Tso Yi's Chinese Nationalist Army. "I joined the navy because I like the sea," he laughs. "So I end up in the Gobi Desert in Inner Mongolia." While training a medical corps for the general, he encountered soldiers and civilians ill with exotic diseases, including trachoma, a bacterial infection of the eyelids that was causing blindness throughout Asia. Although there was no known treatment at the time, Heimlich concocted a remedy consisting of sulfadiazine pills ground into a powder and mixed with shaving cream, which he says likely saved the eyesight of hundreds of people.

Two decades later, in 1964, he came up with another simple solution, which he calls "the biggest lifesaver I've gotten out." Ever

since he had watched a Chinese soldier die from a gunshot wound to the chest, Heimlich, a certified thoracic surgeon, had thought about a better means of removing blood from the chest cavity. He had noticed that the existing suction devices used in hospitals for chest wounds worked like one-way flutter valves, permitting fluid or air to run in only one direction. He stopped at a five-and-dime store and bought a children's noisemaker—a piece of flattened rubber tubing that functioned much like a flutter valve—and connected it to the chest tubes of a man with a collapsed lung. The Heimlich Chest Drain Valve was born.

Heimlich introduced it at an American Medical Association meeting later that year, after which he says he was approached by navy officers who requested a half-dozen devices immediately. One week later, a telegram arrived from Vietnam: "The Heimlich valve is a lifesaving item. Must have 100 immediately." The valve quickly became standard battlefield equipment in Southeast Asia and beyond. Trauma surgeon Kenneth Swan, MD '60, spent thirty years in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, including three tours in Vietnam, and he agrees that the Heimlich valve has been a major contribution to emergency medicine. He not only instructs students in its use during his Advanced Trauma Life Support course at New Jersey Medical School, he carries one in his little black bag. "He made a rudimentary principle into an applicable device that could be sterilized and stored, and therefore put into use," says Swan. "I know he's a controversial guy, but he's also very innovative."

**H**eimlich is a man of mottos. "Creativity requires courage," he says, "and if all your peers understand what you've done, you haven't been creative." This might explain his attempt in recent years to address a modern scourge with a throwback solution. His advocacy of malariotherapy—injecting HIV-positive patients with a curable form of malaria—may be the most controversial endeavor of his career.

He compares his efforts to those of two medical pioneers: Edward Jenner, who invented vaccination in 1796 when he injected an eight-year-old with cowpox to immunize the boy against deadly smallpox; and Austrian psychiatrist and neurologist Julius Wagner-Jauregg, who received the 1927 Nobel Prize for bringing the previously incurable disease of neurosyphilis under control through artificial induction of curable malaria, a treatment that continued to be used for decades. Each was controversial in his day. Jenner was vilified for experimenting on children, including his eleven-month-old son. And a member of the Nobel Prize committee attempted to block Wagner-Jauregg's honor, calling him "a criminal."

Much of the controversy surrounding Heimlich's malariotherapy experiments concerns where they took place. Between 1993 and 1996, the Heimlich Institute sponsored clinical studies in China. Heimlich has reported that eight HIV-positive males were injected with malaria, which was then cured by inexpensive drugs after three weeks of fever cycles. Each of the patients was monitored for two years, at the end of which Heimlich reported that all were alive with normal CD4 counts (the HIV virus destroys CD4 cells). He announced in 2001 that only one of the patients had died (of non-AIDS-related causes), and in 2002 he spoke at the PanAfrica AIDS Conference, where he reported it is

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“feasible that malariotherapy can produce immune substances in HIV-infected patients in sufficient quantities to overcome the virus throughout the body.” He now claims to be unaware of the patients’ current health.

Heimlich says there is no known report of induced malaria not being cured, but his detractors contend that the experiments are both exploitative and unsafe. Los Angeles physician Paul Bronston, a longtime Heimlich critic who organized a petition a decade ago against the malaria experiments, notes that “it doesn’t take a rocket scientist to realize you don’t give an infectious disease to somebody who is immuno-compromised.”

Heimlich insists the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention expressed support for his proposal to treat cancer patients with malariotherapy as far back as 1986, but in 1993 the CDC issued a public health warning against the Heimlich Institute’s proposal for malariotherapy for HIV treatment. Since then, the organization’s position seems unchanged. According to a CDC statement released in 2003, “There is no scientific evidence to suggest that high-fever therapies are effective treatment for HIV. In fact, we do have evidence that HIV-affected individuals in sub-Saharan Africa may have worse outcomes.” Heimlich cites the opposite—studies conducted during the 1990s that showed improved survival for African children who were HIV-positive and had malaria.

In this latest debate, Heimlich’s critics appear to be particularly troubled by the doctor’s methods. “He’s not an infectious disease expert,” says Bronston, who serves as the national chair of the Ethics and Professional Policy Committee for the American College of Medical Quality. “So he doesn’t even have the qualifications to embark upon this type of research. It’s an experimental treatment without an institutional review board, without patient protection committees, and it’s not based on any science. If he tried to do any of this in the United States, it would be grossly negligent.”

Former AIDS researcher Peter Lurie ’82 agrees. Now deputy director of the Health Research Group in Ralph Nader’s nonprofit watchdog organization, Public Citizen, Lurie works to provide oversight concerning medical practices and practitioners. “Our basic perspective here is that this is someone who went and experimented on citizens of foreign countries on the basis of the flimsiest of evidence and in a way that never would have been permitted in this country,” he says. “And that’s really outrageous.”

Heimlich, however, is adamant that the experiments were safe and properly monitored. “They were followed very carefully, and it was done with the equivalent of our public health service in China,” he explains. As to charges that he exploited lax standards overseas, he says simply, “I was there because the Chinese love me, and I love them.”

So Heimlich soldiers on, undeterred. Indeed, he has discussed his malariotherapy method with at least five visiting physicians from African countries. “Often, people who oppose something most vehemently are those who have been working in the field, and their ideas haven’t worked,” he says. “Here comes somebody from outside the field with ideas that are logical, but threatening.”

He repeats another favorite motto: “Until they challenge you, you don’t know you’re right.”

“He’s a bit of a heretic,” says Jane Heimlich, his wife of fifty-three years and the daughter of dance studio legend Arthur Murray. “I think one of his great traits is perseverance. He doesn’t give up just because the learned authorities say it’s never been done this way.” Adds Ed Patrick, “I have the greatest respect for Dr. Heimlich. I think he has thought outside the box and has been capable of doing paradigm shifts. He’s a man with a lot of integrity who works hard and has made some major contributions.”

Peter Lurie offers another point of view. “He’s a guy who obviously did something worthwhile at a certain point—I don’t think there’s any question about that,” he admits. “But then he seems to have gotten it into his head that he was therefore competent to do all kinds of other things. He’s definitely dipped into a number of areas in

which he’s ill-trained. There seems to be some grandiose thinking going on.”

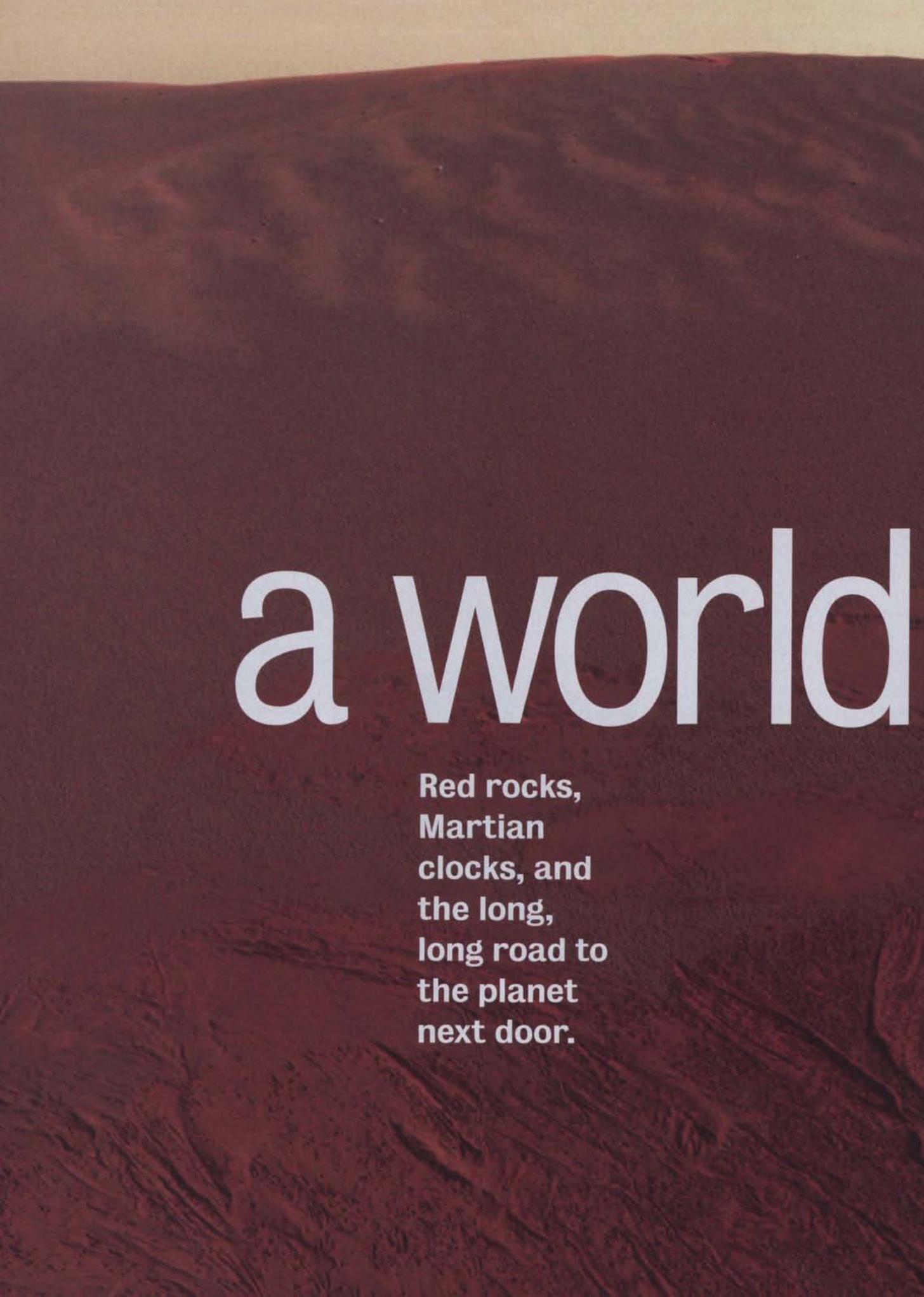
On this point, at least, Heimlich seems to agree. One current project, “A Caring World,” attempts to use his famous name to solve international crises. “I have every intention of making a contribution in a field that some might deem outside my bailiwick,” Heimlich says. “I firmly believe there can be creative solutions to even the most gargantuan and formidable problems. Take world peace, for example....”

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**Military medicine: ‘I know he’s a controversial guy,’ says retired army surgeon Kenneth Swan, ‘but he’s also very innovative.’**

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# a world

**Red rocks,  
Martian  
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**Touchdown:** Mission control celebrates the successful landing of the rover Spirit on January 3. Left to right: NASA administrator Sean O'Keefe, Steve Squyres, and Ed Weiler, associate administrator for space science.

# apart

By David Dudley

**On the ground:** Hours after landing on Meridiani Planum on January 24, the rover Opportunity stunned scientists with this first color "postcard" (left). The red circles are bounce marks from the lander's airbags. "It's a world unlike any we've seen before," says Cornell astronomer Steve Squyres. "A beautiful, alien place."

Steve Squyres is feeling better. He's had his nap, for one thing, which is no mean feat these days. "Ah! The circus is back in town!" he says, marching into a crowded media room at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL). The lanky Cornell astronomer, forty-eight, is wearing his usual uniform of ostrich-hide cowboy boots and leather bomber jacket; the chain of a silver pocket watch dangles from his tattered jeans. It's late afternoon in Pasadena but the middle of the night on the Martian schedule Squyres and the other scientists and engineers have been living and sleeping on for the past three weeks. Recently, though, no one's been sleeping much. "The last three sols," he says, "have been hell."

Both Squyres '78, PhD '81, and the golf-cart-sized robotic rover named Spirit that he helped design are recovering from what NASA likes to call an anomaly. Spirit had successfully operated on Mars for seventeen sols, or Martian days, wowing the world with startlingly

vivid images of a rock-strewn landing site. And then it disappeared, missing its preset communication window again and again. Time passed, the silence deepened, the engineers puzzled and tinkered. At the darkest moment, on the morning of the twentieth sol (January 23), the crippled rover failed to muster a beep, the simplest trick in its book, and Squyres allowed himself a moment to contemplate the worst.

"It wasn't *despair*," he says, in a tone of voice that seems to indicate that maybe it sort of was. "But the thought began to creep into my mind that, jeez, we might have lost the thing. This could all be over."

Squyres is the principal investigator (PI) for the Athena payload, a suite of geological instruments that serves as the scientific heart and soul of the Mars Exploration Rover (MER) mission. He spent sixteen years developing Athena and shepherding it to the surface of Mars. In a few hours, Spirit's identical twin, Opportunity, will hit the Martian atmosphere at 12,000 miles per hour and, if roughly a million things go exactly right, bounce to a safe landing on the other side of the distant planet. The satellite trucks of the international media are gathering in the parking lot, waiting to see if NASA's \$820 million twin rover project can beat the odds. Squyres steals a quick glance at his pocket watch—which runs on the twenty-four-hour, thirty-nine-minute, thirty-five-second clock of the Martian solar day—and does the math for local time. He's got one sick rover on the surface, another screaming down in about five hours, and a very long night on Earth ahead of him.

"Oh, I've seen worse," he says breezily, recounting the misadventures of Magellan, which mapped Venus in 1990. "My God. One-and-a-half orbits worth of data and we flat lost the thing. I mean, just *lost* it. Then we got it back *during the press conference* to announce that we had lost the spacecraft!" He shrugs. "You know, stuff happens."

Among the men and women who play the long odds of interplanetary exploration, a certain healthy fatalism is part of the game. Only a third of the probes and landers aimed at Mars since the 1960s reached their destination. In 1993, NASA's billion-dollar Mars Observer vanished three days before arrival; in 1999, the space agency went a disastrous 0-for-2 with a climatological probe and a polar lander. Since then, a Japanese orbiter has hurtled off course and a European lander is presumed crashed. "Never take it for granted," Squyres warns. "Treat every day as if this could be the day you lose the spacecraft."

Cornell researcher Robert Sullivan, a member of the science

team, remembers another vivid admonition from Squyres: "Do geology as if a sniper were aiming at us from behind a rock, waiting to pick us off at any moment."

This time they've dodged the bullet. Like a missing person staggering out of the woods, Spirit re-emerged, delirious but alive, on sol 20. The rover surprised its handlers with a burst of garbled data, enough to help engineers diagnose a corrupted flash-memory system and regain a modicum of control over the vehicle. Squyres can breathe a little easier today, after several sleepless sols under a headset in mission control listening for his wayward spacecraft. "I'm so emotionally attached to this vehicle that I just have to be there when the doctors are operating," he says. "You use a word like 'love' advisedly when you're talking about a hunk of metal, but to the extent that you can love a machine, we love these vehicles. The analogy that everyone on the team uses is not 'our toy is broken.' It's 'our child is deathly ill.' *That's* how it is."

**S**teve Squyres came a long way to get to Mars. One hundred million miles or so, as the crow flies, and more like 300 million via the looping seven-month route that Spirit traveled. But for the scientists and engineers behind what may be the most complex planetary exploration ever undertaken, this is a trip that began decades ago.

One night in 1980, Squyres was drinking beer with Jim Garvin, now NASA's lead scientist for Mars exploration, at a Stanford burger joint called the Oasis in Menlo Park, California. They were attending a conference on Venus at NASA's Ames Research Center, and Squyres, still a grad student, had just come off a stint working with Cornell astronomers Carl Sagan and Joe Veverka on the Voyager probe. But that's not what he wanted to talk about. "You know, Jim," he said. "*Mars* is the place."

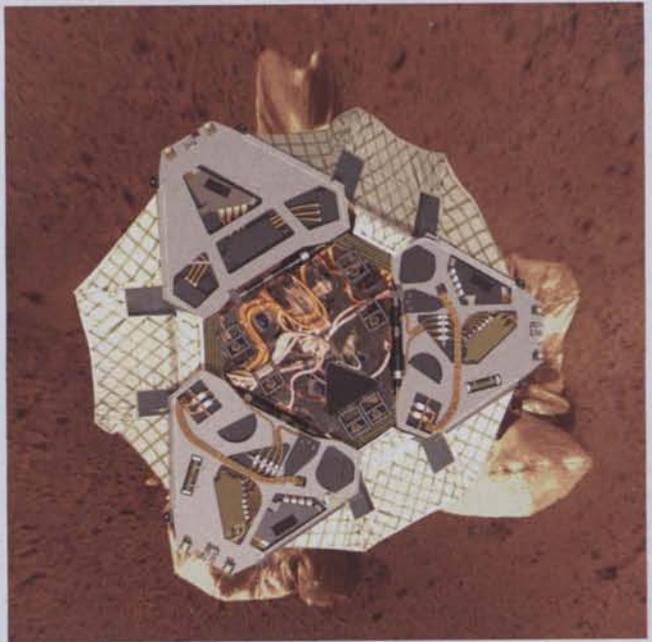
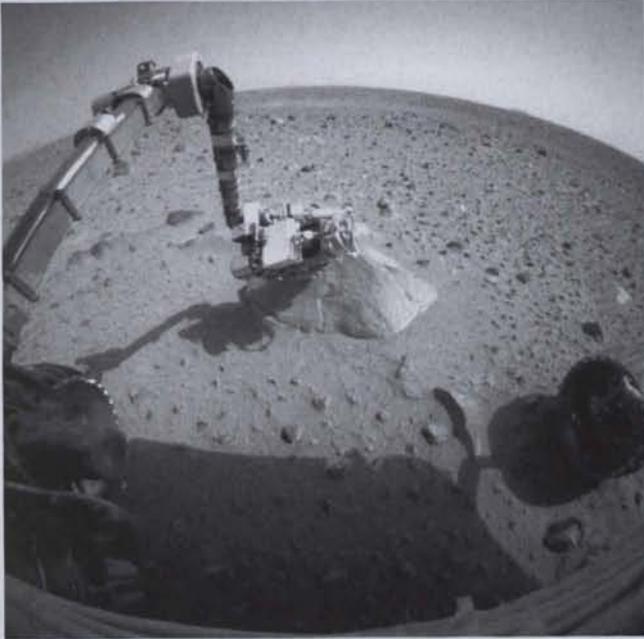
"Twenty-four years later, and he's exactly the same," Garvin says.

The Athena scientific payload that Squyres masterminded was selected by NASA in November 1997, a decade after he formally began to shape his desire to lead a rover mission to Mars. But the planet had long been high on his horizon: Squyres was a junior geology major in 1977 when he opened the door to a room in Clark Hall full of Viking photographs and emerged four hours later "knowing exactly what I wanted to do with the rest of my life."

If Squyres's personal trajectory has long been clear, the object of his planetary affections has lately followed a more elliptical path. Victorian visions of Martian canals and alien civilizations were dashed when Mariner 4 revealed a cratered and moonlike

**Opportunity's panoramic look at the first bedrock outcropping ever found on Mars: 'This is like the Holy Grail for geologists,' says Pancam team leader Jim Bell, 'to be able to see these rocks in their native habitat.'**





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Life on Mars: (clockwise from top left): Opportunity inspects the layered bedrock of Meridiani and gets up close with the pebbly Martian soil; a bird's eye view of Spirit's vacant lander; boring a hole in a basalt boulder on Gusev Crater.



surface in 1965; the color pictures and biological experiments of the 1976 Viking landers left scientists pondering a new image of Mars—an arid red plain of rusted rocks, punishingly cold and utterly lifeless. But more recent discoveries have pointed in tantalizing new directions: there's abundant water ice at the Martian poles, and elaborate gully systems and riverbeds that have led many scientists to imagine a warmer, wetter era in the past. Liquid water may still flow, at least occasionally, fueling speculation about a third Mars—one that may yet harbor life.

The MER mission, unlike the Vikings or the unlucky Beagle 2 lander that disappeared on arrival in December, isn't explicitly looking for life. The rovers are looking for rocks, and for the clues about the planet's past that they carry. The mission mantra is "Follow the Water"—Gusev Crater, the Spirit landing site, is thought to have once been a large lakebed, while orbital analysis of Opportunity's Meridiani Planum target has revealed dark deposits of gray hematite, a mineral that on Earth is often associated with hot springs. Spirit and Opportunity are essentially robot geologists, armed with a brace of instruments that can analyze the soils, rocks, and atmosphere. NASA hopes that somewhere within roving range lie the keys to unlocking exactly how—and if—water might once have flowed.

The rovers' road to Mars was rocky, even by NASA standards. An earlier iteration of the Athena suite of instruments was originally set to fly on the ambitious 2001 Mars Surveyor mission, cancelled after twin Mars failures in 1999. With a particularly juicy launch window looming in 2003—a June orbital opposition would put the planet closer than it had been in 60,000 years—NASA scrambled to rebuild its program. MER "came from the back of the pack," says NASA associate administrator for space science Ed Weiler. "It wasn't even on the short list."

The proposal called for a six-wheeled solar-powered vehicle that dwarfed the tiny Sojourner rover that Pathfinder had successfully deposited on Mars in 1997. The engineers at JPL, NASA's Caltech-affiliated unmanned spacecraft facility in the San Gabriel foothills above Pasadena, were game to build the thing, but needed the right science payload, fast. Meanwhile, Squyres's Athena suite for the defunct Surveyor was already half-built. In May 2000, Garvin told Weiler, "We've already got the instruments, we've got the PI, and he'll deliver." Then-NASA administrator Dan Goldin liked the idea but was leery of the risk: getting a big rover down was a high-stakes gamble. So they doubled the odds—Goldin told JPL to build two.

The race to the launchpad was, by most accounts, nothing less than a three-year all-nighter. "Orbital mechanics waits for no one," says Robert Sullivan. "The schedule cannot move to the right."

"That first year was tough," Garvin remembers. "We had negative mass margin, which meant we couldn't even get off the ground." While engineers struggled to cut weight, Squyres logged about 300,000 airline miles annually, commuting back and forth to Pasadena and Cape Canaveral from Ithaca. "I calculated that, over the final year before we launched, my long-term average altitude was 1,300 feet," he says, "and my average velocity was twenty-seven knots."

The launches in summer 2003 came with their own heart-stopping mini-dramas, with faulty valves, weather

delays, and a wayward fishing boat that almost kept Opportunity grounded for good. But both vehicles got off before the window closed, and the seven-month cruise to the red planet was on-course and reassuringly quiet. In thirty-four months, NASA had rebuilt a program in tatters and delivered a pair of fiendishly complicated spacecraft to the edge of Mars. Now for the hard part.

**O**n a cold December afternoon in Ithaca, a few weeks before the Spirit landing, associate professor Jim Bell sits with a dozen astronomy graduate students and post-docs in a computer-laden room on the fourth floor of the Space Sciences building. "This might be our last meeting," he says. "What do we need to know?"

Bell is a veteran of the imaging team on the Mars Pathfinder mission from 1997, and he's spent eight years developing MER's double-lensed panoramic camera system. Conceived to function as the rover's high-resolution eyes, Pancam can produce IMAX-quality stereoscopic images—it should be able to pick out grapefruit-sized rocks hundreds of yards away from atop its five-foot mast. "The idea was that we could take a picture today that would map out all possible driving contingencies for tomorrow," Bell says. "That turns out to be the equivalent of human twenty-twenty vision. If the camera performs like we think it will, this will be spectacular. It will be like you're there."

Most of Bell's Pancam team will go to Pasadena; a skeleton crew will stay behind to help process the raw image data here. The topics on hand today range from nightmarish "What if?" contingencies (What if the rover's mast doesn't deploy? What if the rover can't get off the lander?) to workaday logistics (research support specialist Heather Arneson '02 asks if she should bring towels).

Bell, thirty-eight, is a wry, low-key Rhode Islander who gently deflects his team's youthful enthusiasms. He knows what's ahead—he remembers the media interest that Pathfinder generated back in 1997, and he's got a feeling that this could be bigger. He also understands the challenges of life on Mars time, with the

**Big picture: Astronomer Jim Bell leads the rover mission's panoramic camera team, which includes undergraduates, grad students, and post-docs.**



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## Cosmic connections

As a teenager, Nagin Cox '86 watched Carl Sagan's "Cosmos" series on PBS and vowed to follow the legendary astronomer to Cornell, and beyond. Now she's flying a spacecraft 280 million miles to Mars, leading the cruise phase of MER B at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. "It's been a remarkable ride," she says.

Cornell scientists may be at the helm of MER's charge to Mars, but getting the rovers there has taken the efforts of hundreds of engineers and telecommunication experts—not a few of whom also happen to be Cornellians. Walk down the halls of JPL and you'll see a lot of red. Deputy engineering team chief Cox hung a Cornell pennant outside her cubicle on the fourth floor of Building 264; there's another Big Red banner just down the hall. "We're everywhere," Cox says. Over in the Surface Mission Support Area next door, telecom systems engineer Monika Danos '95 has been pulling fourteen-hour shifts trying to maintain the delicate lines of communication with Spirit. Meanwhile, mobility/egress engineer Kevin Burke '90 has been busy with an equally perilous chore—rolling Opportunity off its lander.

Like the science team members, many of the JPL engineers



Artist's rendering of the Mars Exploration Rover in action.

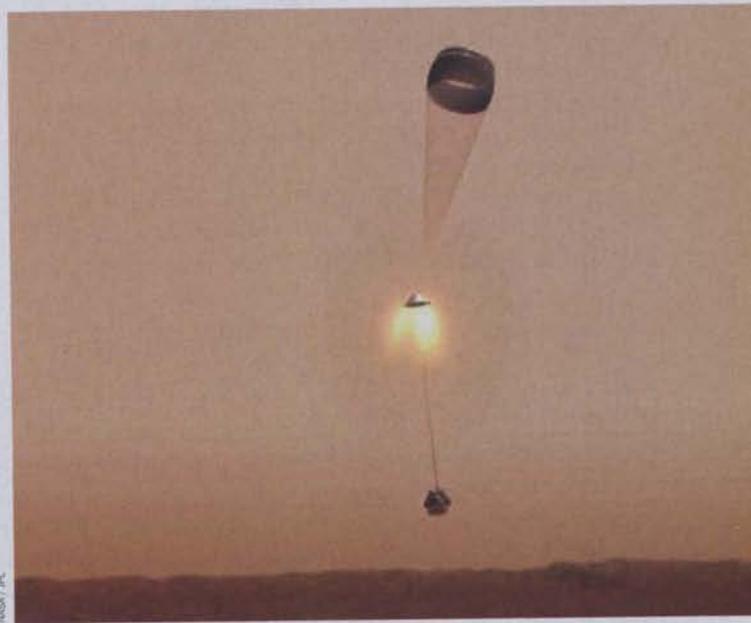
are living and working on Martian time for the duration of the mission. Unlike most of the visiting scientists, they get to go home and sleep in their own beds, at least occasionally. "I'm excited," says Danos on a rare day off. "I can see my husband. And daylight."

whole world watching along on CNN. "Start sleeping on a night schedule," he advises. "Hang out. Enjoy the buzz. It's gonna be crazy. And if it works, we're all going to be very, very busy."

**t**he Entry, Descent, and Landing (EDL) system that JPL devised to get the rovers on the ground relies on a singularly unlikely series of events. As seen on the splashy computer animation Dan Maas '02 created for NASA (his eight-minute digital MER movie looks like a cut from *Attack of the Clones*), the spacecraft comes apart in stages as it makes its fiery descent through the thin Martian air, shedding its nesting Russian-doll pieces along the way. The parachute deploys, the heat shield separates, the folded-up lander drops bungee-jumper style from a sixty-five-foot cord attached to its back shell, and a protective cocoon of airbags inflates around the lander like a bundle of giant beach balls. Finally, at what seems the last imaginable moment before the entire thing accords into the ground at 150 miles per hour, deceleration rockets fire, the cord snaps, and the beach balls free-fall the rest of the way, bouncing along for several minutes and hundreds of yards before coming to a safe rest, somewhere. "It's a controlled crash," as EDL manager Rob Morrow says.

The craziest thing about it is that it works. This airbag scheme safely delivered both the Pathfinder lander in 1997 and the bigger Spirit on January 3. The Spirit touchdown was all but perfect—the telecom people never even lost contact. So as Opportunity's January 24 landing looms, NASA seems intent on keeping expectations in check. "Every time we do this," Morrow says, "it's another experiment."

The 9 p.m. landing itself is more movie premiere than science experiment. Buses and limousines full of VIPs (including Al Gore



Spirit's final descent: 'It's like a skydiver who opens the chute at the very last second,' says Rob Morrow, NASA's EDL manager.

and California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger) mingle with the NASA brass while the media watches on TV monitors in an auditorium JPL has converted into a newsroom. The EDL sequence itself is all pre-programmed, so there's little for mission control to do during the "six minutes of terror" besides fret. Nevertheless, it's a strangely dramatic tableau of anxiety. Squyres stalks around nervously, arms tightly crossed, as the final minutes count

down. One by one, incoming signals confirm what the spacecraft did eleven minutes earlier: the heat-shield separates, the parachute deploys, the retros fire. Then, finally, Opportunity is bouncing on the surface.

"We're on Mars, everybody," Manning announces. And he bursts into tears.

The celebration is a full-blown Game Seven home-plate pile-up, with much hugging and high-fiving. Gore and Schwarzenegger start pumping hands. An hour later, a giddy victory-lap of a press briefing fills the auditorium; NASA administrator Sean O'Keefe and JPL director Charles Elachi sip champagne and make their Oscar speeches. The scientists look on from the sidelines, waiting anxiously for their first data to come down from the next Mars Odyssey flyby, which is due at a little after 1 a.m. They won't pop any corks until they see where they ended up.

From orbit, the thirty-seven-mile-long "landing ellipse" that Opportunity aimed for is a flat and featureless plain—so featureless that the science team mulled a late trajectory change that would have planted the rover closer to a nearby cratered region that might have offered more varied terrain. But the course change never happened, and as everyone waits for Opportunity to unfurl its panels and open its eyes, fingers are crossed.

At 1:10 a.m., the data starts flowing—a sudden flurry of small black-and-white "postcards" from the rover's low-resolution Hazard Identification Cameras, or Hazcam. Within seconds, the scientists realize something remarkable. The horizon is dark and hummocky, not the flat plain they expected, and there's a bright irregular arc of white poking out of the sands in the middle distance, like the bleached bones of a great whale. Opportunity is sitting in a small crater, and at the rim, blasted free of the Martian sand, there's an outcropping of bedrock.

"Bedrock!" Squyres marvels as he strides into a 2 a.m. briefing. "We've got bedrock!"

This is a big deal, to a geologist. Previous landing sites, from Viking to Gusev, were all variations on a boulder-strewn theme, littered with loose rocks of various shapes, sizes, and provenance. But

here, at last, was native rock, the mineral foundation of the planet. "These rocks grew up right in this neighborhood," Squyres says.

Halfway into the early-morning briefing, the first color image from Pancam comes in. It's a rush job, color-calibrated in Ithaca and relayed to Pasadena to be stitched together into the picture that now flashes before an auditorium of sleepy reporters and scientists. Squyres, on stage, cranes his head back and gapes. A dark plain rises, topped by rippling wind-driven dunelets. Four perfect circles—bounce marks, so distinct that airbag seams are visible—are imprinted on the sand, lurid red. The crowd gasps, then breaks into applause.

"This is exactly what it looked like in my wildest dreams," says Squyres, goggling at the strange world behind him. "And they were pretty wild."

**t**he Martian day begins with an electric guitar fanfare—Rush's "Spirit of the Radio," an FM nugget from 1980—blaring tinnily from a speaker. This is Opportunity's morning wake-up call, a little mission-control tradition from the Apollo days. It isn't morning, of course—it's early evening—and there's no one to wake up on the robot spacecraft. But the sun is up on Meridiani Planum, and controllers hope to fire up Opportunity's high-gain antenna today, so "Spirit of the Radio" is broadcast across the flight operations network. The tune finally caterwauls to a finish, and in the Pancam lab on the fourth floor of JPL's Building 264, the methodical business of painting a portrait of Mars goes on.

On the two floors devoted to the MER mission, thick black rubberized shades cover every window. The floors have nearly identical layouts but different color schemes, to help sleep-deprived scientists remember what rover they're working on. Spirit's fourth floor is red; the Opportunity (or MER B) floor above it is blue. "B for blue," Jim Bell recites. Slumping at the keyboard in a Cornell sweatshirt, he seems half-awake and more rumpled than usual—unlike most of these casual-day scientists, Bell often dons jacket-

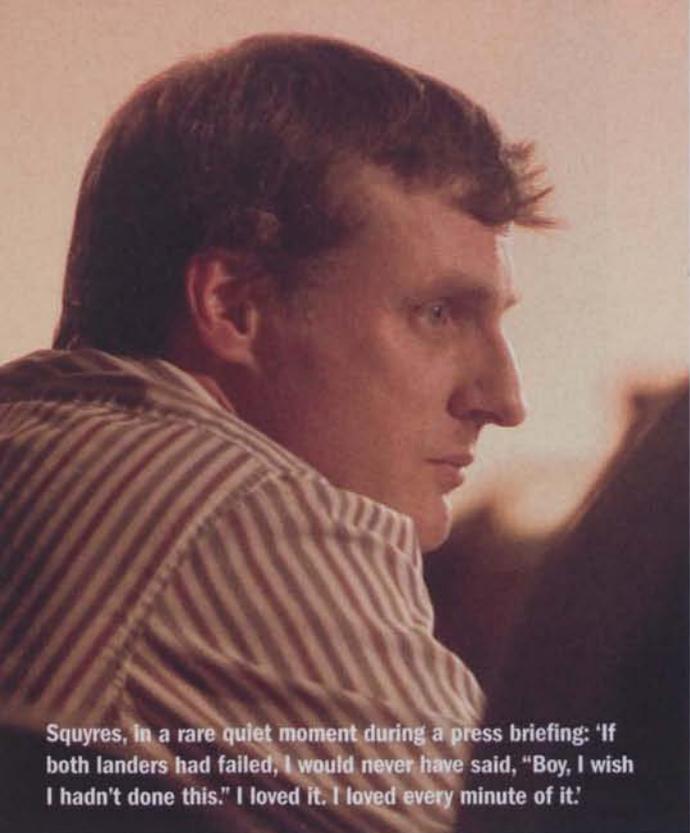
and-tie for press briefings—and the strain of the unearthly hours is evident all around, from the bulletin-board tips on avoiding fatigue to the nearby stockpile of vitamins, cereal, and nacho chips. Outside, evening deepens into night. Bell just ate breakfast. At his rental apartment off the freeway, he taped the comforter over the window in an attempt to duplicate the sunless limbo of Building 264. "You get into your own little world here," he says. "They close the door and you have no idea what's going on outside."

Bell scrolls through the black-and-white thumbnail images of the Meridiani outcropping that came down from the most recent pass of the Mars Global Surveyor spacecraft that orbits the planet, relaying data from the rovers back to Earth. Grad student Jason Soderblom taps at another machine in the corner. Each tiny digitized picture must be calibrated using various combinations of filters, then

## Meanwhile, back at the lab. . .

On a bitter subzero January night in Ithaca—it's colder here than on the surface of Mars—graduate student Eldar Noe '98, MS '01, waits for the next pass from a distant spacecraft and maintains a lonely vigil. One week after the Spirit landing, he's manning the MarsLab in the Space Sciences building, processing raw data from the rover's panoramic cameras. Most of associate professor Jim Bell's two-dozen-strong imaging team is now working at JPL in Pasadena, but Noe—soon to be joined by research staffers Rich Chomko '03, Jonathan Joseph, and Min Hubbard, along with John Roma Skok '07 and many other volunteers—stayed behind to perform the vital calibration and color-balancing chores that turn the tiny black-and-white images they get from JPL into stunning full-color mosaics.

Despite being thousands of miles from mission control, the Cornell MarsLab is very much part of the action: a speakerphone picks up NASA chatter on the flight operations network, and the Pasadena Pancam lab is linked via two-way real-time streaming video. "It's like having them all in the same room," Noe says. The Ithaca contingent also gets to share the challenges of living on Martian time. Noe stashes a sleeping bag in the lab and brought his dog, Gavroche, to accompany him for tonight's solo graveyard shift. Says Chomko: "I just sleep when I'm tired."



Squyres, in a rare quiet moment during a press briefing: "If both landers had failed, I would never have said, "Boy, I wish I hadn't done this." I loved it. I loved every minute of it."

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assembled into another octant of the 360-degree "mission success panorama" that is Pancam's first job at its new home. It's repetitive, labor-intensive work, and, with millions of bits of data coming in, there's plenty to go around.

With Opportunity waking up, the Spirit floor is emptying out after another sol's work. There are no photographers or reporters here, just muffled hallways, blacked-out windows, and the steady hum of computer monitors. Small cells of scientists from the other instrument teams huddle in side rooms. The air of cloistered intensity is leavened only by the abundance of ice-cream bars that most scientists seem to be nibbling. (There's a freezer of Häagen-Dazs down the hall.)

Up on the blue fifth floor, Washington University astrogeologist Ray Arvidson, MER deputy PI and senior statesman, sits alone in front of a monitor in the big science assessment room. It's early in his shift—a good time to mull the newest Pancam close-up of the finely layered rocks of Meridiani. Bell stops by and peers over his shoulder.

"Cool or what?"

Arvidson, a soft-voiced veteran of the '76 Viking program, doesn't even look up. He's lost in the tumble of alien rocks.

"It's totally cool," he says. "See this coarse stuff? I'm thinking this is ash. You see that in Kilauea in Hawaii, where there's an eruption of granules close to the vent." But, he adds, it's just a theory. "There will be debates about this for weeks, if not years."

The MER science team is a sprawling, multinational convection of 170 planetary geologists, atmospheric scientists, and Mars experts from various fields. They assemble to bat around hypotheses and plot the rovers' next moves in a large daily meeting, with smaller gatherings for five theme groups and the teams that run MER's six main instruments. With two rovers now on the ground, all this brainpower has split into two shifts working a half-sol apart. Keeping the whole machine running smoothly takes creative scheduling, huge spreadsheets, and some delicate

diplomacy. "These are not people you can order around, and you'd be a fool to try," Squyres says. "I know these people very, very well. I know who the poker-playing buddies from grad school are, and I know who doesn't really like being around who. I like nothing better than to just put the pieces in play and then sit back and watch it go."

"Steve isn't just a brilliant scientist," says Orlando Figueroa, NASA's Mars program director. "He's an unconditional team player."

He's also an unabashed cheerleader: Squyres can talk up hematite and crater rims with all the goony fervor of Quentin Tarantino riffing on kung fu movies. Before press briefings, he fidgets behind the table with his face locked into a huge grin, like he's just busting to tell the world's greatest secret. "Wait 'til you see the rest of this thing," he promises. "Just wait."

**f**or reasons he doesn't quite understand, Squyres is now a famous man. He has a personal assistant scheduling his day and an entourage of reporters trailing his every move. In the week after the Spirit landing, ABC News made him their "Person of the Week," a distinction he now shares with the late Carl Sagan. "Does anyone even know what that is?" he asks. "You gotta realize, I don't own a television. I have no idea how this is seen by the outside world. Is it a big deal?"

It is indeed—by the end of January, NASA's MER website had logged over 5 billion hits—more than all the other federal government sites in the last year, combined. What's more remarkable, the real mission—scientifically speaking—has only begun. The rovers have a ninety-sol design life, but, as Squyres puts it, "that's just when the warranty expires." Dust will eventually cover the rovers' solar panels, and the harsh Martian environment will take its toll on the delicate instruments. And, of course, the sniper behind the rock could strike at any second. But Spirit and Opportunity may operate longer than anticipated—a prospect that fills some team members with a mixture of excitement and dread. Bell, who recently flew home for a few days when his young son had an appendicitis scare, admits that the mission's end will be "a relief, frankly." Squyres misses not only his wife and teenage daughters, but the Ithaca winter (he's an avid ice climber). "This has absolutely taken over my life," he says. "I even dream about it at night. I think about the mission and my family. That's my universe."

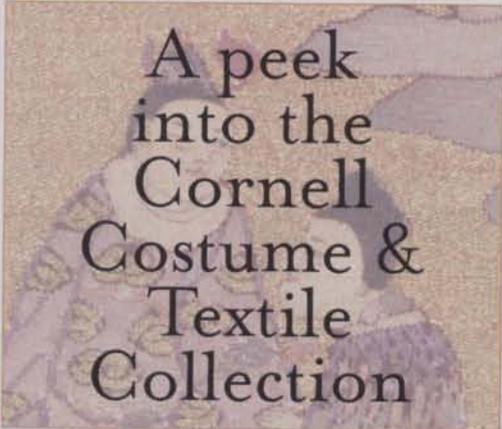
But, he hastens to add, he's not complaining. "I've been waiting for this for sixteen years. Six months of this? Hell, yeah. This is the payoff." He shakes his head. "You pour your heart and soul into this hardware. And then when it gets up there and does what you designed it to do, that is an incredible feeling."

He tells a story, a moment in a month of very public highs and lows. Spirit had just landed, and Squyres was talking to the press in the JPL auditorium when he heard that the first color image from Pancam had arrived. He sprinted across the courtyard to Building 264 and dashed up to the Pancam room on the fourth floor, expecting to find a crowd of people gathered around the big plasma-screen monitors. But the room was dark and empty.

"Jim Bell is sitting there all alone in front of a computer with tears running down his cheeks," Squyres says. "I walk in. There's the picture. And he says, 'It works, man. It works.'" ●

# Out of the Closet

By Natalie Gingerich



A peek  
into the  
Cornell  
Costume &  
Textile  
Collection

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Careful, she tips over easy," warns Charlotte Jirousek as a student intern attempts to maneuver her way through the clutter of the Cornell Costume and Textile Collection office. "She" is a mannequin waiting to be dressed as Ida Langdon, central New York socialite and sister-in-law of Mark Twain. The

Langdons, a prominent family of Elmira, donated a closetful of their elaborate late-nineteenth-century outfits to the university in the 1930s, including this rich brown satin dress from 1883, a two-piece affair with velvet crescent patterns on the skirt and bodice. With its impossible hourglass waist, high-necked mandarin collar, and luxurious fringe of silk chenille, the dress speaks volumes about both the woman who once wore it and the times in which she lived.

"Studying dress is studying culture," says Jirousek, associate professor in the School of Human Ecology's Department of Textiles and Apparel and curator of the collection since 1992. "And studying culture is a matter of understanding who we are." For designers, ethnographers, or anybody who has ever played dress-up, this trove of more than 9,000 pieces tucked away in a corner classroom of Martha Van Rensselaer Hall is both a fashion fantasyland and an extraordinary academic resource. From French silk negligees to the patched clothing of Kurdish villagers, from A.D. White to Eleanor Roosevelt, from couture to Abercrombie and Fitch, the collection offers a peek into three centuries of cross-cultural fashion.

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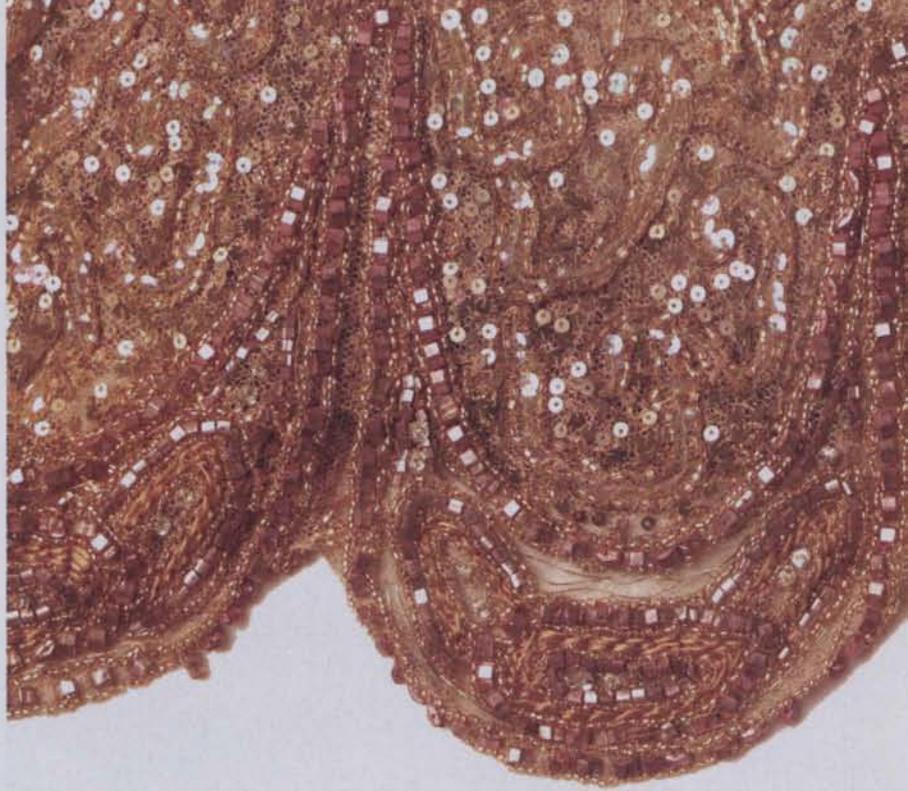
**Back in style: This white satin bias cut evening gown from the early 1930s features beading and a train that exemplify the elaborate back interest typical of the era. Gift of Charles Mason Remy 1897.**

Although the collection is actively used by students and researchers, for those who can't easily make the trip to campus, or who think sorting through thousands of carefully stored garments sounds daunting, many of the holdings have recently been made available online. Using an online database, browsers can view more than 5,000 records and photographs without traveling to Ithaca; it's the first textile collection of its kind to offer a fully searchable online catalogue.

A visit to the storage area makes the benefits of Web access evident. Bathed in yellowish ultraviolet-filtered light to prevent deterioration, racks of clothing are shrouded beneath dust covers, while hats and other accessories are tucked away in cabinets or stacked carefully in boxes. The magnitude of the cache and the limited space do not easily lend themselves to window-shopping. One rare piece, a French beaded Eissner gown worn circa 1925, is so fragile that the sheer fabric can no longer support the weight of its own beads. "The fact is, we really can't display it," says Jirousek. Instead, her staff carefully pinned it onto a form just long enough to be photographed, then posted a three-dimensional animation of the image online. "That way more people can see it, whereas normally we could not do anything but let it be seen flat," Jirousek explains. "It's a good example of how a website like this can help us preserve the garment while at the same time making it possible to see the piece."

**M**any academic design programs use textile samples for instruction and inspiration, but the detailed records that accompany the Cornell collection make it a historian's gold mine. Combing through letters, newspaper clippings, and photos like archaeologists at a dig, the collection's staff have developed in-depth profiles of donors and wearers alike, using the individual styles and personalities to bring to life the characters beneath the clothes.

For a project in professor Susan Ashdown's apparel design classes, students start by perusing the online database and



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**Beaded beauty:** The weight of this French-designed flapper-era gown made it drape to accentuate a woman's figure, but eighty years later, the garment is too fragile to be displayed on a mannequin.

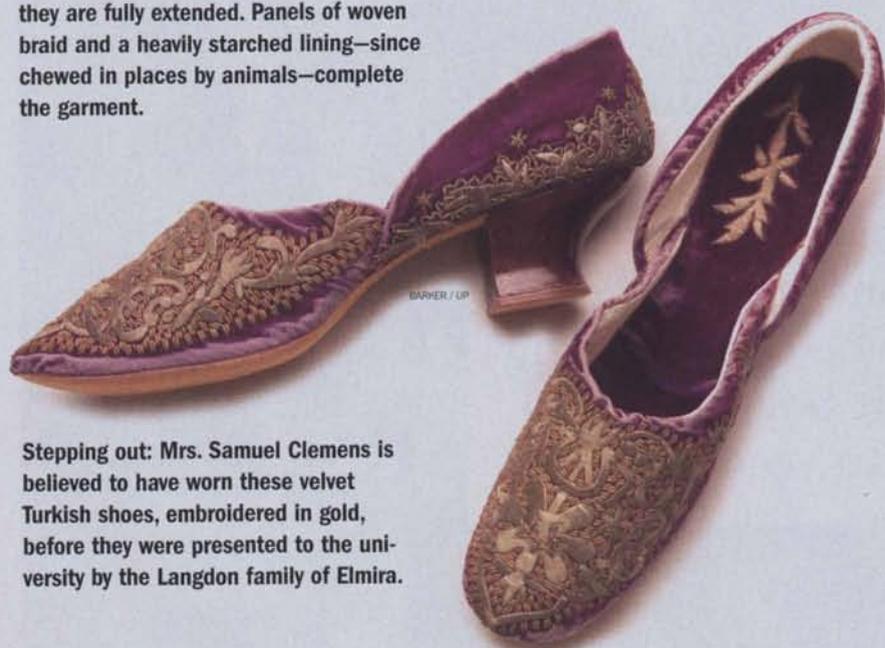
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**Bridal wear:** The meticulous hand embroidery on this silk mandarin skirt, probably worn by an early twentieth-century Chinese bride, creates complete designs both when its pleats are gathered and when they are fully extended. Panels of woven braid and a heavily starched lining—since chewed in places by animals—complete the garment.

CHRISTINE PROSSER



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**Stepping out:** Mrs. Samuel Clemens is believed to have worn these velvet Turkish shoes, embroidered in gold, before they were presented to the university by the Langdon family of Elmira.



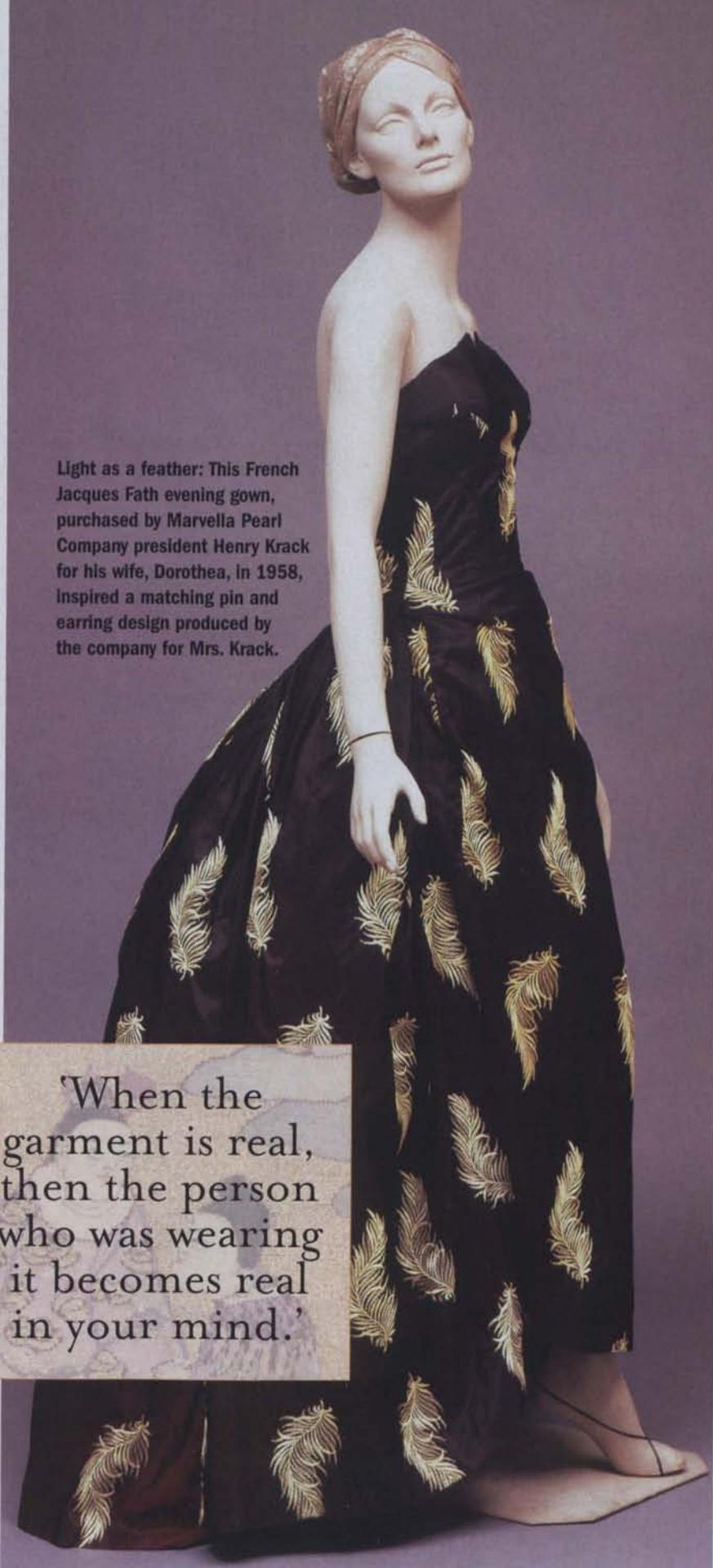
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**Weight of tradition:** The modifications to this gown, worn by three generations of brides in the Treman family, illustrate the links between women's place in society and the construction of their clothing.

choosing a set of garments that interests them, perhaps from a particular period or designer. They then pull those garments from the collection and physically study their structure, seams, and fabrics. Combining that information with library research, they reconstruct how the garment was produced—not only what technologies were used, but the social environment the designer was working in. Finally, the students conclude how the clothes were worn—for what occasions, with what accessories, and with what undergarments. “Having the actual object just adds so much richness to the understanding,” says Ashdown. “When the garment is real, then the person who was wearing it becomes real in your mind. Trying to create these stories—trying to understand how this garment fits into the world—prepares the student as a designer to understand how our own technologies, our own social and cultural and economic environment that we’re working in, affects everything they do as a designer.”

For Juliana Eisner '05, working as an intern at the collection is a dream come true. “This is something I can’t believe I actually get paid for,” says Eisner, who catalogues new acquisitions and enters information into the collection’s electronic database. “It’s so amazing that I end up at this place in the basement of MVR in Ithaca, and here we are unwrapping Gucci outfits.” Eisner, a textiles and apparel design major who interned this winter with Donna Karan and plans to pursue a career in costume design, finds regular inspiration in the historic treasures she unfolds for the collection. “The week before winter break we were unwrapping a box somebody had sent us, and it was a taffeta gown from 1860,” she marvels. “You wouldn’t think that anyone would still have that, but they do. This is really a resource that not many people have.”

When Professor Beulah Blackmore, an early member of what was then the Textiles and Clothing Department, first began the collection in the 1920s, she saw it from the beginning as social history. Then as now, the emphasis was on Euro-American dress, but the collection also includes several non-Western pieces; Blackmore took a trip around the world in 1936 and returned

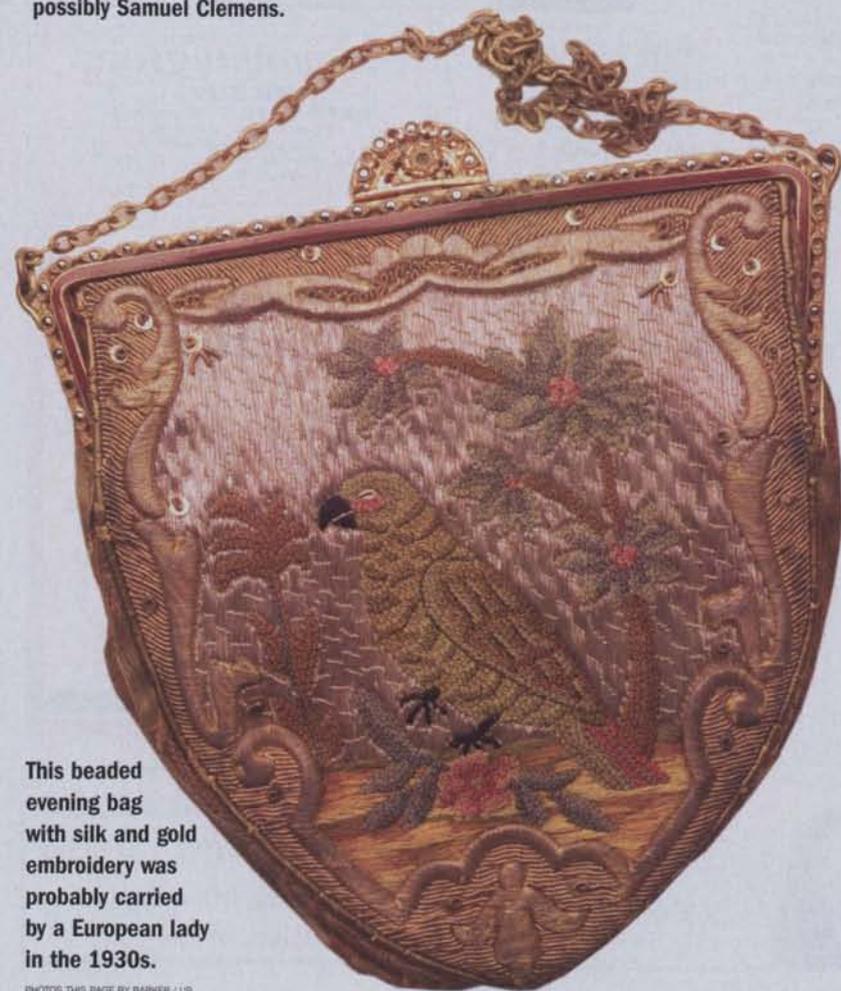


**Light as a feather:** This French Jacques Fath evening gown, purchased by Marvella Pearl Company president Henry Krack for his wife, Dorothea, in 1958, inspired a matching pin and earring design produced by the company for Mrs. Krack.

‘When the garment is real, then the person who was wearing it becomes real in your mind.’



**International appeal:** Collection curator Charlotte Jirousek uses garments such as this nineteenth-century urban Turkish vest (above) to study the influence of Islamic fashions on European fashion sense. The vest was acquired by Charles Langdon on an 1869 visit to Alexandria, Egypt, where he had his photograph taken with a friend, possibly Samuel Clemens.



**This beaded evening bag with silk and gold embroidery was probably carried by a European lady in the 1930s.**

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to Ithaca with some important acquisitions, including the entire costume of a Belize dancer, an assortment of Javanese batiks, and a rare hand-painted Indian palampore from the seventeenth century.

Jirousek's own research focuses on the intersection of East and West, exploring the relationship of Islamic dress and textiles to European dress. (The trousers and jackets common in Western men's clothing today, she says, were originally worn by nomads in eastern Asia, for whom the two-legged pants and easily removable layers were more practical for travel on horseback than the traditional tunics worn elsewhere in the seventeenth century.) It was while working for the Peace Corps in Turkey that Jirousek discovered her lifelong fascination with textiles, helping to develop a local marketing cooperative for traditional Milas rugs and eventually learning to weave herself. "Clothing is a very sensitive measure of who we are and what the world is about in a particular period," she says.

**F**or Jirousek, how we cover up can reveal plenty. Using one carefully selected rack of clothing stored in her office, she can condense the last fashion century into a fifty-minute lecture, with each decade illustrated by representative pieces. For example, the wedding dress worn by three generations of the Treman family, founders of nearby Trumansburg, reflects changes in women's social standing. First worn in the 1880s, the dress was modified to fit another bride in the 1920s and then again in the 1950s. The alterations, primarily to create a more relaxed fit, illustrate the changes in women's lifestyles over time: as restrictive social roles loosened, so did the corset strings. "It's no coincidence that the corset becomes no longer essential for dress in the period that women attain the right to vote," Jirousek says. "Dress reform was a key issue in giving women more freedom and more rights." The lesson? Don't underestimate fashion. Clothes, it turns out, really do make the man—and the woman. "When you walk into a room full of strangers, there are about eight seconds in which everyone will look you over and decide if you are someone they want to meet or not," says Jirousek. "Dress is an expression of identity. It's how we show who we are to each other." 

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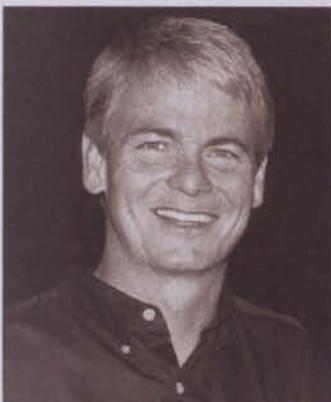
By John Alexander '74, MBA '76

IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR AND a privilege to serve as an alumni-elected trustee over the past four years. I have the advantage of living in Ithaca year-round, so I have met with many returning Cornellians to learn how they feel about Cornell today. I have been amazed at their enthusiasm to re-connect with the university, and Cornell has provided many opportunities and reasons to re-connect during my tenure.

I have worked hard to re-engage alumni who have lost their Cornell connection. In particular, I have had the privilege of working with a dedicated group of students, faculty, staff, and alumni, exploring ways of deepening the engagement of our under-represented minority alumni. This effort has met with great support and enthusiasm from all stakeholders, and the process continues to build momentum.

The re-examination of Cornell's Land Grant Mission and its meaning today has given me the chance to get involved with efforts to make Cornell a leader in the area of technology transfer and industrial outreach. We are making good progress, and we have a great team in place.

My wife, Elaine '77, and I have



John Alexander

led the Tower Club effort for the past two years, and this has been the best! The support of both our alumni and of the very enthusiastic and always-ready-for-a-party senior class has been amazing, and Elaine and I cherish the many new friends that we have made along the way. (Don't forget to fill in your pledge card for 2004!)

These four years have been ones of rapid change and great progress at Cornell, and I have been proud to have had a part in this exciting chapter of Cornell's impressive history. Thanks for giving me this wonderful experience!

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**CWC/Cortland County**, Mar. 16—County historian Cathy Barber on "Islands of Holiness: Religious and Social History of Early Cortland County." Contact Judy Riehlman, 607/749-4292.

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**CC/Greater Buffalo**, Mar. 18—Young Alumni Happy Hour. Contact Tiffany Wong, [spilch@yahoo.com](mailto:spilch@yahoo.com).

**CC/Greater Capital District**, Mar. 19—ECAC Hockey in Albany. Contact Michelle Lim Van Winkle, 518/487-2281.

**CC/Greater Buffalo**, Mar. 25—Bimonthly meeting. Contact Tiffany Wong, [spilch@yahoo.com](mailto:spilch@yahoo.com).

**CWC/Syracuse**, Apr. 5—Syracuse University Special Collections curator Ken Lavender speaks. RSVP Janet Fallon, [jfb28@cornell.edu](mailto:jfb28@cornell.edu), 315/696-0167.

**CAA/Central New York**, Apr. 15—Thirsty Third Thursday at Syracuse Suds Factory. RSVP Michael Wirtheim, [michaelwirtheim@hotmail.com](mailto:michaelwirtheim@hotmail.com), 315/464-3010.

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**CWC/Cortland County**, Apr. 20—Visit Sapsucker Woods and the Lab of Ornithology. Call Esther Twentymann-Potter, 607/749-4174.

**CWC/Batavia**, Apr. 24—Spring luncheon. Call Theresa Mondo, 585/343-3801.

**CAA/Central New York**, Apr. 24—Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup. Contact Bruce Simmons, 315/682-7603.

**CAA/Mid-Hudson**, Apr. 24—Ninth Annual Farm Day at the Old Chatham Shepherding Co. Call Dave Tetor, 845/868-7796.

**CWC/Syracuse**, May 8—Tour of the Lab of Ornithology, lunch at the Boatyard Grill. Contact Grace McCauley Clancy, [gmm4521@aol.com](mailto:gmm4521@aol.com), 315/458-5132.

**CC/Greater Buffalo**, May 12—CAF Speaker: Dominick LaCapra on modern European intellectual and cultural history. RSVP Dave Schiller, [dschiller@pyramidbrokerage.com](mailto:dschiller@pyramidbrokerage.com), 716/691-9327 x111.

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**CC/New Hampshire Inc.**, May 8—CAF Speaker: university archivist Elaine Engst. Contact Jill Mayo, [ljm28@cornell.edu](mailto:ljm28@cornell.edu), 978/373-5728.

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**CC/Lancaster**, Apr. 17—Lunch with the Cornell heavyweight crew. Contact John Ostman, [pjocool@aol.com](mailto:pjocool@aol.com), 717/764-4336.

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**CC/Michigan**, Apr. 1—Second Annual Ann Arbor Pub Crawl. Contact Heather Hollidge, [heather\\_hollidge@comerica.com](mailto:heather_hollidge@comerica.com).

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**CC/Pittsburgh**, Apr. 29—CAF Speaker: David Pelletier on human genomics and genetically engineered foods. Contact Madeline Bauer, mjbauer@switch.com.

**CC/Pittsburgh**, Apr. 30—Monthly luncheon at the Engineering Society of Western PA. RSVP to Madeline Bauer, mjbauer@switch.com.

**CC/Michigan**, May 1—CAF Speaker: Gene German on "Is There Life After Wal-Mart?" Contact Erick Lavoie, elavoie@ford.com, 734/697-9774.

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**CC/Northeastern Ohio**, May 15—Golf party & dinner. Scholarship fundraiser. Contact Walt Spalding, spalding@adelphia.net.

#### **Southeast**

**CC/Eastern Florida**, Mar. 20—Bill Nye, "The Science Guy," at scholarship fundraiser. Contact Richard Marks, rhm22@cornell.edu, 561/742-2535.

**CC/Gold Coast**, Mar. 23—CAF speaker: Kathryn Boor on "Consumer Food Safety." Contact Douglas Pfeiffer, douglas.pfeiffer@att.net, 954/746-6833.

**CC/Emerald Coast**, Mar. 24—CAF speaker: Kathryn Boor on "Consumer Food Safety." Contact Patrick Crowe, pncrowe@cox.net, 850/968-8191.

**CAA/Atlanta**, Mar. 25—CAF speaker: Kathryn Boor on "Consumer Food Safety." Contact Frank Goldman, fgg2law@yahoo.com, 404/879-2425.

**CC/Sarasota-Manatee**, Apr. 3—Harbor cruise. Contact Dean Bock, dfb24@cornell.edu, 941/925-8441.

**CC/Suncoast**, Apr. 3—Lobster Fest. Contact Nancy Terry, 727/327-3001.

**CAA/Southwest Florida**, Apr. 4—All Ivy event. Contact Tony Ferrari, 239/592-0827.

**CC/Greater Miami and the Florida Keys**, Apr. 7—CAF speaker Rita Calvo on "From Hominids to Homicide: Solving Mysteries with DNA Fingerprinting." Contact Christina Staalstrom Buppert, chrisbawls@aol.com, 305/531-9708.

aol.com, 305/531-9708.

**CC/Sarasota-Manatee**, Apr. 8—CAF speaker Rita Calvo on "From Hominids to Homicide: Solving Mysteries with DNA Fingerprinting." Contact Dean Bock, dfb24@cornell.edu, 941/925-8441.

**CC/Suncoast**, Apr. 8—CAF speaker Rita Calvo on "From Hominids to Homicide: Solving Mysteries with DNA Fingerprinting." Contact Richard Furbush, rif2@cornell.edu, 727/643-8664.

**CAA/Southwest Florida**, Apr. 8—Thursday Lunch Club at the Audubon Country Club, Naples. Contact Mary LeDuc, 239/649-3110.

**CC/Eastern Florida, CC/Greater Miami and the Florida Keys, CC/Sarasota-Manatee**, Apr. 17—Cornell Leadership Conference. Contact Southeast Regional Office, 305/893-7283.

**CC/Eastern Florida**, Apr. 18—Family Day Picnic in Carlin Park. Contact Charles Hunt, profit@smart solutions.com, 561/967-4770.

**CC/Central Florida**, Apr. 22—CAF speaker Gene German on "Is There Life After Wal-Mart?" Contact Jennifer Elson, jmw43@cornell.edu, 407/513-6521.

**CAA/Blue Ridge Mountains**, Apr. 22—CAF speaker T. Clint Nesbitt on "Am I Eating GMOs? A Consumer's Guide to Genetically Engineered Foods." Contact Lorraine DeJong, lorraine.dejong@furman.edu, 864/294-3383.

**CAA/Charlotte**, Apr. 23—CAF speaker T. Clint Nesbitt on "Am I Eating GMOs? A Consumer's Guide to Genetically Engineered Foods." Contact Debra Alzner, dla32@cornell.edu, 704/446-6261.

**CC/Greater Jacksonville**, Apr. 24—CAF speaker T. Clint Nesbitt on "Am I Eating GMOs? A Consumer's Guide to Genetically Engineered Foods." Contact Robert Claypoole, recpvb@aol.com, 904/285-8626.

**CC/Gold Coast**, Apr. 24—Reception/picnic. Contact Douglas Pfeiffer, 954/746-6833.

**CC/Greater Miami and the Florida Keys**, May 12—Networking luncheon: Zuckerman Spader LLP will host. Contact CUMiamikeys@hotmail.com, 305/358-5000.

**CAA/Charlotte**, May 15—Hands on Charlotte Day. Contact Debra Alzner, dla32@cornell.edu, 704/446-6261.

#### **Southwest/Mountain**

**CC/Colorado**, Mar. 18—All-Ivy Happy Hour at the Squealin' Pig in Denver. Contact Peter Quinn, pjq1@yahoo.com.

**CC/Colorado**, Apr. 4—Skiing at Arapahoe Basin. Contact Paul Leo, 303/526-1312.

**CC/Colorado**, Apr. 8—All-Ivy Happy Hour at the Attic in Boulder. Contact Peter Quinn, pjq1@yahoo.com.

**CC/Colorado**, Apr. 15—All-Ivy Happy Hour at the Squealin' Pig in Denver. Contact Peter Quinn, pjq1@yahoo.com.

**CAA/North Texas**, Apr. 18—CAF speaker Colin Parrish. Contact David Albright, dwa3@cornell.edu, 972/387-6749.

**CAA/Greater Houston**, Apr. 24—Canoe trip down Buffalo Bayou. RSVP to Christine Gorman, christinec\_g@hotmail.com.

**CC/Austin**, Apr. 26—CAF speaker James Maas on "Everything you Should Know About Sleep But Are Too Tired to Ask." Contact David Harap, dharap@sbcglobal.net, 512/502-9833.

**CC/New Mexico**, May 11—CAF Speaker: Giuseppe

Pezzotti on how to be a restaurant critic. Contact Ed Maglisceau, edmag@prodigy.net, 505/466-1120.

**CC/Colorado**, May 12—CAF Speaker: Giuseppe Pezzotti on how to be a restaurant critic. RSVP Judy Beckenbach, jbeckenbach@cerner.com, 303/748-4406.

**CAA/Greater Houston**, May 13—CAF Speaker: Giuseppe Pezzotti on how to be a restaurant critic. E-mail Christine Gorman, christinec\_g@hotmail.com.

**CC/Colorado**, May 13—All-Ivy Happy Hour. Contact Peter Quinn, pjq1@yahoo.com.

#### **Western**

**CC/Western Washington**, Mar. 18—CAF speaker: Isaac Kramnick on "The Fuss Over God in the Pledge of Allegiance." Contact Erin McMonigal, e\_mcmonigal@hotmail.com, 206/691-3689.

**CC/Oregon**, Mar. 19—CAF speaker: Isaac Kramnick on "The Fuss Over God in the Pledge of Allegiance." Contact Andrew Ognall, ognaa@fosterpdx.com, 503/221-2207.

**CC/Los Angeles**, Mar. 20—CAF speaker: Isaac Kramnick on "The Fuss Over God in the Pledge of Allegiance." Contact Ellen Perlmutter, esp23@cornell.edu, 310/478-5460.

**CC/Oregon**, Apr. 9—Dinner and *Thoroughly Modern Millie* at the Mandarin Cove Restaurant. Contact Andrew Ognall, ognaa@fosterpdx.com, 503/221-2207.

**CC/Arizona Inc.**, Apr. 26—CAF speaker Martha Haynes on "Mapping the Universe with the Big Ear and the Big Eye." Contact Robert Hayoz, robert.hayoz@pinnaclewest.com, 602/250-2730.

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25-29-75-6-10-04-UAU! If you haven't figured that out after a minute or so, it's a call to all good (there are none but) members of the Class of 1929 who are to celebrate our 75th Reunion come June. You have to have been good to get this far!

It's going to be interesting to see how many of us make it! At our 70th in 1999, some 13 of us signed in—and had a great time. Several of that group have passed on, but the rest of us form a nucleus for this June. The Alumni Office says 60 '29ers are still around. What shape we're in is the important thing. Looks like the statement "Can't travel" sums it up for many. Hope you're better off!

I'm signed up to travel, but I live in downtown Ithaca and feast my eyes daily on Cornell. **Elsie Clark Paolini** is the only other classmate whom the Alumni Office says has indicated she's planning to come. Hope you're going to try and make it. "Nursing home" is the address, or part of it, of a number of us, and other questionnaires come with "We regret to inform you . . ."

Although friends say I don't look like, or act like 98, my age is typical of the class. I get some walking in most days, sleep pretty well most of the time, don't worry about what I eat, but find bran flakes and prunes helpful, and still play a mean game of pinochle!

**Philip Freund**, MA '32, five years my junior, probably is the most productive classmate at this time. A new edition of his *Myths of Creation* was published in England and the US last year. Three volumes of his series *Stage by Stage* (*The Birth of Theatre*) will come out this year.

Would be great to hear from you all! Carry on! ♦ **Frank Schaefer**, 625 McGraw House, Ithaca, NY 14850; tel., (607) 277-3867.

31 By a string of small world, happy, lucky, and unlikely coincidences the following "Profile in Courage" (if I may borrow from JFK) was brought to my attention. It appeared as an editorial in the *New York Times* on Jan. 22, '03, the 30th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, under the caption "A Forgotten Hero." The title and the editorial refer to our late classmate **George M. Michaels**. Regardless of the position each of us may take on the still controversial issue involved, I submit that the Class of 1931 and all of Cornell should take great pride in the courage that George displayed as described in the following excerpt from that editorial.

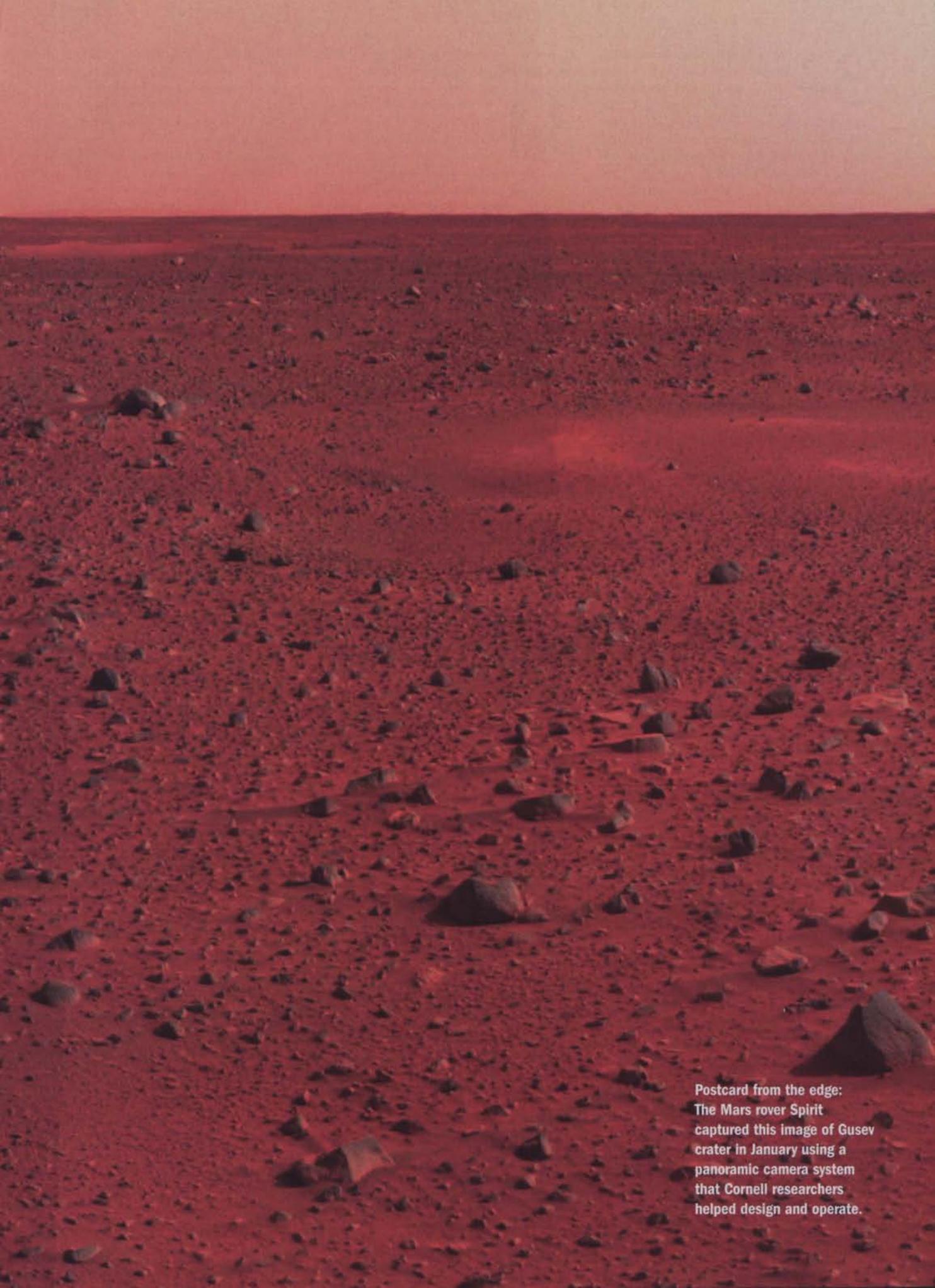
"Among [the heroes of important causes] is an unlikely and largely forgotten local hero named George Michaels, who died in 1992. As a

Democratic member of the New York State Assembly in 1970, Mr. Michaels cast the deciding vote to repeal the state's criminal sanctions against abortion, thereby dooming his chance of re-election from his largely rural, conservative, and heavily Catholic upstate district, and helping to set the stage for the Supreme Court's landmark decision three years later making abortion legal nationwide.

"In a new memoir, **Aryeh Neier '58**, the civil liberties and human rights activist, recalls watching crestfallen from the Statehouse gallery in 1970, believing abortion reform had been defeated, when Mr. Michaels rose in a hushed Assembly chamber to announce tearfully he was switching his vote. 'I realize, Mr. Speaker,' he declared, 'that I am terminating my political career, but I cannot in good conscience sit here and allow my vote to be the one that defeats this bill.' The nation could use many more like George Michaels."

Among the chain of coincidences that led me to this gem is, first, that my son **Reeve "Ting" Vanneman '67** and George's son **Rabbi James Michaels '68** were friends at Cornell . . . The latter was moved to send Ting a note of congratulations on his induction into the Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame . . . James happened to mention that their fathers were in the same class at Cornell, so Ting sent me a copy of the note . . . This time I did what I should do, but often fail to get around to doing—wrote James of my high regard for his father and for his late mother **Helen (Wetzler)**, also a classmate . . . James very kindly replied and, *inter alia*, mentioned the *New York Times* editorial, which, of course, out in the fog and mist of the Cape I had not seen . . . Again, uncharacteristically, I got around to writing James to ask if he had a copy of the editorial. He did not have one handy, but sent me the date on which it appeared . . . The South Yarmouth Library saves copies of the *Times* for only a short time . . . I thought I could get a copy from the WWW, but with my very limited skills with the computer I knew it was beyond me . . . But the kindly reference librarian came back from lunch just as I was about to depart in despair . . . Yes! she would try to get me a copy—did I have a credit card with me? I did, and she got me the copy!

At any one of the ellipses in the preceding account, the chain could have been broken, and I would not have been able to share this "Profile in Courage" with you, and make this genuine class "hero" not quite so "forgotten." ♦ **Bill Vanneman**, 237 N. Main St., S. Yarmouth, MA 02664-2088; e-mail, ggrampi@gis.net.



Postcard from the edge:  
The Mars rover Spirit  
captured this image of Gusev  
crater in January using a  
panoramic camera system  
that Cornell researchers  
helped design and operate.

**32** For at least the second time in the 40 years during which I have been filling space in the Class Notes section of this magazine I have committed the most egregious offense with which a class correspondent can be charged. I missed the deadline for this issue. If the editor is in a kindly mood, the offering may appear on time; otherwise it might show up in the May/June magazine.

**Mary Kelly Northrup '38**, widow of **Charles V.**, BArch '33, sent the Office of Alumni Affairs a note telling us that Charles passed away at his home in North Palm Beach. He and Mary had moved to Florida some years ago and the News and Dues Form we received in October 1994 carried the following note: "Happy we made the move to Florida—super living, swimming every day, etc." Previously, Charles had a distinguished 40-year career as an architect in Rochester.

The Cornell publication *Communiqué* carried a spread about the eight devoted alumni/ae who received the 2003 Rhodes Award, with a photo and brief column about each awardee. A few months ago I mentioned that **Whitey Mulletstein** was among those so honored. What's new is that there is a great picture of our class president looking very majestic and thoughtful. But he appears not much changed from the animated coxswain who used to boss all those big oarsmen.

The late **John V. Rice** used to supply me with recollections of growing up as a campus brat. Here are a few quotes from a letter he wrote me in 1999: "I lived at 108 Wait Ave. and my dad was Cornell Class of 1890 and became head of Poultry Husbandry and built it up under Dean Liberty Hyde Bailey. One night when he and Mrs. Bailey were over for dinner he presented me with a book of his poems called *Wind & Weather*, which I still have. He was the first dean, and I have had the privilege of meeting every one except one who was recruited from Washington, DC, and lasted about two years. The farmers did not like him."

Johnny's letter continues: "After Colonel Barton the next colonel had twin redheaded boys. This was at the period between the two

He was not pleased." ♦ **Jim W. Oppenheimer**, 140 Chapin Pkwy., Buffalo, NY 14209-1104.

**34** Winter really hit the Northeast! A heavy blanket of snow had arrived as I sat to write the column. Looking at the bright side—it means no more leaf raking until spring!

Congratulations to **Bill Kaskela**, M Ed '39. He writes, "High five for Bill Kaskela—still alive at 95!" Bill's track and cross-country prowess in college has given him longevity—and a sense of humor, too. Bill must be among '34's oldest living classmates. **Dick Hosley** of Marblehead, MA, has sold his Florida home. He'll no longer spend the winter in the South, but will live full-time in his Marblehead home.

**Rod Crowley** had his 90th birthday in February 2003. His family and close friends celebrated it with him at the Orange Lawn Tennis Club. By the time you read this he will have had yet another birthday. Rod had a wonderful trip viewing the spectacular scenery in Oregon and Washington states. He hopes to return to Ithaca for our 70th come June. Hope to see you there, Rod. **Irving Taylor** writes from San Rafael, CA, that his wife passed away this last fall after a long illness. We send condolences from the Class of '34, Irving. Because of eye problems he no longer drives a car or flies a plane. He stays active. Says he is blessed with four children and two grandchildren. Hopes to be back for our 70th. We look forward to greeting you in Ithaca.

**John F. Kelley** passed away in Spokane, WA, in September 2003. We received this sad news from one of his brothers, **Thomas D. Kelley '31**. John and his two brothers, all Cornellians, practiced law in the Spokane area—the only three brothers practicing law in the State of Washington. Thank you for writing, Thomas. We send our sympathy to you and to John's family.

My wife Anne and I celebrated our 66th anniversary in November 2003. Next is my 92nd birthday this spring, followed by our 70th Reunion in June. That's a lot to look forward to and lots to be grateful for. Three of our grandchildren have Cornell undergraduate degrees, and our fourth, who went elsewhere, is in line to

last summer. He fought cancer courageously for several years. One of his wishes, he told me in our phone conversations, was to live to get back for his 70th Reunion. He had never missed a Class of '34 reunion since graduation. Karl did not get that wish. We will miss you next June, Karl. You will be remembered and we will drink a toast to you! To Karl's wife Jeanne and his family, we send our deepest sympathy.

Early notices of those planning or hoping to return for reunion are coming in. So far we have 12 yes and three hopefuls. They are: **Eddie Brjesson**, **Marcus Breier**, JD '36, **Jim Bruner**, **Charlie Day**, **Ed McCabe**, **Vashti McCollum**, **Helen Munson**, **Dick Rozelle**, **Winnie Saltzman**, **Irene V. Skinner**, BS '36, MS '45, Irving Taylor, **Norm Thetford**, MD '38, and **George Tretter**. There will be more. Please send in your notice of intent—make plans to join us for this "last hurrah." The more the merrier, and we all want a "merry old time!"

As I write this, the holidays are approaching. I hope your holiday season was full of joy, love, and happiness, and that 2004 brings good health and prosperity to all our classmates. ♦ **William R. Robertson**, 143 Rivermead Rd., Peterborough, NH 03458; tel., (603) 924-8654.

Such wonderful optimism! Of course we will try to get back for our 70th Reunion—and how great it is that **Winnie Loeb Saltzman** and **Ed McCabe** are still cooking up all the arrangements. After all, June 2004 really isn't that far away. So just hang in there!

**Pauline Babcock** Fox sent me a brochure about the special academy named for her that "provides a full service academic program committed to helping young women make choices to improve their lives now and in the future." Services are individualized to meet special needs. **Betty Buck** Reynolds was honored for her 90th birthday. Did you know that she is a physicist who writes inspirational articles for children? Betty is active in her church, a garden club, Kankakee Little Theater, and the Niagara County Historical Society of New York—among other things. How about that!

**Alice Goulding** Herrmann is now in Connecticut in a retirement home—many people but no Cornellians—that's tough. Her daughter lives nearby which helps. **Irene Van Deventer** Skinner, BS '36, MS '45, wrote a lovely long letter. She grew up in the Finger Lakes region and now her youngest grandson is going to school in Canandaigua. She lives with her daughter and family in New London, OH, and has entertained graduate students from Cornell so keeps actively in touch with news of the campus.

**Tena Talsky** Lack does a little gentle bragging (allowed) that she plays golf and bridge and can still drive at night. She and Phillip will celebrate their 65th anniversary in December. Hurrah! **Janice Buckley** Lynch writes about the joy of having two sons, four grandsons, six granddaughters, and one great-grandson. One grandson loves Cornell so much he bought a house in the area for future retirement plans.

I have now exhausted all the news that was

‘L. Robert Crane keeps busy with wine-making, fishing, and gardening. In winter he shovels snow.’

ALBERT G. PRESTON JR. '35

world wars when the Drill Hall housed some big guns that were used when the ROTC students drilled out in the country. The twin redheads knew where the blanks were kept, secured several, and when no one was around loaded a blank into a gun stored in Barton Hall and blew out most of the windows at the east end." He adds: "I met the surviving twin many years ago in Florida and foolishly brought up the subject.

receive his Cornell MBA next June. I feel so grateful to be a Cornellian and for all the ways Cornell has helped me and my family.

I am sad to report that our classmate **Karl Schmidt** died in California earlier this last fall. Karl had a real love for Cornell and was a willing and effective worker for '34. He was a class officer and had written Class Notes for several years. Karl lived to celebrate his 90th birthday

in my possession, so think of other items and send them on. I hope you all have a wonderful 2004. Keep well, and know that I enjoy hearing from you. ♦ **Eleanor** "Dickie" **Mirsky Bloom**, 463 77th St., Brooklyne, NY 11209.

**35** It seems that every time I am facing a column deadline, I am also confronting unusual weather. This time it is a two-headed blizzard, with the second phase just beginning. When you read about it, you will probably be enjoying a beautiful pre-spring day.

Dorothy Preston and I, with **Viola Henry Miller-Mullane**, our reunion chairman, attended the festivities connected with the inauguration of President **Jeffrey Sean Lehman '77** in mid-October. As a representative of the Class of 1935, I wore a cap and gown for the first time since June 17, '35 in a somewhat abbreviated version of the academic procession. There was plentiful wining and dining on Thursday, followed by a gala Inaugural Ball on Friday. We would like to thank Margaret Gallo of Alumni Affairs for her magic in procuring transport at appropriate moments through her indispensable cell phone.

My store of news items will be totally depleted when I close this column, I regret to say. I do have several forms without names. In the routine they go through in Ithaca, they are separated from their envelopes long before they reach me, so I cannot match them. I do apologize.

**Joseph Cohen**, BArch '36, has retired from the architecture business and with wife Mildred operates a mobile home park at 620 Barstow Rd., Albany, GA 31705. That should keep any couple busy, but they still find plenty of time for dancing. Joseph has four children, five step-children, seven grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, and five step-great-grandchildren. A great family! **Frederick Miller** is retired and, after lots of great trips, he and wife Mary relax at home at 242 Old Comers Rd., Chatham, MA 02633, where he really "works" at golf. He keeps in touch with his fraternity classmate **John Sullivan**, BArch '36.

**Lucille Bethke Bateman** of 7215 Conway Circle, Belle Isle, FL 32809 retired in 1982 and enjoys her two sons who live nearby. She no longer travels, but did visit the South Pacific twice in earlier days. She is an elementary school volunteer and keeps active in church and women's clubs and a Hospice group. She has a Lakeside Park named in her honor. Congratulations, Lucille. Belle Isle is lucky to have you.

**Frank Wolfsheimer** writes from 2725 Newlands St. NW, Washington, DC 20015 that he is on dialysis three times a week, which takes a lot of his time, as does the stock market. His son Bruce provides him great help. He has two other sons and two grandchildren, a Brown grad and a Brandeis grad. **L. Robert Crane**, M Ed '40, of Box 156R, RD 1, Morrisville, NY 13402 is retired, but keeps busy with winemaking, fishing, and gardening. In winter he shovels snow. He and his wife have six children.

Do not hesitate to send along any news to me via e-mail or US mail, and start thinking about our reunion in June 2005. ♦ **Albert G.**

**Preston Jr.**, 252 Overlook Dr., Greenwich, CT 06830; tel., (203) 869-8387; e-mail, davada35@aol.com.

**36** Recently I suggested that you let us know more about your children, and this has produced the following from **Jerome Sherk**, who lives in Miami, FL. "I have a son in Haifa, teaching at the U. of Haifa; my grandson and daughter served in the Israeli army and now study in Hebron or farm in the West Bank. My daughter worked for AID in Peru, married a Peruvian, and has a son in high school and two adopted children in elementary school. She counsels low-income mothers of newborns in DC." Thanks, Jerome. Nice to hear from you.

Then we have the following from **James K. Thomas**, who lives in Sun City West, AZ, from October to April, and then in Kailua-Kona, HI, in the summer (I guess he had enough snow in Ithaca to last a lifetime). Jim says, "I'm a bit late with this. I wrote my check and laid this aside to provide some news and it just surfaced. Sorry about it and I'll do better next time." So we'll have to wait awhile for the news, but in the meantime it's nice to know that you are thinking about us, Jim. And that is the sum total of the news for this edition.

When I started this job I made some suggestions about things we would be interested in hearing about each other, regardless of how well we may have been acquainted at Cornell, and for some time you kept me busy and the column full with your responses. But now that has changed. In thinking about it, I realize that over the years when I read the Class Notes I look first for the '36 column, and in that column I look for names of people who had been my friends and acquaintances when we were there. After that I look at the '34, '35, '37, and '38 columns for the same reason, and then I get to the news about Cornell and its articles (both of which are being very well presented since the format changed). It's kind of like when I read the daily newspapers—after the gloom and doom, it's the news about people I've heard of that interests me most and I suspect this holds true for most of us.

So when we send in news about ourselves for the column, how big is our "audience"? I can't give you a number for the four classes I've mentioned above, but I've been told that there are only one hundred and nine of our class who still get the alumni magazine, and we will be lucky if each of us knew ten of that group. So what I'm getting to is that when you think about sending news about yourselves for the column, you are doing it for a very limited number of people and you don't even know who they are. Even when we include those in the classes immediately before and after us, the number is pretty small. This raises the question: Is the column now worthwhile? Should we continue it (I hope so!), and if so, how can we make the best use of it? For instance, would you be interested in my publishing the names of all of the 109 present readers, so you know who's out there that you know and will be interested in getting news about you?

Please let me have your thoughts, comments, and suggestions, and don't forget to send in whatever news you have. ♦ **Bill Hoyt**, 8090 Oakmont Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95409; e-mail, subilhoyt@sbcglobal.net.

**37** **Robert Hayman** filled out his class news form on his 88th birthday last October. He enjoys golf, bridge, and travel—last year it was a South Pacific cruise to Hawaii, Tahiti, and New Zealand. Bob and Joan have four children, including Cornellians **Amy Jo Pasmantur '75** and **Richard Pasmantur '77**, and two granddaughters. Bob volunteers several days a week at the hospital in Boca Raton, FL.

From Clifton Springs **Jesse Dalrymple** writes that his hobbies include arising in the morning. He also confides that he has outlived his enemies. The 70th reunion of his high school class of '33—now numbering two—wasn't terribly exciting, he admits. Cornellians in the Dalrymple family are son **William '76**, MS Ag '81, daughters **Marya Dalrymple '70** and **Elaine Dalrymple '73**, MS '90, and granddaughter **Kajsa Dalrymple '05**.

**Clayton Axtell Jr.**, JD '40, still keeps daily office hours at his Binghamton law firm. He has retired as president of the Conrad and Virginia Klee Foundation. A Kiwanian, he enjoys gardening and bowling. Three of Clayton's children are Cornellians: **Margaret Axtell Stevenson '66**, **Clayton Axtell III '70**, JD '73, and **Karen Axtell Arnold '74**. Granddaughter **Amanda Stevenson '99** is a fourth-generation Cornellian.

**Peter Cantline** is an avid "reader" in spite of limited vision, thanks to "talking books" from the NY State library system, and he has enjoyed more than a score in the past year. The Cantlines have an apartment in the Glen Arden life-care center in Goshen, NY, spacious enough for the grand piano that was Pete's wedding gift to his bride Beth years ago. Beth plays in the lounge at the center and for entertainments.

Our co-presidents **Edward** and **Doris Thompson Shineman** are proud of their four-generation Cornell family. It started with Doris's father **Ray Thompson 1909**, and includes Ed and Doris, their sons **Tom** (Edward T.) '65 and **Alan '69**, and granddaughters **Katryn '96** and **Diana '02**. There are four other "non-Cornell" grandchildren in the family. Ed has been tapering off on serving in the corporate world and is now a member of only two boards of directors. One of the companies, Tacconic Farms, which raises rats and mice for research, last year received an order from NASA for a batch of animals to arrive at the Space Center eight days pregnant at the time of liftoff into space. ♦ **Robert A. Rosevear**, 2714 Saratoga Rd. N., DeLand, FL 32720-1403.

It is so interesting for me to read and write about all the exciting things that occur in your lives and to share all the news about your activities, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren with all of you.

**Flora Daniel** Glass, who is presently living in a retirement home, writes that she is on "the

library committee, preparing new books for circulation, and inventorying books on the shelves; on the conservatory committee, watering plants; on the newsletter committee—or, actually I am the committee since I thought up the idea and assemble the newsletter; and visit the sick in the hospital unit. I also work in the shop at St. Paul's and help prepare the weekly Parish Notes."

**Barbara Keeney** Mandigo celebrated a 63rd wedding anniversary with her family this year and is living at the Lake View Terrace Retirement Community in Altoona, FL. Former classmate **Adelaide Dolan** Hatfield lives there as well. Barbara and her husband have traveled extensively visiting 4-H Club-IFYE people in Eastern Asia countries; and also three visits to Australia and New Zealand. They have had seven exchange students for a year from IFYE, plus supervised exchange houses in Oswego and Cayuga counties. Their camping trips have taken them through South America, Europe, Africa, and Central and Eastern Asia. They volunteer in the skill-care section showing slides and discussing their travels. Granddaughter **Danielle** is a junior at Cornell.

**Ellen Carnell** Seaburg has enjoyed 24 years of retirement in Roanoke, VA, where her son **William Roy Seaburg** '70 is located. She keeps busy with church activities, walking, reading, flower gardening (Laburnum Garden Club), Pi Phi Alumnae Club, and the Tea Sippers group (Britishers). **Louise McLean** Dunn meets with Albuquerque Cornellians monthly for lunch. She took a trip to Worthington, OH, to visit her son and wife in their new home and also went to Arkansas where she won six blue ribbons for her daffodils. **Shirley De Voe** Corney is busy attending lectures at SUNY Brockport, book club meetings, and the theater. She traveled north to the Thousand Islands and as far south as Cape Hatteras. Fortunately for her, her two daughters, their spouses, and grandson live only 1/2 hour drive from her, so they get together quite often. **Phyllis Weldin** Corwin, BS '36, is volunteering in the workroom of the library processing new books—at least 100 every week—plus reading, writing, giving talks to groups, playing bridge, and keeping in contact with **Eleanor Raynor** Burns, LLB '39, **Fran White** McMartin, **Claire Kelly** Gilbert, and **Esther Dillenbeck** Prudden.

**Esther Schiff** Bondareff is a docent and avid worker at the Palm Beach Zoo. She is constantly programming and fund-raising for Cornell and is a VP on the club board. Her travels took her to Cuba and then to the inauguration of President **Jeffrey Lehman** '77. **Glenna Vreeland** Wilcox has written to us about her summer home right next to the ocean. Usually the four children and spouses, eight grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren come to visit "grandma" from California, Minnesota, Massachusetts, etc., during July and August. However, this past summer they all decided to come at the same time and she said she loved every minute of it. To quote her, "It is a thrill to be holding a baby, and when it needs attention, just hand it over to its parent and say, 'Here you are, she's yours!' No feedings, changes, baths, even no crying... just

get up and move to another spot. Wonderful!" She forgot to mention how the cooking was handled for all her visitors!

**Bertha Kotwica**, MS '54, mentioned that her travels extended to local doctors and hospital as most of her time was taken up with various illnesses. However, she does spend much time reading and gardening when able. I hope you are feeling much better these days, Bertha. ♦ **Selma Block** Green, 15 Weaver St., Scarsdale, NY 10583; tel., (914) 472-0535.

**38** **Eloise Thro** Greenstone '43 sent in this fascinating news about her sister **Carol Thro** Richardson: "I am so very proud of my sister. At 87 years of age she still is employed by the State of New York as a seafood monitor. Five days a week she goes out on a ship and oversees the crew's work cleansing clams! (The racks of clams are taken aboard and the ship moves to clean waters. The clams are lowered in the racks into the fresher water where they *cleanse themselves*.) Carol loves being gainfully employed. She also does volunteer work for a Long Island hospital—in her spare time. Recently she came west to have a great visit with me." **George Asai** gardens and plays nine holes of golf three times a week. He retired from 20 years of federal government service and 20 years of military service in Europe and the Far East.

**Alexander Early III** (Glendale, CA) says he retired nine years ago as a result of cancer. "Forced to loaf for a few years, I became addicted to it." He has five granddaughters and one grandson. His oldest and youngest granddaughters live with him. His son John, an MBA from Virginia Tech and a CPA, is building houses in Blacksburg, VA. "My newest hobby is high school football, which is excellent. Now if only Cornell...!" He also landed in *Who's Who*: "Somewhere along the line I was made a Knight Commander of the Order of Polonia Restituta (Poland) and Knight Grand Cross of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre (Vatican)."

**James Cooney**, BS EE '48, writes from Corning, NY: "Marg and I are still relatively healthy. No long-distance traveling much anymore, but it's not really missed. My job entailed traveling both in the US and foreign countries, with my last assignment spending 1 1/2 years in China. I have three sons who live in the Northeast so we visit them from time to time. Best to all."

**Preston Weadon**, MD '41, practiced neurosurgery in Kalamazoo, MI, until retirement. After stints in Vermont (too cold) and North Carolina (great) he moved back to Kalamazoo to be closer to his children. He still hears from **Charles Mosher**, MD '41, a CUMC roommate. Other family Cornell grads include his son **Mark** '72 and Mark's daughter **Molly** '98, his late brother **Don** '40, and Don's son **Don Jr.** '67. "I'm grateful for my wife of 55 years, three children, and five grandchildren, all healthy. Does anyone recall the Book and Bowl Society, now defunct? My membership was deeply rewarding. Comprising faculty and students with literary interests, we met in faculty homes—refreshments limited to snacks, beer, and coffee—and

presented our papers. I treasure the memory of a meeting at the home of **Morris Bishop** '14, BA '13, PhD '26. I learned more from this society than from many regular courses. I was sponsored for membership by **Gene Russell** '36, an editor of the *Cornell Widow*. Most impressive was the annual spring banquet with Archibald MacLeish as guest speaker, held at an elegant eatery (The Fontainebleau?) just outside Ithaca. But I bask in nostalgia. Greetings to all surviving '38ers."

**M. Celia Coulter** wrote from her winter address in New Paltz, NY: "My niece and husband took me to the wedding in Lodi of a grandnephew in August, where I saw almost all of my close relatives, and the rest were at the graduation party for a great-grandnephew in July in Bovina, NY. He graduated from my alma mater and lives in my native town. That is the reason I spend the summers in Walton, NY, as it is nearby. I gave up my car in November and will travel by bus if I come back here. On **Emma Hunt**'s birthday in June I called her. She spends her time quilting."

**Jewel Paley**'s family took her to Hyde Park for her 85th birthday to see FDR's home and Eleanor Roosevelt's Val Kilmer—a delightful visit. She has four beautiful great-grandchildren. Although she gave up tennis last year, she plays golf three times a week. **Stephen Roberts**, the former Cornell Polo coach from 1947-1972 (a volunteer), has finally given up playing polo after 67 years (1933-2000). "I've got enough sense to walk my dogs and not ride horses! But I'm still attending polo games at Cornell. The women's team is outstanding and the men's team is very good under Coach **Dave Eldredge** '81 (son of a former player of mine, **Halsey Eldredge** '44). I also visit the Cornell campus and especially the Veterinary college, even though I have given up regular practice (I like my sleep uninterrupted!). Living for the past ten years with Ruth, my forebearing wife, in the southern tier of NY State has been very pleasant and rewarding."

**Charles Lounsbury** writes that it's "life as usual and it's great! I'm glad I'm not in my teens. This time of life is wonderful. Gorgeous fall and the trees beautiful shades of yellow, my favorite color. May all keep well." ♦ Class of '38, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 55 Brown Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850-1247; e-mail, [cornell\\_magazine@cornell.edu](mailto:cornell_magazine@cornell.edu); or **Helen Reichert** Chadwick, 225 N. Second St., Lewiston, NY 14092.

**39** It will be nearly spring, I hope, when you read this, although we are inundated with snow now in Ithaca. So far, I have not received any news from you, and so in the face of our 65th Reunion in June, my thoughts have turned to past reunions, especially our 50th. On June 9, 1989, we proudly dedicated our Remembrance Garden at the Plantations. Just in the last three years, our numbers have significantly diminished, and so, with that in mind, I would like to repeat the words I spoke that lovely day in June.

"We who are here today to honor the memory of our classmates, are recalling a special time

in our lives, as young women at Cornell. The women of the classes before the Second World War were strongly bound together: by segregation of classes in Sage, Risley, and Balch; by strict rules and curfews; and by a serious economic depression that affected the lifestyles of most of us. The men in our class were not an integral part of our lives; even our governments were separate!

"It was not yet an accepted thing for women to go to college. Those of us who did were ambitious, determined, and very hard-working. We studied hard, preparing for a world that offered little encouragement to educated women who wanted careers.

"The Women's Class of 1939 was small—about 323, I think. We knew almost everyone by sight, and most to talk with. We were competitive, but with great good humor. And we made lasting friendships. There was a warmth, a geniality, a genuine interest in each other that pervaded the class as a whole. We really liked each other. That liking, that warmth, that feeling of belonging is what brings us here today to remember, to laugh a little, and to honor our absent friends. As those of us who remain return to Cornell, we now have our own special place, our perennial garden where we may come to think, to contemplate—and always, to remember."

See you in June! ♦ **Ruth Gold Goodman**, 103 White Park Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, bg11@cornell.edu.

**Whitney Irish** writes that he still drives day and night and sings with the local barbershop chapter and his church choir. He now lives at 30 Sullivan Dr., Canton, NY 13617, having moved there from Florida. He also sent me a clipping from the Watertown, NY, paper stating that **Alexander Trainor Jr.** had died. He had worked for the US Dept. of Agriculture until 1947, then joined the staff of the Ralston Purina Co. In 1951 he purchased a dairy farm, which he sold in 1961, and then semi-retired to care for his father and work part-time for a local funeral home.

**Jack Tallman** writes that he retired from the DuPont Co. in Wilmington, DE, at the end of 1981 and that his wife had died in 1999. He is now living in Shipley Manor, a retirement home in Wilmington. He states that his grandson **Brian Tallman** and wife **Meg (Valentine)**, both chemical engineers in the Class of '92, live nearby and have two children, making Jack a great-grandfather. Meg is now president of the Cornell Club of Delaware. Jack's e-mail address is talljack4@aol.com.

**Art Moak**, a member of the Cornell crew, died two years ago. His brother wrote me recently that he wanted to obtain a copy of **Ben Dean's** book, volume 2, which is focused on the 1935-39 crew. This request was passed on to Ben who contacted Art's brother. ♦ **Phil Twitchell**, 1963 Indian Valley Rd., Novato, CA 94947; e-mail, philtwitchell@comcast.net.

**40** My accident injuries have healed so I am back on track. I hope it doesn't happen again. Class President **Bob Schuyler** sent some family news: "Our youngest daughter

(UVA '79), a horse-child, makes the Amherst-Saratoga Springs Run, and sneaks through Hoosick Falls to the narrow pass through the Pownal, VT, horse track, then Williamstown, MA, to the Mohawk Trail." "Sky" reports that **George Davis Jr.** died recently. He lived in Virginia Beach.

I'd like to pay tribute to others in our class who have passed away. One of our most faithful, **Peggy Myers McElwee**, died on August 8. She lived most of her life in Ithaca. After graduating with us, Peggy earned a master's degree in economics from the U. of Vermont, and worked closely with her husband **Raymond** in the accounting department in the W.D. McElwee and Sons construction company. She had two daughters, one of whom died in 1970. Her husband died in 1995. During her lifetime, Peg was a Girl Scout leader and an aide at Cayuga Heights Elementary School, Boynton Junior High, and Ithaca High School. She was the founder of the Book Fair, which grew into the "Friends of the Library" book sale.

Peg served two terms as trustee for both the Village of Cayuga Heights and the Town of Lansing. She was also involved in zoning and planning the Intermunicipal Water Commission at Bolton Point. As an active member of the Presbyterian Church, she served many years as a deacon. Peg was also director of marketing for W.I. Myers Vegetable Garden. She was former president of University Women and a member of the Country Club of Ithaca from 1947, enjoying golf and new friendships.

Another dedicated class member, **Clarice Burke Meijer**, died on August 18 at Kendal in Ithaca. She was happily involved with the gardens there, starting and developing many. She taught "Home Ec" in the Homer schools. She leaves one son and two daughters, all married. She had agreed to be co-chair of our 65th Reunion, helping **Bill Baird**, and was class agent for our Plantations units.

**Morgan Sinclair** also passed away recently. He was a substantial supporter of the university and will be missed. I send my sympathy to his wife **Esther (Jones)**, who lives in Santa Monica, CA. **Sidney Scott**, who studied Ag Engineering, died Apr. 14, '03. He was on our soccer team with **Art Peters**, **Bob Wood**, MD '43, and **Bob Johnson**. He earned Cadet Major in ROTC. His older brother **Bill '37** is a professor of organizational development at Tuscaloosa. **Rodney Lightfoote** died Nov. 1, '02. He and his wife **Martha** lived in Clifton Springs, NY. He was active in alumni affairs and attended most of our reunions.

**Luba Lemish** Haimes died on Feb. 21, '03. Her husband **Melvin** lives in Georgetown, SC. **Stephen Vinciguerra**, JD '42, LLM '46, who lived in Latham, NY, with his wife **Beatrice**, died on Aug. 20, '02. Some of you will recall his football playing at Cornell. From **Ken Stofer '43**, BS '48, we heard of the death on October 19 of another football great, **Bill Worcester** of Baytown, OH. Bill was a member of the undefeated 1939 football team. After receiving his Electrical Engineering degree, he spent his entire business life with Cutler-Hammer, transferring from

Detroit to Hammond, IN, and then to Cleveland. Bill has a son **Ted** in Kathmandu, Nepal, a daughter **Nancy** in San Francisco, and a daughter **Martha** in Bay Village. His wife **Barbara** died several years ago. Thank you, **Ken**, for forwarding this news.

To all of you—STAY WELL. We'll see you in June 2005 at our 65th Reunion! ♦ **Carol Clark Petrie**, PO Box 8, Hartford, NY 12838; tel., (518) 632-5237.

**41** It's early December as I write this column, though it will be almost springtime when you read it. Holiday time at Kendal, a retirement community in Ithaca where I have lived for 3-1/2 years, is a time of many activities. Some of the 350 residents have families in the area, so they divide their time between Kendal and their children's homes. I have two daughters and two married grandchildren living in the greater Ithaca area, for which I am grateful. We enjoy our holidays together, visiting in the various homes. At Christmas two of our children who live far away do drive on the treacherous snowy roads to have a big family Christmas.

At Thanksgiving, for instance, Kendal had a wonderful, sumptuous dinner planned. We residents signed up for the time we would come. Buffet tables loaded with delicious foods were set up in two of the dining rooms. Patients in the nursing home and assisted living section were

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served in the other two dining rooms. I drove to my older daughter's home in the afternoon to help her prepare another Thanksgiving dinner for 14 family members. Thus, I had two wonderful dinners and much family togetherness.

My volunteer job at Kendal is planning and securing speakers for evening events each month. In a cultural community such as Ithaca, I have no trouble booking speakers and enter-

from them that thank him for his cheerful interest in their team.

This granddad column writer was happy to learn that Williams College was declared the "Best College in the US." Our grandson Ted McGhee, is a junior there and always on the honor roll. Last summer he participated with a group of five who rode their bikes from the East Coast to the West Coast—they averaged 60

Sherman (Lynbrook, NY) took an Alaska cruise with her niece. "I didn't feel enthusiastic about going, so Big Surprise! It was one of the best cruises ever. Seeing the glaciers was like being on a strange new planet." Alaska cruises are very popular out of Seattle, leaving every Saturday. Ruth studies Spanish to help her in tutoring English as a Second Language.

**Jean Fenton Potter** (Washington, CT) recently enjoyed a QE2 cruise to London and Lisbon, Portugal. **Paul and Greta Wilcox Leighton '44** (Scottsdale, AZ) moved recently to a retirement community. Paul is doing substantial management consulting work. They are active in church work and enjoyed the 50th Reunion. Another Scottsdale resident, **Donald Walsemann**, agrees that Reunion was exceptional. He serves as president of the summer activities at his park, and with Mary attended a Diamondbacks baseball game with the Phoenix Club. About their recent Caribbean cruise, he states, "The ship accommodated us by diverting course into St. Correct Harbor to pass over the crash site of our oldest son's Navy helicopter. Final closure was established when Mary tossed a bouquet at the site."

**George and Barbara Crohurst Howell** (Oak Brook, IL) are so busy it makes one's head spin. With **Gus Vollmer** (Butler, NJ) they attended the Trustee/Council Meeting and the inauguration of President **Jeff Lehman '77**, learned of the nanotechnology revolution in engineering, and danced to Big Band music at the Inauguration Ball. They also had a great time at a huge family reunion featuring their four children, 12 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. They keep in shape with swimming, golf, workouts, and hobbies. George has been the mayor of Oak Brook and trustee of Oak Brook Christ Church.

**Doris Stone Hanrahan** (Punta Gorda, FL) reports: "All those hours spent playing with toy soldiers finally paid off for son Philip. He will be promoted to Brigadier General in the US Army Reserve." Congratulations, Stonie. **Sally Rudolph Drachman** (Mamaroneck, NY) loved a Smithsonian Inst. trip to Seneca Falls. "Since I was born Dec. 1, 1920, it was particularly significant to me, as that was the year women got the vote. I hadn't realized how powerless women were up to that time." She encourages us all to take this trip, as it is "an important part of our history that seems to be easily overlooked."

**Beverly Ham Allen** (Arcade, NY), a retired teacher, is active in literary and library clubs and the Retired Teachers Assn. She favors watching the Buffalo Bills and Cornell sports and visiting their Adirondacks camp at Long Lake. Son James is following in the family tradition as president of the NYS Apple Growers Assn. Dad was president of the NYS Vegetable Growers, and grandfather president of the NYS Potato Growers. **Frederick and Winifred Schumacher** (Naples, FL; FWSchu@att.net) look forward to their 60th anniversary, play golf three times a week, and enjoy five daughters, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. They sadly report the passing of **Dick Morgan** (Issaquah, WA).

**John Jackson** and wife Suzanne (Bryn-

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tainers. Our residents are a talented group and enjoy speaking themselves, and we love hearing them, too.

**Connie Cook, JD '43**, of Ithaca, had a stroke about a year ago. She is fully recovered now and has moved to the Longview retirement home located near Ithaca College. She is happy her daughter and grandsons, 7 and 3-1/2, live in Connie's lovely old home in Ithaca. Her son and grandson live in Arizona.

**Alice Sanderson Rivoire, MS HE '48**, and husband **John '42, MBA '48**, were on a great Adult University (CAU) trip to the Baltic with four days in Iceland first. She says it's a fascinating country with a variety of art and scenery and good food! Their luck held—they had great weather. Alice was selected to be on the board of the Tompkins County Library Foundation.

**Alice Marion Williams** Hallanan returned her news form last year, but sent no message. She lives in Alexandria, VA. **Jean Soule Schragle** of Lexington, MA, reports that she is widowed and proud of three children and one grandchild. ♦ **Dorothy Talbert Wiggins**, 415 Savage Farm Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850-6504, tel., (607) 266-7629; e-mail, flower@localnet.com.

Dr. **Herbert Abrams** is still working as Professor Emeritus of Radiology at Stanford U. He gave a lecture at UCLA on Terrorism. He also gave a speech on sick presidents, including Cleveland, Wilson, Harding, and Eisenhower's heart attack, Crohn's disease, and stroke. Herb stays in shape by riding his bike to work and playing tennis. He and his wife spend summers at Martha's Vineyard.

**Lew Birckhead** has a new address: 17388 Oak Crest Dr., Spring Lake, MI 49456. Lew and Sylvia did what many our age are doing by moving into retirement homes. Let someone do our work, cook our meals, clean our quarters, take care of our yard, and even chauffeur us and provide nursing care. A classmate wrote, "We are out of the Golden Years and into the Survival Years."

When Cornell athletic teams play Harvard, **Bob Brunet**, who lives in Cambridge, will be there to greet them. He not only knows the coaches, but the bus driver (named Ralph) as well. He is very close to the Big Red women's hockey team. He loves to get letters

miles a day—then flew home.

**Bart Bartholomew** is on a walker and is in fine spirits. He and **Eddie (Burgess)** have moved close by to a new address: 2660 SW 22nd Ave., #1205, Delray Beach, FL 33445. The **Ken Cudmores** enjoyed having their whole family present to celebrate their 60th anniversary.

For '41ers who may have missed the confirmation of the death of **True Davis** in the Sept/Oct issue, he died on Feb. 26, '03. In the Johnson Administration, he was appointed Ambassador to Switzerland. He lived in St. Joseph, MO, where he was active in community and professional affairs.

Deadlines for these columns come every other month, and I need more updates from all of you. Please send news of recent travels, hobbies, family, or favorite exercise. My only exercise is for someone sitting in a wheelchair—moving head, arms, and legs, and bending the body, as well as wheeling the chair for getting about the same as walking persons do. Obituaries often contain welcome news we never received while the classmate was alive, so let's all ask our family to send our obit when we leave for Heaven. Mark Twain said, "I don't believe there is a Heaven, but I'd like to go there!" ♦ **Ralph Antell**, Beaufort Towers, 7015 Carnation St., #408, Richmond, VA 23225.

**42 Bill Webster** (Little Rock, AR) was honored by induction into the Air Force Aviation Hall of Fame. Bill visited Rabaul for the first time since he streaked across the harbor on Nov. 2, 1943, piloting a B-25 bomber, strafing and bombing Japanese shipping. A Brigadier General, Bill commanded the Kentucky Air National Guard, then headed up a bank's trust department, and now serves as VP of the United Methodist Foundation. He still relives the Rabaul close call when he led the 8th Squadron to safety.

**Glen, BS '47**, and Margaret **Botsford** are settling into their cottage at Kendal at Ithaca. **Helen Zinn Arenson** (N. Palm Beach, FL) visited Plymouth, MA, for her granddaughter's wedding. She enjoys boating and her three sons, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild, is active at the Old Port Yacht Club, and edits the club's monthly publication. **Ruth Naitove**

Mawr, PA) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April, and now he sadly reports her passing after a brave battle with cancer. **Louis Mehr's** wife Marcia (W. Orange, NJ) tells of his passing recently from brain cancer. Louis served in WWII in Italy and afterward on the Allied Commission. He got his PhD from Brooklyn Polytechnic in organic chemistry, worked for Shell Oil in St. Louis and received some patents, and later opened his own laboratory, Acro Chemical Corp., in New Jersey. Louis taught organic chemistry at Queens College for ten years. Our sympathies to all.

Turn now to the interesting '73 column. I discovered that **David Ross '73**, a very well-known Seattleite, is the class columnist. The morning commentator of radio KIRO, he is a fine singer who appears in a Gilbert & Sullivan operetta every year. I met him through the local Cornell Club and found him most cooperative when I was with a local music committee and we needed an MC. He can be very funny. Also, many thanks to **Ken Hubbard** (Ft. Myers, FL) for another gift of fresh fruit. His musical group now plays at Snook-Haven on the Myakka River.

Thanks for all the interesting information you send me. ♦ **Carolyn Evans** Finneran, 8815 45th St. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335; e-mail, Ceeffinn@juno.com.

**43** DATELINE: Rehab Hospital somewhere in Pennsylvania. In the wee hours of pre-Thanksgiving November, I went to get out of bed, my left knee buckled, and I slithered to the floor like a Slinky. When I discovered I couldn't get up, I realized I had had a stroke. They tell me I'm on the road to recovery and it behooves me to believe them. In lieu of Teddy bears, make my life easier—send news for this column.

Stay tuned for the July/August issue this summer and the annual list of Cornell legacies, where you will find fourth-generation freshman **David R. Bean II**, grandson of our own **Albert C. Bean Jr.** (Kansas City, MO). Says Ace, "Cornell matriculation has been a tradition in the Bean family since Day One of Cornell University's founding in 1865." At the top of that tree is Ace's grandfather **Charles M. Bean**, who was in the second graduating class of Cornell (Ace's uncle was in the first). Also making an appearance will be **Maria Adelman '07**, granddaughter of **Adelaide** and **Bill Taylor** (Williamsport, PA). "She makes her grandparents proud!"

More good words about our 60th Reunion. **John Vanderslice** (Allison Park, PA) sends congratulations to all who worked effectively to make it such an outstanding reunion. "Dottie and I are still talking about it. Now we plan to visit Wells for her 60th in 2004. I personally regret not having time to talk with more classmates." In January, they plan to stay at **Paul Handlery's** Resort Hotel Handlery in San Diego, when son John's daughter gets married.

If you were paying attention, you will recall that **Furm South's** new Canadian wife, Frances, was stopped at the border and didn't make it to reunion. Furm's latest update from Sewickley, PA: "Still working through lawyers and the bureau-

crats at American Immigration to get her a visa. Fortunately, she is here on a parole. Neither lawyers nor bureaucrats have any motivation to resolve anything as long as you go on paying them! Four months so far and it looks like another two to three months. **Hope Ritter** was at my home with wife Linda and son Michael for the Head of the Ohio Regatta in October." I trust that by the time this magazine reaches you, Frances also will be safely at the head of the Ohio.

**William Hoff** and his wife thoroughly enjoyed reunion last June and are looking forward to the next one. "Hope they supply Segway Human Transporters for that long trip from the Statler Hotel to Barton Hall. I am sorry to report that **George Morrow** died in August. George and I were fraternity brothers, and after not seeing each other for almost 50 years, we ended up as neighbors in Florida. We attended a lot of Cornell gatherings in Sarasota. I will certainly miss him."

Our class lost another star in November, **Barber Conable**, BA '42, LLB '46, former president of the World Bank and longtime member of the US House of Representatives. Along with most of us, he grew up quickly at Cornell, having entered, in his words, "largely unprepared for the university's challenges." Originally an activist against involvement in the war, his views of his own responsibility changed when America became engaged. He was able to graduate after his junior year and immediately enlisted in the Marines. As he wrote in the Compendium: "I left a greatly changed Cornell, greatly changed myself, and grateful that the university had challenged my innocent ways in those difficult times."

**Philip '42**, MS '53, and **Rosemary Williams Wilson** (Kingston, RI) spent the month of January 2003 in Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji, then made a trip to the Canadian Rockies in September. Their granddaughter shares their enthusiasm for travel and will spend the fall semester studying in Rome, followed by a spring semester in France. Betty and **Dick Fairbank** (Little Rock, AR) have enjoyed many years of traveling in the US and Canada and abroad. "Now we live in a retirement village, a 15-minute drive from each of our daughters and five grandchildren."

Several generations of Cornellians have been helping **Martin '42** and **Beatrice Swick Ornitz** celebrate their 60th anniversary. Son **Richard '67**, daughter Nancy, and five grandchildren (including **Alexandra '94**) came to Aspen, CO, "to wine and dine us and have fun rafting, horseback riding, and ballooning. It was very joyous for all." For dessert, Bea and Martin ordered a month's cruise on the Pacific Ocean—Tahiti, Hawaii, and the islands in between.

After 37 summers, **Gladys Haslett Poor** (Marblehead, MA) had to give up cruising on her sailboat—ten years of Parkinson's stole her sea legs. "Husband George still toots a mean trumpet and I still paint in watercolors. Had a big show in May 2003, and continue to exhibit in regional shows. Because of the Parkinson's, my style has changed. I didn't get to Florida, so missed seeing **Jean Quick** Bryant and other Florida classmates. Cheers to all."

Welcome ashore, Gladys. My style has changed, too—but not enough to land me any major shows. ♦ **S. Miller Harris**, PO Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA 18968; e-mail, millerharris@netcarrier.com.

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That Big 80 is still being mentioned. **Forris Chick** of Clinton, CT, celebrated in September 2002 with a seven-night cruise to Fanning Island, then seven nights in Honolulu. Short trips to Maine were added. **Jerry Tohn's** daughter **Ellen '81** gave him a small 80th birthday party. Present were seven Cornellians representing three generations and a fourth "hopeful": **Laurie Frank Krotman '67**, **Max Krotman '67**, **Helen Tohn Fishman '47**, **Adam Krotman '05**, **Jerry, Ellen, Margot Tohn '86**, and **Jeremy Price Harper** (Ellen's son and a hopeful for the Class of 2015). **Alison King Barry**, BArch '47, is delighted to be 80 as of December 2002 because she can ski free at Alta, Utah, their all-out favorite area, among the best in the world and tops in the US. She and Alan skied there last April en route to the Hawaiian cruise. She says she'll be careful. **Fred Taussig** of Englewood, NJ, turned 80 in March 2003 as he was recovering from a broken leg. Ski injury? **Mitchell Zavon** considers hitting the 80-year mark an achievement in itself, yet he continues consulting in occupational and environmental health. He also serves as chair of the Sarasota/Manatee section of Common Cause, which helps ensure an informed electorate and clean elections. He writes and publishes occasionally. He claims a second marriage of 27 years "and counting"—four children by first wife, three step-children, three grands, five step-grands, and one step-great-grand.

There are others still working. **Russell Mar-ron** still practices law in Rochester, NY. He, Ann, four children, and seven grands are "all doing OK." Attorney **Edward King**, BA '47, JD '49, after 52 years in general practice in Ithaca, is "working at slowing down," encouraged by wife Theresa. **Ken Kander**, BS '47, of Issaquah, WA, is still doing some engineer consulting work and visiting grandchildren in San Francisco. **Howard Evans**, PhD '50, completed the sixth edition of *The Guide to the Dissection of the Dog* with co-author Alexander DeLahunta. He taught for two weeks at the vet school of St. George's U. on Grenada and co-led, with Frank Rhodes, a trip to Antarctica in December. **William Swain**, BS EE '43, enjoys partial retirement in Sarasota, FL, and work. "Connie calls the work my hobby." What work? She volunteers at a church thrift shop.

Our ever-on-the-job president sent a report on Homecoming festivities that included tailgate and post-game parties, plus Friday and Saturday class dinners. "Cornell was defeated by Brown, but we had some great parties." The 27 participants were: Renata and **Bob Ballard**, **Lou and Janet Buhsen Daukas '46**, Erica and Howard Evans, **Bill Falkenstein**, **Bob Dillon**, Alice and **Robert Garmezzy '45**, **Bob Miller** and friend, June and **Harold Parker**, JD '50, **Art and Doty Kay Kesten**, Nancy and **Peter Miller**, MBA '48, **Jenks, DVM '43**, and **Doris Holmes Jenkins, Dan Morris, Roy Unger '43**, Ted and Jean Thoren (hon-

orary '44), **Maryann Trask Pfeifle**, and **Cliff Whitcomb '43**, MBA '48. Dotty and Art attended President Lehman's inauguration. Dotty, as class president, marched in the procession.

On November 28 Dotty and Art, along with Janet and Lou Daukas and Helen and **Jerry Levitan**, BA '47, MBA '48, were guests at the wedding of Maryann Pfeifle and Cliff Whitcomb.

The Kestens are hard at work on reunion arrangements. As of December, when I sent this column in, nearly 120 classmates had already said yes to attending our 60th on June 10-13, 2004. Over half indicated they are coming "with spouse," bringing the total to more than 180. Sign on now and help us beat the record for a 60th! ♦ **Nancy Torlinski Rundell**, 20540 Falcons Landing Cir. #4404, Sterling, VA 20165; tel., (703) 404-9494.

**45** By the time you read this the 99th annual Mid-Winter Meeting of the Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) in New York City will be over and our officers will have been digesting all the information made available, especially concerning reunion activities. Cornell's new president, **Jeffrey Lehman '77**, was the keynote speaker at the January 24 luncheon. Also by now, **Suzanne Lopez** Moody (Berne, NY) will have come back home from her annual winter hibernation in Big Pine Key, FL, and will again be visiting with daughter Carey, who has returned to nearby Schoharie after practicing law in St. Croix, USVI. Kevin, one of Sue's sons, is an archaeologist; the other, Richard, a marine geologist. She retired over a year ago from 42 years of real estate work.

Permanent Floridians **Robert '39**, MS '42, and **Ruth Phelps Latimer**, MS '46 (Mt. Dora), live in an extended-care facility, along with ten other Cornellians. Ruth reports that the Lake County Cornell group of about 40 meets twice a year for picnics, wine-and-cheese parties, etc. Farther south, in Naples, **Brigitte Watty** Miller, BA '44, keeps busy volunteering at the Cleveland Clinic/Naples and at an elementary school, as well as with the Cornell Club of Southwest Florida. Last year she took her daughter and two granddaughters to Italy for a sojourn before visiting another granddaughter in France. More now-permanent residents of the alligator area keep popping up: **Jeanette (Knight) '47** and **Stanley Johnson**, BS '48, our reunion co-chair (Ponte Vedra Beach) frequently see **Elizabeth Mathison Lind** Welsh Everett, as well as **Anna Huttar** MacDonald, BS '44. Libby and Bill live contentedly with two Siamese cats, golf, play bridge, and read. All say that they are active in the Cornell Club of Greater Jacksonville. It's interesting to note that almost every communication from a Florida '45er mentions something like that; maybe they secretly miss the north after all! On the other hand, the Cayuga's Waiters visit them to entertain, which may indicate a reverse-direction desire, not too surprising during an Ithaca winter.

Another distant Cornell Club attracts local alumni: in Tucson, AZ, **James Carley**, PhD '51, includes its activities with bicycling as what

keeps him busy when not doing a bit of engineering consulting and teaching. He and Karen had perfect weather for their Alaskan inside passage cruise, followed by two Hawaiian trips. Jim didn't say how the weather was there, but didn't need to. About as remote from Tucson as one can get in the continental 48 is Eastport, ME, the farthest northeastern point of the US, but there is e-mail there, via which **Dorothy Scott** Madden Boyle advises that she managed to collect photos and memories of her Cornell days and sent them to be preserved in the Archives, as requested by sorority sister **Inger Molmen Gilbert '49**. Therefore, even if our class Reminiscences project is moribund, hers are preserved. Scottie's roomie, **Alma Morton** Blazic, BA '44 (Cincinnati, OH) and she plan to attend reunion, where they can share their memories with those of us who don't recall everything.

Faithful correspondent and retired teacher **Adelaide Kennedy** Underwood, BS '44 (Cortland, NY) is still busily keeping contact with her former roommates, **Ann Lynch** Pape, BS '44 (Garden City, NY), **Rosetta Deni** Newton, BS '44 (Orchard Park, NY), and **Marilyn Potter** Withiam, whose address is an Alumni Records mystery. If Addie will let us know that, it would be appreciated. All four girls married Cornellians, and Addie is active in the Cortland County Cornell Women's Club, so we know where their loyalty lies. Of course, Ann Pape attends the aforementioned CACO meetings as our class secretary and probably did some jumping for joy this year on her two new (now 1-1/2-year-old) knees.

We were distressed to hear from **William Rothfuss**, BS '44 (Greenville, SC) that his lovely wife Toni is mostly bedridden with pulmonary fibrosis, so Bill's golfing and other activities are curtailed while he takes loving care of her. I can sympathize, since my Barbara's arthritic spine makes it impossible to do much but stick close to the fireside. I was also sorry to read in the Nov/Dec issue of CAM of the death of **Blanton Wigin '44**, BS '43, husband of our own **Erma (Nightingale)** (Hollis, NH). When last heard from three years ago, Bud and Erma were still operating their instrument manufacturing business and physically active.

I recently read that you can achieve inner peace by finishing all the undone things you've started, so I completed this column and looked around to see what else I needed to do. I finished up a bottle of white wine, a bottle of red wine, a liter of rum, my Prozac, a large box of chocolates, and a quart of beer. You can have no idea how good I feel. ♦ **Prentice Cushing Jr.**, 713 Fleet Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23454; e-mail, Cescova@aol.com. Our class Home Page: <http://home.town.aol.com/Cescova/CU1945.html>.

**46** At my age I'd rather be "Singing in the Rain," but I'm hearing "Let it Snow, Let it Snow!" Last Friday (Dec. 5), Reading, PA, had ten inches of snow and today, Sunday, Dec. 14, they are predicting another ten inches. And "It Isn't Even Winter." Sure wish we'd hear about our move to a senior citizen complex soon—no more SHOVELING!

I love my telephone because it keeps me in touch with you. I answered my phone the day after Thanksgiving to find myself talking to Pat and **Sam Miller**. I'd called them recently but got no answer. Now I know why—they'd been in Florida a few weeks. I thought Sam sounded pretty good, but he said he had trouble walking and talking because of a stroke. He wanted to know what we'd done to replace him as class president and I said he was too hard to replace. I'm sure you'll all agree.

I also love the US Mail for the same reason. Christmas cards started arriving in early December. **Priscilla Alden Clement** was first with a note from her new apartment in South Hadley, MA. Nine of the immediate family recently held a memorial burial service for her husband **Gordon '44**, BS '47. It must have been a beautiful service from what she said: "Snow and then blue skies at the gravesite as if Gordon was watching over them." She is glad she has two bedrooms and she welcomes all old friends.

Then **Jan Bassette** Summerville (our first class correspondent) wrote. She really lives in the snow belt—Sackets Harbor, NY. Her note read, "Six grandchildren, ages 5 to 22, continue to thrive." Sal and **Pat Kinne** Paoletta sent a postcard from Manchester, NJ. They'd been at an Elderhostel at Peabody in Baltimore, MD. "Lots of good music to hear—student recitals every night." Florida will be calling them soon. I expect to hear from many more of you in the next week. Right now, you'll brighten my day, as I'm mostly sitting—took an unscheduled tumble down nine steps. Broke nothing, thank God, but am I bruised and sore!

Now my appeal to you—I am out of news, so how about taking a sheet of paper or a postcard and dropping me a note? Now don't all do it today; some can wait a week or two or a month, but DO IT. My last two reports were so long (the Round Robin and Witford twins) that I asked Paul to make his column shorter and he obliged. Now I need your help again. I guess just being alive at our age is something, so write about your health. If you're like me, "you're still kicking but not so high." Please let me hear from you. Give me some ideas of what you'd like to hear about our class. Still hope to see you for our 60th in 2006. ♦ **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, 503 Morris Pl., Reading, PA 19607; tel., (610) 777-4938.

**Robert Bennett**, BS '45 (Wantagh, NY) visited the Canadian Rockies, Calgary, and Victoria in August 2002. He found the trip "very interesting, with plenty of photo opportunities." Bob has decreased his participation in the national ASME but is "still going strong in the ASME Auxiliary," which invites male participation. He claims to be "in reasonable health, but slowing down." (Bob, better speed up or one of those auxiliary ladies might catch you.)

Doting grandfather **James Johnstone Jr.**, BS '45 (Wynnewood, PA; [jjnbb@comcast.net](mailto:jjnbb@comcast.net)) cruised the Caribbean in March 2002 with grandson James, then 3-1/2. Now that young James is 5, he can debug the glitches in the monster computer Jim assembled for his H & R Block tax work. Jim plays competitive tennis and

strives to shoot his age in golf. He says, "All is well; best wishes to all."

Anne and **Peter Verna Jr.**, MS '48 (Charlotte, NC; pvernajr@carolina.rr.com) were featured in the lead article of the September 2002 *Charlotte Observer* gardening section. Pete and Anne grow a constantly rotating wealth of produce throughout the year on fruit trees and bushes and leafy and root plants. They even produce 400 pounds of honey per year in their hive and get their crops pollinated by the honeybees. The emphasis is not on saving money, even though they are zealous in saving and reusing water. They claim their produce, grown organically in the rich soil they've cultivated, is healthier and tastier. And they extend the availability of their crops by canning, freezing, drying, and storing them strategically. Pete feels that their excellent health is due to their diet of organic crops and finds they have no need for pills. Anne agrees and does not attribute their good health to good genes.

**David Day**, BS '45 (Centennial, CO; dvdy@aol.com) just received his Nov/Dec issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. His modem reception, like mine, limits CyberTower to the equivalent of audio plus slides. However, the method provokes interest and Dave thinks Cornell has a winner in new president **Jeff Lehman** '77. "At present I am revising for a 5th edition my book *Moving the Earth*. It is a practical construction guide originally co-authored with Herbert Nichols. The 4th edition, published by McGraw-Hill in 1998, was 1,352 pages. The 5th edition should be considerably shorter. Fortunately, I take time off from my arduous task to play tennis two or three times a week. Also, Mary and I dashed off with daughter Barbara for two weeks in Scandinavia in July. Our four other children are doing well in their professional work, scattered from Colorado to the West Coast. We have five ambitious and adorable granddaughters. I enjoy your column. If you ever need help, summon me by e-mail."

TO PUBLISH YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS, e-mail it to me. Include your name and city and state of residence. Send news to: ♦ **Paul Levine**, 31 Chicory Lane, San Carlos, CA 94070; tel., (650) 592-5273; fax, (650) 593-2572; e-mail, pblevine@juno.com. Class website, [www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1946/](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1946/).

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By the time you read this column, some of the news may be well over a year old, but in this case "old news is better than no news," so we begin with a communiqué from **Lawrence Katchen** (steellarry@webtv.net), who tells us that in Jan. 2003 he cruised from San Diego south to Mexico, Costa Rica, Colombia, the Panama Canal, and Aruba to Fort Lauderdale. He says, "Sorry I missed our 55th Reunion, but time constraints interfered. I commute on a weekly schedule from New Jersey to Florida. Home is now in Florida. I keep a condo in New Jersey and the office is in New Jersey. My frequent flyer status is infinite platinum." Lawrence and June have three children and three grandchildren.

**Betty Rosenthal** Newman retired from teaching after 29 years in June. She's attended many Adult University (CAU) classes and traveled to Vietnam. She received the "Distinguished Faculty Award" from the Newark Academy of Livingston, NJ, last April. She enjoys golf, tennis, and duplicate bridge. In retirement she plans to volunteer with inner city youth with a focus on reading. Betty has two sons and four grandchildren. **Patrick O'Sullivan**, now in partial retirement, works on bilingual dictionaries in

vision, she is still active in her church. **William Davies** volunteers in schools. Last year he vacationed in Copper Canyon, Mexico. He has taken various classes at Mendocino College and enjoys playing racquetball. William has five children and ten grandchildren.

**Robert Herm**, BA '46, MD '50, and wife Betsey (B2herm@hargray.com) enjoy attending opera performances around the country: Santa Fe, Charleston, SC, Sarasota, Cooperstown, San Francisco, and DC, to name a few. Robert says

'My frequent flyer status is infinite platinum.'

LAWRENCE KATCHEN '47

Pushtu/Tajik/Chechen for MacNeil Technologies. He enjoys walking, jogging, and bicycling. His wife Fia is a retired Latin teacher. They have four children and four grandchildren.

**Israel Milner** (izegmilner@ieec.org) is part-time faculty as an associate professor teaching environmental science at Temple U. He was, until recently, the chair of the Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) Committee for Cornell, but he is still active in college fairs and meeting with student candidates. He is on his township's Environmental Protection Advisory Board and was named "Man of the Year" by his congregation. In January 2003 he traveled to the Cayman Islands to catch up on snorkeling, playing with stingrays, and, most importantly, doing nothing for a while. Israel says he and his wife Edith "share all the good stuff that keeps us busy." They have two grandchildren.

**Irwin Gonshak** (igonshak@aol.com) writes, "I produce seven half-hour radio programs per week for the NYC Dept. of Education's radio station, WNYE-FM/91.5: 'Everything Goes?' (literary readings), Monday and Friday 6-6:30 p.m., and 'Teacher as Historian' (US Dept. of Education grant), Monday to Friday 6:30-7 p.m. I am exchanging the 'Teacher as Historian' program with the U. of Missouri's 'Talking History' series (with the Organization of American Historians), which are broadcast nationally on public radio satellite and worldwide by the Voice of America. Stay tuned."

**Marvin Wedeen** has been proactive in retirement, trying to encourage multi-municipality planning. Cornellians he's been in contact with are **Jim Vlock**, BA'46, MBA '48, **Bill Berley** '45, BS '48, **Jerry and Barbara Bayer Silver**, BS '46, **John and Helen Allmuth Ayer**, BS '46, and, of course, **Barlow Ware**. Marvin planned to move to a continuous care retirement community in Sewickley, PA, by last July. **Mary Steadman** Rothrock (m.rothrock@worldnet.att.net) is a retired teacher. She was legal secretary for her late husband **Cecil** '49 for ten years. Mary has 11 grandchildren.

**Ursula Holahan** (urshol@webtv.net) says she attended a Cornell reunion in Charleston, SC, last year and took a ten-day cruise to the West Caribbean in January 2003. Although her sight is limited and she is losing peripheral

he plays terrible golf, but Betsey plays better. **Allen Ginsburgh**, BS '46, said in a News Form of last March, "I decided to run for the School Board—how nutty! Wish me luck." We do, but did you make it?

**James**, PhD '51, and **June Jacobi Gillin** '48, live permanently in N. Palm Beach, but are back in Westfield, NJ, in the summer. They enjoy golf. James and June have daughter Sherie and son **J. Scott** '74. **Martha Merrill Tawse** is a retired nursing educator and her husband **Robert** is a retired doctor (MD '46). They have four children and nine grandchildren. **Caroline M. Wood** is involved in Concord grape farming. Her hobbies include Women of the Moose, card playing, and Affenpinscher dogs.

We close this column with apologies to Arlie, who was not able to write the column this month. It is not up to her high standards and stylish writing, but we'll try to do better next time from the Class of '47 ghostwriter. Send news! ♦ **Arlie Williamson** Anderson, 238 Dorchester Rd., Rochester, NY 14610-1329; e-mail, arlie47@aol.com. (Assisted by **Peter D. Schwarz**, pschwarz@rochester.rr.com). Class '47 Web page, [www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1947/](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1947/).

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This month's edition of Class Notes is a combination of the last of our updates from early 2003 and a new round of news from this year. It was compiled while watching Pro Football on Sunday, Dec. 21, '03. From **Willis Garwood**, Perrysburg, OH: "Reading, snoozing, trip to Sedona, AZ, Florida in January 2003, grandchildren's graduations. All problems are mental/physical. Solution: support medicine to a high degree. World's problem is poverty/peace. Have learned that computers are a 'humbling' experience. We are travelers on the 'Road of Life.'"

(Giants kick off to 17. Dallas kicks 10-yd FG, leads 3-0.)

**Margaret Brown Immen**, Defiance, MO: "Retired, reading, horses. Husband **Fred** '50 and I rented a PMV since I have trouble walking and went to Missouri Botanical Gardens. It was great! Visited great-grandchild, grandchildren, and children. We all got together at Tablerock Lake (MO) to celebrate our 50th wedding

anniversary. The world has to learn to get along with each other and the solution is learning to forgive and be forgiven. I'm learning sign language. In 1967 I received a master's in library science, worked one year at Cardinal O'Hara High School (PA) as librarian, and was replaced by a priest. Then I worked at a public elementary school for 1-1/2 years and had to quit because of ill health. Then I substituted in our school district. We moved to Northern California in 1972 and I attended a local community college. After two years I received an AA in aircraft airframe and power plant maintenance.

**'I got a pet rat for my last birthday. She's cleaner, smarter, and easier to care for than a dog or cat.'**

BARBARA STARKWEATHER BROWN '49

From then on I maintained our airplane. I have 100 hours flying time."

*(Giants return kickoff to their 30, move forward, kick 45-yd FG. Score tied, 3-3.)*

**Mary Stenbuck** Brown, Kensington, CA: "Retired; cat sitter (three). Reading, library volunteer. Sleep when possible. Recovering from cataract removal and nursing right arm in a cast. Body can fall apart in many places at one time. World's problem is overpopulation and radical fundamentalists. Solution is education. "When the meaning of life is revealed to me, you'll be the first to know." **Eugene Littman**, Newburgh, NY: "President of USA Illumination Inc., a lighting fixture manufacturer, and member of regional board of directors for Key Bank. Moved my company to larger headquarters in New Windsor; business down since 9/11. All my family was at the Cornwall campus of St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital on Oct. 9, '03 for the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new Littman Emergency Center, which we helped a lot to create."

*(Giants kick off to Dallas 30. Giants hold Dallas punt to Giants 30. Dallas holds. Giants punt to Dallas 14. Dallas 36-yd pass for TD, extra point good. Lead 10-3.)*

**Jackie Smith Flournoy**, Westport, CT: "Taking care of **Jim**, running house, dealing with doctors and various medical items. Play bridge and do crafts at Cedar Point Yacht Club (20-year member), rake leaves. Sail Wednesday nights with three-generation family crew. Would rather be on a cruise. Too busy with Jim's dialysis, cancer, and diabetes to attend reunion. Sister **Cynthia Smith Ayers '52** and husband **Jon '50** joined us for lunch to celebrate our 53rd anniversary. Jim's brother **Hugh '50** and family visit frequently, traveling between homes in California and Florida. He's happy that 'Arnold' is now governor of California. We need to create more time and get out of Iraq. The meaning of life is to love one another."

*(Dallas kicks off, holds. Giants punt to Dallas 17. Dallas punts to Giants 16. Giants punt to Dal-*

*las 15. Dallas punts to Giants one yard line. Giants punt from one inch line to their own 40. Dallas kicks FG, leads 13-3 at halftime.)*

**Lynn "Grumpsi" Ellis**, Clearwater, FL: "Locomotion impairment kept me from the 55th Reunion. My daughter and two of her children visited in October. We prepared by getting flu shots. The solution to today's problems is to iron my shorts. I've learned not to wear long pants over Velcro-festooned knee braces or you will end up wearing weird shorts. The meaning of life is, 'It's better than the alternative.'" **Ira Kaufman**, MD '53, Houston, TX: "Presently a citizen and a

student. There's nothing I'd rather be or do. Plan to eat, play piano, make love, study, hear music, digest information, develop opinions, change opinions. Missed reunion because it was too far off my schedule. Moved from NYC to Houston with equanimity—proved to be smooth. Most pressing problem is listening to my children. Solution: turn off cell phone. Don't know solution for Islamic terrorism. Californians are 'nuts.' Life is like a fountain."

*(Second half: Dallas kicks off to Giants 10. Giants go nowhere, punt to Dallas 32. Dallas runs back to Giants 22, kicks FG, leads 16-3.)*

**Virginia Keeler Smith**, Ponte Verde, FL: "Present day job is staying alive and staying awake until 9:00 p.m. Would rather be cashing coupons. Had insufficient frequent flyer miles to attend reunion. Most pressing problem is renewing and paying for prescription medicines."

*(Dallas kicks to Giants 22. Giants go nowhere, punt to Dallas 20. Giants hold. Dallas punts to Giants 35. Dallas takes over on downs on own 17, moves downfield, kicks 49-yd FG, leads 19-3.)*

Writing this column is certainly more exciting than watching grass grow on the football field. ♠ **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone/fax, (516) 767-1776.

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Lots of hopefuls for our 55th: **Arlene Whitman Ross**, **John Bilon**, MS '57, **Silvio "Sy" Volpe**, **Art Lowenthal**, BA '48 (who wants to jitterbug with Bet), to mention just a few. Arlene is still working and loving every minute of it, in carpet and rug sales to interior designers. She attended "Investing 2003" last summer at Adult University (CAU). John Bilon is busy with Rotary, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and community projects. Sy Volpe says anniversaries, reunions, two cruises, and a trip to Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, fill up his time. "God bless to all!" Art has three of four children married with five grandchildren. Daughter-in-law was diagnosed with leukemia and treated at

Cornell Medical Center last year. Sure hope she's doing well. Art. He signed off, "Love you guys!"

**Marie "Toni" Russo** Carter keeps in touch with the great gals in the Nursing School with many mini-reunions. Then, of course, there's the bi-annual Phi Gam (classes '40 to '52) reunions at Cornell—number 12 in '02. **Tony Tappin** writes that despite the weather and a loss to Colgate, they had a wonderful time at their last get-together. He and wife Mary enjoy winters in Tucson and summers in Oak Brook, IL. He is active in the Cornell Clubs of Southern Arizona and Chicago. He has "graduated" to Chairman Emeritus of the Tower Club Campaign. "Give us a call if nearby." Heard from **Lou Durante** (sure I remember you!), also a participant in those bi-annual reunions, who recalls **Bob Curran** well—saw him often when he was editor of *Chevalier* magazine in New York City. Bob was always most pleasant, had an Irish gift of gab, could converse on any subject, and was a gifted writer. Lou is in touch with **Dick Keegan**, who he says deserves a meritorious award for keeping the Cornell spirit alive! Hear! Hear!

**Edward Collum**, BS '52, and Mary Louise ("Pooh") had a wonderful visit with **Walter** and **Cathy Ainsworth** at their home in Big Sky, MT. They also enjoy sailing and fishing with them during their annual summer vacations to the St. Lawrence River. **Bill** (Frank W.), PhD '55, and **Betty George Kinsman '51**, M Ed '53, often see **Mary Ann Seipos '51** in Sanibel, FL. Bill's resumé in a nutshell reads: MSEM, Stanford '50; PhD, Cornell '55; Bell Tel Labs, '53-57; taught mechanical tech at Monroe Community College in Rochester, NY, '63-93; five children and 11 grandchildren. He has retired with Betty to a home on the Erie Canal in Fairport. **Paul Carver**, MS '57, had a great lunch and get-together with **Bev Haude** Prime Pearson and **Ned** in Litchfield, CT. He has had four Carver kids, spouses, and six grandchildren staying with him—some for a few weeks! "Floor space at a premium, but wonderful times were had!"

**Donald Webster**, DVM '49, kept his veterinary practice in Cornell hands when he sold it to **Douglas Hart '65**, DVM '67, upon his retirement in 1994. **Julia Sumberg** Sutton, a retired professor emerita of musicology at N.E. Conservatory, has made numerous presentations and published books and articles on music and dance history of the 16th to 18th centuries. Married, divorced, remarried, and widowed with no children, she lives in Waltham, MA. **Ruth Samuels** Hanft is busy with community and volunteer activities and travel—Mediterranean cruise and then to England last fall. She still does an occasional lecture and wrote a book (text) published in December '03.

**Barbara Starkweather** Brown lives in a senior community in San Diego. Active in local affairs, she is "helping the old folks' cause while still young and able!" All kids and grandkids (except one) live close by. "I got a pet rat for my last birthday. She's cleaner, smarter, and easier to care for than a dog or cat." Cuddly too? Any other pet stories out there? **Howard** and **Ellen Carlson** have moved to a senior community with continuing care—four fine dining rooms

and lots of activities. "Planning on our 55th Reunion."

Hope to meet correspondent **Paul Joslin '50** in March. They rent here in The Villages. Oh, yes, my brother was playing tennis doubles here, when one of his opponents mentioned Cornell. 'Twas **Russell Norman Meyer**. See you soon! ♦ **Mary Heisler Allison**, 1812 Puerto Bello Dr., Lady Lake, FL 32159; tel., (352) 259-0203; new e-mail, mha@hopsnet.net.

**50** We hope you like our new yellow class news reporting forms. Their exact origins are obscure, but credit your class officers for getting us a form designed to elicit a bit more detail in what you report and what your classmates would like to read about. Thanks also to those who responded promptly and provided news for this column.

First the bad news. It is with great sadness that our co-correspondent **Ruth "Midge" Downey Kreitz**, Fairfax, VA, reports that her dear husband died last October of complications following lung surgery. The previous February she and Bill had taken a wonderful Caribbean cruise and later had a great summer at their beach home in Ocean City, MD, with all the family, kids, and grandkids visiting in shifts. Midge writes that although her heart aches, she has wonderful memories of their eight years together. Having each lost an earlier spouse, they made the most of their precious moments together, including cruises, Elderhostels, and motor trips throughout the world. Her emphatic advice to all of us, "Please tell your spouses how much you love them, for again we have proved that life is exceedingly short and fragile."

**Frank Clifford**, Ithaca, NY, anticipates winter in Hilton Head, SC, because it "beats Ithaca winters." Frank is retired but gives a bit to Cornell by serving on the Faculty Greeter/Direction Giver Committee for the fall student/parent welcome program. In an e-mail, **George Casler**, MS '59, Ithaca, NY, reports that he and wife Pat joined an Elderhostel that took them from Fort Davis, TX, through the Copper Canyon, a complex of six canyons in northern Mexico. En route they visited with groups of Taramahara Indians who are very poor and live in caves. He and others report that the Copper Canyon is as spectacular as the Grand Canyon. **Kirk Reid**, Hudson, OH, has a day job "mowing, trimming, edging, weeding, feeding, pruning, and watering." His work break consists of diddling with his 1928 Ford pickup. Unlike Frank, he used the back of the yellow reporting sheet. Most pressing problem? "Bladder incompetency." Solution? "Roto-Rooter last December." Most recent knowledge? "Share your knowledge because you can't take it with you!"

**Mary K. Mapes Phillips**, Richmondville, NY, has several day jobs, including church financial secretary, transcribing diaries from the 1800s of her husband **Seeley**, DVM '50's grandfather, and volunteering for the Richmondville Historical Society, with an occasional break for housework. Family events? Celebration of Seeley's 85th birthday with 19 of their family of 20 present, includ-

ing Cornellians **Mary and Seeley**; sons **Carl '77**, **Tom**, DVM '82, and **Bill '84**; daughter **Barbara '73** and husband **David Long '72**, and son-in-law **David Leverett '79**, married to daughter **Doris**. I had a nice phone chat with **Mary** and discovered that we had both sung in the Sage Chapel Choir while she was the student manager.

The recent newsletter of the Sage Chapel Choir carries an intriguing article telling about a famous Sage Chapel Choir alumnus, **E.B. White '21**, well known author of *Charlotte's Web*. Among the innumerable plaques that adorn Sage Chapel and memorialize the university's past is one for **White**, which reads, "Master of the written word and member of the Sage Chapel Choir." Paraphrasing a passage from *Charlotte's Web*, student columnist **Alyssa Wu '05** writes, "Life in the Chapel was very good—night and day, winter and summer, spring and fall, dull days and bright days. It was the best place to be, thought the chorister, this warm delicious alto section, with the garrulous singers, the changing sermons, the heat of the sun, the passage of processions, the nearness of friends, the sameness of hymnals, the love of choir directors, the smell of sweet singing breaths, and the glory of everything." The view of **Mary** and me exactly.

Day job for **Allen Strack**, Sarasota Springs, NY, is "enjoying the delicious life of a retiree." His extracurricular activities include house repairs, Lake George boating and swimming, and trying to reduce outrageous number of strokes needed to "play" golf. Most recent discovery is "finally learning about computers." **Allen** has not been back to the campus since graduation, but says he ought to return for a look. **William Hagel**, Ann Arbor, MI, has a day job doing metallurgical consulting. Oil painting is his after-hours diversion. **Kenneth Altman**, Tenafly, NJ, reports that he has retired from medical clinical practice, but has many and varied activities: reading journals, studying cooperative law, traveling, swimming, playing tennis, and composing music.

**William Sharman**, BArch '52, Briarcliff Manor, NY, is still employed as an architect. After hours activities? Captain of the town fire police and with wife **Audrey** singing in the church choir, serving on church committees, and playing a lot of golf and bridge. In November **Bill** was inducted into the Briarcliff High School Hall of Fame. He saw **Larry Smith '51**, BArch '52, at an architects' reception in New York City and has also visited with **Ben Berner** and wife **Phoebe (Eisenbrown) '51**. **Nelson Schaenen**, MBA '51, Madison, NJ, is retired from employment but not from community and professional involvement. He serves as trustee and past chairman of the Downtown Hospital of New York U. and trustee and chairman of the Endowment and Capital Campaign of Morristown, NJ, Memorial Health Foundation. A son lives in Dubai, and at this writing he was planning to take the rest of his family, children, and grandchildren, 15 in all, to Dubai for Christmas. **Elizabeth Alexander** Weis asks that her classmates be notified of her new address: 1327 Thornapple Dr., Osprey, FL 34299. She formerly lived in Wilmington, NC.

At the banquet of our 50th Reunion back in June 2000, I was talking with then-President **Hunter Rawlings**, who, prior to his Cornell tenure, had served as president of the U. of Iowa. I said that we Iowans appreciated the fine job he had done there and that I felt that the move to Cornell was good for both him and Cornell. I mentioned that I thought I might be the only Cornellian in Iowa. With a laugh he said there were only eight Cornellians in Iowa and it was a pleasure to finally meet one. In my 36 years in Iowa the only Cornellians I had personally met had been while out of Iowa on trips in Scotland, Australia, and Germany. So it was fun to have an e-mail from **Ina Loewenberg '52**, who has lived in Iowa City since 1969. Her husband, **Gerhard "Jerry" '49**, PhD '55, is a professor of political science at the U. of Iowa. **Ina** was a stay-at-home mom, then a belated grad student at the U. of Massachusetts. Later she taught philosophy, did tax returns, became a student again, then was an accountant and internal auditor at the U. of Iowa, and now is the author of an about-to-be-published book.

One of these days I'm going to do a geographical survey to determine the relative distribution of our class members across the country. I am quite sure that most of you are what I call "coasters"; that is, you reside on or near the West or East Coast. For me, I like it here in Iowa, where I am as close to both coasts as one can get and where I can have an occasional chuckle about the misperceptions that coasters have about us prairie residents. Writing this column is a great pleasure, and **Midge** and I thank you for your continued input. We hope you derive pleasure from reading it. ♦ **Paul Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50131-1560; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phj4@cornell.edu; or **Ruth "Midge" Downey Kreitz**, 3811 Hunt Manor Dr., Fairfax, VA 22033; tel., (703)860-2991; e-mail, rdk12@cornell.edu.

**51** Class officers, meeting in Schoellkopf on October 18, got to see **Paul "Spike" Gerwin**, MBA '52's photo, recently added to Cornell's Athletic Hall of Fame display. **Spike Gerwin** joined **Richard Clark**, **Derl Derr**, MS '58, **Jeff Fleischmann**, M Ed '55, **Rip Haley**, **Sam MacNeil**, **Bob Mealey**, **Frank "Moose" Miller**, **Charles Moore**, **John Pierik**, MD '55, **Richard Ramin**, **Harvey Sampson**, and **Leonard Steiner** on October 3. His photo caption reads:

"A three-year starter in basketball, he was co-captain of the 1951 team that compiled an overall record of 20-5, which set the school record for wins in a season, and placed second in the Eastern Intercollegiate League. He led the Big Red in scoring in two of his three varsity seasons, with team-best marks as a junior (255 points, 10.2 ppg) and as a senior (336 points, 13.4 ppg). He topped the team in free-throw percentage in 1950 (85x127, .669) and in 1951 (116x155, .748). Over his three-year varsity career, he scored 818 points in 76 games for an average of 10.8 ppg. He was named to the EIBL first team in 1951, and he ranked fourth in the league in scoring with an average of 14.2 ppg.

He was also a three-year letter winner in baseball as a pitcher."

**Tomas Blohm** writes from Caracas, Venezuela, that he is raising Orinoco crocodiles to prevent their extinction. His wife Cecilia Montemayor is probably worried about his extinction. Tomas says, "Yes, a croc missed me!" **Jane Shevlin Clement**, operating out of Surfside, CA, is still active in real estate with her own rentals. She sold one house in 2002, gave one to the United Way—a novel gift—and has another house in escrow this year. She attended the September AARP meeting in Chicago and reminisced about old school days with **Oliver Bragg '50**, whom she also met on a South American cruise in February 2003. Less coincidentally, she is in contact with **Ellen Bohall Andrews**, for whom she was a bridesmaid in 1948 in Randolph, NY.

**Carol Burns Hayes** writes from Scottsdale, AZ, that she and **Dick, PhD '53**, are no longer gainfully employed. She retired from teaching Spanish and French, but is active in a women's circle of the Valley Presbyterian Church there. **Alvin Macomber, BS '55**, Alexandria, VA, volunteers "behind the scene" at the Smithsonian Inst. National Numismatic Collection. He and wife Diana welcomed the birth of their first granddaughter, Marian Diana Cornell, last March. **Jacqueline Goldberg Eisenberg**, Windsor, Ontario, celebrated the adoption of a granddaughter, 8 months old last August, by her son Howard and daughter-in-law Marlene Altman. Grandson Stephen Glinert was Canadian chess champion in the under-21 division and now attends Wilfrid Laurier U.

**David Rice, M Ed '61**, Wysox, PA, serves as an ambassador of the Ag college, counselor at the Susquehanna County Career Technical Center, and on the Towanda Area School Board. He is an elder in the Presbyterian Church and vice president of the Rome Cemetery Committee. Memorable events were a visit to Cornell's new Ornithology Center and a picnic with son **George '81** and daughter-in-law **Nancy (Schneller) '82** and four grandchildren. David and Mary recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. **Sue Pardee Baker**, Baltimore, MD, writes that she and Tim found Newfoundland and Labrador fascinating. They visited a Viking site from 1000 AD, Basque whaling remnants from 1450, Marconi's Signal Hill, Grenfell Mission, and the only North American site of German attack in WWII. "Spectacular inland fiords, fishing villages, friendly people."

**Jack and Marybeth Weaver Ostrom**, Ithaca, NY, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2002 with an all-family trip to Scotland. They rented a manor house near Stirling, through the Landmark Trust, with eight bedrooms, five baths, two parlors, a game room, a large kitchen, and a dining room capable of seating 18, plus a yard full of sheep. Jack and MB stayed in a nearby B&B. Everyone took turns in the kitchen, and the seven men played golf one day. Marybeth and Jack stayed for another three weeks, joined by **Louise Squire Bishop** in Calverley (near Leeds), York (near Tewkesbury in the Cotswolds), and London for *The Phantom of the Opera*.

**Michael Chayes**, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, is still practicing as a psychiatrist/psychotherapist/psychoanalyst, though fewer hours than ten years ago. He writes that he and six others have a little band—old jazz—in which he plays trumpet and cornet. They practice weekly at his home, and occasionally play for parties, etc. He also sings in a choir. He and wife Nelly vacation four times a year, three of which are usually in their little country place in France. He asks for news of classmate **Norman Pava**, Berrien Springs, MI.

**Steve Rounds**, Princeton Junction, NJ, spent most of the spring, summer, and fall of 2002 vacationing in Greece and New Hampshire's White Mountains. Maintaining residences in both locations keeps him busy, he says, but he still has time to climb mountains and fish for trout. Winters are spent working on projects for Theta Delta Chi (he was house manager while at Cornell) and training for the world championship of indoor rowing (on calibrated machines called ergometers used by oarsmen and oarswomen the world over). His world record (70-79 category), set in 1999, still stands.

The '51 Web page, courtesy of **Barry Nolin** is [www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1951](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1951). Please send your news to **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, [bbond@ee.net](mailto:bbond@ee.net).

**52** The last of the old: **Eugene Nester** wrote from Seattle, WA, that his and Martha's two children and their four grandchildren are all in the Seattle area. The Nesters travel frequently, mixing business and pleasure—this summer to St. Petersburg, Russia; in the fall to Japan; and in January to India. Gene continues to work full-time as a professor, conducting research and teaching microbiology at the U. of Washington. He collects Northwest Coast Art. The Nesters lives near a bike path on Lake Washington, so Gene bicycles the five miles to work every day, rain or shine. "Life has been good and continues to be challenging and enjoyable."

The first of the new: **Nancy Barner Reynolds** visited in October. As she left, I handed her a postcard and said, "Write!" She did: "I visit my son Jan Marfyak and his son and daughter in DC, where he owns a home furnishing shop, and my daughter Brook and her family—husband, two sons, dogs, horses, etc.—near Ann Arbor, MI. My third son, Dan Reynolds, is a lawyer in Boston. So I have three interesting places to hang out with kids and grandkids. In Madison I do my best at adult education at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Thirty-four years of teaching elementary age kids was easier!"

A November 17 mailing from Ithaca brought new news from 40 of you, 19 of whom hadn't written in a couple of years. I'll start with them. **Robert Bitz** writes from Plainville, NY, that he has retired from farming but is still in the restaurant business. He spends winters in Port Charlotte, FL, and would like folks to stop by and say hello ([rwbitz@juno.com](mailto:rwbitz@juno.com)). "Enjoyed a picnic at **Dick and Bee Call's** summer home along with **George and Avis Pope Payne '54.**"

**John L. Brown, MD '55**, moved to Missoula, MT, in January 2003. He reports that he's building a house and becoming involved in community and U. of Montana activities.

**Joyce White Cima** writes from Lansing, NY, that she attended the Lehman inauguration ceremonies. "Tremendous to see old friends in trustee and administration groups." Joyce expected to be birding with Victor Emanuel Nature Tours—"Costa Rica and Darien Peninsula for 10 days in December '03." **John Crager** lists a new winter address in Arizona. He's still a snow bird, dividing his time between Bisbee, AZ, and Upper Jay, NY. What's new with John is a titanium knee as of June 2003.

A long note came from **Barton Hayward**, Camden, SC, who had a great week's vacation in Germany in August where he met son Mark, currently stationed with the US Army, and an old friend from the days when Bart was Defense Attaché in Bucharest, 1979-81. His friend is a former East German military attaché. Twenty-two years later both of them are retired colonels. "We had a great reunion." Bart continues as an adjunct at three colleges/universities. He's going to cut back in spring 2004. **James Jerome** writes from Watertown, NY, "My grandson **Justin Capone** is a second year student at Cornell. He is on Cornell's wrestling team. The family is very proud of his accomplishments." Rightly so.

**Helen Santilli**, in Littleton, CO, says she and **Lyn Barber, PhD '69**, "continue to survive our active lifestyle, concentrating on travel by bicycle and by train." This year they cycled the Provence region in the South of France—Helen's 15th such tour. They coupled that with the Venice-Simplon Orient Express from Paris to Istanbul. "A truly exciting train tour . . . The only drawback is packing and hauling tuxedo and bike helmets." **Harold Seidenberg, JD '57**, is still practicing law in Goshen and Nyack, NY. **Joan Cruthers Flood** wrote with the sad news that her husband of 48 years, **Walter A. "Bud" '49, PhD '54**, died in February 2003. "I continue to do serious gardening and entertain grandchildren when I can stand up straight!"

**Irwin and Arline Braverman Broida** celebrated New Year's Eve in Fiji with two other couples and spent the rest of January 2003 touring New Zealand and Australia. "Our South Pacific adventure gave us an opportunity to learn about the Fijians, Maoris, and Aborigines and see many interesting and beautiful sights in each country." The Broidas live in Wayne, NJ. **Irene Yigdall Mazer** of Lakewood, WA, retired from 20 years of clinical and forensic psychology. Her husband **Larkin '56** died in 1991. Their three grown daughters' careers range from film and theater at the U. of Canterbury, NZ, to project manager for King County Transit to professional clown, magician, and fairy godmother. Irene is now working on The Phoenix Enterprise, "an organization that deals in incredibly good liquid nutritional products."

**George Wolga** writes, "I have lived in Ithaca since 1961 when I returned from Cambridge, MA, after completing my PhD and serving on the faculty at MIT. I retired from Cornell as professor of EE and Applied Physics in 1996. Retire-

ment interests include six grandchildren, as well as classical and digital photography."

Me? I plan to join the increasing number of surgically improved classmates with a new hip in early January. At last, there will be time to explore Cybertower at [www.cybertower.cornell.edu](http://www.cybertower.cornell.edu). ♦ **Joan Boffa** Gaul, 7 Colonial Pl., Pittsburgh, PA 15232; e-mail, [jgcomm@aol.com](mailto:jgcomm@aol.com).

**53** Assorted '53 types helped inaugurate President **Jeffrey S. Lehman** '77 in Barton Hall on Oct. 16. There were about 30 of us, including **Martin Ginsburg**, who accompanied his wife, Justice **Ruth Bader Ginsburg** '54. She warmly evoked Prof. Robert Cushman, Clinton Rossiter, Milton Konvitz, and Vladimir Nabokov in her remarks preceding the investiture. Lehman honored our "beloved, revolutionary" Cornell and invited all hands to sort out their visions for the Big Red future and tell him. Westchester County Cornell Club prez **Laura Fratt** '81, Poe's daughter, walked with your legally elected '53 prez in the inaugural procession. You know, seven, count 'em, seven, of Cornell's 11 presidents have sat in Day Hall since we checked in back in 1949.

Homecoming fell the next weekend and once again we dined with friends from '51, '52, '54, and '55—at the Ithaca Country Club this time—to speculate on Mater's future and commiserate over a day at Schoellkopf when a few too many forward passes, and a few acrobatic cheerleaders, were dropped. A Saturday night chorale followed, featuring the keyboard wizardry of **Tom Foulkes** '52. **Bill**, JD '59, and Nancy **Bellamy** warmly hosted a post-game, pre-dinner adult beverage session at their aerie far above those sparkling waters. Valiant victors **Todd Kolb** and **Stu Merz** '52, LLB '57, who, you recall, caught the winning touchdown pass from **Jack Jaeckel** against Michigan in '51, were among numerous football notables hailed at halftime, and they were vigorously applauded from the '53 block in the Crescent. It was suggested that they could maybe help if they suited up for the rest of the game, but they demurred, pleading exhausted eligibility. The occasion was brightened by the presence of our 1953 Cornell Tradition Fellow, **Isabel Huacuja** '05, of Laredo, TX, who's thinking about law schools these days. Here's a toast to **Bob Chabon** '52, M Ed '55, who planned, prepared, and supervised the annual event, one more time.

Lehman pressed more '53 flesh at a pre-game tailgate at Princeton on a summery Nov. 1 and Penn on a no less Augustish Nov. 22. In reverent memory of Thanksgivings past, **Ned Nolan** trekked to Philadelphia from Falmouth, MA, just for the traditional game. He was moving nimbly on a pretty new hip.

Rarely seen these many years, **Frank Bettucci**, MBA '58 (Arlington, VA) was still looking fit at the 50th. He's been retired from a Foreign Service career in overseas embassies, far from his old Ithaca hometown, like Indochina, the Carib, and much of Africa, since 1989. National wrestling champ at 147 pounds in our day, Frank has managed to attend a bunch of colle-

giate, Olympic, and world championship tournaments since. He was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in September. Not new but worthy of note: **Bob Milici** (Charlottesville, VA), who began his studies of geology way back in the Deane Waldo Malott era, received last year's Distinguished Alumnus Award from Tennessee. He was principal compiler of the state geologic map of Virginia, of which he was state geologist for more than 20 years, and has been actively engaged in oil, coal, and natural gas resources research.

**Lynn Rosenthal** Minton's daughter **Kathy Minton** '80 and Kathy's good friend Maria Buhl decided Lynn should meet Maria's dad, Ed Buhl. Result: "Married life is bliss," says Lynn, who now has "a wonderful man" and a new life in Mount Kisco, NY. The family of retired registered nurse **Marcia Miller** Stainton Marsh '54, BS HE '53, extended to 20 grandchildren (11 of them are his) when she married Dick Marsh a while back. Two of the kids are Cornell students. Her youngest son got hitched a couple of years after she did. Rochester church activities keep her busy. Married 48 years, retired schoolmarm **Helen Abel** Wang (Oceanside, CA) has "become active in church work, mainly with children," and reads about three books a week. "Nicely retired" in Farmington, ME, **Roslyn Miserentino** Kerr keeps busy with church activities and co-authoring a monthly nutrition piece for her local paper. Former marriage and family therapist, church youth director, and kindergarten teacher **Sue Brigham** MacLean (Houston, TX) tells of visits to Alaska and Nova Scotia.

Speaking of leisure activities, **Allan MacRossie** (Eagle, CO) lists "cross country skiing and backpacking with the llamas." Having retired from real estate appraising, Macker says he is now learning to grow hay. "Our llama ranch is 30 miles west of Vail in the Banana Belt. We get little snow here," says he. **H. DeForest** "Cork" **Hardinge**, MBA '54 (Mercer Island, WA) cast a carnelian and white hue on the Book Club of Washington with a presentation on onetime *Widow* editor **Kenneth Roberts**

trip. Mostly retired, he still does some teaching. As of most recent report, his last class was held in Saudi Arabia.

It looks like **Pete** and **Lois Crane Williams**, M Ed '60, have concocted another outstanding "'53 Goes to Washington" weekend, March 26-28, the weekend the National Cherry Blossom Festival begins, and you're not too late to join the delegation. ♦ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 1st Ave., NYC 10009; e-mail, [jch46@cornell.edu](mailto:jch46@cornell.edu).

**54** We are coming into the home stretch with our 50th Reunion straight ahead. Remember to check our class website for updates, lists of events, and those classmates who are planning on attending. Reunion co-chair **Ro Seelbinder** Jung would like to remind you that you should be receiving a registration packet this month. If you do not receive it by the end of March let Ro know via e-mail at: [rojung@aol.com](mailto:rojung@aol.com). Our forum participants are Frank Rhodes, **Glenn Althschuler**, PhD '76, and **Dave Call**, PhD '60. We will kick off the weekend Thursday afternoon with a wine-tasting lunch at Sheldrake Vineyards, about a half hour up the lake. For the more athletically inclined, golf, tennis, hiking, and biking will also be available. Ro and **Ken Hershey** are planning fabulous meals along with lots and lots of music at every event. To top it all off we will be auctioning a priceless red and white quilt made by our own **Peggy Hill**, a master quilter. You might have seen Peggy's work at our last reunion. It truly defies description. All in all, Ro and Ken are working hard to make this the biggest and best party for our 50th.

I have asked if those of you with unusual hobbies, volunteer activities, or travel adventures would share them with the class. **Chick Trayford**, MBA '60, responded to my plea with a description of one of his outings with Pappy, his Percheron. "During the first week in August, Toby (Tamblyn) and I took our small (1,600 lbs.) Percheron, Pappy, up to Vermont for a week of driving on back country roads. We

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1908, who wrote in the '30s that "higher grade students are picked" at CU and "they study more" and "are able to talk rationally and intelligently." Would you say the trend has continued through our time and down to today? You probably remember Roberts wrote *Northwest Passage* and *Rabble in Arms*, but did you know he also gave us "Carnelian and White" ("Cornell colors are waving today") and "Fight for Cornell" ("Victory makes history")? **Don Ewart** (Scotia, NY) missed the 50th in favor of his son's wedding in Santa Fe, NM. Don went there by motorcycle. It was his fourth cross-country

packed our four-wheeled, back-to-back trap cart, Pappy, his food for a week, multiple harnesses, tools, spare parts, wood shavings (his bedding, not ours—we stayed in a motel), grooming supplies, etc., into our 24-ft. stock trailer and headed for South Barre and a farm, with stable, up in the surrounding hills. It rained every afternoon during the week, but we were extremely fortunate and only got wet once. Most of our driving was completed during the morning and early afternoon hours and we covered approximately 60 miles on back roads—and only touched a quarter mile of

macadam—plus a few miles on logging trails. During the last weekend of August, Pappy “did us proud” at the Goshen Fair. Toby won a second place ribbon in the women’s farm class, and I ended up fourth in the men’s farm class. It was a great August!”

I had lunch before Christmas with **Hugh** and **Maria Rosa Schwartz**, who also live in Alexandria. Hugh has a new book coming out in February, *Urban Renewal, Municipal Revitalization: The Case of Curitiba, Brazil*. The book, available in both hardback and paperback, is aimed primarily at urban planners and Latin Americanists. Anyone interested in further information may reach Hugh at [hughschwarz@aol.com](mailto:hughschwarz@aol.com). Hugh and Maria Rosa divide their time between Virginia and Uruguay. **David Bernanke**, another Alexandrian, is still active in the practice of internal medicine and endocrinology. Dave takes annual trips to London, Tuscany, and Cape Cod, where I am sure he continues his walking and hiking regimen. He says he will be back in June and wearing his Junior Blazer, as it still fits. How about that for a challenge to the rest of us? Another very active classmate returning is **David “Dibby” Albert**. He is still playing in the Bergholz German Band and running four times a week. He just ran his 24th “Turkey Trot” in Buffalo. It is the oldest, continuing 8K run in the country, with longevity of 108 years.

**Gerald Grossman** says five years ago he started an asset-based division for a major finance company, Medallion Financial Inc., and it is now following the profile of his waistline—growing and becoming more prominent day by day. The Grossmans still reside in White Plains, NY, within spoiling distance of three of their grands. **Larry**, MD ’58, and **Maureen Grolnick** have moved from Briarcliff Manor to Murray Hill in Manhattan and are enjoying the change. Larry still practices psychiatry in White Plains. **Michael** and **Charlotte Mensh** have a slight variant in the north-south migration pattern. They summer in New Hampshire, sailing, beaching, and enjoying their grands; then in the cooler months they wend their way to Arizona, where

privilege to have an insider’s view of those years. ♦ **Leslie Papenfus** Reed, 500 Wolfe St., Alexandria, VA 22314; e-mail, [ljreed@speakeasy.net](mailto:ljreed@speakeasy.net). Class website: <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**55** Hi, all. I’m writing this column just before the New Year rolls around, which seems like a good time to bring you up to date on our family news. My sixth granddaughter (via the youngest of my three Cornellian daughters **Susan Morris Wilkey** ’84, **Joanna Morris Brinker** ’86, and **Karen Morris McQuiston** ’90), will have arrived by the time you read this. My husband Ed just set a New York State public high school record for most wins by a head basketball coach (631), amassed over a remarkable 45-year career. I want to thank those who have expressed get-well wishes for my sister **Mary Savage Webber** ’58, BS Nurs ’59. Mary was diagnosed with lung cancer last May, and I am very gratified to report that she is responding well to both chemo treatment and the loving care of her husband **Bill** ’54, MD ’60. The Webbers live in Tucson, with two of their three children nearby. Bill’s former DU fraternity brother **Leo van Dijk**, DVM ’57, wrote at Christmas that he and wife **Marianne (Oehrlein)**, BS Nurs ’56, had a wonderful family reunion with their eight daughters and their husbands and children. They almost needed one of those panoramic photos to show the entire group!

Speaking of Tucson, **Gerald Gordon** will be directing his new film there, *Just Two of a Kind*. Do you remember Gerald back in his days as head twirler for the marching band? Nowadays, he’s a well-known acting teacher in Las Vegas and counts **Adrien Brody**, the Academy Award-winning actor, among his former pupils. Gerald ran the Los Angeles Youth Theater, put on a five-year run of *The Fantasticks* (the longest run for a musical in Los Angeles), served as director for the Sacramento Musical Theater, and even played Og the leprechaun in a revival of *Finian’s Rainbow* along the way.

How rewarding that most of us are content

Psychiatrist **Jean Keller** Miller enjoys birding, and notes, “Age has its advantages.” **Stephen Price**, MD ’59, also a psychiatrist, is still practicing his trade. In his off hours, Stephen plays golf (“some very good, some not so good”) and teaches woodworking to his grandchildren. **Leslie Plump**’s daughter **Karen** ’90, MPA ’95, was married last July at the Cornell Plantations, with the reception held at the Knapp winery. The group stayed at the Statler and enjoyed a special brunch the next day. “I’d recommend an Ithaca wedding to anyone,” Leslie says. **Ann Blodgett** Brown writes that she, **Ann Overbeck**, and **Jan Leopard** McPhail had a mini-reunion in Naples, FL, last April. “We all went to say hello to **Anne Morrissy** Merick at her beautiful new home and meet her handsome husband.” **Bill Moyer** calls himself “trust officer extraordinaire” at Northern Trust Bank of Texas. He and **Sue (Sutton)** ’57, who will celebrate their 50th anniversary in 2005, enjoy a cabin on Tucker Pond, NH, in the summers (“Dallas is hell in July and August”).

**Janet Scanlan** Lawrence has agreed to be our “go-to” person for Reunion 2005, so let her know if you plan to be with us for our Big 50th, June 9-12, ’05. You can check the class website ([www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1955](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1955)) during the upcoming months for a list of all classmates expected to attend. Janet can be reached by phone at (856) 769-3497, fax at (856) 769-8494, or e-mail at [louisdixneuf@aol.com](mailto:louisdixneuf@aol.com). “There’s nothing not to like about retirement,” Janet says. She’s been volunteering at the local library and her church, plus taking classes: a WWI course in preparation for an Adult University (CAU) tour on the Western Front, and several others (French, Windows, Western Religious Architecture). Janet expresses the opinion of many that the world situation can’t improve much with “the cowboy in the White House. I am appalled by his lack of diplomacy and by what he’s trying to do with the environment.” **Barbara O’Connor** Kenny approves of US retaliation against the Arab terrorists. And **Don Minini**, considering the world situation, concludes that the upside is that “the beer continues to improve in the US.”

Our condolences to **Norman Harvey**, whose wife Gail died of liver cancer in October.

If you need to change or update your regular or e-mail address, write to [alumni\\_updates@aad.cornell.edu](mailto:alumni_updates@aad.cornell.edu). ♦ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, 6 Inkberry St., East Hampton, NY 11937; e-mail, [nsm55@juno.com](mailto:nsm55@juno.com).

**56** I am writing this column with a snowstorm raging outside and it is difficult to believe that you will be reading these class notes when spring is nearly with us. This should give you some idea of the long lead times we face in bringing you news from our ’56ers.

**Stephen Kittenplan** received a long, newsy letter from **Chuck Dorman**, Pflugerville, TX, and I reprint it here in part: “It’s probably been over 51 years since we shared Boldt Tower together. After 38 years in the hotel and restaurant business, my wife Bobbie and I returned to the Austin

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CHUCK DORMAN ’56

time is spent with their Peruvian horses, golf, and tennis. Mike retired from the computer industry in ’92 and wonders why he didn’t think of it sooner.

**Tom Reed** ’55 has a very interesting book out this month entitled *At the Abyss: An Insider’s History of the Cold War*. After graduation from Cornell, Tom went to Livermore’s Radiation Laboratory, where he began his long career with our defense establishment designing thermonuclear devices. He went on to serve as one of the youngest Air Force Secretaries, during the Ford and Carter years, then worked as a presidential advisor to both Reagan and Bush Sr. It was my

and fulfilled with our present lives. When asked, the only thing most classmates would “rather be” is younger. As **Phil Harvey** said, remembering the alumni verse of the “Song of the Classes,” he’d “rather be 18 and back at Cornell.” **Norm Nedde** is substitute teaching, bowling, and keeping up with his monthly poker games. **Bill Smith** is golfing. **Al Brezinsky** is working in the yard and participating in Rotary Club and local politics. **Craig Atwater** and **Donald Robinson** are leading similar lives (the former in New Jersey and the latter in Pennsylvania): both are playing piano at two nursing homes, and also serving as organist at their respective churches.

area in 1994 to be near our five adult children and two grandchildren. Unfortunately, Bobbie passed away in early December '02 after a brief hospital stay. Before Bobbie died we had decided on a part-time job in the hotel business. I work for The Marcus Corp., the same company that hired me 28 years ago as VP-Operations for their 11 Captain's Steak Joyn't restaurants. My second job is as an usher at the Round Rock Express, our local Double AA, Texas League, Houston Astro affiliate. The team is owned by Nolan Ryan and his sons. Imagine getting paid to watch baseball. Needless to say, I still miss Bobbie very much. Once and awhile we all have a cry or two, but our faith keeps us going."

From **Betty Davidson Gray**: "We have moved from Mt. Kisco, NY, to nearby Millwood, where we will live during the spring and fall. We spend winter and summer in Oakland, CA. We're enjoying grandchildren, currently six in number, on both coasts." From **Vivian Goodrich Schmidt**, MS Ag '59, Bartlesville, OK: "Have lived in Oklahoma for two and a half years, after living in St. Louis for 20 years." For those classmates considering new retirement areas, Vivian reports that NE Oklahoma is interesting for its music and art.

**Joel Hasen** and wife Donna have left the New York City area for Chapel Hill, NC. He is partially retired, but still works looking for investment opportunities, and he is getting involved with the Ackland Museum, an affiliate of the U. of North Carolina. **Fred Stafford**, Chicago, IL, sent news of a mini-reunion of '56ers, which included **Jerry Kleinbaum**, JD '58, **Keith Quinton**, MD '60, **Bob Seidenberg**, and their wives, who met in NYC last March for "a delightful lunch." **Paul James**, Madison, CT, saw the 2003 Big Red Band at the Cornell/Yale football game this past year. "They made me proud to be a BRB alum. I can't believe it's been 50 years since I was a tuba player in the fabulous 1953 Big Red Band. Still honking that horn in concert bands, a brass quintet, and numerous jazz bands."

From **Kitty Welch Wieschhoff**, Midway, KY: "In 2001, husband **K. Harry '55** and I returned to the US after 24 years in Europe. Harry retired from the Navy in 1987 and received a PhD in Government in Economics at the U. of Essex (England) in 1991, where he taught until he had a stroke in 1995. We came back because he wanted to 'be an American' again. Harry has limited driving privileges locally, plays golf, and writes and speaks on Middle East affairs. I am the caregiver and support for this amazingly determined man." **Dick Miller**, MBA '58, Lake Forest, IL, is consulting on sales force effectiveness, and training sales, marketing, and customer service people. Dick reports that he attended a Cayuga's Waiters reunion in Stowe, VT, last year that included 17 Waiters from the classes of 1950 to '60. "We sang with Rosemarie, one of the Trapp Family Singers."

**Donald Woolfenden**, Monmouth Beach, NJ, migrated to Australia from Hawaii in 1963, where he took over a company with four hotels and restaurants. He designed 18 more and managed all for nine years. He joined the Australian government in 1978, and retired in 1990 as min-

ing titles manager, designing mines and energy information computer systems. **Herschel Kolblenz**, Shaker Heights, OH: "Substantially fully retired from my law firm of 43 years, Hahn Loeser and Parks LLP in Cleveland." He is active in community affairs and a board member of the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland, the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland, Menorah Park Center for Senior Living, and the Gross Schecter Day School, among others. In a mini-reunion, Herschel and wife Maxine traveled to New Zealand and Australia with classmate **Ed Cogen**, JD '60, and wife Ruth.

**Bob and Mimi Hester Ridgley '57** split their time between the Portland area (where they live on the Columbia River in Vancouver, WA) and Santa Fe, NM, where they built their second home. Bob is currently chairing the capital fund campaign for the Casey Eye Inst. in Portland and is a director of the Kaiser-Permanente Health Care System HQ in Oakland, CA. **John Harney**, Salisbury, CT, is busy converting coffee drinkers to tea (especially Harney and Sons Tea!). **Milt Chace**, Ann Arbor, MI, is working as an engineering consultant on light truck rollovers.

**John Burns**, DVM '59, Henrietta, NY: "It's been 11 years since I sold my small animal practice and 'retired.' We have completed building a new empty nest home in southern Monroe County. After several years living on the St. Lawrence River, we have returned to where our heart lies. The new home's construction has been a most joyful project." From **Allen Togut**, MD '60, White Haven, PA: "My wife of 43 years died June 30, '03, after an 11-year history of metastatic breast cancer. Our lives were full. Three children and six grandchildren were our pleasure." Allen is currently working three days a week caring for patients with chronic pain. And from **Skip Ross**, Atherton, CA: "No retirement in sight. I like my work as a practicing engineer too much." Skip was in the 'Stans' in Central Asia recently, working on a gas pipeline project for the Asian Development Bank.

Steve Kittenplan and I encourage you to continue to send in your news. It's all the big and little things in your lives that we find inspire us and bind us together as '56ers. ♦ **Phyllis Bosworth**, 8 East 83rd St., NYC 10028; e-mail, phylboz@aol.com.

**57** Homecoming weekend last October was an opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of a few classmates. On Friday night before the game with Brown, **Vanne Shelley Cowie** was among those who received the Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award. Vanne is a Plantations sponsor and volunteer, has chaired the Adult University (CAU) Advisory Board, and has been a member of the University Council. Husband **Bob '55**, MBA '57, was another recipient of the award, which was presented at a dinner at the Statler. We had a '57 contingent there: **Ed and Adelaide Russell Vant**, **Shari Flynn**, **Nan Krauthamer Goldberg**, **Judy Richter Levy**, LLB '59, and myself. At the all-alumni lunch before Saturday's game, **Nancy Savage Petrie '55** and I compared notes about

getting news for our respective columns while **Tony Cashen**, MBA '58, enjoyed the barbecued ribs at a table with **Bob and Marj Nelson Smart**. During the game's half-time presentation, **Tom Itin** was cheered, along with football team members from past years. Given the way the Big Red was struggling, they could have used Tom!

**Marilyn Moore** Pukmel and her husband celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary last September. They traveled to the Charlevoix region of Canada and enjoyed immersion in the French language, as well as whale watching. Back home in Chambersburg, PA, Marilyn is involved in a community program, the Institute for Retired Persons. **Phyllis Whithed Spielmann**, Long Beach, CA, is writing grants for Food Finders, a group that collects about four million pounds of food a year from groceries, produce marts, restaurants, and bakeries and distributes it to service agencies for the homeless, rehabilitation facilities, Head Start, etc. **Jane Taber Gillett**, BS '80, writes that her youngest daughter is a veterinarian, having graduated from the U. of Minnesota, and is a stage-4 breast cancer survivor. Her youngest, **Amy '81**, lives in St. Petersburg, FL, as does her son Dr. Ed Gillett. Jane spends her winters in Jekyll Island, GA.

**Charles '55** and **Harriet Merchant Shipman** say they are failing retirement since they are both so busy, she with her church group, a civic park project, and the Missouri Pilots Assn., of which Charles is treasurer. Harriet reports that she ran into a medical snag this year when a checkup showed a recurrence of breast cancer. After chemo and radiation, her latest tests show that she has fully recovered and advises us all that early detection is vital. Charles is flying once again after a quadruple bypass a few years ago, and he and Harriet plan to be back in Ithaca for Charles's 50th. Harriet returned to Erie, PA, for her 50th high school reunion last October.

**Carmen Lovre Ryan** is "enjoying retirement but busier than ever." Her latest venture is drawing with pastels. Carmen attended reunion at Montgomery Blair High School in Silver Spring, MD, last fall and will be in Ithaca this June with **Bus '54** to celebrate 50 years since he graduated from Cornell. **Gabrielle Kirsch McGhee**, fully retired after a career as both a teacher and a therapist, is taking up memoir writing, as well as beginning Spanish. Gaby and **Don** have lived on 120 acres in the foothills of the Adirondacks for more than 40 years. Their daughter Alison is an award-winning novelist and author of *Shadow Baby*. George and **Lita Schwartz Emanuel**, Arlington, TX, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary last fall. Business trips took them not only to the Southwest, but also to Hong Kong and Taiwan. Lita numbers herself among those classmates who are both grandmothers and great-grandmothers, but still finds time to take art history, yoga, and pilates classes at Texas Christian U.

**Judy Saari McCrone** is enjoying traveling with her newly retired husband to destinations far and near—Italy, Shanghai, Russia, and Maui, Vancouver, and Seattle. The McCrones live on the northern California coast in Arcata. **Bev Robertson Murrell** took a trip to eastern Europe

last year and saw the Black Sea region, cruised the Danube, and visited a former AFS exchange student in Belgrade. Bev and Jerry attend the annual meetings of the AMA, and Bev is finding "grandmotherhood certainly much more fun and interesting than I had ever imagined."

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I get more and more news by e-mail (suitcase2@aol.com) and find it a blessing. For one thing, typed text is much easier to read than the cursive 101 scrawls of some of us. **Steve Lipson** reported in that fashion that he has retired after 40 years in the medical field—the last 20 in geriatrics—with numerous research projects and quite a bit of teaching along the way. He and Edna McShane, a medical social worker, have been married for all of those 40 years, and now do a lot of traveling, reading, and "dabbling." As is the case with many of us, Steve went to his 50th high school reunion in October.

Another 50th reunion, of a slightly different nature, took place in February 2003; that of the 50th meeting of the AX pledge class at a ski lodge in Bondville, VT. **Gerry Ruthen** e-mailed that he, **David Addis**, **Mark Alimansky**, **Charles Berger**, BS '59, PhD '63, **Lee Chamberlain** '52, **Roger Ferguson**, **Bill Forgeng**, **Harvey George**, **Cliff Hand**, **Jim Hardman**, **Rick Knittel**, BS '59, **Dick Oswald**, **Gary Sharron**, **Gordie Steward**, and **Walter Wills** were there, along with 11 spouses. Mark and Roger got degrees at other schools, but were members of the AX class of '57.

**John Maclay** also e-mails that he has enjoyed what is probably the longest retirement of any classmate, since 1989, from AT&T. However, for the next 12 years, he continued to be involved in submarines for—guess who—AT&T, as well as other entities. Things slowed in that field after 9/11, but he and Marilyn, who must have married the day we graduated (46 years and counting) have used the time well, having owned two vacation homes in addition to their Walnut Creek, CA, residence, and having traveled to Ireland, the Panama Canal, and New Zealand, Fiji, and Australia—the latter trip with **Joe** '56, MBA '58, and **Sue De Rosay Henninger**. John flies his Cessna, lovingly takes care of his two Alfa Romeos, and is already looking forward to our 50th in just over three short years.

**Bruce Haldeman**, unfortunately a non-Cornellian but great friend for 55 years, related to me of a tennis tournament in which he and **Brad Howes** competed as doubles partners. They had to drive from Greensboro to Pinehurst at 6:00 on a Sunday morning to get to their finals match on time, and Bruce suspects that Brad may have been "overserved" at a dinner party the night before. Nevertheless, they won their match in a third set tie-breaker, 10-8, and retreated quietly but triumphantly to Greensboro. Speaking of athletic activity, **Jerome Cohn** has been on hiking trips to Iceland and Ecuador, where he trekked the Andes, and to New Zealand, where he conquered the Southern Alps.

**Michael Daly**, a lyric tenor, has produced an album of all-time favorite Irish songs, including "Rose of Tralee," which was recorded at Bailey

Hall in 1957 when he was the soloist with the men's Glee Club, that is available from Bantry Bay Productions, PO Box 272-720, Tampa, FL 33688-2720. **Mark Levy** is also a talented artist, having given a concert last summer at the Mohonk Mountain House that consisted of "patter songs." Also in the music field, **Rick Knittel** is an accomplished jazz trombonist in addition to passing some time as a consulting engineer, and recently became a step-grandfather—twice.

**Tony Tewes**, the toughest man to carry a lacrosse stick on Upper Alumni Field, is still CEO of Structured Financial Associates, a national litigation annuity company headquartered in Baltimore. He is being supported by his two daughters, who manage Tony's offices in Michigan and Ohio. Tony sums up the situation well by saying, "Thank goodness for their mother's genetics." Another Vermont reunion was held at Stowe last September, where the Cayuga's Waiters vintage 1950s gathered, including **Jim Broadhead**, who is now retired but still on the boards of Brink's and New York Life. His daughter **Catherine** is in her first year at the Johnson Graduate School of Management.

Can someone explain to this poor Kentuckian what patter songs are? ♦ **John Seiler**, 221 St. Matthews Ave., Louisville, KY 40207; tel., (502) 895-1477; e-mail, suitcase2@aol.com.

**58** Your News came through in time for this March/April column. Thanks to those score or so of you who responded quickly to our delayed class mailing last fall (the delay caused by some major computer changes on campus and other pressing university matters—like an inauguration). But here we are, back in business, and watching for much more News (and Dues) to flow in soon.

We have a note from **Bruce Marshall**, going back to Homecoming. He calls it "Reunion 2008 Warm-up No. 1": "As we drove to Cornell Thursday and on into Friday morning, there were occasional skiffs of snow, but the game with Brown was played with a warm sun on our faces in the Crescent. **Brad and Nancy Horgen Corbitt** '74 did a great job arranging game tickets, followed by cocktails and dinner at the Ithaca Yacht Club, where we enjoyed the brilliant fall colors across the lake lit by the setting sun. It brought back great memories of cheering at the finish line of the crew races! Our group included **Eileen (Funcheon)** and **Gerry Linsner**, Larry '57, BS '60, and **Marilyn Zeltner Teel**, as well as Anne and me, and my best friend from high school and his wife. All will attest to the welcoming and including nature of our class. PLAN NOW FOR JUNE 2008!"

**James E. "Jeff" Brown** has a new address, having retired from pediatrics, but now working full-time for the Army doing military entrance exams. Jeff and Jae have moved to 3107 Tascosa Rd. in Amarillo, TX, and get out to enjoy skiing, hiking, and riding their three horses when time permits. **Roberta "Ronnie" Schantz** Schwartz relocated from Key West to Boynton Beach, FL (6797 Molakai Circle), but sent no other news. **Ken Pollard** writes that he

is enjoying retirement to the fullest. He and Beulah still live in Cayuga, NY, and they had a family reunion last summer with the three children, spouses, and seven grandchildren. Late in the summer, Ken and Beulah traveled to Alaska for two weeks and then also caught the Fryeburg Fair in Maine.

We have a longer News note from **Raymond "Duke" Vespe**, who recently changed his address to San Anselmo, CA (1424 Sir Francis Drake Blvd.). Duke has been "writing a book, writing poetry, reading books re Chinese Taoist philosophy, hiking, camping, traveling, planning trips, and anticipating retirement." Some of his travels included Baja California, Cancun, Bahamas, Maui, Jamaica, Alaska, British Columbia, Greece and the Greek Islands, Italy, and Sicily. Quite a travel agenda, one might say. When not traveling and doing those other things listed, Duke is clinical director of an addiction treatment center and a psychotherapist in private practice. He writes further, "I love being with my daughters and their families," spanning ages 42 to 15, "and I care about my 95-year-old mother in Cleveland, OH."

Just as this column goes to press, **Barbara Buehrig** Orlando wrote that she was deeply saddened to inform the class that **Blair Perkins Grumman** died on November 6 in Evanston, IL, after a five-and-a-half-year battle with multiple myeloma. "David '56 said that she had had a good summer and fall with lots of friends and family visits. Close '58 friends were delighted to be with her during reunion at **Jiffy Farnham's** on the lake. **Jiffy**, **Judy Bower** Carberry, **Donna Williams** Hurley, **Linda Cone** Allen, and I attended her memorial service. Blair ranks among the most special people I have known and was an outstanding member of our class. She had retired as executive director of the Child Care Center of Evanston, where she pioneered a home daycare network cited as a model for Illinois." We extend the sympathies of the class to Blair's family and thank Barbara for her note on our loss.

**Kathryn Starr McCulloch** retired last winter from the Somerset (NJ) Valley YMCA after ten years as the front desk supervisor. Kathy and Frank have been enjoying their eldest daughter's baby girl since October, their first grandchild. **Roger Wiley** wrote that he has "not much new since the last one of these." The class appreciate the Dues, however, Roger—thanks. **Bill Lehr** and Patti spent a long weekend last October on Martha's Vineyard with Adult University (CAU). They write, "This was our first CAU event—an outstanding program with great Cornell alumnae/i and faculty. We stopped to visit with Cornell classmate and good friends **Myron** and **Barbara Stacks**." The Lehrs would like to connect with any alumni groups active near them in Easton, in eastern Pennsylvania.

**Bob** and **Susan Mayer** visited **Mike** and **Jane Griffinger** about this time last year for some skiing in Vail. Bob says it's amazing how much the body forgets in a few years, but at least he's been able to maintain his golfing competitiveness, "thanks to technology." He's also having much more fun working as a financial advi-

sor since he gave up all his former management roles three years ago. Our co-president **Carol Boeckle Welch** writes that she "was privileged to take part, along with other '58ers, in the inauguration ceremonies for Cornell's 11th president, **Jeffrey Lehman '77**."

Nancy and **Herbert "Whit" Whittall** stayed in the US this year for travel, visiting the five children and ten grandchildren. Whit gets out for tennis four times a week and tutors English as a second language at the local high school several times a week. He continues as president of the Exchange Club of Vero Beach, FL. **Jon Howell** is semi-retired as a senior financial rep., working now with "selected, high-quality, and likeable clients. If they're not fun, I don't want them," he writes. He and Mary Ann had "three wonderful weeks in Italy visiting Mary Ann's previously unmet relatives, who overfed us (I gained eight pounds in three days)." The Howells then cruised the Mediterranean from Italy to Barcelona, Spain, and then had two more restful weeks in Sanibel, FL. And that was after taking two daughters and son-in-law to Austria for skiing that spring, coupled with skiing in New Mexico and heli-skiing in Canada, along with mountain climbing in the Canadian Bugaboos, where they found a piton anchor that may have been left by the pioneering guide Conrad Kain in the early 1900s. That artifact is now in a museum and being researched for authenticity. Jon added that he's "five years free from cancer—hooray, I'm still vertical!" Looks like you're having a pretty enjoyable "semi-retirement," Jon. Keep vertical and in good health.

Another missive received at deadline is a late November full-page spread from *The Philadelphia Inquirer* reporting on "a futurist's well-worn 'passport to adventure'"; that is, "Sociologist **Arthur Shostak**, a kid from a tough Brooklyn neighborhood, is leaving the college classroom after 42 years." After teaching thousands of students at Penn and Drexel U., "retirement" for Prof. Art "means a chance to do even more work on his myriad intellectual projects," the report continues. From his to-do list of projects, at least half include more books to be written or edited on a wide variety of subjects, including: "for high schoolers, an open-ended series about the Iraq war . . . and about the future; to write my long-delayed book on what 500 movie-goers recall of scenes that helped change their lives; a book on unmentionable matters"; and on it goes. The grizzled, beaming face of Art adorning the article shows him enjoying the congratulations of his sons and fellow professors. Nice going, Art; we'll watch for more books and articles emanating from your new passport to adventure!

And with that, we'll keep watching for more News. Cheers and a happy spring to all. ♦ **Dick Haggard**, 1207 Nash Dr., Fort Washington, PA 19034; e-mail, rhaggard@voicenet.com; and **Jan Arps Jarvie**, 6524 Valley Brook Dr., Dallas, TX 75254; e-mail, jjarvie386@aol.com. Class website (for other news and events of the Class of '58), <http://classof58.alumni.cornell.edu>.

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Looking forward to seeing everyone at reunion on June 10-13! The days will be crowded with events, but I hope you'll find time to see the Tatkon Center located in the south wing of Balch Hall. This new academic resource center is named after classmate **Carol Tatkon**, who served on Cornell's Board of Trustees from 1981 until her death in 1997. According to the *Sun*, the center is a place where freshmen can go for help with academic papers or homework problems, and partake in study skills seminars and workshops. "If first-year students feel that they receive the academic support they need and have resources readily available, they could potentially perform better in the classroom. Obviously, this would not only benefit individual students but also would reflect well on the university," noted the *Sun*.

**Barry Huret**, president of the battery consulting company Huret Associates Inc. (HAI) in Yardley, PA, was among those quoted in a November 17 *Wall Street Journal* article on the pace of breakthroughs in fuel cells to power laptops and other portable electronic devices. He indicated that he considers the prediction of widespread use of fuel cells by 2004 or 2005 overly optimistic. "I call it the rolling 18 months. Many experts believe even by 2010 fuel cells would hold perhaps just 5-10 percent of the battery market." A key issue is fuel cells' use of a flammable fuel, such as methanol, that hasn't been approved to be carried on airplanes.

Via **Ron Demer** we learn about a bizarre accident suffered by semi-retired orthopedic surgeon **Rick Dyer**, MD '63, of Watertown, CT ([rdyerdoc@erols.com](mailto:rdyerdoc@erols.com)). On October 1, as Rick was sitting in a restaurant parking spot near the road, a pick-up truck slammed into his new Subaru Outback Sedan, totaling it. His head broke the windshield but both air bags of the Subaru deployed, protecting Rick from a worse outcome. He woke up on a gurney looking up at the ceiling of a hospital emergency department, with amnesia for the event and double vision that slowly showed signs of resolving itself. Ron also writes that **Sid Wolfe**, director of Public Citizens' Health Research Group in Washington, DC, was on campus in October to speak to students entering the healthcare field, delivering a well-received talk titled "The Politics of Health: My Career in Public Interest Medicine." Sid, recipient of a MacArthur Award, has had many successes banning or limiting the sale of unsafe drugs and dangerous drug testing.

On National Philanthropy Day in November, the Finger Lakes Chapter of the Assn. of Fundraising Professionals honored **Dave Dunlop** of Brooktondale, NY, naming him Professional Fundraiser of the Year. Art appraiser **Roslyn Bakst** Goldman of Rochester, NY, has been elected second vice president of the Appraisers Assn. of America, where she also serves on the executive committee. **Carolyn Cary** Chapman of Briarcliff Manor, NY, enjoys working part-time in the Historic Hudson Valley Museum shops. "It's fun to meet people from

all over the world who come to visit our sites," she says.

**Phil McCarthy**, JD '65, of Summit, NJ, has finished part-time teaching and mentoring in the Wharton Executive MBA program, where he was venture capitalist in residence, and at Columbia, where he was an adjunct professor. He remains involved in some venture capital deals. He writes: "One of our firm's companies is one of the country's leading cancer detection companies, based on immunohistochemistry. Nice present for retirement if it stays on course." Phil and his wife Eleanor spend about seven months a year on John's Island, Vero Beach, FL. His brother **Paul**, MBA '65, and wife Janet, who are retired, spend winter months about two miles away, at Sea Oaks in Vero.

The Wings Trust has named **Katy Boynton** Payne, a visiting fellow in the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology's Bio-Acoustics Research Program, a winner of a 2004 Earth Women of Discovery Award. The prize honors Katy's pioneering studies of sound communication among whales and, more recently, among forest elephants of Africa. The mission of Wings Trust is to celebrate the contributions of extraordinary women explorers. **W. Hardy Eshbaugh** of Oxford, OH, professor emeritus of Miami U., has been elected to his fourth three-year term to the Board of Directors of the National Audubon Society. Hardy also serves on the Board of Directors of the Atlantic Salmon Federation, an international non-profit organization that promotes the conservation and wise management of the wild Atlantic salmon and its environment. His travels of 2003 included two weeks in Ecuador on a birding trip and a two-week visit to his sister in South Africa.

**Bill Dring**, BArch '61, and wife Jan spend part of the winter skiing in Colorado and each spring in Provence, but the rest of the time they can be found in their native village, Oak Park, IL. Bill, an architect, keeps in close touch with members of his pledge class of Alpha Delta Phi, but would enjoy seeing and hearing from other architects in our class. Like so many of us, he's looking forward to reunion! ♦ **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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Warm good wishes to **Michaelin Reamy** and **David Watts**, who celebrated their marriage with a ring exchange ceremony in November at the Santa Lucia Preserve in Carmel, CA. The happy event was attended by their nine children, nine sons- and daughters-in-law, and 13 grandchildren, along with Cornellians who came from around the country to help celebrate, including **Becky (Quinn)** and **Jim Morgan**, MBA '63, of Menlo Park, CA, **Dan '58** and **Barbara Cyrus Martin** of Hartsdale, NY, **Gretchen Zahm** Babarovic of Greenwich, CT, **Margaret Osmer-McQuade** of New York City, and **Ginny (Buchanan) '61** and **Willis Clark** of Fort Wayne, IN. The 32-square-mile wildlife preserve has special meaning for Michaelin and Dave, who re-met there through their involvement in the early stages of its development. Michaelin designed and furnished the interiors of its handsome central building, and Dave, the CEO of Granite Construction, built its many miles of winding roads. The newlyweds live in Menlo Park, CA, and are building a vacation house in St. George Island, FL.

Two classmates recently received recognition by major organizations in their professional fields. **William Henry** of Sequim, WA, manager of a water resources engineering firm, was named president-elect of the American Society of Civil Engineers and will assume the presidency in fall 2004. **John Alfano**, an attorney who has been city court judge for the City of Rye for many years, was elected secretary-treasurer of the NY State Assn. of City Court Judges.

Class VP **Bill Fisher**, PhD '68, writes that he is extremely busy teaching and writing during his so-called "retirement years." He is on the faculty at the U. of Central Florida, where he holds the Darden Eminent Scholar Chair, and has just finished a second book, entitled "Case Studies in Commercial Foodservice." Bill and Yvonne live in Oviedo, FL, and make frequent trips north to

She and husband Ross then took a long trip to Europe, where they discovered previously unknown relatives in Italy and stayed with them, which was, says Jan, "a miracle." Another recent retiree is **Robert Wulf**, BArch '61, of Oakland, CA, who is now busy designing a house for himself in Sea Ranch, CA, but notes that "essay writing is still a remote possibility."

**Susan Cowan** Jakubiak of Potomac, MD, writes that she and Henry are "very much retired; that is, very busy but not getting paid." The Jakubiaks' primary focus is leisure travel, and their recent trips have taken them to French Polynesia, where they made dives, says Susan, "in the strongest currents we have ever experienced and yet lived to tell the tale," and also to Italy, Prague, Budapest, and Vienna, and to several places in the Eastern US. "My motto is obvious," she says: "Have toothbrush, will travel." Susan and **Sue Shank** both wrote that the Washington, DC, group of '60 women continues to be very active visiting local museums and historic sites, and they invite out-of-town classmates to join them whenever they are in the vicinity. Susan can be reached at scj9905aut@hotmail.com.

**Anne Rothenthaler** Vendramin wrote from Italy how sorry she was to hear about the death of **Marilyn Miller** Roche, who was her Cornell roommate for two years. "She was an outstanding person," says Anne, "and a real pleasure to room with and have as a friend." Anne made a trip to Melbourne, Australia, in April 2003 to visit **Carol Treman des Cognets** and husband **Archer '57**, MBA '60, and is planning a sojourn in Boston in Spring 2004, where she will catch up with **Toddy Dwyer** and **Tussie Abbott** Williams. Anne has a new e-mail address in Venice, Rothenthaler@virgilio.it, and says she'd love to hear from any classmates who'd care to drop her a line. Also welcoming communication from classmates who live in the area or are visiting is **Elaine Smith Schwartz** of West Palm Beach, FL, UUA1@aol.com. Elaine moved to

son **Stephen '88** and wife Sue are the parents of Michael, born in March 2002. Margaret also reports that she and **Ralph**, PhD '62, had recent visits at their home in New Providence, NJ, from classmates **Byrd Avery** Lochtie of Eureka, CA, and **Lois Lundberg** Carter of Pine City.

**Frank Critelli** writes from Slate Hill that "one son is married; two more children to go." Daughter **Alicia '00**, MPS '01, has settled in Rumford, ME, where she works for Mead Paper, and son Jamie is living temporarily at the family home after four years as an officer in the Army. Frank's wife Judy is a nurse at a hospital in Middletown, and Frank, retired, is busy doing household projects and planning the Critellis' next cruise. "I wish everyone well and look forward to our next reunion," says Frank.

Family gatherings involving travel have been much on the recent schedule of **Ron "Obie" Obermeyer**, ME '62, of Fairfax, VA. One daughter was married in Sacramento, CA, in April 2002, and the subsequent months included visits with their son and his family in Anchorage, AK, and with the family of his other daughter, who gave birth to the Obermeyers' sixth grandchild in April 2003. Send news to ♦ **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, 146 Allerton Rd., Newton, MA 02461; e-mail, jw275@cornell.edu.

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Teachers College at Columbia U. is creating an endowed scholarship fund in memory of our late classmate **Judith Berman** Brandenburg, professor of psychology and education and the first woman dean at Teachers College (1985-1994). The fund will make an award each year in perpetuity to support a Brandenburg scholar in the field of psychology. Classmates interested in participating may contact the Associate Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving at Teachers College.

**Peggy Monkmeier** Mastroianni, associate legal counsel at the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, was elected a Fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Law. She also received the Lefkowitz Public Service Award from Fordham U. **John Swanson**, ME '63, president of Swanson Analysis Services, was named to an honorary membership in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers for lifetime service and because of his pioneering work in the application of "finite-element methods" in engineering. John, who resides in The Villages, FL, developed the widely-used ANSYS computer code.

**Ellen Brock** Narins is active in the Aurora, NY, Historical Society, which oversees the Elbert Hubbard-Roycroft Museum and the Millard Fillmore Home. Ellen's three children are all active in various medical fields. **Skip Picking '60**, MBA '62, husband of classmate **Adelle (Case)**, was inducted into the Johnston, PA, Business Hall of Fame. Skip sold his air-conditioning business to York International, and now devotes his time to serving the community, including a bank board, a hospital board, the United Way, and singing in the church choir. He also enjoys canoeing, kayaking, golf, biking, and skiing in Steamboat Springs. Adelle operates a real estate

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SUSAN COWAN JAKUBIAK '60

see family and friends. **Dan Crabbe**, MBA '62, writes that he is also still working hard, "after selling my company two years ago, in hopes of resuscitating my retirement income." Dan and wife Nancy live in Toms Rivers, NJ. Also in the still-working category is **Laurence Dornstein** of Beverly Hills, CA, who continues his law practice defending companies and insurance carriers against personal injury claims. Larry's wife Judith is an attorney in the field of entertainment law, and their daughter Courtney, a recent graduate of the U. of Pennsylvania, "is traveling the world," says Larry.

**Janice Petro** Billings of Corona del Mar, CA, retired in June 2003 after 43 years in education, the last eight of them spent in Anaheim.

Florida several years ago when husband **Stuart '58** retired from his medical practice in Utica. The Schwartzes are now traveling a good deal and sharpening their expertise in duplicate bridge (both are now Life Masters) and golf (allegedly both have had several holes-in-one).

A cheerful report came in from first-time grandparent **Jon Steinberg** of Potomac, MD, whose daughter Amy presented him and wife Shellie with granddaughter Heather in September 2002. "We are having a wonderful time helping out with her care," says Jon, "while Amy returns to work part-time as a physical therapist. Grandparenting is, indeed, grand!" Also delighted with her first grandchild is class officer **Margaret McPhee Miano**, MS '61, whose

sales firm. The Pickings' travel itineraries include visits to daughter **Liz '90**, MS '97, in Minneapolis and son Dan and his family in Wellesley, MA.

**John Sobke** and wife Marilyn are living in retirement at The Landings in Savannah, GA. He stays busy with Rotary, the church, golf, and playing the flute (in the community band). Attending daughter Allison's wedding in Massachusetts last summer were **Jack '60** and **Pat Laux Richards**, Sandy and **Robin Bissell**, and Pat and **Dick Tatlow**. Following the grand affair, the Sobkes and the Richardses went on a Loire Valley barge cruise. "Life is good!" exclaims John.

**Vic Levinson** and son Nick have an investment advisory business. Son Tom has written *All That's Holy*, which discusses the views of Americans about faith and religion. Marcie and **Doug Heymann** received a Thanksgiving visit from Susie and **Lonn Heymann '90** and their new grandson Abe. Doug is associate chairman and chief of general surgery at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York. **Gary** and **Marilyn Schur Hellinger '63** celebrated their 40th anniversary with a trip to Florence, along with Archie and **Susan Kurzon Goldin '63**. In October, the Hellingers welcomed their 11th grandchild.

**Marcia Kessler** Weiss and husband Ron are spending this winter touring South Africa. She enrolled in the NH Inst. of Art two years ago, and now devotes many hours to designing and fabricating jewelry. Her collection was shown at the Nashua Symphony Boutique last month. The Weisses, who have five grandchildren, see **Jim**, PhD '65, and **Tammy Greenburg Goell**, M Ed '63 (Tammy and Marcia were roommates junior year). Now retired, **Bill Drake** and wife Helen visit her family each summer in Yorkshire, England. They attended the "Dog Trials at Sandringham" along with the Queen last year (Bill trains English cocker spaniels). **David Cantor** is still practicing oral surgery and was honored as a "distinguished practitioner." He and wife Karen traveled to the Canadian Rockies last summer. Their son **Brian '92** is a general surgeon, and son **Neil '94** received his MBA from MIT.

**Marlene Alpert** Tein was so successful in losing weight on a "six week body makeover" that she was asked to film an infomercial (with other "real people") for the program in Los Angeles. She had lots of fun on the project, which guarantees 30 lbs. in six weeks, and now her friends can look for her on TV. She and husband Arnold are the grandparents of Paulina Tein and Gabriela Ortega (daughter of **Naomi Tein '90**). **Virginia Wolf** Peticolas and husband Warner of Eugene, OR, have six grandchildren. In retirement, the Peticolases have an avid interest in opera, which has taken them to Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, and Paris (where they saw *Les Troyens*). They are both active skiers and tennis players.

**Robert Stamper** and wife Naomi have three grandchildren. As a guest lecturer, Robert presented research results in France, Florida, Malaysia, Singapore, and South Africa during the past year. At the last stop, the Stampers spent a week at a game preserve. **Stephen Tipton** and wife Sally celebrated the marriage of their daughter Debby to Shi-Ling Hsu at the New England Aquarium. Their first granddaughter,

Elizabeth, was born to older daughter Becca and husband John Hiebert. **Gerald Schneider** is a director of the Radio History Society, which operates a radio and TV museum in Bowie, MD. He enjoys collecting vintage radios and TV sets, and is an active graduate alumnus of the Union Institute and U.

**Bob Lurcott**, BArch '62, MRP '68, notes that our class may have set records in terms of service and contributions to Cornell. With so many significant alumni offices in the hands of classmates, he may very well be right. Need we say: one of the greatest classes in Cornell history! ♦ **David S. Kessler**, dsk15@cornell.edu.

**62 Robert McBride** (debbobwk@adelphia.net) knows how to start off a column: he claims to have read every one of this writer's columns for over 40 years. Thanks, Bob! Retirement life continues to treat Bob and Debbie very well, as they enjoy rural life on their 15-acre 1813 farm in Harrison, ME. Bob is active in the Lions Club and a member of the town's Appeals Board, while Debbie works on the upcoming town bicentennial celebration in 2005. Fun time includes Bob's expanding civil war memorabilia collection, photography, cruising the Maine coast in their new Wilbur lobster cruiser, and selling antiques in a multi-shop in Maine. Two golden retrievers share the farm and their lives. "Have not made it back to Cornell in years, but hope to visit this next spring and will give serious thought to 2007. Are dogs welcome?"

Also retired is **Kenneth Earle**, who, with wife JoAnn, spends seven months of the year sailing their boat in Bermuda and the Bahamas and along the East Coast. Both also are volunteer consultants in eastern Europe and South America. Home base is Waseca, MN. A November note from **Carol Shaw Andresen** (candre sen@triad.rr.com): "Our seventh grandchild was born this morning to daughter Nancy and husband Allen Jones in Atlanta. They have named him Stewart Allen. Sister Carly, 3, doesn't know what hit her." Their sixth grandchild arrived in September. Six of the seven were born in the past three years; Carol and **Fred '59** have been busy grandparents traveling from Greensboro to Atlanta, where "all seven little gifts live."

*The Wall Street Journal* reports that **Michael Egan** has decided to "reinvent" theglobe.com, the Internet company founded by two Cornell students that became famous for its spectacular rise in the Internet boom and its equally spectacular fall in the dot-com bust. Theglobe.com was founded in a Cornell dorm room in 1993 by **Stephan Paternot** and **Todd Krizelman**, both Class of '96. Version 2 of the company is offering an Internet phone service. Paternot is working on a screenplay of his autobiography, *A Very Public Offering*, and hopes to play himself in the movie, the *Journal* says.

A timely note from **Pat Yoder Arney** (info@italyvilla.com) reveals that she travels from Sicklerville, NJ, to Italy once or twice a year to inspect villas and apartments that she rents through her vacation-rental business, Villa Vacation Travel Inc. "Of course I also take pleasure

side trips while there." Kenneth and **Yvonne Schot** Hannan remain in NYC, where Kenneth has his own business. Their son also lives in New York, and their daughter is in California.

**Don Juran's** 3-days-per-week ("the ideal number") consultancy at the FBI ended in November when the project budget was slashed. Don (drj5@cornell.edu) uses the newfound extra time for composing and constructing softball schedules. His rookie season as senior coed softball league commissioner was a success: despite many rule changes and record rainfall, play was completed smoothly and nearly on schedule. Both softball teams he manages took second in their division. Don had his best Maryland Senior Olympics to date: gold in the mile walk and table tennis doubles, silver in table tennis singles and softball. In the performing arts, Don played Nestor in *Troilus and Cressida* and is now rehearsing as Lord Stanley in *Richard III*. Two of his compositions premiered this year, a Rosh Hashanah piece at synagogue and "The Miracle of Hanukkah," performed by chamber chorus Convivium at its December concerts. The Jurans have done some hiking with Peter and **Nona Okun** Rowat. Nona reports that she completed hiking the Pacific Crest Trail from Mexico to Canada. She works part-time as a family doctor in both San Diego and Vancouver, BC. Peter does research in computational neuroscience.

Hawaii's new governor recognized talent when she saw it and has appointed **Jane Barrows** Tatibouet to the Board of Regents of the U. of Hawaii. Jane and Andre have moved into their new home up on the Waikiki side of Diamond Head. Their home was designed by **Francis Oda '63**, BArch '64. Jane and daughter **Cecily '95** sold their Cape Cod restaurant, and Cecily is now in administration for the Fogg Museums at Harvard. "Her joy is the original Monet hanging over her desk!" A request comes from **Charlotte Loewy Rubin**. She'd like to receive e-mail from classmates at cl Rubin@aol.com. Charlotte and **Bob '60** live in Brooklyn, where she works with disabled students at the NYC College of Technology. As technology coordinator, Charlotte hires students to teach the use of assistive technology. The Rubins' daughter and son-in-law, **Craig** and **Debbi Rubin Wolfarth**, both '85, have adopted a boy and girl from South Korea. Charlotte reports that **Amy Smith** Bryant has moved to Florida, where she is working part-time.

And a request from your correspondent: I'd like to receive e-mail from classmates, too! Or snail mail, or phone calls. It's the little things that can be most interesting to your fellow classmates, and they hope you'll share! ♦ **Jan McClayton** Crites, 2779 Dellwood Dr., Lake Oswego, OR 97034-6721; e-mail, jmc50@cornell.edu.

**63** Imagine thinking ahead to our 45th Reunion in 2008! It's a little scary, but it will eventually be here. The really good news is that **Marijane Beattie** Watson has agreed to be our chairperson. Thanks, Marijane, for saying yes! We hope that those of you she calls upon will also say yes to helping her. Anyone interested in helping can e-mail her at pa\_watson@lga.org.

After our 40th Reunion, **Warren '62** and I visited family and friends on the East Coast. We spent a few hours with **Ed '60** and **Ruth Morgan Kaufman '62**, MA '63. Ruth was my junior year roommate and sorority sister. Their daughters are both graduates of Princeton. Anna received her MLA from Harvard and is currently with Hargreaves Associates in Cambridge, MA. Laurie is also a graduate of the Fashion Inst. of Technology in New York City and has started a purse-making business called Lorelei Designs.

A letter from **Madeleine Leston** Meehan is always a treat. She had three drawings of Caribbean musicians and dancers produced in *The Caribbean Writer*, Volume 17 (2003), edited by **Marvin Williams '77**, MFA '87. She was also happy to see her husband, who is on long-term duty with the US Navy. The Navy of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands (where Madeleine lives) will host and honor the USCG cutter *Mohawk*, which is electronically empowered by her husband Jim Welker. **Keith Olin**, DVM '67, is retired and has had trips to Florida to see friends and relatives, as well as New England to see his children. He and wife Robin like to garden and go antiquing. They have five children and seven grandchildren.

**John**, MBA '62, and **Susan Seyler Speirs** are lucky to live in Wimbledon near London. Both of them are retired. Susan stays busy taking art, history, and painting/drawing classes in central London. Last spring they traveled to Florida and Florence, Italy. **Ned** and **Suzie Young Allen** were one of many '63 couples celebrating their 40th wedding anniversaries in 2003. They celebrated by traveling around the world on a private chartered jet, and visited the Amazon, the Galapagos Islands, Easter Island, Samoa, the Great Barrier Reef, Papua New Guinea, Borneo, the Seychelles, the Serengeti, and the Canary Islands. Wow! **Neil**, MD '69, and **Edie Osborne Kochenour** celebrated their 40th with a trip to London. They were also at reunion. Edie retired last June after 25 years as administrator of the Counseling Center at U. of Utah.

**Dick '59** and **Pat Podolec Fontecchio** also celebrated their 40th in 2003. The Fontecchios are active in Cornell affairs. They attended Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) Mid-Winter Meeting in NYC last January with **Dick**, BS '65, and **Betty Card Lynham**. They also attended the Cornell Alumni Federation's New York Alumni Leadership Conference at the Cornell Club in March 2003. In addition, they are active in the Monmouth/Ocean New Jersey Cornell Club, where Pat has chaired the Phonathon ("forever, it appears"). They were also at reunion.

David and **Carol Blumenfeld Schaeffer** live in Champaign, IL. Carol has been working for the Urbana School District since 1989. David is an associate professor of toxicology at the U. of Illinois. Their daughter Lori and two grandchildren live in the area. Son Steven is at Webster U. in St. Louis studying to be a nurse anesthetist. Their children planned a surprise 60th birthday party last year for both of them.

Sorority sister **Leslie Verdier Armentrout** lives in Midland, MI, but since husband **Dave**, PhD '65's retirement, they haven't been there very much. They have a cottage on Lake Michi-

gan and a house on a small island in the Caribbean. They also visit their children who are in Miami, Cape Cod, and San Francisco. With all the places to visit, they spend less and less time in Midland. They do find time, though, for rollerblading, kayaking, and tennis.

**Robert** and **Pati Myers** lead an exciting life. They started a new company called Waterskeeter Sports, which makes pontoon fishing boats and float tubes in China. Robert says it has become the number one company in the industry in less than five years. Robert is playing ice hockey at the senior level and competed in Hawaii last year at a senior ice hockey tournament. The Myers have become avid fly fishermen as well.

Warren and I just had our seventh grandchild. Our youngest son Pete and wife Myra had a baby girl named Alyssa on December 6. We will spend some time with them in Colorado before heading to Phoenix to spend Christmas with son Steve and his family. I am proud of my husband, as he completed hiking and backpacking the Long Trail in Vermont. It runs from the top of Vermont to the bottom, ending in Williamstown, MA. It took him 27 days to do 277 miles. The terrain was rugged, there were a lot of rocks to climb, and the weather didn't cooperate until the end—plenty of rain until the last week when it was glorious and sunny. Great supporters along the way were **Bill Stowe '62** and **Bill Walters '62**. They provided meals and stopovers for Warren.

I would like to encourage you to send me news via e-mail or by snail mail. I don't want to run out in the spring before dues time comes. Thanks to all those who do write. ♦ **Nancy Bierds Icke**, 42 Campus Court, Racine, WI 53402; e-mail, ickc@execpc.com.

**64** Early spring is here, which means it's time to think about late spring—which is time for our 40th Reunion! June 10-13. Time to renew old friendships . . . and make new ones. That's right! A good reason to attend reunion is to get to know classmates you didn't know while at Cornell because there were so many of us. I've done that and so have many others. So, c'mon to reunion to see friends and to meet those classmates you never knew.

Reunion Co-chair **Susan Mair** Holden sent this partial list of events: "We have planned a Class of '64 Forum with classmates and professors sharing ideas and asking for our thoughts as well; a College of Architecture, Art, and Planning reception and symposium; a class hike; a class memorial in the Plantations; small book discussion groups facilitated by Cornell professors (discussing a book we will announce to those of you who are interested well before reunion); a presentation on 'Our Health and Well-Being—an Update' by **Janet Spencer** King; and an old '64 tradition—a Rock 'n Roll Party with a live band playing the wonderful music of our era.

"For relaxation and sustenance we have planned a welcoming Italian picnic at Risley on Thursday evening, asked **Tom Sturdevant** to play his original compositions for us after dinner, and arranged for a western barbecue with

all the fix'ns at the Plantations with an accompanying fiddler, lunch on the shores of Beebe Lake, and an exquisite dinner in the Memorial Room of Willard Straight Hall, preceded by cocktails on the Terrace overlooking West Campus. Student *a cappella* groups will serenade us throughout the weekend. We also will have special continental breakfasts timed for all manner of risers and a farewell brunch under the tent at Risley." Sounds great to me—so plan now!

**Robert Powell** has retired from his Powells Greenhouse in Woodstock, VT, but the business goes on. The Powells have rented it out to an employee and her husband who will carry on the name. Bob and wife Carol have had the business since moving to Woodstock 37 years ago. They recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. **June Layton** is also retired. After 33 years living in Seattle, and being single again, she went back to New York State and with classmate **Veronica Seyd** bought an old farmhouse near Union Springs. **Brian Wruble**, ME '66's wife Kathleen threw a 60th birthday party for him last year attended by classmates **Joe Reynolds**, **Mike Betar**, ME '66, **Chuck Seligson**, PhD '68, and **Stu**, MS '65, and **Janet Sinder**, plus **Neil Levy '63** and **Ellen** and **Mike Wolfson '63**, LLB '67. Brian is a private investor and partner in a hedge fund. He reports he is featured in a recent book, *Dark Waters: An Insider's Account of the NR-1, the Cold War's Undercover Nuclear Sub* (New American Library, January 2003). Brian did not say how he was featured; guess you have to read the book to find out. He and his wife live in NYC with their teenage daughter; they also have a grown son and daughter.

**Tom Peters**, ME '66, author of the popular *In Search of Excellence*, has a new book out, *Re-Imagine: Business Excellence in a Disruptive Age*, which offers new perspectives on his earlier findings. Among other things, he takes corporate America to task on what he delicately terms "the women's issue," generally stating that it is high time corporations stopped condescending to women and instead began catering to them. In an interview for *The Chicago Tribune* last October, Tom cited numerous trends pointing to women's burgeoning responsibilities and assertiveness, which are not being addressed by hidebound corporations. With respect to the so-called "glass ceiling," Tom said that corporate hierarchies should reflect their customer demographics (meaning, if women constitute the majority of your customers, arrange your executive ranks to reflect this) and also that the fact of the glass ceiling has forced many excellent businesswomen to go out on their own, currently to the tune of 10 million women-owned businesses nationwide.

Here are the final tallies of classmates who attended Adult University (CAU) last summer and their study areas: **Lois Weyman** Dow (Field Ornithology and Great Battles Past and Present), the latter course also with **Bob Ketchum**, MD '68, and **John Looney**; **Stephen** and **Nancy Lore Einhorn** and **William Freedman** (Who's Promised Land? The Middle East Struggle in Our Times); **Jill Waxman** Polymeropoulos (The Wine Class); and **Marian Levine** Steinberg

(Great American Trials of the 20th Century). This was the sixth CAU experience attended by Marian and/or husband Ed.

Sailing aficionado **Jody Hutchinson's** resume took a huge leap forward late in 2002 when she crossed the Atlantic Ocean on a 43-foot Swan sailboat with the male captain and other crewmen. The boat landed at Gibraltar, Morocco, and several of the Canary Islands before heading for the Cape Verde Islands off Senegal, where they loaded up provisions and set sail for Barbados. Jody says the crossing took 19 days in mostly fair weather. It was not altogether a lonely crossing as they had a satellite phone and e-mail service. They reached Barbados the morning of Dec. 22 and Jody was back home in Wilmington, DE, by Christmas Eve night. She sailed with the same captain last summer.

**Sandy Vogelgesang** has been busy writing and consulting—and lately, selling Tibetan antiques, including chests and jewelry she and US Foreign Service officer husband Geoffrey Wolfe gathered during their tour of duty in Nepal. Sandy and Geoffrey also recently launched a total renovation of their house in Bethesda, MD, about which she comments, “We’re in our sixth month of camping and bonding in our basement.” They have a teenage son and daughter. **Karen Sommer** Shoff, a social worker, gerontologist, and long-term care insurance specialist, has a new book out, *There's No Place Like (A Nursing) Home*, meant for people our age to help them plan properly to avoid the facilities of the title, and to be able in their old age to receive dignified at-home care without burdening spouses and children or destroying retirement assets. Karen lives with husband Allan in Santa Monica, CA, where she is active in her synagogue and conducts many book seminars. They have a grown son and daughter.

Don't forget our class website, <http://classof64.alumni.cornell.edu> . . . and don't forget to plan now for reunion. And please don't forget to send your latest news with this year's dues. ♦ **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; email, [blamont@tribune.com](mailto:blamont@tribune.com).

**65** We are getting well into the class dues cycle, so the news we have is getting a little skimpy. When you get your next mailing from the class this spring, please make sure that you complete the News Form and send it back to Cornell. We know many of you have lots of news that you would like to pass on to the rest of the class.

A number of our classmates participated in Adult University (CAU) last summer, taking a broad range of classes. **Donna Goodman Albin** and husband **Rick '63** attended Gorgeous Gorges of the Finger Lakes, while **Lon Benamy** attended The Way Bugs Work. **Carol Greenwald** Bender attended the Landscape Design Workshop, and **Thom Carley** took in some military history when he attended Great Battles Past and Present. Learning more about the arts, **Gerald Kestenbaum** took Alabaster Carving: Sculpture Studio. Other participants included **Penny Skitol** Haitkin (Great American Trails) and **Dan Stern** (Wall Street 2003). Hope this program

helped Dan benefit from the market's positive expansion in 2003.

**Jim**, PhD '78, and **Cindy Booth Ware** have a lot of news to pass along including a picture from a mini-class reunion in Crossville, TN—the new retirement home of **Susie Rogers McCullough** and husband **Jim '63**, MBA '65. Joining the Wares and McCulloughs were: **Andrea Shulman** Williams and husband Charles Dewey, **Sally Fry** Morgens and husband **Jim**, **Joan Spurgeon** Brennan and husband Larry,

at the inauguration of President **Jeffrey Lehman '77**. According to Dave the ceremony was inspiring and President Lehman's words encouraging. Among the members of the Class of '65 who participated in the ceremonies were **Sharon Hegarty** Williams, **Penny Haitkin**, **Bruce Eissner**, and **Natalie Teich**. If we missed anyone, please let us know. Dave also reported that his son **Mitchell '92** was elevated to assistant professor of neuroscience at the U. of North Carolina. **Stephen '67** and **Judy Kellner Rushmore**

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SANDY VOGELGESANG '64

and **Alice Middaugh** Kelly and husband Bill. In addition to the news on the gathering in Tennessee, the Wares had other news to pass along. Jim has co-founded a new business, The Work Design Collaborative, that helps companies reduce the cost of workforce support through innovative use of technology and facilities—focusing on managing remote workers and distributed teams. He also serves on the Board of Trustees of Heald College in San Francisco. Cindy continues to paint landscapes and still life, with an annual show each fall in San Francisco, as well as frequent commissions.

**Patricia Williams**, in a long letter, updated us on her recent activities. In addition to family-related travel, Patricia and her best friend organized an 80th birthday party for a friend that had 67 friends and family joining in the celebration. Those in attendance ranged in age from the mid-20s to the mid-90s. Career-wise, Patricia is still a Supreme Court judge in the Bronx, but is now handling civil cases after judging criminal cases for 17-1/2 years.

From **George Arangio**, MD '69, we hear that at Homecoming this past fall, seven members of the Class of '65 who were All-Ivy Football players were honored by the Cornell Football Assn. Those honored were **Bob Baker**, **Duke Grkovic**, **Clarence Jentes**, MBA '67, **George Norman**, former class president **Joe Ryan**, **Dick Williams**, and last but not least, George himself. He closed his note with the following: “Looking forward to planning and enjoying our 40th.”

One day my wife was reading the international edition of the *Jerusalem Post* and came across an interesting article on a breakthrough in treating Gaucher's disease by a team of Weitzmann Inst. scientists. This is a genetic disease that affects mostly Jews of European heritage. A member of the institute's team was Prof. **Joel Sussman** of Weitzmann's structural biology department. A number of years ago I had the opportunity to see Joel when he was in the Detroit area for an event sponsored by the local group that supports the Weitzmann Inst.

Class President **Dave Roitman** reports that he proudly represented the class in the proces-

sent us a couple of family holiday letters to keep us up to date with the goings on in their family. The 2003 edition featured news about son **Stephen '96's** marriage on the 4th of July to **Kristin Little '98** at Sage Chapel. The letters also discussed how Stephen proposed to Kristin—while piloting his plane to Nantucket for an Easter holiday family gathering in 2002. I'm pretty sure there aren't many of us who can match that for how a child of ours got engaged.

**Marjorie Rubin** Brody recently passed along news on her children from her home in Littleton, MA. Her daughter Jennifer, a PhD in clinical psychology, is working on a fellowship at Westchester Inst. of Human Development; Jennifer's husband Jason Carter is an associate professor at SUNY New Paltz. Marjorie's son Jon is a graduate student in social work at Smith College. Her youngest, David, is a graduate of Northeastern U. He is presently in a work-study program in Belgium. Marjorie was planning a trip to Belgium over this past Thanksgiving. She still works full-time as a social worker for chronically mentally ill adults. George Arangio, please note: Marjorie closed by saying she would like to help out at our 40th Reunion in 2005.

We need to hear from you, especially as we approach our 40th Reunion in June 2005. Please send your news to one of our correspondents. ♦ **Ronald Harris**, 5203 Forestdale Ct, West Bloomfield, MI; tel. (248) 788-3397; e-mail, [rsh28@cornell.edu](mailto:rsh28@cornell.edu); **Dennis Norfleet**, 3187 State Rte. 48, Oswego, NY 13126; tel. (315) 342-0457; e-mail, [dpn5@cornell.edu](mailto:dpn5@cornell.edu), and **Joan Elstein** Rogow, 9 Mason Farm Rd, Flemington, NJ 08822; tel. (908) 782-7028.

**66** Best wishes to **Robert Kerchner**, PhD '71, and wife **Marcia (Davis)**, PhD '71, who celebrated the wedding of their son **Steve (Princeton '98)** to **Rachel Rubenstein** last November in Pittsburgh. Also attending were son **Daniel '94** and wife **Deborah Stahl '94** and their children **Yaakov**, 3, and **Rena Esther**, 2. Other Cornellians celebrating with them included **Dave**, PhD '71, and **Jannie Mieras Noble '68**, **David Brochstein**, ME EE '67, and **Ellen**

and **Joe Bravman, PhD '71**. Earlier in the year, Bob and Marcia took a fabulous Crystal Line cruise to the Far East, visiting Hong Kong, South Korea, Taiwan, Japan, and China. In Beijing their "extraordinary" guide was Jannie and Dave Noble's son Jon, who is completing his PhD in East Asian studies.

**Christie Grigsby Murata** is still enjoying life in Denver and continuing her work as one of two preservation architects for the city whose goals are to preserve the best elements of the past. Come to think of it, as we all approach the big 60, it's probably on all our minds, too. Christie says she loves her job, which is a testament unto itself. **Gwendolyn Gartland Scalpello** and husband Richard are now official residents of Vail, CO. She's fully retired but still very active: condo association, Betty Ford alpine gardens, Performing Arts Center, and one day a week as a volunteer in community guest services (mountain ambassadors—gets her a free ski pass). She bought a bike to keep her in good shape for her active retirement life.

Names in the news truly can be applied to **Linda Michelson Bauman** and husband Paul. They are scientists who have already had two bacterial species named after them and now have added the endosymbiont of the glassy winged sharpshooter, *Baumania cicadellincola*, to their list. The Baumans traveled to Norway and Denmark in 2002 for scientific conferences. Contact Linda at [LMBauman@UCDavis.edu](mailto:LMBauman@UCDavis.edu). **Ira Sadoff** ([isadoff@colby.edu](mailto:isadoff@colby.edu)) has published his seventh collection of poetry, *Barter*. One of his poems appears in *Best Poems of 2002*. Ira is the Dana Professor of Poetry at Colby College. His wife Linda, a former litigating director at Maine Legal Services, now has her own clinical practice in counseling.

**Fran Blau** ([fdb4@cornell.edu](mailto:fdb4@cornell.edu)) and Larry Kahn are in their tenth year on the ILR faculty. In 2002 they published a book, *At Home and Abroad: US Labor Market Performance in International Perspective*, selected as an outstanding scholarly book by *Choice* magazine. In 2001, Fran received the Carolyn Shaw Bell award from the American Economic Assn. Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession. **Richard Turbin** ([richturbin@aol.com](mailto:richturbin@aol.com)) was awarded the Traphagen Distinguished Alumnus Award by Harvard Law School in Oct. 2002. He was also elected president of the Hawaii Trial Lawyers Assn. and was appointed by the Governor to the Civil Rights Committee.

Also in 2002: **Lyudmila** and **James P. Maher III, BA '69**, took an extended cruise to South America. James's new email: [JPM@morganpriceco.com](mailto:JPM@morganpriceco.com). **Robert Gochfeld** ([gochfeldlaw@aol.com](mailto:gochfeldlaw@aol.com)) retired from the NYC Dept. of Planning and opened a private law practice concentrating on land use and real estate development. **Andrew Berger, JD '69**, reports that his son left Cornell for the warmer climate of California and Stanford. Andy looks forward to visiting there.

**David '65** and **Linda Lomazoff Roitman** ([lrr2@cornell.edu](mailto:lrr2@cornell.edu)) keep busy with volunteer work and visits to children and grandchildren. All the Roitman children are Cornellians: **Brian '90**, **Mitchell '92**, and **Ari '98**. **Joyce Miller**

([Joyma2@aol.com](mailto:Joyma2@aol.com)) also has several grandchildren. She manages to travel a lot, spending summers at Sodus Point on Lake Ontario, as well as visiting Spain and taking a tour of four national parks in Utah. Living in Florida makes it easy for her to occasionally take a cruise to the Bahamas and the Caribbean.

Dr. **Jerrold Ellner** gave a lecture last October at New York Medical College. He spoke to the Division of Infectious Diseases about the problems of tuberculosis and AIDS in Africa. Your correspondent was there as a member of the division. It was nice to speak with Jerrold after the lecture and discover we knew mutual classmates. **Shri Joshi, MILR '66** ([nirmala.joshi@att.net](mailto:nirmala.joshi@att.net)) has been working as an Inquiry Authority in disciplinary cases of managerial personnel in India. He has retired from full-time service and lives in the metro Washington, DC, area. He would like to find part-time work in the area.

Our continued thanks to **Roy Troxel** for all his work on the class website ([classof66.alumni.cornell.edu](http://classof66.alumni.cornell.edu)). We hope many of you will go to the site to read about us, give your opinions and comments, and give us input for our next class gift. It is also a great way to contact classmates you may have lost track of recently. ♦ **Susan Rockford Bittker**, [ladyscienc@aol.com](mailto:ladyscienc@aol.com); **John Miers**, [John\\_Miers@nih.gov](mailto:John_Miers@nih.gov); **Bill Blockton**, [rbsfabrics@aol.com](mailto:rbsfabrics@aol.com).

**67** **Kathy Koretz Abeles** (Santa Fe, NM; [kathy@abeles.net](mailto:kathy@abeles.net)) was recently appointed by Governor Bill Richardson to the New Mexico Commission for Community Volunteerism, "which, among many other things, administers the New Mexico AmeriCorps program." Daughter Liza, 24 (Amherst '01) married Bobby Lutzker, also 24 and Amherst '01, in Santa Fe last June 22. She teaches science at St. Ann's School, Brooklyn Heights, NY.

**Robert Thompson** (Arlington, VA; [Robert\\_L\\_Thompson@att.net](mailto:Robert_L_Thompson@att.net)) took early retirement from the World Bank in late 2002, and spent 2003 lecturing all over the world. He continues to serve as chairman of the International Food & Agricultural Trade Policy Council, an international wisemen's group seeking politically feasible ways to liberalize international agricultural trade. He and wife Karen continue condo life within walking distance of Washington National Airport. Daughter Kristina is an international student advisor at American U. in Washington, DC, and son Eric is pursuing a master's degree at Denmark's Technical U. in Copenhagen. Karen oversees the Smithsonian Inst.'s lace collection.

**Robert Morse** (Washington, DC; [ramorse@starpower.net](mailto:ramorse@starpower.net)) writes, "After 21 years of teaching at St. Albans School, I am enjoying a sabbatical year, writing and traveling with wife Mimi, also on sabbatical. Son **Ricky '00** continues to live and work in the Boston area. Son **Alan '02** just received his 100-ton Inland Waters Master's Certificate from the Coast Guard and will join the privateer *Lynx* (Newport Beach, CA) as boatswain. Daughter Danielle (MIT '00) is pursuing graduate work in meteorology at

Florida State U." **Thomas Moore, ME '68** (San Rafael, CA, or Owls Head, ME; [trmsem@ix.net.com](mailto:trmsem@ix.net.com)) retired from Chevron as president of Chevron Shipping Co. in fall 2001. "We started building a house in Maine at the same time, which is now completed, and I'm now spending half of our time there (guess which half!). So we live on both coasts, but our Maine home has a truly spectacular view of all the activities on Penobscot Bay."

Now it can be told department: **Ben Fischer** (McLean, VA; [BenBF@msn.com](mailto:BenBF@msn.com)) is an historian at the Center for the Study of Intelligence at the Central Intelligence Agency. He was a visiting fellow at the Norwegian Nobel Inst., Oslo, in 2002, and won the Mission Achievement Award in 2003.

Another "dual living set-up," reports **Candy Baldwin Richards** (Scottsdale, AZ, and Longport, NJ), whose celebration of her seventh wedding anniversary last September was preceded by daughter Katie's wedding last June. "John and I are both fortunately retired so we can have this dual living set-up of waves and beach followed by gorgeous mountain peaks and starry, starry nights! My life changed drastically, first with John and then in March 2002 with a kidney transplant. A modern miracle making all the activities after it possible: polar bears, whales in Baja, Galapagos in three weeks—all quite a fantasy life." Candy's seen **Carol Borelli** ("loving touring and giving tours of Tuscany") and **Sherry Carr, MILR '70** ("followed up from reunion; such fun to catch up with her!").

Dr. **Michael Miller** (Huntsville, AL) married wife Elizabeth in 1998. He now has two step-daughters and two grandchildren, is an orthopaedic trauma surgeon, and just passed the British farriers exam. **Deborah Budd-Levine** (N. Brunswick, NJ; [TigerMamma45@aol.com](mailto:TigerMamma45@aol.com)) reports that son **Adam Levine '03** graduated *magna cum laude* from Arts, majoring in social inequality, and is currently studying political science and political economy in a doctoral program at U. of Michigan. ♦ **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC; e-mail, [rhoffman@erols.com](mailto:rhoffman@erols.com).

**68** **Sheldon Kafer, BArch '70**, is a physician living in Avon, CT, with wife Estelle. He is working on research for NYU in Manhattan. Their daughter Shira graduated from Brandeis last year, daughter Ilana is a student at Penn, and son Jared is a high school sophomore. **Jim Greenberg** has been appointed managing principal of the national architectural firm Ehrenkrantz Eckstut & Kuhn. Jim's responsibilities include oversight of the firm's projects in New Jersey, New York, Los Angeles, Washington, DC, and Shanghai. For the last 20 years Jim was associated with the national architectural firm The Hiller Group. He was operations director of its New York office and chief information officer. Jim lives in Princeton Junction, NJ, and has won numerous awards around the country for design excellence.

**Jim Michaels** and wife Karen moved to Rockville, MD, where Jim is Rabbi/Director of Religion at Hebrew Home for Greater Washing-

ton. Since moving to the DC area, Jim has seen a lot of **Chet Stein** and **Judi Gichner Kauffman**. In September Jim went to Israel where his son got married. Among the guests were **Michael Kerstein Lahav** and his family. The wedding reception for **Lou Germaine** and wife Jane Rosen on a bright day last summer was attended by many Cornellians, including **Joel** and **Linda Schwartz Negrin '69**, **Helen Karel Dorman** and husband Neal, and **Nonie Diamond** Susser and husband **Pete**. **Margit Joy Maakestad** Coltvet and husband Benjamin live in Berlin, Germany, where she is a missionary. She reports that in September 2003, she and her husband moved from Cedar Falls, IA, to accept a call to be missionaries at the American Church in Berlin. Her letter reports, "It is truly an adventure and we are learning a lot, including some German. We have a wide variety of people from many nations and occupations who attend our church—from asylum seekers from Africa to opera singers and musicians to ambassadors from several countries including the US. I'm using both my nursing skills and my musical skills in many different situations."

**Jim MacCrate** and wife Judith Betts live in Glen Head, NY, where Jim is a real estate consultant. He has been appointed to the Nassau County Board of Assessors to assist in overseeing one of the largest real estate reassessment programs in the US. Jim has offices on Long Island, and additional offices in New York City and Saratoga Springs. **Bill Falik** and wife Candy live in Berkeley, CA. With two-thirds of their children "out of the roost," Bill and Candy are enjoying their dream of international travel—Rio, Cape Town, Dublin, and Hawaii. Bill is planning a large-scale master planned community for 10,000 residents in Roseville, CA. **Candida Dabi Vene** lives in St. James, NY, and took early retirement from teaching in 2000. She has enjoyed hobbies and volunteer activities and reports, "Life could not be grander." **Henry** and **Ellen Schaum Korn** live in Larchmont, NY. Henry is an attorney with the firm of LePatner & Associates in NYC, where he oversees a litigation practice. His son **Greg '98** is an architect in Washington, DC. Their daughter **Joanna '02** works for Random House in NYC. Henry and Ellen are on the advisory council of Adult University (CAU). I hear that Henry is also an outstanding tennis player.

**Alan '64** and **Barbara Greenwell Goldenberg** live in Oakland, CA. Barbara reports, "Since I retired from a 32-year banking career in November 2001, I have become a 'professional volunteer' and traveler—a good combination." She staffs a help line at the local Alzheimer's Assn., and she also tutors at a nearby elementary school and at Oakland's American Indian Children's Center. **Jay Waks, JD '71**, our Cornell Fund representative, has forwarded me a letter from **Tanneasha Gordon '06**, who is a recipient of our Class of '68 Cornell Tradition Fellowship. She extends a warm "thank you" for the generous donations from our class, which have supported her fellowship. **Lee '66** and **Joan Buchsbaum Lindquist** live in Coeur d'Alene, ID. They designed and built their own home on a hillside

## Sparing the Pacific

JAN VANDERSLOOT '67

Until 2001, California's Orange County held a waiver excusing compliance with federal sanitation standards that allowed it to dump 243 million gallons of partially treated sewage into the Pacific each day. Convincing the county not to renew the waiver took dermatologist Jan Vandersloot nearly twenty-one years of lobbying. "If the poorest states in the union can afford to treat their sewage," Vandersloot says, "so can wealthy California coastal communities."

As founder of the Ocean Outfall Group, an informal, online organization of 200 local activists he started in December 2000, Vandersloot now mobilizes other communities to protest waivers by stressing the environmental and economic benefits of full compliance with federal regulations. Only thirty-five of some 15,000 sanitation districts in the U.S. hold waivers; Van-



dersloot and his organization plan to shift their focus to the three remaining in California. "We're only here for a limited period of time," says Vandersloot. "If not us, who? If not now, when?"

— Lauren Beach '04

overlooking the lake and surrounding hills and prairie. They have an active life enjoying the beautiful Northwest outdoors. Their son **Kevin Lindquist, MBA '99**, lives and works in Southern California, and their daughter **Kirsten Lindquist Wallace '92** works in Boise for a federal bankruptcy judge. Joan hospitably offers, "If anyone is interested in playing golf at the five-star Coeur d'Alene Resort, give us a call."

On a personal note, I'm delighted to report that my daughter Nicole Silver, a senior at Noble & Greenough School in Dedham, MA, has been accepted in the Arts college for the Class of '08. That's all for now. I look forward to hearing from you and hope you had a good winter. ♦ **Gordon H. Silver**, Putnam Investments, 1 Post Office Square, Boston, MA 02109; fax, (617) 760-8349; e-mail, [gordon\\_silver@putnaminv.com](mailto:gordon_silver@putnaminv.com).

**69** Our 35th Reunion is just months away. It will be a wonderful time to get reacquainted with old friends, make new ones, and savor old memories. If you can make it, you will be glad that you went.

**James Chiafery, ME '71**, who lives in

Andover, MA, stopped commuting to work in Philadelphia after four and a half years. He came back to the Boston area to be the director of investor relations for a high tech company. However, after the firm downsized, James began a new career as a consultant, and his former employer was his first client! James's wife Marjorie is superintendent of schools in Merrimack, NH, where she keeps busy with 5,000 students, 700 staff members, and the first new school construction in 30 years. James also writes that he combined family, business, and fun by attending the inauguration of **Jeffrey Lehman '77** as Cornell's new president. James found Lehman's address inspirational, but he writes that the evening events were the highlight. All the colleges, organizations, and sports teams were featured, and James says, "There was even a link to the international space station where one of our alums was on board!" James concludes, "See you at our 35th." **Maria Keiser Bartlett** has also embarked on a new career—parenting education. Her focus is on speaking engagements and teaching parenting classes in the Boston area. On the opposite coast, Maria's daughter Alison is attending UC Berkeley's Haas Business

School, and her son Brian, a graduate of the US Coast Guard Academy, is an ensign stationed in Alameda, CA.

Dr. **Gail Papermaster Bender** is also planning to attend reunion. Gail is still in solo medical oncology practice in her home state of Minnesota, but there have been many other transitions in the past year. In February, Gail married Dr. Mark Satz. The following spring her son Seth graduated from Washington U. and her son David graduated from the U. of Michigan. When fall arrived, Seth entered Fordham Law School, and David began his graduate studies in physiology at Georgetown U. **George Bubrick** lives in Fort Lauderdale with his wife Flor and their 4-year-old son. George owns and oversees two businesses, Home Care in South Florida and Waste Water Treatment in Louisiana. In his leisure time, George enjoys blue marlin tournaments, thoroughbred horse racing, golf, and travel. The highlights of 2003 were a trip to Alaska, with its incredible sights and salmon fishing, and racing in San Diego for two weeks this past summer.

"Occupation: retired," reads **Albert and Claire Scully DeLauro's** note. They divide their time between a home in San Antonio, TX, a condo in San Francisco, and numerous trips to other locales. Al has left paid employment, but he is busy as the regional director of the Ferrari Club of America. "Being part of the club has been a great way to meet new folks," says Al. The

DeLauros keep in touch with **Maria Bartlett** and **Peggy Johnson Nichols**. Peggy even visited San Antonio in the midst of a two-day ice storm. Al says, "Not fun when there are no snowplows or sand and salt!" **Richard Poznysz** farms cranberries in Mattapoisett, MA, and was elected to the board of directors of Ocean Spray Cranberries. His daughter **Christine Poznysz Wilk '90** gave birth to Thomas Wilk less than a year ago. **Cheryl Cibulka Gordon** tells us that she is back in the US—Oakton, VA, to be exact.

The note that traveled the most distance arrived from **Robert Brender** in Jerusalem, where he works as an Israeli tour guide and is on the board of directors and part owner of Escholot Tours. Robert lives with his wife Orly and their children Joel and Auigail. When time permits, Robert likes to ski, and over the years he has tried the slopes of Vermont, Colorado, and the Alps in France and Switzerland. He also scuba dives, primarily in the Red Sea, and has "picked up drawing, sculpture, and jewelry-making from Cornell." As a family, the Brenders have traveled in the US and Europe. Robert stays in touch with a few friends from Cornell and would like to hear from classmates at [brendrob@yahoo.com](mailto:brendrob@yahoo.com). **Don Verdiani**, ME '71, took his extended family, which numbers 14, to Tuscany, where they rented a villa and had a marvelous time. Don is currently the corporate projects manager at Sunoco Inc., "a job," Don says, "I pretty much invented for myself." Addition-

ally, Don's daughter Kristy works for Lehman Brothers in New York City, and his daughter Jennifer is a freshman at Arizona State U.

Several sources have written to say that **Barbara Gross Grosz** has been elected to the American Philosophical Society, the country's oldest learned society, founded by Benjamin Franklin and friends to promote knowledge in the sciences and humanities. Barbara is the Higgins Professor of Natural Sciences at Harvard U. and the Dean of Science at the Radcliffe Inst. of Advanced Study. Classmates are anxious to hear from you, so please return your news and dues cards soon. ♦ **Arda Coyle Boucher**, 21 Hemlock Hill Rd., Amherst, NH 03031; e-mail, [aboucher@airmar.com](mailto:aboucher@airmar.com).

**70** Early in 2003, **Tom McLeod**, ME EE '71, and wife Kathy (Mannsville, NY; [thm6@cornell.edu](mailto:thm6@cornell.edu)) spent 11 weeks on their sailing catamaran, *2 Much Fun*. The cruising started at Punta Gorda, FL, and proceeded through the middle Florida Keys to the Bahama Islands, including Bimini, Nassau, Exumas, Eleuthera, Abaco, and Grand Bahama. The return trip came through the Okeechobee Waterway. Son **Cam McLeod '94** and wife **Kate (Reynolds) '94** and their little daughter Melanie (class of 2023?), rendezvoused with Tom and Kathy in Hopetown on Elbow Cay in the Abacos. Although the warm weather was at times unsettled, there were no complaints from the younger McLeod family, who had escaped the worst winter the Boston area had had in years. During the spring and summer of 2003, Tom and Kathy took part in sailing regattas on Eastern Lake Ontario when they were not busy renovating their summer home at Sandy Pond, NY.

After many years of coaching ice hockey at both Cornell and Ferris State universities, **Dick Bertrand** founded Hockey College Ltd., a hockey and skating products and services company. The products, including synthetic ice, skillpad, and skateaid, are used to learn and practice the fundamentals of the game. The company operates hockey schools, rinks, and youth hockey associations. Dick can be reached at (616) 949-9966; or fax, (616) 464-4443; or e-mail [rlbertr@dellepro.com](mailto:rlbertr@dellepro.com). He lives in East Grand Rapids, MI. **Josh and Amelia Welt Katzen '73** (Newton, MA) are most proud to report that their son **Abe** is a freshman at Cornell in Arts and Sciences. Josh ([jkatzen@aol.com](mailto:jkatzen@aol.com)) is a real estate developer in Boston. Amelia is senior enforcement counsel at the Environmental Protection Agency in Boston. Josh serves as chairman of the board of CAMERA (the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America) and a board member of JINSA (the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs). He is also a board member at the New Jewish High School of Greater Boston Inc.

**Marie Spósito Cerino** (Old Saybrook, CT; [mariercerino@aaahawk.com](mailto:mariercerino@aaahawk.com)) and husband Bill report big news. Both their children, Carla, 27, and Dave, 25, got married in May 2003. Marie is still enjoying her non-managerial position (no beeper, no supervision responsibilities) getting

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women into substance abuse programs. Bill retired from teaching and is working at Plum Island (Marie says read the book!). All is well. Early in the summer of 2003, **Ira Lobel** (Delmar, NY; ilobel@nycap.rr.com) retired as a mediator with the Federal Mediation Service. He had spent the last 30 years mediating disputes out of the Albany, NY, office and already Ira has opened his own mediation and arbitration practice.

**Peter Ambrose** (pa@valstar.net) is a professor of biology at Columbia-Greene Community College in Hudson, NY. He and wife Virginia live in Hudson, and their daughter **Abigail** is a senior in the College of Human Ecology in the DEA (Design and Environmental Analysis) program. **Bill**, MBA '74, and **Tina Meyn Kelsey**, MS '70, bought a 36-foot sailboat in the summer of 2003. They will be exploring the Great Lakes in the next few years. They live in Findlay, OH, and Bill's e-mail is kanga@bright.net. **Dick Amacher** (dickamacher@yahoo.com) and wife Barbara live in Rochester Hills, MI. Their daughter Meghan is a freshman at Western Michigan U., studying education. Son Matthew is an emergency medical technician with a local ambulance service. Barb and Dick have begun construction on their retirement home on the shore of Lake Huron in northern Michigan. He is still working on a racing program for General Motors in the Indy Racing League. Barb is busy with many volunteer activities, as well as the new house. They feel fortunate to have many Cornell friends living in the vicinity. **Karen Moss Glaser** (Philadelphia, PA; karen.glaser@jefferson.edu) writes that their daughter **Lena** is a member of the Class of 2004 and is a tour guide on campus.

**Jerry Roller**, who also lives in Philadelphia, PA, reports that his daughter **Liz** graduated from Cornell in May 2003. Jerry is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the American Inst. of Architects, serving a three-year term as the representative from Pennsylvania, having just concluded a term as president of the Pennsylvania AIA. **Jay Styron** wants us to know that he is alive and well and living in San Diego County with wife Liz. His e-mail is jstyron@adelphia.net. **Sally Margolick** Winston's daughter **Carla** '03 graduated *magna cum laude* from Cornell and is in Geneva on a Fulbright Scholarship. Sally said the campus looked fabulous and it was great to visit. Last summer, Sally spent a week reuniting in Spain with Cornell roommates **Phyllis Rabineau**, **Sharon Sauerbrunn** Doyle, BFA '72, and **Laura Dingle** Avery. Laura's daughter **Avery DeVenanzio** '03 also graduated from Cornell last May. Sally and husband Morton live in Timonium, MD, and her e-mail is SallyWins@aol.com.

**Kathy Law Orloski**'s third son graduated from Cornell in May 2003. All three of their sons—**Richard** '94, **Kevin** '99, and **Joseph** '03—were in the College of Arts and Sciences. Their little sister Katherine tells everyone that she wants to be part of Cornell's Class of 2010. Kathy and her husband **Richard**, JD '71, live in Allentown, PA, and her e-mail address is kathy.orloski@hotmail.com. ♦ **Connie Ferris** Meyer, 16 James Thomas Rd., Malvern, PA 19355; e-mail, conimae2@aol.com.

**71 Don Cox** (dcoachguy@hotmail.com) sends us news from North Dakota. "Our oldest, Matt, is married and lives in Reading, PA. He and his wife are building a new house at the moment. Brendan and his bride live in Faribault, MN, where she teaches kindergarten and he does graphic design work for VEE Corp. Ryan and Patrick are in the middle of their first semester at UND and youngest son Michael just started high school and is completing the test for his adult black belt in Tae Kwon Do. My wife **Sue (Kennedy)** '73 is a black belt in TKD. I coach middle school soccer for boys and girls and keep busy with work and home repair stuff."

**Judith Richland** (judy@richland.com) lives in the Boston area and works as a graphic designer. She heads up Richland Design Associates, designing corporate collateral, websites, video and news media. Last year Judith completed her third master's degree, an MFA from the Massachusetts College of Art. Judith and husband Kevin Shea have three children. Their eldest, **Lauren**, is in her senior year at Cornell, majoring in French and Visual Studies. Judith keeps in touch with **Barbara Covey** and would like to locate **Gary J. Wolfe**.

Last November, my husband **Joe Miller** '69 and I had the pleasure of attending the wedding of Rachael Smith, **Diane Brenner** Hardy's daughter, at Oheka Castle on Long Island. Many class of '71s from SDT and Tau Delt were in attendance. Diane lives in Palm Beach Gardens, FL, where she is active in the real estate industry. She was recently appointed as chairperson of the Foundation for Child Advocates of Palm Beach. Contact Diane at dbrenner50@aol.com. **Josh Nagin**, MD '75, MBA '88 (jnagin@stargate.net) sent us a nice e-mail about his work and family. "My daughter Alexis was married in Squaw Valley, Lake Tahoe, this August and it was just about perfect. My younger daughter **T. Meredith** '03 finished her senior year at Cornell abroad at the American University in Cairo, Egypt, and is now going through a placement process to work in Washington, DC, for the government. I continue to practice emergency medicine but on a part-time basis one or two days a week. I'm looking for the next challenge, but I really haven't decided what that will be. I did take a two-day dirt bike racing school in October in Delaware that was really one of the most fun weekends I've ever had. I got back from skiing last week in Beaver Creek, CO, and next month I've signed on to be the cruise ship physician for a two-week assignment in the Caribbean. I feel very lucky, particularly since I also get to see how fragile life truly is when I'm working in the Emergency Room."

**Alan Miller** writes from Rockville, MD. He is married to **Sue O'Hara** '72, BA '71. Alan works at the Global Environment facility overseeing projects to promote clean energy in developing countries. Recent travel included trips to China, South Africa, Germany, and India. From the West Coast we received news from **Rob Kahn**, who is a physician at California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco. As a urologist he does lots of minimally invasive sur-

gery. His favorite after-hours activity is white-water rafting, and he enjoys guiding whitewater river trips. Rob would like to locate **Jeanne Bertino** and **Margie Levy** '72. Rob may be reached at kingkahn1150@attbi.com.

**Douglas Meyer** (pedalsteelman@aol.com) lives in San Diego and has been married to Sue McCormick for 20 years. They have a medical transcription business, McCormick and Meyer, and Doug also works in the San Diego City Schools with adult disabled students. "In addition, I have been a working musician, mostly country, since long before Cornell. I play with any number of groups here, as well as recording and other projects. I played with my first country band way back in '69, and I used to do the Salt Creek Show at WVBR for several years, as well as some of the late night rock shows." Doug has a grandson Beckett James who is almost 2 years old, and his stepson Ian James is currently a MEDEVAC helicopter pilot flying out of the Baghdad Airport.

Lastly we have very sad news to report about our classmate and former class treasurer **Elliot Mandel**, who passed away suddenly on Dec. 3, '03. His friend and my co-correspondent **Matt Silverman** shared some thoughts with us: "I am quite upset by Elliot's loss. For more than 35 years he was a good and most loyal friend. We were fraternity brothers at Cornell, we shared a NYC apartment for four years in the late '70s and I managed to introduce Elliot to his wife Kathy. Over the years we shared many happy and sad occasions. We spent many hours together on Cornell-related activities, whether it was as class officers or keeping our fraternity alumni association going or keeping up with our mutual Cornell friends. Although our lives diverged and we didn't see each other as often as we would have liked, I always knew Elliot as a man I could count on. He had great energy, a ready wit, and an ironic sense of humor, and he didn't take himself too seriously. I will miss him very much, but not as much as his wife of 21 years and their two children Josh, 19, and Sarah, 13." Our sincerest condolences to Katherine and family. ♦ **Linda Germaine-Miller**, lg95@cornell.edu; and **Matt Silverman**, mes62@cornell.edu.

**72 David Koo** writes that he is "still a happy professor of astronomy at the U. of California, Santa Cruz, where the mascot is the banana slug. Professionally, the sky seems to be falling with huge amounts of data—exciting times for an observational cosmologist. This is especially so with the launch of two new NASA telescopes that send back ultraviolet and far-infrared pictures of distant galaxies. Moreover, I am helping to lead two new, major ground-based surveys of galaxies seen roughly to 9 billion years back in time (twice the age of our earth). As for family, Anna and I went to Beijing in February just before the SARS shutdown to pick up our second adopted child, a very happy, healthy but mischievous little boy of 28 months. Our daughter, now 7, enjoys being the big sister, pushing him around and teaching him English.

We are fortunate in having travel-tolerant kids and have been to China, Nevada, Arizona, New York City, Ohio, Washington, DC, and Australia just this year. DC was a treat, with the bar mitzvah of **Robert Molofsky's** younger son Henry. My astronomy also added Hawaii, Zurich, Venice, Tokyo, and Indiana. Next year we hope to see the animals in South Africa."

**David Harding**, PhD '83, reports from Warrenville, IL: "The Cure for Empty Nest: AIM and Mobile-to-Mobile Minutes. We hear from the girls more often now than when they lived under the same roof." The School of Hotel Administration at Cornell was daughter **Betsy's** first choice and offers everything she wants, "yet it has proved far greater than she ever imagined. The professors are intelligent, humorous, and helpful, and her peers are equally fun and enjoyable. Despite the occasional chilly weather and overcast days, the gorges and waterfalls have provided a spectacular background that contributes to the stimulating atmosphere. Additionally, the 'freshman fifteen' takes on a whole new meaning when the food is borderline gourmet and so incredibly convenient." Daughter **Maggie** is a store manager with Abercrombie and Fitch in Madison, WI. David works at Fermilab, where "the anti-protons are still going in a big circle" around him, and served as president and longtime board member of the Warrenville Park District.

**Steven Seifert** has been promoted to professor at the U. of Nebraska Medical Center. He is a medical toxicologist and is the medical director of the Nebraska Regional Poison Center, serving Nebraska and Wyoming. Wife Sandy was certified as a long-term care ombudsman, a position that benefits from her training and experience as a psychiatric nurse. Daughter Sara plans to become a veterinarian and was a volunteer diver at a local zoo, where she spent last summer diving in the shark tank with about a dozen sandtiger and brown sharks, as well as some zebra and blacktip sharks, performing maintenance and cleaning of the shark reef and tunnel.

**Arnold Resnick** and wife **Julia Barash '73** proudly announce that their son **Dustin** and daughter **Cassie** are members of the Cornell Classes of '05 and '06, respectively. Daughter **Vanessa** broke the family tradition by choosing Yale, where she plays soccer. Arnold and Julia are still avid tennis players. Julia was recently ranked first in the East in women's doubles for her age bracket. Arnold attended an 80th birthday party for his Cornell coach, Ed Moylen, where he was able to play with former teammates **Dirk Dugan**, **Mark Kaufman '71**, **JD '74**, and **Tom Jaklitsch '73**. **David Marques** has two Cornell offspring: daughter **Rebecca** was a member of the Class of '02 and received a scholarship to attend the San Francisco Conservatory of Music graduate program, and son **Gregory '98** is married to **Lillian Olsen '97**. **Steven Coren** reports that son **Andrew** is well established in the College of Arts and Sciences and is enjoying the Cornell experience.

**Judi Bloom** Hauswirth is in private practice as a psychotherapist and teaches child development and parenting in Santa Monica, CA. **James**

**Kozuch**, a partner at Caesar, Rivise, Bernstein, Cohen & Pokotilov Ltd., has been appointed to the Board of Commissioners of Lehigh County, PA. He previously served on the Board of Commissioners of Salisbury Township, Lehigh County, from 1998 to 2003, and was president of the board from 2000 to 2003. Caesar Rivise limits its practice to intellectual property. James concentrates his practice in litigation, client counseling, and trademark and patent prosecution in the fields of mechanical engineering and business methods. ♦ **Gary L. Rubin**, 512 Lenox Ave., Westfield, NJ 07090; e-mail, glrubin@aol.com.

**73** As I sit here at my computer, Cincinnati is enjoying its first snow of the season. All is white and crisp, and I actually feel like I could be in Ithaca, where the landscape often takes on this aspect. When I originally began to write in December, I had direct news from only three classmates, but fortunately a dozen News Forms arrived early enough to save this column. Please remember to send news to your struggling class correspondents, who often only hear from you when the news/dues cards flow back to Ithaca at the end of the calendar year.

**Roger Jacobs** reports that he and wife Robin Hodes recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Their son **Joshua '06** has joined Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity, and their daughter Rachel played varsity field hockey at Newark Academy in Livingston, NJ. **Robert Kosobucki** recently joined Western New York Technology Development Center in Buffalo, NY, as a consultant to technology and manufacturing firms. He now can be reached at PO Box 186, Williamsville, NY 14231-0186. Lastly, **Jerelyn Marcus** Cohen writes from Great Neck, NY, that she is in private practice there in optometry. She is married to Benie Cohen and has sons Jeff, 15, and Adam, 13.

An e-mail from Adult University (CAU) indicates that numerous classmates are taking advantage of Cornell's summer offerings. This past summer brought the following classmates to Ithaca for the listed courses: **Mark Cukierski**, PhD '85, History of the Book; **Paul Foster**, Field Ornithology; **Martha Burroughs** Keagle, Un-Natural History, A Voyage to the Genomic Frontier; **Cynthia Warner** Terry, Landscape Drawing Studio; and **Linda Byer-Collins**, DVM '77, Gorgeous Gorges of the Finger Lakes.

Fresh news: **Ellen Walser** de Lara, PhD '00, writes that her youngest child, J.R. (Joshua Robert), is a freshman at Princeton after spending a year in Switzerland as an exchange student studying languages. Her book *And Words Can Hurt Forever: How to Protect Adolescents from Bullying, Harassment & Emotional Violence*, co-authored with Jim Garbarino (Simon & Schuster), has come out in paperback this year. **Linda Dubins** reports that her daughter Hilary Baer is a junior at the U. of Michigan, majoring in political science, while daughter Rachel Baer is a freshman at the Rhode Island School of Design. Daughter Anna is in eighth grade.

**Jeffrey and Robin Marantz Henig's** daugh-

ter **Samantha** is a sophomore in Arts & Sciences at Cornell, where she's the co-founder of a new magazine called *Kitsch*. Their daughter Jessica, a Smith grad, is studying for a PhD in English literature at the U. of Maryland. Jeff and Robin moved to NYC last year after 25 years in Washington, DC, where Jeff taught political science at George Washington U. Jeff is now head of the Politics and Education program at Teachers College at Columbia, and Robin has a new book coming out in early 2004, *Pandora's Baby*, about the early days of in vitro fertilization research. They traded in their nice house in the suburbs for an apartment right near Columbia, and they don't miss the yard work a bit.

**Margaret Weaver** Jordan is a grief counselor for children and parents who have lost a sibling, parent, or spouse. She also coaches soccer for mentally challenged children and teaches and works in admissions at Polytechnic School in Pasadena, CA. Her husband Thomas is director of the Southern California Earthquake Center at USC. Her daughter Alison McConologue, 26, is a stockbroker in Boston, and son J.P. McConologue, 21, is a junior at the U. of Arizona. Stepdaughter Alexandra Jordan is a senior at USC. **Josh '70** and **Amelia Welt Katzen** recently returned from Parents' Weekend with son **Abe '07**, who gave them a special concert with his trio, in which he plays cello. Amelia writes that although they missed Abe's Glee Club concert the previous week, he took them to the incredibly beautiful Women's Chorus concert in Sage Chapel.

**John Kronstadt** became a Los Angeles Superior Court Judge in November 2002; he is currently assigned to the Family Law department. His wife and Cornell classmate **Helen (Bendix)** has been an L.A. Superior Court Judge since March 1997 and is in a civil assignment. Helen plays violin and viola in the Pacific Palisades Symphony. Daughter Jessica, a senior at Yale, is a member of the varsity volleyball team; son **Erik**, a sophomore at Cornell, is premed and an American Studies major; and daughter Nicola, 11, enjoys soccer and art. **Robert Levy** is presently senior patent counsel at Thomson Licensing, Princeton, NJ, and also serves as a lecturer for continuing legal education at PLI in New York City.

**Claudia Meer** reports that son **Jonathan '02**, MPA '03, is now a first-year law student at Rutgers U. Claudia enjoyed being back in Ithaca two years in a row for her son's graduations. **Denise Meridith** just finished a term as executive director of the Arizona Trial Assn. and is busy with her business consulting firm, Denise Meridith Consultants, which does everything from recruitment and outreach for several cities to event planning (coordinating Bill Pickett Rodeo performances in Phoenix). As a member of Cornell's Board of Trustees, she participated in the ceremonies for new president **Jeff Lehman '77** in NYC and Ithaca.

**Mona Deutsch** Miller is still of counsel to Berman, Mausner & Reiser, doing mediation and arbitration in addition to civil business litigation and writing plays and screenplays. **Camille Crooks** Wright is working as the portfolio strategy development analyst in the Amer-

icas Region for the Hewlett-Packard Imaging and Printing Group. She recently returned to Cornell to conduct finance MBA interviews for HP at the Johnson Graduate School of Management. Her son Nathan graduated in June 2003 from the U. of Washington with a BA in English literature and writing.

My good friend **Sheila Kojm**, M ILR '75, from Bedford, MA, informs me that she is enjoying her new career teaching preschool. We had a lovely visit together in May when I returned to Cambridge, MA, as a Harvard Law alumna to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the admission of women to the august halls of the Harvard Law School. Sheila's husband, **Louis Stuhl**, PhD '78, is the co-founder and co-owner of ChemMotif, a research and development firm for specialty chemical products. Their son **Benjamin '05** will begin undergraduate research in physics this spring. Their daughter Emma has finished field hockey season and is now engaged in indoor track.

All is well with me and mine in dark and snowy Cincinnati. My husband Gerald Greenberg continues to work ridiculous hours closing corporate and finance deals as head of the mergers and acquisitions group at the downtown Cincinnati law firm of Taft, Stettinius & Hollister. Our daughter Allison Greenberg is surviving her sophomore year studying molecular biology at Princeton U. Our son **David Greenberg '05** just completed his fall semester as a student at Cornell-in-Washington. Cornell purchased a building in the 1980s near Washington, DC's Dupont Circle—a fantastic area—and hosts about 45 students there a semester to study public policy or the American experience while working three days a week in internships found by the students. David worked this fall for the Committee on International Relations of the House of Representatives and had a fascinating and fulfilling experience living in the heart of this great urban city, a true contrast to last winter in Ithaca. I highly recommend this program to all Cornell parents. ♦ **Pamela S. Meyers**, psmeys@fuse.net; **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phyllis.grummon@scup.org or phg3@cornell.edu.

**74** First off is the nagging. We need your news—big, little, important, or irrelevant. In December, you all received a mailing asking for a current news update. If you have not done so yet, please take the time to fill it out and send it back to us. In order to do this column, we need your input! Enough said.

**Fred Lockwood** of Lockwood Publications, has launched *Trump World*, the company's newest magazine. It joins seven other trade and niche publications and two trade shows. Joining Lady, Fred's Labrador, is new arrival Penny in their New Rochelle home. **Bonni Schulman** Dutcher, Potomac, MD, has been working for pharmaceutical companies for the past 11 years. She says it is very exciting for her to be working with new cutting edge drugs for cancer. Bonni vacationed in 2002 with **Christine Osbahr** Bingham '75, MPS '81, in London, where they attended the theater and museums. She also

## Behind the Veil

MARY SKARIE '73

**M**ary Skarie makes her home in Kazakhstan, a remote corner of the world that is famous for the Silk Road, Islamic art, and Mongol conquerors. But the Cornell-trained nurse isn't concerned with Central Asia's relics of the past. She's trying to solve a modern problem: since the collapse of the Soviet Union, most people in the region either can't afford or don't have access to health care.

Skarie, a Minnesota native, works with Quality Primary Health Care, a U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) campaign that targets the five former Soviet republics neighboring Afghanistan. In winter 2002, the organization sponsored a competition between local clinic nurses to help families recognize the symptoms of acute respiratory infection and know when to seek treatment. "In this part of the world, people are not expected to know much about self care," says Skarie. "They are surprised when nurses provide health information and expect them to understand and apply these lessons in caring for their families." Other projects have included a program to teach midwives in Kyrgyzstan how to provide birth control, and family medicine retraining for primary physicians.



Since USAID stationed the specialist in public health management in the region three-and-a-half years ago, Skarie estimates that close to fifteen million people have benefited from the campaign's efforts. Though based in Kazakhstan, the public health nurse visits hospitals and clinics throughout Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. "We also focus on community education about the right to choose a doctor and the right to privacy," says Skarie. "In America we take our rights for granted. But these are new ideas in countries that are not democracies."

— Lauren McSherry '02

managed a trip to Spain. **Alan** and **Mary Christofaro Lewis '75** continue the Cornell tradition with daughter **Amy**, who entered in fall '03 as an architecture major. The family resides in Newburgh, NY. Enjoying life on Bainbridge Island, WA, and commuting to his job by motorcycle and ferry is **Sam Hemingway**. Sam is CFO of the investment bank Cascadia Capital in Seattle.

**David Lough** is also enjoying Seattle, where he returned in 1999 to launch his own independent management consulting firm. He says he should have done this years ago! An open invitation to all Cornell classmates to visit his

Napa Valley, CA, winery comes from **John Williams**. The winery, Frog's Leap, is starting its 22nd year. **Marsha Feinman** Byrnes, Lexington, MA, is a very, very proud parent. Younger son Steve won the Siemens Westinghouse Competition in Math, Science and Technology with an original math research paper. The scholarship? A cool \$100,000. Steve will attend Harvard. Older son Dan is no slouch either. He graduated from Columbia. **Elliott Miller** and wife Francine are world travelers when they are not at home in Hewlett Harbor, NY. One of their trips took them to Amsterdam, Holland, where they enjoyed great weather and old European charm.

**Carolyn Gregg Will** writes that her daughter **Erin '01**, who has been with the Four Seasons in Philadelphia, is being transferred to the Four Seasons in Jackson Hole, WY. Carolyn is looking for any local info about the area. She can be reached at [CJWill@aol.com](mailto:CJWill@aol.com). **Mary Berens** caught up with **Molly Miller Ettenger** in November when Molly was on campus to visit her son **Kolb '07**. Molly is a physician in central Pennsylvania and has moved into a new specialty, wound medicine. She and classmate **Jim**

'75, attended the reception in Seattle. Princeton had a tailgate lunch, which was attended by **Robert Boynton** and **Bill Howard**. **Bill Kay**, BS '77, **Mary Berens**, **Virginia Gehshan**, **Arthur Scrutchins**, **Leslie Grey Schneider**, and **Ethel Ziselman** all attended the Philadelphia/Penn tailgate lunch. Please log onto <http://president.events.aad.cornell.edu/> to see what cities President **Lehman** will be visiting in 2004.

**Kurt**, MBA '75, and **Joanne Barsa Kreher** have announced the marriage of their son

work for **Lenscrafters**, **Hardee's**, **Burger King**, **Eastman Kodak**, **Lever Brothers**, and **Nestle**. He has also been honored for his part in previous companies with awards "Agency of the Year" and "Marketer of the Year." **Jon** and wife **Beth (Johnston)** have two kids and will be moving to California from Connecticut.

Reminder: Our 30th Reunion is quickly approaching—June 10-13, 2004. Hope to see you there. ♦ **Linda Meyers Geyer**, [lgdesigns@cox.net](mailto:lgdesigns@cox.net); **Steve Raye**, [SRaye321@aol.com](mailto:SRaye321@aol.com); and **Betsy Beach**, [ebeach@nortelnetworks.com](mailto:ebeach@nortelnetworks.com).

## 'Opt on the side of sharing your life's journey with others.'

KAREN DEMARCO BOROFF '75

**Hatfield**, an endodontist from Summit, NJ, have offered to set up a tent at reunion to offer wound and root canal consultations! **Jim** is also a Cornell parent with two kids on campus: **Meghan '04** and **James '06**. Another couple paying a campus visit to their child, **Barbara '04**, was **Ira** and **Susan Weitz Jaffe '73**. **Susan** and **Ira** suggested that there be a mini-reunion during Commencement Weekend for all '74 classmates with graduating children. Also in November, **Mary** had a chance to visit with **Sharon Foster**, who lives in Syosset and practices law. Her children **Daniel Greenfield '04** and **Nicole Greenfield '06** are currently studying on the Hill. **Peter Robbins**, from Westport, CT, is also a frequent visitor to campus, where his daughter **Sophie** is in Arts and Sciences.

Both **Mary Berens** and **Kris Rupert** sent the following news about classmates attending receptions around the country for our new Cornell president, **Jeff Lehman '77**. These events took place this past fall in NYC (Sept.), Portland (Oct.), Seattle (Oct.), Princeton (Nov.), and Philadelphia (Nov.). **Randy Rosenberg** was at a luncheon in NYC, while **Renee Alexander**, **Gary Bettman**, and **Bill Howard** attended a reception there. **Randy** continues to provide great leadership for the Long Island Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) committee. **Renee** is busy with her work at the New School and lives in Brooklyn. She is also doing a fabulous job of connecting with all of our African-American classmates and urging them to attend reunion this June. **Bill** has recently joined the *Cornell Alumni Magazine* advisory and management committee, so be sure to send any suggestions to him.

In attendance at the Portland reception were: **Mary Berens**, **Barbara Johnson**, **Carole Timpone**, **Mort Bishop**, and **Thomas Keffer**. **Barbara** is a software systems guru working from home. Son **Zack** is in the class of '06. **Carole** is an optician. **Mort** served as host at the reception and is the proud parent of **Elizabeth '07**, who was named Ivy League Rookie of the Year for volleyball by a unanimous vote of the Ivy League coaches. **Colleen McGinn McAleer**, **Zack Mosner**, **Mary Berens**, and **Junichi Tsuji**, BArch

**Michael '00** to **Donna Santoro '01** on June 30, '01. The couple was married in Sage Chapel. Son **Brian** is currently at Cornell in CALS. They stay in touch with **Phil Genetos**, **Andy Levy**, **Cliff Goodman**, **Rick Bauer**, **Paul Tilley**, and **Jay Spiegel**, although they don't get together enough. Enjoying her 50th birthday party this year was **Karen Reamsnyder**, DVM '77, of Taunton, MA. Her sister threw her a great party at a local restaurant, which was attended by **John Priest** and his wife. After her sister's 50th birthday, the two of them traveled to Holland, Switzerland, Belgium (her favorite place), the Alsace region of France, and the Black Forest region of Germany. This European trip ranks second to her trip to Africa. **Linda Meyers Geyer** has joined Century 21 Beachside in Mission Viejo, CA, as a realtor. She has also been busy designing jewelry from vintage beads, which she sells at an antique mall in the area, and was a juried participant with her jewelry in the Irvine Fine Arts Festival this past November.

**Alice Hogan** was a guest lecturer at the 2003-04 Provost's Lecture Series at Kansas State U. in October 2003. Her presentation was entitled "The NSF ADVANCE Program: Increasing the Participation and Advancement of Women in Science and Engineering." **Alice** serves as chair of the committees that design and implement the ADVANCE Program. In order to meet their goals, the program provides award opportunities for both individuals and organizations through Fellows Awards, Institutional Transformation Awards, and Leadership Awards. **Alice** has worked at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy on a detail from the foundation and was responsible for coordinating science and technology efforts with Egypt and the Ukraine. Her career has also involved developing the first cooperative projects between the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and China.

**Jon Tracosas** has become president of Foote Cone and Belding's Southern California office in Irvine. FCB is an advertising agency. **Jon** was previously EVP/general manager for Arnold Worldwide, where he helped solidify the McDonald's business. Past positions have included

**75** Several of our classmates have weathered the college application process for their children and have shared some terrific news with me. **Vicki Hirsch** Rosenthal and husband **Dave** (who is a faculty colleague of mine at Seton Hall U.) report that daughter **Michelle** was accepted early decision to the U. of Pennsylvania. Their good friends **Laurie Michael Roth** and husband **Eric '74** are thrilled that their daughter **Ariel** will be a freshman at Cornell next September in the College of Arts and Sciences. Joining her will be **Sarah Koenig**, daughter of **Scott '73**, PhD '79, and **Robin Michael Koenig**. **Robert** and **Paula Kirschenbaum Stein '76** also had the year end on a high note when their daughter **Joanna** received word of her early acceptance into the ILR school. She'll be joining older sister **Erica**, who is completing her sophomore year at Cornell. I am sure there are other college transactions out there that we would all really enjoy reading about, so please pass these on to one of our correspondents.

Outstanding honors were earned by **Mark Strauss**, BArch '76, a principal of the New York-based architecture firm **Fox and Fowle**. He and his team won a national architecture competition sponsored by the Boston Society of Architects, a competition that asked participants to find practical ways to use the millions of shipping containers that pile up at ports in the US. **Mark's** winning idea proposed the reuse of abandoned containers as low-cost modules for live/work housing units. In addition to his professional work, **Mark** teaches urban design at Pratt Institute and has lectured at New York U., City College in New York, Columbia U., and the U. of Pennsylvania. He is also a Fellow of the Inst. for Urban Design.

Also in the field of architecture comes word from North Carolina about **Kevin Montgomery**, BArch '76. **Kevin** was recently elected president of the North Carolina Board of Architecture, where he has served since 1997, having been appointed by Governor **Hunt**. **Kevin**, the first African American to serve in that capacity in its 86-year history, is Director of Architecture at **O'Brien/Atkins Associates**, located in Research Triangle Park in North Carolina. His professional activities also include active committee involvement on the National Council of Architecture Registration Boards and as an alumni interviewer for Cornell. Congratulations!

**Mary Lou Guerinot** assumed the presidency of the American Society of Plant Biologists, following an election by her peers in the

national and international science community. Mary Lou is a professor in the biological sciences department at Dartmouth College, having earned tenure there in 1991. From 1994 to 1998, she was chair of the biological sciences department, and promoted to full professor during that time. Her research interests are in the area of metal transport and regulation of gene expression by metals. She has focused on iron because increasing the ability of plants to take up iron could have dramatic impact both on plant nutrition and human health. In fact, iron deficiency afflicts more than three billion people worldwide. In addition to her work with the American Society of Plant Biologists, Mary Lou is a member of the National Science Foundation Advisory Board for Biological Sciences. Wonderful news!

More newsmakers include **Neil Getnick**, JD '78, who was recently quoted in the *New York Times* for his thoughts on business fraud litigation. Neil was commenting on the topic of releasing documents of Enron CEO Kenneth Lay.

Our classmates have stayed connected with Cornell by attending the many events nationwide for Cornellians. A "Meet the New President" night (technically called "Rolling Out the Big Red Carpet") was sponsored by the Seattle, WA, alumni. In attendance was **Bradley Marten**, who works for MartenBrown in Seattle, and **Mark Stepich**, a program manager for Expedea Inc., also in Seattle.

Many '75ers took in the Cornell-Princeton football game in November. Exchanging news was **Sheila Cromwell**, who lives in Bronxville, NY. **Joanne Bicknese**, DVM '78, is now with Bristol-Myers Squibb in Lawrenceville, NJ. When not working (which is pretty rare!), she is busy fox hunting and showing horses. Drop her an e-mail at locustwoodfarm@optonline.net. **Cynthia Coulter** George (cgeorge@sgcfam.com) practices family law in Greenwich, CT. Her daughter Caroline is a high school junior. Big brother Dan is a junior at George Washington U. Her sister **Pam Coulter** Mason '76 was in attendance with husband Mike and sons Link and Jake. Most of us in the New York area can hear Pam on the radio, bringing us up-to-date on news from the Washington, DC, area. Cindy's parents, Cecilia and **William Coulter** '45, BS '49, also enjoyed the game.

**Joan Milbauer** Hussler (jbm18@cornell.edu) was in attendance also. She is a consultant in the nutrition field, living in Bellmore, NY. **Nancy Gross** Osborn saw the game, but since she works at Princeton, we're not sure for whom she was rooting! **Susan Todes** Perl is involved with the Cornell Alumni Club at Princeton, and is a consultant for VISComp systems there. **Jeanne Fattori** Reinig's son **Scott** is a senior at Cornell, and younger brother Christopher is a junior at Georgia Tech. **Eric Rosenblum** is an EVP for American Properties Realty and resides in Princeton Junction. Make a resolution to go to a Cornell football game—terrific family fun and a great way to meet some old friends and make a few new ones.

**Charles Temel** gave a presentation entitled "Honey, I Shrank the Portfolio" at the Cornell

Club-New York this past October. Charles is a certified investment management analyst and senior VP, investments with UBS Financial Services. **J. Russell Jinishian** is the publisher of *Marine Art Quarterly* and is director of the Mystic Maritime Gallery in Mystic, CT.

A few of us continued our learning by taking advantage of Cornell's Adult University (CAU) last summer. Attendees included **John Abeles**, ME '76, **Mitch Frank**, **Robert Gross**, **Heidi Kargman** Hirsh, **Susan Siegel** Katz, **Marykate Owens**, and **David Smith** '78 and wife Joann. The most popular course: The Birth of Rock and Roll. I wonder if these attendees also enjoyed the movie *School of Rock*.

I just returned from a business trip to China. My husband Joel and our children, son Alex, 14, and daughter Austen, 11, traveled as well. This was our first visit to this exciting country and the visit was beyond belief. We traveled to Beijing, visiting the U. of International Business and Economics there, to Wuhan U. (celebrating its 110th anniversary) in Wuhan, and to DongHua U. in Shanghai. The people we met were generous and welcoming. Alex got a big kick out of dining with a member of the Communist Party, and Austen chuckled when she saw pizza with chicken and peanuts on the Pizza Hut menu in Beijing. Growing up as we did during the Cold War, I would never have imagined traveling to China. Construction is everywhere, with its blessings and its drawbacks. Billboards abound, and the cell phone is ubiquitous.

A closing word from those of you who read our column, but are shy about contributing a line or two to our column—get over it! All of us enjoy reading about each other, no matter what we may be doing. Let's face it, our lives run the gamut from the really plain and simple to the wonderful moments of pride for our own accomplishments and those of our children. It's hard to know when your bit of news (about a broken leg, a new puppy, a grandchild—yes, a grandchild—or whatever) can be a touchstone for someone else, so opt on the side of sharing your life's journey with others. ♦ **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, boroffka@shu.edu; **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com; **Mitch Frank**, mjfgator@aol.com; and **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com.

**76** **Rob Hellman** and **Laurey Mogil**, our class co-presidents, received a letter to our class from **Miranda Pugh**, the student recipient of our Class of 1976 Cornell Tradition Fellowship. In her letter she talks about her background, describes herself before arriving at Cornell as "a small-town girl from southeastern Oklahoma... with very little confidence, a substandard education, but a passion to succeed," and her Cornell experience, and closes with this thought: "Without it [the Fellowship], I would not have been able to have the experiences that have brought me to my senior year. It has made my experience at Cornell greater than I ever expected, and continues to do so. Thank you again." As Rob and Laurey said, "Those funds may not get our class inscribed on a building or

classroom, but they provide us with an opportunity to create a truly special legacy." So thank you, fellow '76ers!

The news from our classmates: **David Miller** writes, "I read through the tired eyes of a new dad the pronouncements of the new empty-nesters and wonder how many of us will still be around when it is my turn to gloat." He proudly announces the birth of his daughter Sarah on Oct. 1, '03. He and wife Rebecca were married on April 26. David still owns and operates Miller's Pharmacy (75 years and counting) in Wyckoff, NJ, and plays his French horn in various orchestras in Manhattan for fun. **Adrienne Weiss-Harrison**, MD '79, and husband Andrew are relishing the new joys of empty-nesterhood, having recently deposited their youngest daughter Rachel at Emory U. in Atlanta. They have become avid followers of the Big Red crew, as their son **Mark** '04 is the varsity heavyweight coxswain.

**Kathleen M. Sullivan**, the law school dean at Stanford U., recently announced her decision to complete her deanship at the close of her five-year term as of Sept. 1, '04. She will direct the new Stanford Constitutional Law Center. **Charles J. Moll III** assumed the leadership position of the State Bar of California Tax Section. He is a partner in the San Francisco office of Morrison & Foerster, a leading international law firm. **David Smith** became Chancellor of Texas Tech U. System in May 2002. His wife **Donna Bacchi** is assoc. prof. of pediatrics at Texas Tech U. Health Science Center, working on tobacco prevention and control issues. Their son **Chris** '02 graduated from Cornell, and after a year working for the Texas State Legislature, entered U. of Texas Law School this past fall. **Victoria Gonzalez** Ingber is an active attorney involved in the international arts field for over 19 years. Being fluent in both Spanish and English, she concentrates in representing preeminent foreign artists, writers, poets, musicians, dance troupes, etc. Her husband Clifford is her law partner. They live in Greenwich, CT, with their daughters Juliet, 16, and Rachel, 13.

**Nancy Dillon Beukenkamp**, BArch '77, and husband **Felix** '75 have carried on the Cornell tradition with their oldest daughter graduating from A&S in Anthropology in '03, and their youngest daughter entering A&S in the Class of '07. Their middle two daughters attend Spring Hill College in Mobile, AL, making them empty-nesters last fall. Felix is playing championship tennis in regional mixed doubles, and Nancy is going for a PhD in art education. **Debra Venner** is an anesthesiologist practicing in Atlanta, GA. She is married to Douglas Isenstein, a pulmonologist. They have children ages 9 and 11. **Ed Julie** writes that he is married with wonderful children Cory, 18, who started at Brandeis U. this fall, and Jackie, 17, and Ben, 14, who attend Solomon Schechter Day School. Ed is the head of a four-man cardiology group in Clifton, NJ. **Charles Schlumberger** notes that the mid-life crisis has passed—he had a double hernia operation, grew a goatee, bought a pick-up truck, and changed law firms in the last year. He still says, "GO BIG RED."

**Charles Andersen** is finishing his first year as president and CEO of Transco Inc., a company that is involved in railroad freightcar repair and engineered thermal insulation systems, passive fire protection systems, and specialized fabrication for nuclear applications. Wife **Amy (Camardo)** is volunteering with the kids' high school band, fundraising for a chaperoned band trip to Orlando in March, and is involved in PEO, an organization devoted to furthering women's education. Their son Eric, 18, an Illinois State Scholar, is at Duke, and daughter Carrie, 16, plays percussion in high school and varsity badminton and is looking at colleges (including Cornell). Charlie and Amy enjoyed getting together with **John** and Rosellen **Hayner** and **Skip** and Rhonda **Newman** when the Glee Club performed in Chicago in January.

**Lisa Wax Breit** started working toward a doctorate at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. She is still employed half-time at the Watertown Public Schools. Along with raising her kids, she finds it an exciting and challenging experience to be a student again at mid-life and notes that her fellow students are young enough to be her kids! Lisa says the values and perspectives she gained as an undergraduate at Cornell in the Human Ecology program still inform her work and have influenced her choice to stay in public service. **Theodore Casper** is assistant clinical professor of medicine at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Chief of Pulmonary Medicine at New York Westchester Square Medical Center, and a managing partner of Pulmonary Medicine PC, a private four-physician group specializing in pulmonary and critical care medicine. He and wife Linda have daughter Jessica, who is a freshman at U. of Pennsylvania, and son Benjamin, who is a junior in high school.

**Alfred "Big Al" Bentley** is a mosquito control specialist who recently retired from state work in Florida, but is currently employed full-time with the county. He and wife Erica have a daughter Andrea, who received her JD from Howard U. in May 2002 and is currently practicing in a private law firm in Washington DC. Al sends his sincere regards and good wishes to all! **Stephanie Mann** Nealer had a wonderful surprise birthday party in March (she won't say which birthday!), thrown by her loving husband Kevin. Among other family and friends, it was attended by **Donald** and **Mary Ann Steele Van Duyn** and **Lori Keenan** and husband Sean McGuinness. The party was at the Metropolitan Club in Washington, DC.

**Janet Tompkins** Rydell is still employed by Toyota Motor Credit Corp as cash manager. She's been with Toyota for more than 19 years. She says her kids are growing up, with daughter Stephanie entering middle school and son David, 8, on his own at the local elementary school. Her husband Jack is a civil engineer. Janet is looking forward to celebrating her 30th Reunion with her niece **Audra Lifson '01**, as she helps co-chair her fifth. And finally, **Sonia B. Richards** is a physician and became the proud mother of son Dominick Skyler Richards, born on Feb. 21, '03.

As news comes in we will pass it on for all

to share. Be well and happy! ♦ **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, [krinsk54@aol.com](mailto:krinsk54@aol.com); **Pat Relf** Hanavan, [relf@aol.com](mailto:relf@aol.com); and **Lisa Diamant**, [ljdiamant@aol.com](mailto:ljdiamant@aol.com).

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The thing I love about this column is the opportunity to hear from friends I thought I had lost touch with. One such person is **Marc Schlusel**, MBA '78, whom I haven't seen for years. Marc and I traveled in the same circle while we were single in New York City, sharing a group house on Fire Island and attending all the night club parties hosted by Cornell or any other Ivy League alumni association whose parties we could crash. The last time I spent any real time with Marc was when he and then-pregnant wife Ronni spent a chilly winter weekend in New Hope with me (also pregnant) and my husband Ken. Marc and his family live in Teaneck, NJ, where he is a partner with Key Properties LLC, a real estate development firm. He was recently appointed to the Teaneck Economic Development Corp., which is responsible for attracting, retaining, and developing business to Teaneck. Last summer Marc, Ronnie, and two of their three children attended Adult University (CAU). The kids loved being on campus, and the camp program left Marc and Ronnie with the freedom to enjoy Ithaca. Their oldest daughter spent the summer in Israel.

I also received a holiday card from sorority sister **Cathy Marschean** Spivak ([catherine\\_marschean\\_spivak@campbellsoup.com](mailto:catherine_marschean_spivak@campbellsoup.com)). She and husband John recently relocated to Boothwyn, PA, when Cathy accepted a job with the Campbell Soup Co. They have one daughter in college, and the other is in high school. Now that Marc's note has sent me into full memory replay, I find it hard to fathom the number of years—no, the decades—that have passed since I trekked up three flights of stairs to see Cathy's newly decorated studio apartment on East 89th St. in New York. Cathy had replicated the decor in a magazine spread, doing it on a junior food designer's salary. That decorating concept is now a popular television show!

Right after writing the above, I opened my file of class News Forms and the top form was from Cathy. If I wasn't sure that was a Twilight Zone moment, I became convinced when I read that Cathy's daughter Beth is attending the U. of Rhode Island to study interior design. Of all my memories of Cathy, how bizarre that the one that should come to mind now is the one about her decorating her apartment! **Rosalind Rustigian** ([vgrugs@aol.com](mailto:vgrugs@aol.com)) is also living in Rhode Island. She has an oriental rug business in Providence and states that she is "happy to help any alum needing decorating assistance." She'll even provide an education about the art while she's helping. Roz is still in touch with **Bruce Ross**, MPS '77, who is in California, **Dewitt Davenport '76**, and **Laurie Hander** Leahy, who is still doing catering.

Moving to News Forms from the West Coast, **Fred Stellato** ([OopsDaisyFred@aol.com](mailto:OopsDaisyFred@aol.com)) lives in Modesto, CA, and is starting to plan for his retirement. **Algy** and **Nancy Garmus Green-**

**lee** ([nandagreenlee@attbi.com](mailto:nandagreenlee@attbi.com)) still live in Sacramento, CA. Algy works for Blue Diamond Growers as their retail business manager, and Nancy has her own landscape design company. They have a daughter Rachel (a junior in high school) and a son Benjamin (in 8th grade). Nancy and Algy were married in Sage Chapel 23 years ago and hope the kids want to go to Cornell, even though they are not sure they could handle having them so far away. **Linda Applebaum** Haumann ([laumann@earthlink.net](mailto:laumann@earthlink.net)) is a life coach with her own firm, Powerlight Coaching ([www.powerlightcoaching.com](http://www.powerlightcoaching.com)). Her husband Dave works for PIXAR and they have children Marc in high school and Rebecca in middle school. In 2002, **Mark Zamoyski**, MBA '78 ([zamoyski@isp.net](mailto:zamoyski@isp.net)), was awarded five biomedical patents, including one for locally injectable chemotherapeutics, one for a treatment for psoriasis, one for an apoptotic epidermal chemexfoliant, and one for a chemotherapeutic regimen for endocrine-dependent cancers. Mark also has a number of other patents pending for treatments for regenerating limbs and organs and treatments against cancers and airborne viral epidemics. Mark founded NexGen Biomedical Inc. ([nexgenbio.com](http://nexgenbio.com)) to commercialize some of his patents. Mark earned both his BS and an MBA from Cornell.

**Natalie Schwartz** ([natstarmd@aol.com](mailto:natstarmd@aol.com)) could find some of Mark's patents useful. She is a physician with a specialty in endocrinology and also is primary care director at New York Hospital, Queens. Natalie, her husband, and their sons Richard, 14, and Kenneth, 11, live in Oyster Bay Cove, NY. She is in touch with many Cornell alumni, including **Jeri Hassman**, a psychiatrist with one son and one daughter; **Sally Satel**, a psychiatrist and published author; **Beth Goldstein '76**, a dental pathologist with three daughters; **Mitchell Kornet '76**, DVM '79, who is her dog's veterinarian; and **Karen Green**, a dermatologist with a daughter in Nat's son's class.

**Michelle Goldberg** Mosner lives in Nanuet, NY. She has a five-year grant to coordinate the New York State Osteoporosis Prevention and Education Program, headquartered at Helen Hayes Hospital in West Haverstraw, NY. The program disseminates current, evidence-based information to consumers and healthcare professionals. Michelle's husband **Michael '78** is president of David Mosner Inc., a wholesale veal and lamb distributor located in the Bronx. Michelle and Michael have children Ben, 23, Jessica, 18, Seth, 15, and Rebecca, 8, and are actively involved in the Rockland County Cornell Alumni Assn. Michelle finds it "exciting to meet the exceptional potential candidates for admission to Cornell and a wonderful way to stay in touch with and give back to the university."

The US Navy has announced that classmate Rear Admiral **Stephen Pietropaoli** has completed three years of service as the Navy's Chief of Information. In this role, he oversaw all aspects of the Navy's public affairs program. His naval career spanned a variety of public affairs assignments, including two tours with the Pentagon's Navy Office of Information. Stephen is credited for his influence on the Dept. of De-

fense during Operation Iraqi Freedom, getting them to change their policy with respect to civilian journalists, by allowing the journalists to operate alongside US and allied troops on the frontlines and on board ships. He has been influential in generating a paradigm shift among top naval leadership with respect to the role of public affairs. According to Stephen, "The Navy now recognizes that public affairs needs to be an integrated part of the decision-making process."

**Debbie Demske** lives in Potomac, MD, with husband Harry Fox and their 7-year-old son Benjamin. Debbie writes strategy for Hewlett-Packard. **Warren "King Man" Kingsley** (warren.kingsley@agg.com) lives in Jonesboro, GA, where he is a partner in the Arnall Golden Gregory LLP law firm. After graduating from Cornell, Warren earned a JD (*cum laude*) from the U. of Miami Law School and an LLM in Taxation from Emory U. During his four years at Cornell, Warren was manager of the varsity football team (all four years) and of the varsity hockey team for our senior year, when they were Ivy League champions. Warren had continued his interest in sports and is president of the Jonesboro High School Touchdown Club and is a Little League Baseball Coach. He's been married 23 years and has children Stuart, 18, Valerie, 15, and Garrett, 11.

**Michael Brizel**, JD '80, lives in New York City and is senior VP and general counsel for the Reader's Digest Assn. Inc. **Stewart and Lisa Babitz Greisman** (ellgeorge@aol.com) also live in NYC and are the proud parents of Jill, 15, Jack, 11, and **Laura**, who is a member of the Cornell Class of '06 in Arts and Sciences. When they first took Laura to Cornell, Lisa and Stewart were pleased to recognize a number of other alumni who also had children going to Cornell. **John Mabey** (cbigred77@yahoo.com) and wife Christine became the proud parents of Cara Gabrielle on Sept. 5, '02. John's enduring Cornell spirit is evidenced by the fact that Cara had already attended four Cornell men's hockey games by the time she was 3 months old. This is no small feat, given the fact that the Mabey family lives in Livonia, MI! ♦ **Lorrie Panzer Rudin**, lorrie\_b\_rudin@fanniema.com; or **Howie Eisen**, eisenh@tuhs.temple.edu.

**78** Pam Marrone celebrated her 25th wedding anniversary this year with husband **Michael "Mick" Rogers**. They got married one week before graduation. Pam has spent the last year raising more venture capital money for her company, AgraQuest. Mick is employed as a child therapist at Sutter Health's Child Guidance Clinic. They reside in Davis, CA. **Stephen Price** and wife Lisa live in Jackson, WY, and recently adopted two boys from Russia. Their older daughter Ryann is at Wellesley College in Massachusetts. **Steve Mermey**, MBA '79, recently bought back his firm with a group of partners. They still do business as the Michael Allen Co. and are located in Westport, CT. In his spare time, Steve likes to fish, collect wine, golf, and play tennis. He enjoys watching his 15-year-old son play sports and his 12-year-old daughter perform.

**Margaret "Peggy" (or "Madge") Butkercit** is in graduate school finishing a PsyD in psychology. Her research is in the assessment of traumatized school children and she has won several awards, including one from the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies. Peggy currently works in a day treatment setting with traumatized children and children with other severe mental disorders. She hopes to enter a post-doctorate position to further her

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research skills. Navy Capt. **Gary Hicks** completed a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf as chief of staff of a group attached to the aircraft carrier USS *George Washington*. After receiving his bachelor's from Cornell, he went on to receive a master's degree from the Naval War College in Rhode Island in 1992.

**Carla Rawcliffe** Lafayette (CJL43@aol.com) and husband Danny are in the hotel business in Hampden, ME, even though, as Carla puts it, "I did not study in the world's best hotel school while I was at Cornell!" She said they're always looking for great hotel managers, if any Hoteliers think Maine or New Hampshire sound like great places to live. The Lafayettes have four children. **Gail Besner** (besnerg@chi.osu.edu), who lives in Dublin, OH, is a professor of pediatric surgery at Children's Hospital in Columbus. Her husband, David Brigstock, is a scientist and they have children Mathew, 9, and Nicole, 6. As a family they enjoy gardening, traveling, antique collecting, music, and ice hockey. In addition to Gail's busy clinical practice, she heads a research program, funded by the National Institutes of Health, to study the effects of growth factors on intestinal ischemia/reperfusion injury.

**Marcia Lynn Schurer** (mlschurer@culinaryconnections.net) has been running her company, Culinary Connections, for 16 years. She consults to retailers, manufacturers, and foodservice operations. Living in Chicago, Marcia is also active in women's food-related organizations, such as Women's Foodservice Forum, Women Chef & Restaurateurs, Les Dames D'Escoffier, and Network of Executive Women. She's trying to track women's careers in the food industry and would love to hear what Cornell classmates have been doing since they graduation. **Eva Wu** expressed her regrets at missing the 25th and every other class reunion since the timing just hasn't worked out. She's living in Winston-Salem, NC, working as a freelance marketing consultant, and is married with two children. She writes, "I majored in nutrition and communication, and to that I say at least I cook well and respond to e-mail within 24 hours!"

**Stuart Cordell** (scordell@warrenyoung.com) admits that he envies his daughter **Elise**, who started at Cornell last fall. "I didn't remember the admission process being this stressful," says Stuart, noting that it's probably worse for a parent. He and his family are looking forward to making frequent trips between their home in Painesville, OH, and Ithaca. After moving back to the US from Hong Kong in 2002, **Eugenie Shen** (eshen@hotmail.com) started a consulting prac-

tice in New York, China Advisory Group, which advises US companies that do business in China.

**Matt Sadinsky** (matt@sosintl.com) made a presentation on "Tribal Learning" and attended the Southwestern region meeting of the American Power Dispatchers Assn. in Albuquerque, NM, in October and had a great time at the 32nd Annual Hot Air Balloon Fiesta. Second daughter Jordana Sara is spending the first half of her junior year in Israel and having a great time studying and living on a kibbutz north of Jerusalem and traveling in Europe. He thanks Israel resident **Diana Bletter** for her encouragement and guidance at the reunion. Nine-year-old Madison Rose is dancing the "Nutcracker" and grateful her costume does not have a tail this year. Carson Maier, 6, keeps losing teeth, and Jackson Henry, 3, thinks maybe he can help Yankee pitching in a few years. Matt writes that he has been doing organization development consulting and training in the energy field. "Had nothing to do with the blackout Aug. 14, '03. Promise."

**John DePolo**, living in Atlanta, has been married to Lorraine since 1989, and they have two boys. He said they would have liked to attend the reunion last June but "a confluence of events (travel schedules, young children, and Dad's business being quite dormant)" prevented them from attending. ♦ **Eileen Brill** Wagner, brillcon@aol.com; **Pepi F. Leids**, pleids@aol.com.

**79** It is hard to believe that reunion is only a few short months away. **Brad and Mary Maxon Grainger**, MPS '87, and the reunion committee have been working diligently for months to plan the best 25th Reunion ever. Maybe you have had the opportunity to attend regional events over the past year or have simply gotten together with old friends. Do you recall how much fun you had? Now is the time to make those plans and be a part of Reunion 2004. The class officers and your friends would love to see you there.

**Aubrey Charasz** (acharasz@msn.com) writes that he is looking forward to seeing pro-

fessors and classmates at reunion. He is chief of anesthesiology at St. Joseph's Medical Center. Aubrey and wife Diana live in Great Neck, NY, and have boys Nathaniel, 1, Adin, 3, and Daniel, 6. **Robert Rockower** (marathon1979@cox.net) continues to work as a family practice physician for a local group in Ocala, FL. He has children Josh, 16, Alissa, 14, and Brett, 6. He was divorced in May 2003 and has a new address at 2920 SW 41st Place in Ocala.

Also in family practice is **Julie Jones**, who has been practicing in Lancaster, PA, for 17 years. She writes that the babies she cared for when she first started are now driving and entering college. Julie and husband Rick have a daughter Katy and son Alex. The entire family is active at Trinity Lutheran Church and the kids are involved in marching band, riding, soccer, and music. Julie hopes to see **Rebecca Maron Mazin**, **Karen Matrunich**, **Judy Gelber**, and **Dale Feuer** at reunion. **Elizabeth Mort Calcagni** (emort@partners.org) has been in Boston since 1982 where she is the associate chief medical officer at Massachusetts General Hospital. She married David, an anesthesiologist, in January 2003. They live on a farm 45 miles west of Boston and raise English pointers for grouse hunting. **Ronald Dworkin** writes that he is a specialist in infectious diseases in Portland, OR. He is married and has one child and can be reached at drdwork@comcast.net.

Congratulations to **Eileen Nelson Kraeger** (kraeger@lemoyne.edu), who graduated in September 2003 from the physician assistant program at LeMoyne College in Syracuse, NY. She is practicing at Samaritan Medical Center in the Ambulatory Surgery Unit. She and husband **Paul** celebrated their 25th anniversary on June 10, '03. Paul has been promoted to VP of administrative services/finance at Samaritan Medical Center. Eileen and Paul have sons Brandon, 18, a freshman at Syracuse in architecture; Justin, 21, a junior at American U. in international business and finance; and Brent, 23, graduated from Tulane in 2002 and working in Boston.

**Gary Dulberg** (gsdulberg@comcast.net) is working as in-house counsel for a large medical group practicing in the areas of employment and healthcare law. He met his Swedish wife Eva-Marie on a kibbutz in Israel more than 20

years ago. Their son Joshua is in high school, and daughter Erika is in fourth grade. Gary writes that both children are active in soccer. Erika is a classic tomboy who was invited to the birthday parties of all the boys in her class last year. Gary lives in Lafayette, CA, and keeps in touch with **Jamie Tenser** (Tucson, AZ) and the one and only Captain Kush, aka **Barry Kush-elowitz**. "During my senior year, I lived with both Captain Kush, editor of *The Hedonist*, and **Joey Green '80**, of the infamous *Cornell Lunatic*. Living in a household with dueling college humor magazines was memorable at all times (at least those times I can recall)." Also living in California is **Sue Fishkoff** (sfish1998@aol.com). Sue reports that she published her first book, *Inside the World of Chabad-Lubavitcha* (Schocken Books, April 2003).

**Matthew Witte**, BArch '79 (mattwitte@INDX.com) writes from Laguna Beach, CA, that he began his second career as a venture capitalist in 1993 when he started a private fund, Marwit Capital. Two years ago he took a sabbatical from the "deals" business to run one of the portfolio companies, becoming Chairman/CEO of INDX Software Corp. He and wife **Lizanne** have children ages 15, 13, and 10. The Wittes have built a new home at the beach midway between Los Angeles and San Diego and have become Californians for the foreseeable future. Matt recently saw **Doug Hayward** at a wedding on Mackinac Island, MI.

**Michael Harris** (mjh52@cornell.edu) is looking forward to reunion and hopes to attend Alpha Sigma Phi events. He has been happily married for 19 years and has one 17-year-old son. Michael lives in Leesburg, VA, where he founded a construction claims consulting business in 2000. In his spare time he enjoys skiing, boating, swimming, and mountain bike racing. Also excited about reunion is **Tracy Pajeski** Hewlett (hewletts@bellsouth.net). Tracy lives in Benton, LA, on a 200-acre horse farm where she boards, trains, and breeds about 60 horses. The farm hosts monthly competitions and clinics. Twice a year they host a nationally recognized horse trials, drawing over 200 horses from around the country. Tracy has two children who are in college at Louisiana State U. and Florida. She is hoping that her third child will be a Cornellian.

**Ken Wilson** (wkmba@zoominternet.net) and wife Mimi celebrated their 20th anniversary in 2003. They are the parents of children Becca, 13, and Andrew, 11. The family lives in Zelienople, PA, a small town in the western part of the state. Ken recently returned from a short-term mission trip in Russia, and is in the process of having a Bible study booklet published, entitled "In Search of God." He has spent 15 years working as a bridge engineer and project manager for Michael Baker Corp. He had the opportunity to visit Ithaca last summer to attend a weekend reunion with 20 Cornell friends. **Debra Doncov** (debbiedoncov@ft.newyorklife.com) writes from Auburndale, MA, that she is still volunteering for the Big Sister program. She loves what she does and feels it is a great way to make a difference in a child's life.

**Michael Feinberg** (labrelig@aol.com) was ordained a rabbi in 1989 and is the executive director of the Greater NY Labor-Religion Coalition, a nonprofit advocacy organization. He is married to Josie Glausiusz, a British journalist. They lived in the United Kingdom from 1987 to 1994 and have traveled in the Mideast, Eastern Europe, North Africa, and Central Asia. Also living in NYC is **Peg Caldwell-Ott**. Peg is the science chairperson at St. Bernard's School. She has been there for 12 years and has been teaching for 22 years overall. Peg is also coordinating The Keg, St. Bernard's Yearbook Centennial Edition.

**Jeff Berg**, MS '80, MBA '81 (jfb14@cornell.edu) attended Trustee/Council Weekend, October 16-19, and saw classmates **Brian Miller**, **Ginger So**, **Dwight Bush**, Mary and Brad Grainger, **Karen Jewett**, **Doug Leone**, and **Jennifer Engel Young**. He enjoyed all the festivities associated with President **Jeffrey Lehman '77's** inauguration. Jeff also hosted a pre-reunion cocktail party on October 12 with about 20 classmates and spouses. You can see pictures of the event on the class website. He and his family are looking forward to a December 2003 Adult University (CAU) trip to Costa Rica. He hopes to join **Brian Miller**, **Jennifer Engel Young**, and **Lee Kowalsky '78** on the trip.

With reunion drawing ever closer, I hope that you will contact your old friends and encourage them to attend. If you need to find an updated address for them, check out the online Alumni Directory on the [www.alumni.cornell.edu](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu) website. You'll also find that the website features electronic postcards, which might be fun ways to send messages to friends you want to encourage to meet you on campus next June 10-13 for our very special 25th Reunion! If you need help locating someone, feel free to contact reunion chair, Mary Grainger (mmg7@cornell.edu, 607-257-3268) or class VP **Karen Mineo** (kam6@cornell.edu, (609)520-2025). You can also communicate with your class correspondents about locating long-lost friends and other news. You can use the class e-mail address, [classof79@cornell.edu](mailto:classof79@cornell.edu), or contact us directly. Please keep your news coming so we have lots to write about before reunion. ♦ **Kathy Zappia** Gould, [rdgould@suscom.net](mailto:rdgould@suscom.net); and **Cindy Ahlgren** Shea, [cynthiashea@hotmail.com](mailto:cynthiashea@hotmail.com).

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**80** If class notes had titles, this one would be called "Against All Odds." It all started a few weeks ago when our contacts at the alumni magazine forwarded me a frighteningly thin packet of news from our fellow alums—three items, one of which was a change of address, and another of which was a press release complete with a 4x6 glossy. Not really the stuff of which great columns are made.

My co-correspondent Jill and I had encountered this before and had started brainstorming a few ways to drum up news. Unfortunately, we had no results in time for this deadline. So I resorted to the old ruse of e-mailing a group of classmates, using my old class directory from our 20th Reunion. That worked in August, but I was delayed this time, searching for my elusive copy of the directory. Once found, I was able to e-mail everyone from C to F (about 150 classmates) before time ran out. In August, I received a great response—news of everything from new jobs, great concerts, and mini-reunions. This time, I received only a few responses, one of which was from the previously mentioned "change of address" asking me to keep it for record only. I guess even the Class of '80 has candidates in the "Witness Protection Program."

So here goes. Good news for **Mitchell Richman**, who was named to the House of Delegates of the American Assn. of Homes and Services for the Aging. He is the group executive director of ACTS Retirement-Life Communities in West Point, PA. Congratulations! All kinds of good news for **Laura Chessin**, BFA '81. In 2003 she received tenure in the Communication Design department at Virginia Commonwealth U., had a son on June 18, and married Don Leister, the happy daddy! **Debby Chessin Dabney** '75, MS '82, **Seth Dabney, PhD** '82, and **Gregg Garfin** '79 attended the wedding. Laura's nephew **Seth Chessin Dabney** missed the wedding due to his freshman orientation for the Class of 2007! Best wishes and lots of happiness to you all! **Chuck D'Angelo's** wife Lucy writes that her brother just bought a house in New Jersey ski country and they hope to get out there in the summer. Hope to see them soon!

In response to my SOS, **Peggy Hoffmann Connolly** wrote that her eldest daughter Erin is in her second year at the U. of Pittsburgh. She joined AmeriCorps and worked as a childcare teacher for several months. Peggy and husband **Hugh**, BArch '81, made the rounds of several colleges in upstate New York for daughter number 2, Hope, who is a junior in high school. With a 1570 on her SAT-I and a 100-plus GPA, Cornell is a definite possibility for her! Hugh is busy, busy, busy with work. His firm was awarded a project for a school in Newark for which he wrote the proposal and did the design. He became certified in LEED, which is Leadership in Environmental Education and Design. Green buildings are in vogue. He joined his Souvenir Building Collector's society for their annual convention, this time in Gettysburg, where they had a private tour of the city battlefield. Thanks for the update, Peggy!

As for me, it has been a challenging few

months. I've had to deal with a serious illness in the family and have been spending a lot of time with doctors and driving my dad around to various appointments, in addition to helping take care of my mom. Everything else seems to have taken a back seat—work, socializing, and, sometimes, family. It has been a truly enlightening experience, but I must say that I may be witnessing a miracle as Dad continues to thrive. I am really thankful for my blessings, which include friends like **Nayla Rizk** and **Sue Poschmann**, who have been a great support during this ordeal.

Nayla, by the way, is enjoying her new home. She moved a short distance, still in California. I am looking forward to seeing the new place and enjoying her visits to the East Coast. Sue is still renovating her house in Massachusetts. That should be a masterpiece by the time she is done!

That's all for now. It's nice to hear news from everyone. Remember, it doesn't have to be earth shattering. Most of us just want to know that you are still alive and kicking. If you've had a great success, we want to hear about that, too, but it's not a requirement for making good news. ♦ **Cynthia Addonizio**-Bianco, caa28@cornell.edu; **Jill Abrams** Klein, jfa22@cornell.edu.

**81** I have to admit that I struggle with the pen every so often, trying to write the class column. I want to remind everyone that your classmates would love to hear news of you and it doesn't need to be something earth-shattering! Our classmates like to hear about you—where you live, what you're doing, or even a funny story about you or a classmate. Our goal as correspondents is to provide updates about as many different people as possible, but that is where we need YOU! Just drop us a note with your class dues, or send it to one or all of the correspondents via email.

I was delighted to hear from **Daniel Weisz** around Thanksgiving. He had recently entered into a law partnership, Marans & Weisz LLC, specializing in transactional real estate law and related areas of practice. His office is located at 29 Broadway in New York City. He keeps in touch with **Oscar Perotto** '82 who lives in Switzerland. Also in New York, **Rhonda Brauer** is living in Greenwich Village with husband Greg and children Jillian, 9, and Justin, 6. Rhonda is still in the legal department of the New York Times Company and was promoted to corporate secretary this past year. In her free time she manages to volunteer at her children's school, PS 130, in Chinatown.

From Dalton, NY, **Rodney Bennett** wrote that he and wife Michelle celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary this past year. They still own and operate the family dairy farm. Rodney was elected Majority Leader of the county legislature and is also president of the Fillmore Rotary Club. Congrats to **Daniel Fenton**, who was promoted to President/CEO of the San Jose Convention and Visitors Bureau. He has been with the Bureau since 1996 as the organization's vice president and COO. Daniel, who was a

Hotelier at Cornell, worked with Hyatt Hotels, Amfac Hotels and Resorts, and the Radisson. Later in his career he worked for six years as general manager and partner of Horton Fenton and Associates, an organization specializing in hotel management and affordable housing. He also spearheaded his own company, DNF Group, that owned and operated restaurants. He was ranked one of this past year's "Power 100 of Silicon Valley" by *San Jose Magazine*. He is married to Denise Rainoldi and lives in San Jose, CA.

Life is full for **Chris Crehan**, whose company Pegasus Mortgage Services is located in Franklin, MA. Chris reports that his eldest, a daughter, is a high school senior and he knows too much when it comes to his daughter attending her high school proms. "Gadzooks!" as he put it. I think I'd have to agree. . . **Alison** "Bonnie" **Spear**, BArch '82, reports from Miami, FL, that life is busy with her children, son Jeremy in 7th grade and daughter Caroline in 1st grade. Alison received awards for her design projects in Miami, including the Holly Hunt Showroom and the private residence of Tom Healy and Fred Hochberg. She volunteers at the Miami Performing Arts Center and sees fellow Cornellians **Jamie Lustberg** and **Tui Pranich** '79, BArch '81, frequently.

**Jim Kent** of Winchester, VA, was promoted to Captain, US Navy. He is serving in the Reserves in the Washington, DC, area. He is also senior natural gas trader with the Washington Gas Company. Also serving our country is **Clay Pittman**, a classmate and high school friend of mine from Rochester. Clay was placed on active duty this past year to support operations in Iraq. He is home-based, but flies into the Middle East frequently. Clay also spent several weeks supporting Operation Deep Freeze, hauling cargo to the science stations in Antarctica. The Deep Freeze cargo apparently included 9,000 lbs. of toilet paper, which his family finds very humorous! Clay has now flown to every continent in his career, which is certainly an accomplishment! He and wife Lisa are the proud, busy parents of Madison, 7, Zachary, 5, Michaela, 4, and Mackenzie, 2. The Pittmans live in Bellbrook, OH.

Congratulations to classmate **Sheryl Wudunn**. She is a Cornell trustee who is being honored this year at the Pan-Asian New Year Banquet in New York City. Sheryl is currently anchor for "Page One," a nightly news program for the Discovery Times Channel. In 1990, Sheryl and husband Nicholas Kristof, an op-ed columnist for the *New York Times*, were awarded the Pulitzer Prize for their coverage of the Tiananmen Square democracy movement. Sheryl also authored two books with her husband, *China Wakes: The Struggle for the Soul of a Rising Power*, published in 1994, and *Thunder From the East: Portrait of a Rising Asia*, published in 2002. After majoring in history at Cornell, Sheryl earned an MBA from Harvard and an MPA from Princeton. Sheryl and her husband live in Scarsdale, NY.

I have a follow-up to the loss of our classmate **Eric Schaufert** last April. The Schaufert Educational Scholarship Fund has been established by a group of Eric's friends, both for

Eric's children (12-year-old twins Brad and Brent and 6-year-old Paul) and for college scholarships for other children of Cornell class members. Donations should be made payable to the "Schaufert Educational Fund" and can be mailed to: Stewart Howe Alumni Service, 3109 N. Triphammer Rd., Lansing, NY 14882 (Attn: Dorothy Wysocki).

Enjoy the spring and write—often! ♦ **Jennifer Read** Campbell, RonJenCam@aol.com; **Betsy Silverfine**, runbets@aol.com; **Kathy Philbin** LaShoto, Kathleen\_lashoto@equityoffice.com.

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Class president **Lorraine Aronowitz** Danzig marched in the inauguration procession last October, representing our class. She writes: "It was a seasonably warm and sunny fall day in Ithaca, and hundreds of loyal alumni, professors, and trustees came to march from the Arts Quad past the reviewing stand into Barton Hall, where President **Jeffrey Lehman '77** gave a rousing speech about a new vision for Cornell. He spoke of continuing Ezra Cornell's promise about "instruction in any field," but also about including more students from diverse backgrounds here and abroad. He also spoke about creating a bridge to the world via Cornell. It was a most festive day full of tradition and fun." She added, "It was neat to have a cap and gown on again. I hadn't had a fitting since my wedding!"

**Leslie Gilbert Elman** writes that "after 20-plus years I finally have something to announce: my first book, *The Ladies' Room Reader Quiz Book*, which will be out in March 2004. It's a collection of 100 trivia quizzes for women. Kind of like what 'Jeopardy!' would be like if it had been created with women in mind. The publisher is Conari Press (800-423-7087, orders@redwheelweiser.com)." Leslie also reports that she is happily married to Dan (now at NYU for his *third* master's degree), happily living in New York City after a 13-year exile in Connecticut, and happily working as a freelance writer and editor. You can send congrats to Leslie at lesdan@aol.com.

Congrats also to **Peter Zahler**, BS '90, on his marriage to Lisa Herb, a lawyer. Their *New York Times* wedding announcement states that Peter is the Central Asia projects coordinator for the Wildlife Conservation Society in the Bronx. He is also the Society's project coordinator for a conservation project in the eastern grasslands of Mongolia, where he and Lisa relocated to in the fall. In 1994, Peter was one of those credited with the rediscovery of the woolly flying squirrel in Pakistan, an animal that was thought to have been extinct. Additional congratulations to **Michael**, MBA '83, and **Elizabeth Greenberg** on the birth of their first child, Madeline Ariel McKenna Greenberg, born November 24, at the Woman's Hospital of Texas.

In addition to celebrating his 21st anniversary with Morgan Stanley, **Jeff Kidwell** finds the time to sing on national television! This past July, he sang the National Anthem at Fenway Park for the Yankees v. Red Sox game, which he said was "exhilarating and frightening at the same time." His Morgan Stanley colleagues and clients were there to cheer him on, having

planned a client entertainment event around his performance. Highlights from the game included meeting Nomar ("Nomah" Garcia-parra for those unfamiliar), who signed a jersey for him; Emmylou Harris, who said he had done a "great job"; and the rest of the Red Sox owners in the owners' box. Later, he and David Wells congratulated each other on their respective performances. Watch for Jeff at future Sox games. He "got his start" at age 5—A cappella Choir, Madrigal Singers, MA State Choir, and various parties and weddings in New York, Las Vegas, and Florida.

Another 21st work anniversary was celebrated by **Steve Ross**, who wrote from home near Denver, CO, where he works for GE. He reports that his youngest daughter, Stacey, is seeking a pre-vet degree from Colorado State U., which ranks second to Cornell as the best vet school, choosing CSU over Cornell because it was closer to home. **Steve Mendell** reports that his son **Jordan '07** started at the Hotel school in September and says the work is hard, but he loves life at Cornell—even the cold weather. Steve started a new company, HEI Hospitality, 18 months ago and has acquired 13 hotels so far and is close to closing on five more in the next several months. **Roger Clark** joined the company a few months ago; Steve says it's great to have a Hotelie as part of the team.

In some of our better-late-than-never news, **Chris and Barbara Higgins Bakowski '83** sent news from Stamford, CT, where Chris has his own financial planning firm, CLB Financial, which he started in 2001. Also in Connecticut are **Will and Julie De Simone Conner** who celebrated their 21st anniversary! They reside in Brookfield with their children Billy, Brian, and Kristi. Julie completed her doctorate in holistic nutrition, while maintaining a full-time nutrition practice; Will is director of operations/site executive at the Prudential in Shelton, CT.

**Eric Aronson** chairs the Human Rights and Social Policy special interest group of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies. He is the Northeast regional refugee coordinator for Amnesty International USA, and is a member of Physicians for Human Rights' Asylum Network, a volunteer network of physicians and psychologist who provide trauma evaluations for refugees seeking political asylum. He currently works as a clinical psychologist at Family Associates of Merrimack Valley in Chelmsford, MA.

**Kathryn Elmer** Frohlich and family moved from Corning, NY, to Westford, MA, at the end of 2002, and she asks anyone living in the area or traveling through to call her at (978) 589-0908. **Sarah Nemetz** wrote from Rochester, NY, "These middle years of child-rearing don't seem to yield the exciting Class News-worthy events of weddings, births, and career starts." She has "a lovely life" in Rochester, is married now to Mike Berg for 17 years, and is raising sons Ben and Matt. She is an internist in a small group practice, which she finds fulfilling, and loves being part of her community.

Please let us know what's news with you! ♦ **Nina M. Kondo**, nmk22@cornell.edu; **Mark Fernau**, mefliss@aol.com.

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Our mailbag is running a little empty this time of year. Because of our publishing schedule, I am actually writing this in December. And by the time you read it, the representatives from the Class of '83—along with other members of the Assn. of Class officers (CACO)—will have had their annual Mid-Winter Meeting in January in New York City. Hopefully, as at our reunions, that event will generate some more letters and e-mails. But memories and tales from our very successful 20th Reunion continue to remain foremost in classmates' minds. We had almost 700 people in attendance, which included 321 alumni, and 379 family members, and we fiercely challenged the all-time record for a 20th Reunion class, set by our sister class of 1982 at 331 alumni in 2002. Those who attended represented 11 percent of our total graduating class and came from as close as Ithaca and as far as Arizona, California, Washington, and Florida.

By the way, if you have never attended a reunion, you might be missing a great opportunity to rekindle some old friendships . . . or maybe even an old flame! Such was the case with **Omar Saldaña** and **Melanie Vielhauer**. They became reacquainted at our 15th Reunion in 1998 and were married at a country inn outside Ithaca in June 2000 (making sure not to book a date that would overlap with either graduation or reunion weekends!). Currently the couple are living in Boston. After graduating from Cornell, Omar earned his MBA from NYU. He is now performance management director for Mercer Management Consulting. Melanie completed her PhD in Counseling Psychology at SUNY-Buffalo. She is a staff psychologist with the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Boston, and a clinical instructor in Psychiatry at the BU School of Medicine. In September Omar's daughter Krissa began her freshman year at the U. of Vermont, where she is studying environmental policy.

Omar and Melanie enjoyed reconnecting and spending time with old friends at the 20th Reunion: **Susan Sayer**, **Kathy Stratton**, **Sheila Smith Morrell**, **Mike Drumm**, **Jim Conover**, and **Karen Gottschalk**. They were disappointed that **Beth Frederick**, currently living in Madison, WI, wasn't able to make it to reunion, but hope to see her at the 25th. Omar also is currently volunteering (along with **Dana Gordon**) as our class historian.

Taking advantage of the convenience of using our class website to post news (<http://classof83.alumni.cornell.edu>) was **Bob Bellis**. Bob thought that our 20th Reunion was a success on several fronts, "the most important being the re-establishment of old friendships." He reports that, like many of us, he lost touch with friends from our college days. The 20th Reunion, however, provided just the vehicle to reunite several fourth floor Donlon freshmen from the Class of '83. While several Donlonites have been in the fold since graduation and attend nuclear gatherings on a fairly regular basis, the "wayward souls" of **Cindi Kulas**, **Ellen Schimoler**, **Chuck Cotsalas**, **Kevin Myer**, and

**Scott Miller** had been lost to the group prior to reunion. As a result of reunion—and the wonders of e-mail—these five Donlonites have reconnected with Bob, **Scott Cole**, **Steve Elias**, ME '84, **Brent Finley** '81, **Mike Hale**, **Jeff Labonte**, **Mark Kangas**, **Andy Pollock**, and **Tim Veazey** after a 20-year lapse. In the spirit of renewed friendship, Ellen, Cindy, Chuck, and Bob got together in NYC in the fall, and hoped to share some eggnog during the holidays.

Our class must be going for another record number of children in attendance at the next reunion—the reports of births continue to roll in. **Tom Helf** welcomed his son Gideon on May 20, joining big sister Gabriela, 5-1/2. Though this happy event caused Tom to miss reunion, earlier last spring he enjoyed hosting two classmates and their respective families. **Rob Smith**, wife Tina, and children Sophie, 6, and Alexander, 4, live in Westchester County; Rob practices psychiatry in Manhattan. **Nancy Schlie Knowles**, MBA '89, and husband **Jim** '87 visited Tom and family with their children Halle, 7, Luke, 5, and Jack, 6 months, not long after moving to their new hometown of Oxford, MS.

Our Cornell Fund class volunteer, **Abbie Bookbinder** Meyer, tells us that she and her husband are moving in February to a new home that is only ten houses away from their present house. Exclaims Abbie, "We found that with the three children (Madison, ninth grade; Jack, sixth; and Clayton, fourth) we needed more space away from them!" Abbie attended reunion this past June and relates her experience: "I enjoyed seeing a lot of different people. Anyone who did not attend missed a great time. I went with my roommates **Linda Moore**, MBA '88, **Gail Titus** Ryan, **Laura Lange** Anastos, and **Jennifer Bell** Knapp. At reunion I became the fund-raising co-chair with **Dave Tralka**. I am looking forward to the job as a way of staying in touch with the university and other alums. Watch for our fund-raising calls and letters! Linda, Gail, and I also went to the Cornell vs. Princeton football game. Fortunately, the weather was fantastic because the team sure was not."

And rounding out our column this month comes news from **Mark** and **Kim Osborn Rhodes**, who continue to balance work and family life in Westfield, NJ. Kim is back working part-time at E&Y in their structured finance advisory group while maintaining her board of education duties. Mark continues to work as an internal M&A lawyer for Citigroup Global Markets and serves as assistant scoutmaster for his son's boy scout troop. He proudly relates to us that son Christopher, 13, and daughter Amanda, 11, have just completed very successful fall seasons for their top-flight travel football and soccer teams. In his not-so-ample time, Mark is also serving as our class treasurer.

Please keep your news coming, I fell back on calling a lot of our class officers for content at the last moment. And while many came through and responded, I don't believe I can keep going to that well too often. Let us know what is going on in your life. Don't think that only major events like births, new jobs, marriages, etc., are newsworthy. If you haven't con-

## Pranks of the Fathers

CHRIS ADAMS '84

**C**hris Adams didn't know he was famous until his first year at Cornell. A grandson of novelty purveyor Samuel Adams, founder of the New Jersey-based company S.S. Adams, the German studies major never played practical jokes using the gadgets his family has manufactured since 1906. "I didn't appreciate how unique the business was at the time," he says. Adams now runs the company, manufacturing and distributing such devices as disappearing ink, joy buzzers, and the snake in a can. "My personal favorite is the rubber chocolates," says the third-generation owner. "People eat them, realize what they are, and try to sneak them back into the dish without anyone noticing."

Adams hadn't planned on going into the family business. "The situation was kind of forced on me," he says. "If I didn't take it over, my father was going to have to sell." But, he says, he has no regrets. Faced with



the challenge of pushing low-tech gags in a high-tech market, Adams has found a niche for his products in small, independent toy stores, as well as at large theme parks like Disney World. He's also developing new "top-secret" products. Ultimately, he says, S.S. Adams has a bright future. "People always need a laugh."

— J.R. Johnson '04

tributed notes in the recent past for this column, it's all news! ♦ **David Pattison**, d.pattison2@verizon.net; and **Dinah Godwin**, dinahgodwin@msn.com.

**84** Our 20th Reunion is quickly approaching! Come to Cornell on June 10-13 for some good, old-fashioned fun (you know, things we considered fun 20 years ago . . . okay, maybe not ALL the things). We have had a terrific response to the first reunion reminder—many classmates plan to come back to the Hill in June. If you're not sure whether you'll recognize any faces, call a few classmates so you can relive those college days with your best Cornell friends.

We can still use more classmates on the reunion committee. Some of the reunion committee jobs will require only an hour of your time reunion weekend. Please contact our reunion co-chairs **Kitty Cantwell** at ccantwel@rochester.rr.com or **Janet Insardi** at insardij@hotmail.com. For more information about reunion in general,

check out our class website, [www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1984](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1984).

If you're still not sure you want to commit, remember it's all the little things that make our lives so challenging and fun that are the ties that bind, not whether we've become CEOs. This applies to news as well. We want to hear from you!

**Michael Ravnitzky** and Victoria Wagman of Silver Spring, MD, had a baby boy on Nov. 17, '03, Nathan Gabriel. Michael is starting a new job as a private investigator for The James Mintz Group Inc. in Washington, DC. Tori is on maternity leave from her job at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Washington. **Karen Vail** Ephraimson recently had her third child, Sam. He is 1-1/2 now and was welcomed by sister Dylann, 9, and brother Alec, 6. Karen is currently a stay-at-home mom, and prior to Sam's birth, enjoyed being on the board of her local Environmental Education Center. Karen is planning on coming to reunion.

**Michael McGarrity** is working as a clinical endocrinologist in Wilmington, NC. He is mar-

ried to Sheila and has a 25-year-old stepdaughter Melissa and a 4-year-old daughter. Michael is hoping to attend reunion. **Michele Zweig** Greenberg has been married for 13 years. She and husband Alan have children Isabella, 10, Julia, 8, and Stefan, 6. Michele has an MPH and a PhD in epidemiology from Yale. She lived in the Ivory Coast for four years and Boston for two years and has been living in Atlanta for the past five years. Michele is hoping to come to reunion.

‘I’ve moved from Houston to permanently residing on Continental Airlines. And Air France, and Iberia, and Alitalia . . .’

DELFINA GOVA BISHA '86

**Sandra J. Stephens** and her husband have three kids and a dog. Sandra is the chief of pediatricians at CHC. She is definitely coming to reunion. **Linda Zell** Randall is definitely coming to reunion as well. After living in California—Silicon Valley—for eight years, **Philip George** and wife Kristin are happy to have moved back to Massachusetts to be closer to family. Their kids Kyle, 8, and Grace, 5, get to see Dad more now because he works from a home office and travels to San Jose every month for one week. He, his wife, and the kids are all coming to reunion! **Andrew Woo** and wife Gina Bettinsoli (USC) announce the birth of son Julian Jian-Fu Woo on July 7, '02. Big brother Miles, now 5, chipped in trying to breast feed early on, convinced that he “had lemonade in his nipples.”

**Betsy Loytty** McCormick had twins Sarah and Margaret in December 2001. They joined big brother Will, now 6. “Needless to say, all of our time is spent running around after the kids!” Betsy is still working as a hearing officer for the NC Employment Security Commission and still loves it after seven years. **Kim Dely** Forrest gave birth to a second son, Brock, on Mar. 22, '03. He joins older brother Beuk, 7, who is involved in hockey, gymnastics, baseball, and dance. Kim is in her 14th year of coaching the girls gymnastics team at Paramount Gymnastics in Hillsborough, NJ. She was honored with the “New Jersey Coach of the Year” award last year. She might be coming to reunion.

**Daniel Kammen's** research group at the U. of California, Berkeley, has been involved in a number of local, national, and global energy, environment, and climate projects and debates. For details, see <http://socrates.berkeley.edu/>. He's been traveling to Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia, Cuba, Zimbabwe, and Zambia for research projects and generally to set up his doctoral students' dissertation projects. “After a long and arduous 19 years of post-graduate training, I'm finally joining the real world,” writes **Ed Yang**. He and wife Laurie have both joined the Vanderbuilt U. faculty. Laurie will be with the law school and Ed will be in the pediatric surgery department at the medical school.

**Dr. Larry Lazar** celebrated his 40th birthday by skiing in Banff, Alberta, in March with his boys Jason, 5, and Aaron, 2. He is absolutely coming to reunion. **Gregg Gerlach** has opened the Law Office of Gregg Gerlach in Jacksonville, FL, representing both employers and employees in all types of labor and employment law disputes. He is accepting referrals in wage and hour cases and will pay a referral fee to referring attorneys. He is licensed to practice law in Florida and

Texas. Gregg also has a new son, Trevor Philip.

**Scott Diehl** is the senior VP of sales and business development at ON24, an enterprise streaming media firm based in San Francisco. He is married to Lauren and they have two lovely daughters, Dakota, 4, and Sienna, 2. He might come to reunion. **Vicki Seiden** Sherman's company, VSS Consulting, won two Clarion Awards—silver for advertising and bronze for writing—for a sales brochure recently produced for one of their clients. She saw classmates **Adrienne Bell** Podell and husband Scott and **Jeff** and **Beth Marshall Marfurt** at the bar mitzvah of the Marfurts' son Brett. Vicki is definitely coming to reunion! **Steven Atherton** married Megan Clinning of Cape Town, South Africa, on Sept. 1, '01. They traveled back to South Africa in February 2002.

**Kim Glasgal** and her husband have two children. Rachel Levy was born in August 2001 and Evan Levy was born in February 2003. She's seen classmates **Betsy Small**, **Dan Winston**, **Kevin Hunt**, and **Kristi Jaska**, MS '85. She is definitely coming to reunion. After a year of “retirement,” **Jennifer Pierce** Fusco went back to work as an instructional assistant in kindergarten and first grade at a local elementary school. “The kids are the best at that age—sweet, innocent, and so eager to learn, and I was fortunate to work for three amazing teachers.” Jennifer saw the following fellow classmates at their annual getaway: **Rhonda Alexis** Dirvin, **Maria Mainelli** Bloom, **Sarah Hanlon** Cigliano, **Kim Shoop**, and **Elizabeth Sullivan** Martins. Jennifer is definitely coming to reunion!

Many of you already know that our classmate **Edward Lu** was on the International Space Station recently. But you probably didn't know that he was up there on his 40th birthday, orbiting 240 miles above earth. Hawaii's governor, Linda Lingle, proclaimed the day “Edward Tsang Lu Day” in Hawaii. Ed was on a six-month mission aboard the space station. **Stephen Howell** and wife **Susan (Seligsohn)** '86 founded Howell Design & Build Inc. six years ago. The company designs and constructs new homes, as well as additions and renovations, and has distinguished

itself locally in North Andover, MA, with its emphasis on unique design, craftsmanship, quality, and professional service. *Remodeling Magazine* named their company one of the top 50 remodelers in the country! ♦ **Karla Sievers** McManus, Klorax@comcast.net; **Lindsay Liotta** Forness, Fornesszone@aol.com. Class website, [www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1984](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1984).

**85** For these alumni notes, we are proud to start with introducing a couple of “5-year-olds” and their proud Class of '85 parents. The first one is CP Partners, whose proud papa is **Jim Joseph**. He recently celebrated the fifth anniversary of his marketing agency. As many of you know, Jim started the agency from scratch—no clients, no employees, just a lot of wishful thinking. Five years later, CP Partners has become a powerful little agency with clients the likes of Tylenol, Clean & Clear, and Kraft Foods. Of course, all of this is balanced by raising two kids, Alicia and JP, who are now in the third and fifth grades. Weeknights and weekends are full of homework, football games, and parties (just like our days at Cornell!).

Likewise, **Kathleen Rowe** is celebrating the fifth year of Kathleen Rowe Associates, a public relations and marketing communications firm. Kathleen explains that her firm specializes in strategic advice, quality writing, and effective media relations for technology, medical, and education clients. Rowe Associates is also the winner of the 2002 LACP Platinum Award for product/service communications.

**Mark Martin** is stateside again, after spending three years in Hong Kong with his family (wife Kelly, daughter Ashley, and son Craig). While working for Analog Devices, he traveled considerably for business, but the family travel was the most rewarding. They managed to cover nearly all of the region, getting to Singapore, Korea, Bali, Australia (twice), China, Vietnam, Bora Bora, and Queenstown, New Zealand, for the millennium change. Upon their triumphant return, they moved back to Lynnfield, MA, outside Boston, and he took a new role as product line director for Analog Devices Wireless chipset business. His group develops and markets the critical component set and the software that handle all of the key functions in a GSM mobile phone. Mark now has development teams in the US, Europe, China, and India, and major customers in all regions of the world. Most recently, he met officials in Beijing from the Chinese government as part of an official ceremony to discuss long-term partnership. It was a unique opportunity to experience traditional Chinese business protocol. When he's not globetrotting, Mark also keeps busy as a dad and local part-time basketball coach on weekends.

**Shaz Kahng** is also curtailing her globetrotting, despite the adverse effects on her golf game. For the past year, Shaz has been working for a global brand consultancy called Wolff Olins. She is head of strategy in the New York office. Shaz and Wolff Olins specialize in brand creation and brand revitalization. Some of her recent clients include GE, Fila, and the College Board. In one

of her more fascinating projects, Shaz is also working on the rebranding of New York City.

Last November, you may have seen **Steve Bloom** in the *New York Times* that featured his family in a House & Home article about people who buy before selling their existing property. You saw them in their old space and their new space before they moved in. "There goes my 15 minutes," laments Steve. This new living space is important as his family is growing; his third child, Paul Robert, was born on October 6. Little Paul joins older brother Jamie and sister Daniella. Last February, they adopted a golden-doodle (part golden retriever, part standard poodle) puppy, Charlie. With their household expanding, they were finally forced to move to a larger apartment. They relocated further up New York's Upper West Side, saying goodbye to the Fairway Supermarket (locals will understand the loss) in exchange for more space and a second bathroom. Jamie is thrilled to have his own room. Steve has worked at HSBC Asset Management for the past three and a half years as an analyst/portfolio manager. He covers tech and telecom stocks. He recently took over management of their global TMT (technology, media, and telecom) funds. Steve really enjoys his window office view of Manhattan's Bryant Park. His firm is a sponsor of Junior Achievement, and Steve volunteers in a junior high school classroom to help teach math and business concepts.

Did you know that a Cornell grad was sworn in as the new mayor of Shelby, NC? **Ted Alexander**, executive director of Uptown Shelby Assn. for the last 15 years, took the oath of office to become mayor of the city of Shelby in a ceremony held on a chilly December night in the City Council chambers. Ted won in a run-off election in November with 54 percent of the vote. The Honorable Larry Wilson, Chief District Court Judge for Cleveland County, performed the ceremony, which was held as part of the regularly scheduled City Council session. Ted's wife Patti, children Will and Christina, and a bevy of supporters and well-wishers attended the ceremony. He received his master's in Preservation Planning from Cornell in 1985, and is a former director (1996-2002) and current member of the university's Historic Preservation Planning Alumni Assn.

**A. George Sanders** loves to vacation each year at Seabrooke Island, SC, but most of the time he works as a recruiter at MRI in Maryland. His son Bradford is attending Milton Academy in Boston, and second son Michael attends Harford Day School in Bel Air, MD. We should all cheer on **Amy Smith Linton** with the publication of her first fiction piece in *Rosebud's* winter edition 2003. Amy also recently cheered on her husband as he competed in the PanAm games. Even though he didn't win a medal, Amy reports that she had a wonderful adventure. She also had some home remodeling adventures with **Terry** (Mr. T.) **Soyring '84**, who has become a successful "carpenter-entrepreneur" in the Ithaca area.

Thanks for all the great updates. More and more we realize what an interesting class we are! Keep the news coming. ♦ **Ed Catto**, edcatto@hotmail.com; and **Risa Mish**, rmm22@cornell.edu.

**86** 40 in 2004. That will be the case for many of us, a milestone to marvel at. No doubt, we'll reflect upon friendships with our Cornellian classmates that have endured for 20 years now. That said, I was honored to share in the wedding of one such longtime friend of mine, **Susan Hirsch** Levy, to Joshua Cantor of Westfield, NJ, in October. I was asked to sign their ketubah, but I wasn't the only one with a backstage pass to the ceremony. My daughter Sara was by my side until the reception, when she was off to the head table to sit with her pal Dara, Susan's 9-year-old daughter. The newlyweds enjoyed a brief honeymoon in Belize, but returned in time to spend Halloween with their newly blended family. At the end of the year, Susan left Pfizer to start her own consultancy with a focus on strategic business initiatives for the consumer healthcare industry.

At Cornell, Susan and I shared a house on Delaware Avenue with **Delfina Gova** Bisha, MBA '98. Just so happens, I heard from her as well—an e-mail probably sent in-flight. At any given time, Del might be in Paris, Rome, Milan, Madrid, the Canary Islands, or the Island of Capri. She recently took the lead in the Global Practice, Energy & Materials, Internet Business Solutions Group at Cisco Systems. Her work takes her all over the globe. "In fact, I've moved from living in Houston to permanently residing on Continental Airlines. And Air France, and Iberia, and Alitalia, and British Airways."

Although I never shared a house with **Brian Linsey**, we were coincidentally living in the same town (Glastonbury, CT), our homes not a third of a mile from each other, for a while. But at the end of the year, Brian moved to Nevada and says he "may never come back East!" After weathering many years of northern winters and over 16 years in human resources, Brian accepted a developmental move from his company, ADVO Inc., and has traded in his VP HR hat to become regional sales manager in Las Vegas. He reports that those who know him well were "extremely worried" about him moving to Sin City, but so far he is doing well. "A lot like New Yorkers who never go the Empire State Building, Las Vegas avoid the Strip at all costs," he says.

Last fall **Frank Kelly III**, president of Kelly & Associates Insurance Group in Hunt Valley, MD, was named chairman of the board of the Baltimore County Dept. of Social Services. Frank lives in Lutherville with wife Gayle and three children. In Seattle, **Larry Loo** was named assistant vice president of marketing at Regence BlueShield.

A few Cornellian "creations": **Audrey Glassman** Vernick released her first children's book, *Bark and Tim: A True Story of Friendship* (Overmountain Press). And in 2003, **Ellen Nordberg** married Paul Williams and gave birth to twin boys. Ellen got through the "miserable pregnancy, convinced by friends **Lori Spydell** Wagner, **Alison Passer** Ostern '87, and especially **Donna Thomas** Choromanski and **Elsa Waymer** Dempsey (both twin moms!) that I would survive!" She says that at home in San Pedro, she sees **Anne Ferree** and **Leesa Storfer**, who "spoil the boys already." And **Ellen Leder-**

**man**, writing from Nayland in the UK, welcomed her first child, Emma Lauren LeFevre, in Nov. 2003. "**Alison Washington** Wheaton is Emma's godmother and made her a beautiful quilt," Ellen writes. She also forwarded a note from **Mike Lally**, depicting a surprise 40th birthday party in Buffalo, NY, attended by **Nigel** and **Elizabeth Vandenbrink De'ath**, **Mike Malaga**, and **Kevin Cornacchio**.

In this big birthday year for me as well, I began a new position at Aetna in Hartford, moving from my writing position in PR to IT communications, and will be teaching a continuing education class in "writing raw" (www.writingraw.com) in West Hartford through the spring. Are you facing 40, too? Be sure to let us know how you marked this milestone. Cheers! ♦ **Hilory Federgreen** Wagner, haf5@cornell.edu; **Jackie Byers** Davidson, jackiekd@sbcglobal.net; **Allison Farbaniec** MacLean, aaf9@cornell.edu.

**87** **Gary Okamoto**, BS '89, with his wife and sons Chris, 5, and Andy, 2, are enjoying a beautiful view of the Wasatch Mountains from their new home. Gary reports that his big task is to bring in orders for flat panel X-ray imaging subsystems this year at 80 percent growth! Good luck with that, Gary. **R. Brent Vallat**, ME '89, was recently promoted to VP and chief credit officer at American Express Business Finance (AEBF). **Kimberley Alkins** is back in New York City as a one-year substitute assistant professor at Queens College. Also in the academic world is **Veerendra Lele**, who was recently appointed assistant professor of sociology/anthropology at Denison U.

**Londell McMillan** was on the cover of the December 2003 issue of *Black Enterprise* magazine as part of their "Hot List: Best and Brightest under 40." Londell was recognized as the co-founder of the artist Empowerment Coalition that promotes artists' rights. He is the CEO of the McMillan Firm & North Star Business Enterprises Inc. Londell was also recognized in a previous issue of *Black Enterprise* as one of America's top black lawyers. **Gligor Tashkovich**, MBA '91, sent me a picture of **Hope Mehlman** Hurowitz with President Bush. I am, of course, happy and excited to see Hope, but also love the cool factor of having a picture of the president on my e-mail.

**Brenna Frazer** McGowan has children John David, 2, and Meredith Rose, 8 months. She recently retired from Brown Brothers Harriman in Boston to be a full-time mom. She is doing consulting work for the investment industry. **Amy Perez** Friedlander welcomed Gregory Bernard to the family. He joins big sister Molly. **David Fine** is living outside of Harrisburg, PA, with wife **Beth (Campbell) '88** and their son Kenneth. David is a partner with Kirkpatrick & Lockhart; his practice focuses on Federal commercial litigation.

I recently attended my 20th high school reunion and ran into a few Cornellians. **Jerry** and **Lauren Cioppa Ludwig** are living in the New York area. Lauren recently had baby Gerald, who joins brothers Calvin, 8, and Roy, 3, as well as sister Brenda, 11. Jerry is teaching and

Lauren is a stay-at-home mom to her active crew. I also hung out with **Lloyd Robinson** and **Victoria Rand**, MD '91. That's all the news this month. Please keep sending us e-mail. ♦ **Debra Howard Stern**, [dstern@acksys.com](mailto:dstern@acksys.com); or **Tom Smith Tseng**, [tseng@stanford.edu](mailto:tseng@stanford.edu).

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Greetings, Class of '88! As I write this column, we are experiencing the second blizzard of the year—the earliest snowfalls ever for a December. My husband and I are hard at work on an addition to our home, living like pioneers in two rooms with three dogs and a cat while the rest of the house is gutted and rebuilt. I've been spending significant amounts of time on what's left of the roof, shoveling furiously while Mother Nature laughs at us.

Have you ever submitted news, but didn't see it published? Have you ever wondered why certain sentences are worded the way they are? Sometimes when you report a *future* event, out of respect for your privacy, we don't report it until we have received confirmation that the event actually occurred (i.e., a birth, planned adoption, wedding), so please write us again with happy outcomes—we'd love to share your good news! Also, if you don't specifically mention your spouse or significant other, we make no assumptions about family status when we report the birth, so please be specific if you would like us to include other information.

Babies, babies, babies! Our class has been busy bringing future Cornellians into the world! Congratulations to **Richard Ballew**, hailing from Manhattan Beach, CA, on the birth of his daughter Giselle Maya. She joins brother Richard James, now 2 years old. **Anne-Lise Mogstad** has transferred back to San Diego, CA, from Barcelona, Spain, where she is the head of Hewlett Packard's Large Format Media Business, Worldwide. Her daughter Astrid, 2, was born in Barcelona during her three-year stay there.

**Patrick Nash** and wife Christy report that they had their fifth child in January 2003. Baby Jack joins brothers Nick, Alex, and Casey (8-year-old triplet boys) and sister Cate, 2, who rules the house! **Jennifer Betit** Manley finished her first year teaching seventh grade in urban Rochester and says, "It's a challenge, but I don't miss Industry. I'm back in school again myself, working on my teacher certification." Jennifer lives in Fairport, NY, with husband Paul and children Clayton, 3, and Clara, 2.

**Melissa Van Kirk** of Mill Valley, CA, reports that she graduated with her PhD in clinical psychology, and presented her dissertation research at the Mavin Foundation Conference. **Adam Sniderman**, VMD, is the director of operations for the Veterinary MRI and Radiotherapy Center of New Jersey, and reports that he has daughters Lora Claire, 6, and Lilah Rose, 3. Adam says that the "Cook Street Crew" still spends a lot of time together.

**Jane Gorham** Ditelberg ([j.ditelberg@comcast.net](mailto:j.ditelberg@comcast.net)), husband Josh, and 1-year-old daughter Claire moved to a new home in River Forest, IL (near Chicago). Jane is working part-time as counsel in the estate planning department of

Sidley, Austin, Brown & Wood. She would love to hear from fellow '88ers. **Stephen Kuntz** of Palmyra, NY, was married in August to Tricia Migliore and moved into an 1890s Victorian-style house. **Elizabeth Jackson** Luce and **Kris Kick Vandervegt '89**, fellow high jumpers, came all the way from Michigan and Colorado, respectively, to attend.

**Malka Korman** reports that she's had an eventful 15 years, but that the last year and a half have been a rollercoaster. "The good stuff is that I'm married to a wonderful person, Gavin Steyn, and we have two fantastic boys, Moshe, almost 6, and Raphael, 3. We live in Newton, MA. The not-so-great stuff is that I was diagnosed with a rare type of cancer called 'carcinoid' in May of 2002. By the time it was found it was well metastasized. Since then, I have been on two different treatment protocols and am about to start a third. The saving grace with this type of cancer is that it tends to grow slowly, but my symptoms are no fun. Hopefully, some of that will change soon. So, though I've changed careers in the last 15 years (molecular biologist to ESL teacher), my new job is to get well." Malka says, "I'm happy to hear from anyone, but prefer upbeat messages and any funny jokes anyone cares to send. Concern is great, as long as it is couched with humor. Moany groany doesn't do much for me. Happy news is appreciated."

Malka also writes that her family is currently raising funds for a school in Israel, named in her mother's memory. Dr. Ruth Z. Korman was a microbial geneticist at Cornell for 27 years. The Ruth Korman Pelech School for Girls honors her commitment to both secular and Jewish education, especially for girls. The school has been open for three years and has just moved into a new building, which needs laboratories and other permanent fixtures, as well as operating funds. Write to Malka at her husband's e-mail: [gavin.steyn@verizon.net](mailto:gavin.steyn@verizon.net). We're thinking of you, Malka!

We'd like to ask you all for your indulgence with an idea. Every once in awhile we'd like to pose a question to the class, and report the answers all together in a future column. Here's our first question: "If you could go back in time and change something you did at Cornell, what would it be, and why?" E-mail us your thoughts—the more detailed, the better! ♦ **Suzanne Bors** Andrews, [smb68@cornell.edu](mailto:smb68@cornell.edu); and **Steve Tomaselli**, [st89@cornell.edu](mailto:st89@cornell.edu).

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Happy spring, everyone! Hope everybody is thawing out and looking forward to some beautiful weather ahead, especially in June for our 15th Reunion! Just a few tidbits of news to report this month.

**Ted Shafer** married Rita Starritt, a medical doctor from Denver, on Nov. 15, '03 in a lovely wedding covered by the *New York Times*. A bunch of Cornellians flew in from around the country to attend: **Joe and Heather Campbell** Forkey, **Cam and Peggy Curan Haugen**, **Marianne Wait**, and **Mike and Christy Clark Pambianchi '90** and their children. Ted is currently VP of sales for the SA division of ASML, a

Dutch equipment manufacturer.

**Catherine Rauscher** Gianchandani wrote in to let us know she is living in Manhattan with husband Alkesh and children Ami, 3, and Aron, 1. She is working at a small business technology consulting firm called IntraspHERE. **Kurt Harendza** tells us that he left his job at NCR Professional Services in August 2003 to join General Dynamics, Advanced Information Services in the Dayton, OH, area. His family has grown to three children with the addition of his first daughter, Holly, who arrived in December 2002. Kurt can't wait for the Big Red hockey team to come back to Columbus, OH, and whip Ohio State again.

Please send in your News Form, submit your news online at [www.alumni.cornell.edu](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu), or e-mail one of your trusty class correspondents, and let us know what is going on in your life. We are always looking forward to filling our columns with all the wonderful happenings! Please remember, we cannot print weddings or births until after they have occurred. I hope to see everyone June 10-13 at reunion! ♦ **Lauren Hoeflich**, [laurenhoeflich@yahoo.com](mailto:laurenhoeflich@yahoo.com); **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, [ac98@cornell.edu](mailto:ac98@cornell.edu); **Mike McGarry**, [mmcgarry@dmaus.com](mailto:mmcgarry@dmaus.com); and **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, [savidon1@hotmail.com](mailto:savidon1@hotmail.com).

# 90

"The first thing we do, let's kill all the lawyers" (William Shakespeare, *Henry VI, Part 2*). When Dick the Butcher uttered these words, he surely could not have meant to include any Cornell Class of '90 grads. Dick the Butcher—what did he know? Free speech—that's the ticket. **Christopher Gilbert** was elected partner to the law firm Bracewell & Patterson LLP. He is based in the Houston, TX, office of the firm and focuses on First Amendment rights regarding public schools and colleges, including the rights of students and employees, school prayer, the use of religious literature and music on campuses, and the celebration of religious holidays in schools. **William Litt** ([BillLitt@aol.com](mailto:BillLitt@aol.com)) also focuses his practice on civil rights and employment issues. He opened his own law firm in Redwood City, CA, in July 2002, after marrying Charmaine Huntting in September 2001. **Rene McCurry** Johnson ([rjohnson@morganlewis.com](mailto:rjohnson@morganlewis.com)) also focuses her practice on labor and employment issues. Last we heard, Rene was a partner at the Princeton office of Morgan, Lewis & Bockins, with a caseload split between New York and New Jersey. She lives just outside Princeton with her husband Rusty and 3-year-old daughter Samantha. She quips that working and parenting keeps them pretty busy. No kidding!

All of a sudden, the lawyer TV shows hit home. "Ally McBeal" was more realistic than "L.A. Law," except when apparition Billy started appearing to Ally in her office late at night while she was slumped over her desk using Chapter 93A of the Massachusetts General Laws as a pillow. I'm told that the building I work in has a ghost in it, but we've never met. When our classmates were in law school, "L.A. Law" was still on the air. A room full of first years would scream at the screen as Arnie botched a case, someone fell down an elevator shaft, or a TV judge used the phrase "res

*judicata*" and somewhere in our tired, overworked, overwrought brains we thought, "So that's what Arthur Miller was talking about." If you haven't guessed by now, I'm a lawyer. Just look at my e-mail address below. It wasn't the first screen name I tried to create ten years ago, but none of my other pseudonyms were available. Born of sheer exasperation, I tried it and it stuck. At first I felt a little self-conscious, and then I started to get instant messages from online users I didn't even know asking, "Are you a lawyer?" When the requests for free legal advice started to pour over the line, I gave the standard disclaimer I learned in law school ("Without speaking to the merits of your case . . . not licensed to practice in your state, but . . . It depends.").

Speaking of the internet, **Loren McRoss** became associated with Vedder Price Kaufman & Kammholz in Chicago. He joined the firm as an intellectual property lawyer working with their technology lawyers and IP litigation attorneys. He obtained his degree in electrical engineering at Cornell, then went on to obtain his law degree from the U. of Illinois College of Law. He is licensed to practice in California, as well as before the US Patent and Trademark Office. I doubt that Loren says "It depends" a whole lot in his practice. **Michael Davis** joined Carter Ledyard & Milburn Environmental Practice Group in its Washington, DC, office. Prior to joining the firm he was a partner at Wilcox & Savage PC in Norfolk, VA. After he got his law degree from the U. of Chicago Law School in 1993, he went on to work as an associate at Goldberg, Kohn, Bell, Black, Rosenbloom & Moritz in Chicago. He now has over ten years of experience litigating environmental and corporate matters.

Folks who need lawyers: venture capitalists. They tend to say that the lawyers kill all the deals. Not so for **Andrew Firlilik**, MD '93, who joined Canaan Partners, a national venture capital investment firm. Andrew was appointed principal to focus on healthcare investments, mainly medical technology investments. All the while, he continued his practice as a physician specializing in neurological surgery. Andrew's accolades are too numerous to mention, except that he studied biology on the Hill and at Oxford U., then obtained an MBA from the U. of Pittsburgh and his MD from Cornell Medical College. Not to mention that he holds a clinical faculty appointment at the Yale U. School of Medicine.

Hey, why didn't he get a law degree, too? Probably because there are already way too many of us. Last year, the American Bar Assn. published a survey indicating which states had the most lawyers per capita to the general population. Washington, DC, was number one on the list, followed by Massachusetts, a close second. That's why some of us left the bustle of Boston in favor of the quality of life in North Carolina, which, by the way, ranked second to last on the ABA's survey. I don't recall where Washington state ranked in the survey, but **Carlene Placide-Edwards** (placc@foster.com) must be enjoying it there. She changed law firms after practicing for five years with Lane Powell Spears & Whersby LLP in favor of the firm Foster Pepper & Shefelman LLC. She says Seattle is nice

this time of year. *Vive avoca!*

By the way, you don't have to be a lawyer to be mentioned in the Class of '90 class column! Send news, great and small, to: ♦ **Amanda Willis**, AmandaEsq@aol.com; **Carole Moran Krus**, cdm42@cornell.edu; or **Alisa Gilhooley**, AlisaGil@aol.com.

**91** Greetings from the farm. By now, you have all received (and I am sure you have finished reading) your very own copy of *Antigone*, provided to you gratis by your Class of 1991 officers. So, what did you think? Are you glad we sent you the play? Did it make you think about Cornell and the good times that you had in your Freshman Writing Seminar? Were you just happy to receive something for free? Let us know on our class website: <http://classof91.alumni.cornell.edu>. Also, please participate in the online discussions about the play and reconnect with the Cornell community.

Having recently relocated to Westchester, I have had more than a few Cornelian train-spotting. I'd like to take this opportunity to let **Dave Peck**, MPA '92, know that although I was a bit mouthy about his loss of power during the October windstorm, I arrived home to my house and it was cold and it was dark. I also sat next to **Robert Gates** '90, MBA '94, on the Mt. Kisco express, where we discussed the latest and greatest in reality TV and the finer points of legal boating and fishing on the Croton Reservoir. I also spotted **Dan Sirota** '90 at lunch in White Plains. I wanted to let Dan know to stay away from the turkey chili—it was not so good. What's that, you think it's a slow month for news? Well maybe it is, but here's the good news:

**Monica Chadha** Piper writes that she and husband Jeff are living in Chicago, and welcomed Shawn Nathan Piper on New Year's Day 2003. Monica graduated with an MBA from Ohio State U. in 1995, after which she worked as a consultant for PricewaterhouseCoopers (now IBM Business Consulting Services). Monica is currently on an extended leave of absence from IBM and enjoying being home with Shawn! **Mollie Finch** Hunter reports that she married LCDR John Hunter, USN on Oct. 4, '03 in Peterborough, NH. Mollie and John are stationed for two years in Bahrain. Other Cornellians at the wedding included **Christina Miske**, MPA '99, **Eric**, MBA '99, and **Susie Curtis Schneider**, and **Todd Smalley**.

**Tom Catalano** writes that he and wife Carrie and their son Jack welcomed Thomas Nicholas in May 2003. The Catalanos are living in Horsham, PA, where Tom works as a marketing manager at McNeil Consumer Healthcare. **Karen Finkston** Payes and husband Giora are living in New York City and welcomed Noah Isaac on July 7, '03. Cornellians at the bris included **Carla Heiss** and **Jennifer Lee**, with her husband Scott Klein and their children Jared Lee and Rachel. The *New York Times* reported that **Sarah Abbe** married Jim Taylor at the home of Sarah's father in Healdsburg, CA. Sarah is the West Coast fund-raiser for Accion International, a nonprofit organization in Boston that provides financial

support and training to small businesses.

**Lisa Ploucha** Christensen has joined the Syracuse office of Bond, Schoeneck & King LLC, the largest law firm in Central New York. **Karen Schmeidler** Sagor reports that she married David on Sept. 18, '03 in New Rochelle, NY. Karen writes, "Although tropical storm Isabella came through that evening, a wonderful time was had by all, and the storm created an amazing backdrop to an amazing day!" Cornellians in attendance were: **Mike and Joan Kochan Schade**, Joe, ME '92, and **Beth Livolsi Riordan** '92, **Adam and Sue Farrar-Choi**, **Jim Conti** '88, MBA '89, **Samir and Kathy Duffy Khanjar**, **Bill Munze**, **Paula Burdett** Rusu, MBA '94, **Dorine Colabella Scher**, **Jeff**, MD '95, and **Robyn Lipsky Weintraub**, **Gary Wojcik**, and **Joel Ossher** '06. Much to the enjoyment of all the wedding guests, Karen and David ended the evening with a (slightly offkey) rendition of the Alma Mater!

Now that's the way to end the evening. Congratulations on all the new jobs, new marriages, and new babies. ♦ **Nina Rosen** Peek, nrs5@cornell.edu; **Dave Smith**, docds30@yahoo.com; **Corinne Kuchling**, kuccori@hotmail.com.

**92** As I write this, we are experiencing our first "real" snowfall of the season in Wisconsin. My husband David and I took our 2-year-old son Brayden for his first sled ride this

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morning. David and I were laughing, remembering our fun years ago when we snuck trays out of the dining hall to do our runs on Libe Slope. Wait . . . we're past the statute of limitations with Public Safety, right? Anyway, the sledding in Wisconsin is fun, even if there are no hills quite like Libe Slope and even if we are using real sleds instead of dining hall trays! Right now, instead of sledding, I'm inside, compiling the latest news of our classmates.

**Amy Sachs**, DVM '98, was married in October 2001 to **Kevin Yam '91**. She has been practicing as a small animal veterinarian in Falls Church, VA, for about 5-1/2 years. (Amy joked, "Sidenote: if they call it practicing, when do I get to do the real thing?") Amy and Kevin had son Benjamin on Aug. 15, '03. "I am now working half-time so I can be at home with him every

'Gregory Woodworth recently started Stony Brook Cookie Company; freshly baked cookies ship within 24 hours.'

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day. Motherhood is far more challenging than vet school! And even though I LOVE my job, the rewards of motherhood are far greater as well." On Apr. 11, '03, **Adam Rosenberg** and wife Jennifer gave birth to twins, future Cornellians Abigail and Sophia. "We have had such a great time watching them grow and coo every day." Lots of Cornellians have been by to see them, including **Rodney Gleiberman** (with his adorable baby Annie), **Mat Zucker** and **Bryan Fuhr '93**, **Mariela Markelis-Dybner**, **Jann Yogman '93**, and current resident of the Hill **Jared Needle '04**. Adam noted, "I can't wait for everyone to meet them at the next reunion."

**Adrien Kant** finished three years of general surgery residency at Wayne State U./Detroit Medical Center. This year, she is doing research with the Robotic Surgery Program in the Pediatric Surgery dept. of Children's Hospital of Michigan. They work with the Zeus robot and Aesop camera positioner to develop clinical and laparoscopic/endoscopic applications of the robot in surgical procedures. Adrien would love to hear from anyone traveling through Detroit. **Karen McCalley** sent her news from Germany, where she has been living since August 2002. She teaches high school English at the John F. Kennedy School in Berlin. Karen has been enjoying lots of European travel, as well as the chance to view global events from a new perspective. Karen has kept up with a number of '92 classmates (thank goodness for e-mail!). "The news is all about babies," she wrote. "**Julie Grass Jurman** and husband **Rory '91** welcomed their second son, Duncan, into the world in April 2003. **Tanya Steinberg** Schreiber, MD '97, and husband Dave had Benjamin, in July 2003. **Jonathan Kay** and wife Eileen welcomed daughter Anabel in August 2003. **Pete Wahl** and wife

**Parul Desai '91** had their first child, a son named Indivar, in October 2003. And my freshman roommate, **Jessica Aronofsky** Schwartzberg and husband Paul had their first child, a baby girl named Hannah, also in October 2003."

**Jon** and **Diana Maxant Simon '94** welcomed their first child, Jeremy Wendell Simon, into the world on Nov. 29, '03. The Simons live in Washington, DC. **Mark**, MBA '93, and **Sarah B. Clauss** live in Bethesda, MD, and had their second child, Jack, on October 15. Jack's big sister is Alexa. After the birth, Sarah took three months off from her medical practice at Children's National Medical Center and from doing research on congenital heart disease at NIH. Mark is very busy with his Corporate Executive Board, where he does best practices research. Sarah mentioned that **Maia Albano Coladonato**

had a baby boy, Gavin Alexander, on October 17. Her husband **Greg '93** is a first-year student at Wharton. Sarah visited with **Liz Weinreb** Feeley and **Shelli Klein** Faber at Maia's shower. Liz lives in Avon, CT, and Shelli in New Jersey.

**Sarah Chambers** Potter and husband Jason reside in Portland, OR. Sarah has worked as a senior meeting planner for a medical communications company, Cardinal Health, for the past three years since moving to Portland from Lake Tahoe in 2000. **Alex Varga** and wife Lisa had their third son, Samuel Harrison Varga, on November 17, rounding out the trio by joining brothers Bradley, 3, and Jackson, 1-1/2, in Fredericksburg, VA. "We'll be busy trying to catch up on sleep for the next 18 years." **Peter Christ** reported he was busy with ski season in Red Lodge, MT. "My restaurants are great, my wife is great, my kids are great." Peter was in Las Vegas last fall and connected with **Mark BIRTHA '94**. "He gave Anne and me a brief tour of the Venetian and all of his restaurant recommendations were a hit with us. It's always nice to get an insider's tip." Peter mentioned that **Chris Kraus** has moved to Bozeman, MT.

**Lori Flashner** lives in sunny Southern California and enjoys the weather. She made it "home" to get a taste of fall in New York City and spent time with **Laura Kaiser** and **Judd Emin**. Laura is returning to school to seek her master's in nutrition at Fordham, and Judd was looking great and doing well at his firm, where he works in real estate developing and financing. This past July Lori traveled to the South of France for two weeks and "ate and drank like only a true Hotelier can!" Lori enjoys her general manager position for Bon Appetit Management Company and spends time renovating her house.

**Carol Heppes German** and husband **Bob** live in Ann Arbor, MI. Carol graduated from U.

of Michigan with an MBA in 2002. She works for General Mills, and Bob works for Deloitte Consulting. The big news is that they had twin girls, Isabelle and Katie, on May 29, '03. "They are happy and healthy and keep us very busy!" **Amy Bonsall** Harry is now a licensed real estate sales associate in Rhode Island. Let her know if you are moving in or out of Rhode Island, but her agency is also a national relocation company, so she can help anyone moving anywhere—a referral service. She can be reached at [aharry@residentialproperties.com](mailto:aharry@residentialproperties.com).

Are you frustrated that your news isn't included here? Please send it to us—we would love to print it! ♦ **Renee Hunter** Toth, [rah24@cornell.edu](mailto:rah24@cornell.edu); **Debbie Feinstein**, [Debbie\\_Feinstein@yahoo.com](mailto:Debbie_Feinstein@yahoo.com); and **Wilma Ann Anderson**, [Wilpower1@aol.com](mailto:Wilpower1@aol.com).

**93** Though it's been almost one year since our 10th Reunion, mentions of that memorable June weekend in Ithaca continue to find their way into the Class Notes. **Jason Halio** e-mailed to say, "Reunion was a blast! Catching up on old memories with classmates and college neighbors **Matt Cercone**, **Mike Riskind**, and **Andrew Lloyd**, which even included a late night Hot Truck 'debacle,' was just like old times!" Jason recently relocated from New York to Boston, where he is working at Morgan Stanley. He also mentioned that he completed the NYC Marathon in November: "At the starting line, I ran into (literally) **Lorna Sultan '94** and we ran the first 18 miles together—before she dusted me."

**William Andersen III** wrote that he had a great time seeing old friends at reunion, and then again two months later at the August wedding of **Kim Ashton** to Rob Cullinane in Cohasset, MA. Other Cornellians in attendance were **Matt** and **Kim Powell** Sendelbach, **Mark McAnallen**, **Alex Marcus**, **Kevin Campanella**, ME '94, and **Cheng** and **Kristen Sheppard Lee '92**. For the past two years, Wil has been a project landscape architect for Back to Nature Landscape Associates in Oldwick, NJ. "We have designed award-winning residential and private school landscape designs. Currently, we are designing and building one of the first sustainable, green developments in New Jersey. Call me if you need a new house!" Considering how many of our classmates have moved this year, I would not be surprised if several took Wil up on his offer! **Benjamin Rogoff** Gideon recently relocated from Manhattan to Maine, a change he describes as "a big move, but a good one. I changed my name (assumed my wife's last name) and grew a beard. We have an 8-month-old little boy, Julian Gideon."

Like Benjamin, lots of our classmates became first- and even second-time parents last year. **Justin Schor** and wife Julie welcomed daughter Vanessa Leigh into the world on September 15. A few weeks later, on October 3, **Claudia Humphrey** Curtis gave birth to her second daughter, Arielle Elizabeth. Claudia reports fellow ILR classmate **Dayo Wilson** Lanier also has a new daughter, Kai Diarra, born in March.

**Jon Russell**, MBA '94, and wife Sue became parents late last year. Jon writes, "Jason Copeland Russell was born November 10. Everyone is doing great, although we have not been sleeping much lately. We are very excited and completely overwhelmed at the same time." **Stacey Schwartz** e-mailed that she and husband Yves Saada are also proud parents. "Our daughter Lily Michele was born on October 26." Finally, **Derek and Nicole Bialas Harrison** announce the birth of their first baby, son Maximilian Robert.

Of course, the column would not be complete without mention of a few weddings. **Nancy Gellatly** Leichter writes, "I moved to the Los Angeles area a couple of years ago and have been working at Nortel Networks in Enterprise Marketing. In September 2002, I married husband Josh in Santa Barbara. Cornellians in attendance were **Jen Barber** Joyce, **Marjorie Dehey** Daleo, **Christy Bleyle** Frank, **Kristi Covert** '94, ME '95, and **Melissa Turner** Booth."

**Marc Merriweather** married Narges Kakalia in New York in August. Marc is an associate at Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel, a law firm in Manhattan. **Patrick Patricio** married fellow Class of '93er **Jennifer Raynovich**, also in November in New York. Jennifer is a research associate at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center in New York, coordinating a clinical trial on diabetes, and Mark is the head of stock and derivatives trading at Copper Arch Capital, a hedge fund. In September, **Erick Schonfeld** married fellow Cornellian **Nadia Ghannam** '90. Erick is the editor-at-large for *Business 2.0*, a monthly magazine.

**Matthew Kall** e-mailed with news of his October 25 wedding to Naomi Katzman. Cornellians in attendance included Matthew's sister **Deborah Kall Schaal** '88, JSD'91, her husband **Joe** '88, MBA '89, and all three of their daughters ("future Cornellians, we hope!"), groomsmen **Egan Greenstein**, **Allan Roussele** '90, **Dustin Moskowitz** '91, **Anne Dunning** '92, **Jeffrey Anbinder** '94, **Jennifer Hillman** '92, ME '93, and **Kevin** '91 and **Amy Sachs Yam** '92, DVM '98, and their new baby Benjamin. Matthew also wrote that in July he was among a group of recipients of the Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service, given by John Ashcroft in recognition of their work on the case of *United States v. James A. Traficant Jr.*, the former congressman from Youngstown, Ohio. Congratulations, Matthew.

**Josh Owen** was also honored in 2003 for his work. He was named one of *Surface Magazine's* 10 Most Avant Garde American Designers, as well as being included in *Philadelphia Magazine's* 2003 It List: 22 People Who Will Change Your World. Josh is a professor of industrial design at Philadelphia U. and runs a product design studio called owenLOGIKdesign.

As rewarding as any award is true job satisfaction. **Kena Evans** Thompson, MBA '98, started working for Cornell in May 2003 as the Director of Alumni Affairs & Development for the Northeast Regional Office. She writes, "I'm loving it!" On that upbeat note, I remind you to please send any and all news you'd like to share with your classmates to your faithful class cor-

respondents. Thanks! ♦ **Erica Fishlin** Fox, ericazz@aol.com; and **Yael Berkowitz**, berkowitz@mellon.com.

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Considering that we donned our mortarboards almost a decade ago, we often forget that some of our classmates undergo many years of formal training. Congratulations to the most recent inductees of the stethoscope club: **Nilay Shah** is a neurologist at Crystalrun Health Care in Middletown, NY. **Nikheel Kolatkar** earned an MS in physiology and biophysics from Georgetown in 1995 and went on to get his MD at the U. of Minnesota, Minneapolis Medical School four years later. After completing his residency at Baylor College of Medicine, he began a fellowship in endocrinology, diabetes, and hypertension at the Brigham and Women's Hospital/Harvard Medical School. Lastly, **Mary Burdick** is completing the final year of a child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, NY. She graduated medical school in 1998. In more good news, Mary and husband Robert are the proud parents of daughter Anna Sophia, born last September.

This birth announcement segues nicely into the baby section of the column: **Gail Fraser-Farmer**, a doctor in Brooklyn, welcomed her first child, Shakira Grace, last June. That same month, **Jennifer Gonzalez-Bousquet**, who hangs her hat in Austin, TX, gave birth to Mariana Cecelia. Wrote Jennifer, "Her first laugh was when I explained to her that Brown is a safety school (my husband's alma mater). Mike and I are both looking forward to the 10th Reunion—no hard feelings." **Carmen Santana-Telesca**, BArch '94, is raising Eva Fernanda, who celebrated her first birthday last September. In the spirit of preservation, Carmen has "purchased and renovated two homes in old Tampa, one from 1900 and one from 1914," working with the planning commission to revitalize the neighborhood.

Another baby girl came into the world in September when **Maria de la Fuente Sullivan**, a resident of Virginia Beach, VA, gave birth to Kaitlyn Cecilia. Maria is a senior manager at Accenture, a consulting and technology services company, and is married to **Jeffrey** '93, a Navy pilot. Also in September, **Laura Jacobsmeier** Battaglia, who lives in Richmond, VA, became a mother to Paul Thomas. She and her husband, both architects, are in the process of renovating a historic house (circa 1858).

Another architect, **Maureen Intihar**, who works for Mithun Partners in Seattle, WA, married John Gaines on October 4 in Shaker Heights, OH. Among the bridesmaids were **Kathleen Dwyer** Mayoglothling, whose daughter Anna was born last March, and **Mary Fagot**, who married Nick Wooten in San Luis Obispo, CA. According to Maureen, Kathleen works at the GE Foundation in Fairfield, CT, while Mary, a two-time Grammy Award nominee, is an art director at Capitol Records.

Another California wedding occurred last August when **Liza Brown** married Abel Somil-

leda in Los Angeles. She teaches middle school English and owns a travel company with her husband. Farther afield, **Jordan Wallens** (also of Los Angeles) journeyed to Pamplona, Spain, to tie the knot with Idoya Urrutia. From the *New York Times*, **Margit Feury**, a freelance writer and editor, wed Gar Ragland at the Fenimore Art Museum in Cooperstown, NY. I had the pleasure of attending the June 21 nuptials of **Dan Wood** '93 and **Mara Leff**, who exchanged vows in a beautiful conservatory in the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. The couple, who met freshman year, represents the next generation of a Cornell romantic saga: Dan's father **Tim Wood** '65, BArch '66, met wife **Ruth (Rubman)** '65 on the Hill, while Ruth's parents, **Fred Rubman** '31 and **Hermine (Cohen)** '34, also share an alma mater. Among the guests was **Matt Schaab**, who works in finance at Goldman Sachs.

Last fall, I received an e-mail from **Abhinov** (aka Abi) **Singh**, who shared an abundance of news. Last July, Abi, who received an MBA at U. of Chicago, married **France Jaffe** '95 in Lyon, France. The two live in the San Francisco area. Courtesy of Abi, we learn that **Marcus Davis**, who runs a recruiting company in Austin, TX, also joined the newlywed club when he married Lauren Brown in Philadelphia. In July, **Geoff Raynak** got hitched in Colorado Springs, CO. In October, the latest baby boom hit **Evan Kopelson** and **Rae Ostman**, who have a son. In the latest California update, **Will Tseng** is in Los Angeles, where he works for a technology firm, and **Dan (Aaron D.) Sasson** is finishing a medical residency in Palo Alto, CA.

More career developments: After getting his MBA, **Gregory Woodworth** recently started Stony Brook Cookie Company, a mail-order business based in a historic brewery in Jamaica Plain, MA ([www.stonybrookcookie.com](http://www.stonybrookcookie.com)). Freshly baked cookies ship within 24 hours. In Los Angeles, **John Schwartz**, who was about to produce his first feature film last fall, is on the lookout for screenwriters. **Cory Lyle** works in real estate development in Santa Fe, NM, and **Barry Schutter** lives in Somerset, NJ, punching the clock at ImClone as a project engineer. **Tycho Peterson** is a biotech analyst at J.P. Morgan Chase in New York.

Also in Gotham is **Syl Tang**, CEO and founder of the five-year-old media company HipGuide. Wrote Syl, "We've been in everything from *Newsweek* to the *NY Times* Style section. This year, I'm judging the Wharton Business Plan Competition." She included news of **Alessandra Sagasti**, who is married to **Chris Taggi**. Alessandra teaches at Montgomery College, holds a PhD in marine science, and has authored a children's book on the same subject. After finishing law school at George Washington U., Chris remained in DC, where he practices at McManus Schor Asmar and Darden and volunteers at the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless.

Also living in the DC area is **Erin Iverson**, an Episcopal youth minister. Erin served in the Army for nine years. She shared updates on **Andrea Palm**, who works for a congressman on Capitol Hill, and **Marty Newhouse**, a consult-

ant at Accenture. Last fall, **Brian Williams** wrote about his busy life at the U. of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where he is pursuing a JD plus two master's degrees after leaving the Air Force in 2000. After a stint at the General Counsel for the Secretary of Defense last summer, his post-graduation plans are to return to DC to clerk for a judge on the US Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

The fall season still means "back to school" for **Greta Pangborn**, PhD '02, an assistant professor at Saint Michael's College in Colchester, VT. On her roster are classes in computer science, finite math, and algorithms. **Julie Orringer**, who graduated from the Iowa Writer's Workshop, teaches fiction writing at Stanford U. Her short story collection, *How to Breathe Underwater*, was published by Knopf last fall. She lives with her husband in San Francisco. Keeping busy in Illinois, **Rachelle Bernacki** is the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar at U. Chicago. Putting all of us couch potatoes to shame, she rode her bike a grand total of 3,250 miles from Seattle to Washington, DC, and even found time to volunteer at a medical clinic near Mount Everest. She reports on **Anika Trancik**, who is working toward her PhD in psychology.

For those of you who haven't seen our newly redesigned website (courtesy of **Nico Marcellino**), log on to <http://classof94.alumni.cornell.edu/>. There you'll find a user-friendly place for everything '94, including campus photos, important links, and information about our upcoming reunion. ♦ **Dika Lam**, [dikaweb@yahoo.com](mailto:dikaweb@yahoo.com); **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, [jennifer.marchant@kraft.com](mailto:jennifer.marchant@kraft.com); **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasyluk, [dmp5@cornell.edu](mailto:dmp5@cornell.edu).

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As Alison pointed out in her Jan/Feb column, it is indeed incredible that we are approximately one year away from our 10th Reunion. Not quite achieving Alison's tenure, I'm only a five-year veteran of writing our Class Notes column and before that an avid reader. Rereading old Class Notes, as well as thinking back over the time since we left the Hill, it is amazing how our lives (and the world for that matter) have changed, taken shape, and occasionally led us down some unexpected detours. Throughout it all, we are joined together by our shared, steadfast allegiance to Cornell and fidelity among the Class of 1995. Originally, I thought all universities were like this, but over time and after interaction with the rest of the alumni worlds, it has become apparent that this is not the norm. We Cornellians are unique. Likewise, we are lucky.

Okay, enough of my column-of-love-fest. Let's get down to the news. **Katherine Kiang Pascover** is surrounded by Cornellians both at work and in her extended in-law family. Kathy says, "My husband **Alex** has two non-Cornellian cousins who are marrying Cornellians. Cousin Joanna Poscover married **Craig Schranz '98**, and cousin Ben Poscover married **Jessica Katz '96**. Moreover, I was reading an internal memo at work and found that there is another Cornellian, **Kim Hunter '75**, who was recently named

managing editor of BNA's Labor Relations Reporter. This is in addition to my new coworker **Paul Oldewurtel '88**, BFA '90, and fellow employee **Cathy Minkler**. I myself was introduced to BNA through my Cornell mentor **Pat Strongin '59**, who is now retired. It's just a strange but happy invasion into my work and personal life that I just had to comment on to somebody!"

**Dale Rosenthal** started graduate school full time at the U. of Chicago. He is working toward an MS in statistics and concurrently working for Morgan Stanley part-time. The direction Dale plans to take post-degree is "back to the finance world!" Hmmm . . . sounds like anyone looking to hang out with Dale during his free time will have to wait until 2007. We'll miss you, Dale! (Just teasing . . . about the 2007 part!) Dr. **Maureen Shaw** Terranova has joined Rhinebeck Women's Health. Maureen is "expertly trained in the obstetrical care of the mother and newborn, and providing family-centered births." Another '95er in the news is **Paul Rodriguez**, ME '97. Paul is receiving the prestigious George Bradley Gascoigne Medal from the Water Environment Federation (WEF) as recognition for his article, "Attack of Lagoon Bloom." For those unfamiliar with the lagoon bloom exposé (no, it is not a sci-fi thriller), "the article identifies and discusses the process used to implement a DAF treatment process to remove algae from the Town of Warren's lagoon effluent."

**Jeffrey Marcus** and **Joanne Seiff** celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary by taking a month-long trip to Sante Fe, NM. After their extended holiday, they moved to Bowling Green, KY, where Jeff is now an assistant professor of biology at Western Kentucky U. Joanne gave up a tenure track position teaching English at a community college to move to Kentucky, but she is enjoying her new, less stressful job as a freelance writer. Since the move, the pair has been visited by Joanne's mother, **Judy Gleicher Seiff '65**, **Rebecca Conable '94**, and **Ashley Dawn Weiss**. "The guest room has been full of Cornellians."

**Leslie Davis** Nicholson sent in a delightful update on her life. She writes, "Rob Nicholson and I were married on May 25 (the same day as Cornell graduation!) in a little town on Skanateles Lake, just 40 miles north of Cornell. Many Class of '95ers, as well as '92s, '94s, '96s, and '97s, traveled from all over to join us for a weekend of festivities and revisiting Cornell memories. The wedding party included classmates **Beth Jordan**, **Juliette Sorhagen** Fershtman, and **Kristin Manley**. We had a tremendous time and were very glad to be able to share the weekend with so many friends and family in the Finger Lakes. Afterwards, we spent two wonderful weeks in the Greek Islands. Rob and I live in NYC, where I am a product manager at the NASDAQ Stock Market and he is an investment banker with RBC Capital Markets."

In a vivid e-mail, **Y. Andrew Yang** says, "Following a harrowing escape from SARS, I completed my expatriate assignment in Hong Kong and returned to Boston this spring. Safety was certainly one reason. However, there was a much greater cause for my return: I wanted to make

sure I was alive and in one piece to marry my true love, Kim. Our wedding was a wonderful moment in time, in which we were joined by our friends and family. As I looked at my closest friends and groomsmen, I realized that they had all spent time on the Hill with me. Cornell was, and still is, one of the most special places in the world. What a joy it is to be home." Very well said, Andy!

On July 12, '03, **Mathew Schwartz '96** married Justine Firnhaber-Baker in the Wellesley College chapel. Cornellians in attendance were best man **Chris "Tick" Ahearn '96**, groomsman **Mark Handel**, and **Eben Klemm '92**, **Soraya Rosenfield '94**, **Chris**, BArch '01, and **Andrea Pignoni Auxier '96**, **Emily Yacus**, **Annie Cranstoun '97**, and **Yves Etheart '96**. The couple honeymooned in Poland and the Baltics. Afterwards, they moved to France so Justine could do research for her medieval history PhD. Mat is a freelance writer/photographer who concentrates mostly on business and technology topics in addition to working on Fodor's Paris 2005 guide.

More weddings abound! **Karen Fellowes** Siwinski attended the wedding of **Letitia Chan** and **Ramon Peypoch** on Apr. 25, '03 in Carmel, CA. Karen and **Michelle Madriaga** were bridesmaids. Guests included classmates **Chris Chouinard** and **Dharinee Sanganee Menon**. In more personal news, Karen reports that she and husband Peter welcomed their first child into the world on Oct. 3, '03, Jack Peter Siwinski. As a new mother, Karen says, "He is an absolute joy! I will admit, however, that neither of us truly understood the meaning of sleep deprivation until Jack came into our lives!" Joining the ranks of the sleep deprived, **Gilbert** and **Mara Cooper Chan** welcomed their little bundle of joy Julia on Jan. 31, '03. Gil writes, "Little Julia is our pride and joy and we're already preparing her for Cornell in 18 years or so. Also, in between all the excitement of having a baby, I changed jobs in May and am now the engineering manager at Polyshot Corp., a company here in Rochester, NY, that manufactures run-nerless molding systems for the injection molding industry."

Also in January 2003, **Michael Mendelsohn** and wife Lynn Rosen had a new arrival, Samuel Rosen Mendelsohn, on the 23rd. Mike is an associate producer for ABC News Magazine "20/20," and Lynn is a playwright. The couple lives in Manhattan. In March 2003, **Brian Rose** became the proud father of Cyrus Benjamin. Brian enjoys his work at HKB Investments. In his spare time, he serves on the board of the Dallas Area Torah Assn. and as chair of his neighborhood crimewatch committee. And the last little edition to the extended Cornell family to make into this Class Notes is "sweet baby girl" Hannah Paige. She was born on June 9, '03, to **Signe Freiberg** Whitson and her husband Richard. "What a joy!"

And that is the conclusion of the spring 2004 Class Notes. It is always a pleasure to hear from you and I echo Signe's comment, "What a joy!" ♦ **Abra Benson**, [amb8@cornell.edu](mailto:amb8@cornell.edu); and **Alison Torillo** French, [amt7@cornell.edu](mailto:amt7@cornell.edu). Class website, [www.classof95.cornell.edu](http://www.classof95.cornell.edu).

**96** Greetings, Sixers! I hope the new year is treating you well. As I write this, we're being deluged by "Best of" and "Worst of the Year" lists, memories, icons, pariahs, and what have you. I haven't quite grasped the concept that the year is ending; going back to school has resuscitated the concept that the year actually ends in May. For those of you without that blissful recollection, I have a class assignment for you: go and check out President **Jeffrey Lehman '77's** convocation speech on the Cornell website. Trust me, it's nothing short of awesome. One of those things that made me proud that I spent my time on East Hill.

**Justine Harrison** is in her second year of law school at UNLV, headed toward a career in health law. She's been working part-time to help create the Nevada Cancer Inst., but still getting to see friends all around. Justine reported that she saw **Josh Babbitt, MS '97** (a "comrade in suffering" at NYU Law), **Alex Luna**, and **Mark Dubovy** on a recent trip to NYC, **Andrea Foster** in L.A., and **John Tolpa, JD '99**, who's working as an attorney in San Diego and loving the West Coast life. **Ben Faulkner** spent a long hiatus in South America soaking up some Spanish and a couple of soccer games before starting as an associate at Cleary Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton in November.

**Erica Gantner** wrote that **Sheila Di Gasper**, **Alicia Parlanti**, **Karen Szczepanski**, and **Robyn Tuttle** Burns all visited her in Boston "to sort of kick off our 30s." Erica caught up with former Beantown resident **Karl Schimmeck**, who recently relocated to Chicago. Erica also reported that **Laura Scheirer** Quinn started her own nonprofit consulting company (alderconsulting.com) doing website consulting for nonprofits. Laura's husband Henry recently left the corporate world and started last fall as a NYC public school teacher, teaching high school math. Laura wrote, "Married life can't be beat. I started my business at the same time he started teaching, to begin a new life of good works and poverty. Well, not actually poverty, but no longer the corporate fat cats we were."

**Ali Davis** now calls Japan home. She moved to Tokyo in 2003 to work for PADECO, a transportation consulting company. She's been working in various spots in the Far East, including China. Apparently, Ithaca wasn't cold enough for **Lisa Perronne**, who is finishing up b-school at Wisconsin in the spring, and then heading further north to Minneapolis to rejoin the working world. She let me know that she'll be spending some time in warmer climates before inching closer to the north pole in the fall.

**Nina Roosevelt** and **Alex Collmer '97** were married on Aug. 9, '03 in South Dartmouth, MA. Nina is a fifth grade teacher at the Allen-Stevenson School in New York, and finishing up her master's in education at Columbia. Alex owns Interactive Entertainment Partners, based in New York. **Katie Butler** is finishing up her time in "Ithaca: Reloaded" (being a 2nd year at the Johnson School) where she hopes she's facing her last Ithaca winter. Katie visited San Francisco in October, where she got to see **Joy Guidi** and **Danielle**

**Fisher '97** and **Dave Cole '97**, whose wedding she also attended in June at Lake Tahoe.

And while we're on the left coast, **Arshad Ahmed** reported that he launched the bi-coastal law firm of Ahmed & Mogul LLP. Arshad serves as the managing partner of the firm's San Francisco Bay Area office. **Chetna Bansal, M ORIE '97**, and husband **Aravind Narasimhan '97** welcomed daughter Maya into the world on Aug. 21, '03. Congratulations to the proud new parents!

Thanks to everyone who wrote in, and those who encouraged others to write in with their news. We always look forward to hearing from you. ♦ **Sheryl Magzamen**, SLM1@cornell.edu; **Allie Cahill**, AlexandraCahill@aol.com; and **Courtney Rubin**, cbr1@cornell.edu.

**97** As you read this, spring is around the corner . . . finally! This past year, like others in recent memory, was one in which many classmates tied the knot. **Elisabeth Field** married Andy Mims on July 26, '03, in Little Compton, RI. The couple met at Dartmouth, where they received their MBA degrees. Elisabeth is a management consultant at the Parthenon Group, and Andy is a stock research associate at Thomas Weisel Partners, a merchant bank. **Joseph Britt** and **Kelly O'Hare** got married at Graham Chapel at Washington U. in St. Louis, MO, on Nov. 30, '02. **Briget Doyle** Grbic got married on Aug. 3, '02. She and her husband honeymooned in Croatia, and Briget started with Marsh USA in June 2003.

August was a busy month for classmates' weddings: **Alex Collmer** and **Nina Roosevelt '96** tied the knot Aug. 9, '03, in South Dartmouth, MA. Nina teaches fifth grade at the Allen-Stevenson School in New York and is seeking her master's degree in education from Columbia. Alex owns Interactive Entertainment Partners, a video programming firm in New York. His father is a professor of plant pathology at Cornell. Meanwhile, at the Newark Club in New Jersey on the same day, **Samantha Youngman** (spygirl129@aol.com) and **Mark Meiler** got

Jack were married in Upper Montclair, NJ. **Melissa Martinchick** and **Margaret Safford** were bridesmaids; other classmates attending included **Greg** and **Sarah Karcinell Fried**, **Shelly Tyler Radler**, **Laurie Rothenberg**, and **Christina Edling Melendi**. Jason and Julie live in NYC, where Julie is an attorney in the investment management group of Davis Poll & Wardwell.

In June 2003, **Jason Friedman** (jayruns@excite.com) and **Jodi Frantz** joined in holy matrimony in Philadelphia. Both Jason and Jodi have Cornellian siblings: Jason's sister **Allison Friedman Osborn '00** and husband **Andrew '00** joined Jodi's sister **Brooke Frantz Salzman '95** in the festivities. **Al Brandstaedter '96**, MEng '97, was best man; **John Steed** and **Aravind Swaminathan** also attended. Jason is finishing his residency in emergency medicine at Cooper Hospital in Camden, NJ. **Danielle Grundleger** (dannie99@hotmail.com) married **Harrison Rosenberg** in Lawrence, NY, on Sept. 6, '03. The Rosenbergs live on the Upper East Side of Manhattan; Danielle works for IBM as a consultant, and has seen **Staci Harris** Frauwirth, **Dave Silverstein**, **Jason Bender**, **Elliot Goodman**, **Jennifer Colasuonno-Schaffer**, and **Bill Trenchard**.

**Scott Hatherley** (shather1@mac.com) sent word that he attended **Brad Hopper's** wedding on Sept. 6, '03. **Maria Westberg** (mariawestberg@yahoo.com) married **Peter Adams, MBA '02**, on Sept. 27, '03 in Bristol, RI. Classmates joining in the festivities included **Jessika Trancik**, **Alison Brown** Mungenast, **Julie Laukys**, and **Anne** and **Sarah Snelgrove, MD '01**. Maria finished up her master's at Tufts, where she studied nutrition communications and public health. Julie Laukys (jkl6@cornell.edu) checked in with some news of her own: she received her clinical doctorate in physical therapy from Temple U. this summer.

**Anne-Marie Compton** (amco101@yahoo.com) gave birth to son **Dominic Matthew Ross** on Aug. 3, '03. Anne-Marie is enjoying life as a full-time mom after teaching introductory chemistry at the U. of Alaska, Fairbanks. **Colleen Zampier** (cjz8@juno.com) loves her job as a

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married. Classmates attending included **Beth Rothenstein**, **Andrew** and **Julie Leffler Schultz**, **Yvette Nick** Montvelisky, **Josh, DVM '01**, and **Rebecca Propis Baum**, **Caryn Feinberg**, **Michael Siegel** and wife **Robyn**, and **Marc** and **Ellen Goodman Stiefel**. Samantha is the features editor at the newly revamped *Star* magazine.

**Paula Gerber** (paulaannegerber@yahoo.com) and **Pankaj Gore** got hitched on Aug. 30, '03 in her hometown of Spokane, WA. Pankaj's brother **Neeraj Gore** is in the class of '00. Also on August 30, on the other side of the country, **Julie Winarski** (jnw2@cornell.edu) and **Jason**

clinical dietitian at R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center at the U. of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore. **Patara Yongvanich, MBA '00** (py12@cornell.edu) was promoted last fall to director of field services for SAP AG. Patara spent the summer with **Derek Deich**, **Dan Davidson**, and **Jason Wang '96**.

**John Boyer** continues to put his Harvard Law degree to good use: he's a member of the Judge Advocate General core of the 101st Airborne division of the Army and was serving in Iraq this fall. After returning from a "glorious" ten-week post-Bar exam vacation, **Lia Brooks**

(lnb1@cornell.edu) has settled into her job as an associate in Davis Polk & Wardwell's litigation department and still managed to find time to train and run the New York City Marathon on November 2. She graduated from Fordham Law School last May and keeps in touch with **Sudwiti Chanda**, **Rebecca Politzer**, and **Kristen Breen '98**. **Christine Booss** (cb30@cornell.edu) remains in Eugene, OR, where she's in her third year of studying business law at the U. of Oregon and looking forward to finishing up in May '04.

**Rebecca Cantor Amster** (Rebecca@amsterfamilylaw.com) opened her own law firm in downtown Coral Gables, FL, where she practices family law, including divorce, adoption, paternity, custody, domestic violence, and dependency. After being inspired by husband **Matt '95**, who ran in the marathon at Disney World last January, she started training to run in the Disney marathon this year. Rebecca was present at the closing of **Jason Litowitz '98's** new home.

**David Hollman** (dah8@cornell.edu) kept busy outdoors in 2003: he traveled to Yosemite National Park with **Chris Como '99**, Presidential Ridge in New Hampshire, and Mt. Marcy in New York's Adirondacks. David's living in NYC but working in Arlington, VA, since June 2002 for Sapient Corp., and has seen classmate **Russ Goodrich** in New Hope, PA, and **Ann Coulter '84** on Amtrak. **Tania Condon Lawrence** (tania ben@hotmail.com), husband **Ben**, and 2-year-old son **John** moved to Balikpapan, Indonesia, in September 2003. Ben is working as the office manager for Abumas Group, a supply company serving the oil drilling rigs in Kalimantan (formerly Borneo). Tania, who spent last summer in Biddeford, ME, while enrolled in a master's education program at the U. of New Hampshire, planned to volunteer in Balikpapan as an English teacher in a local elementary school.

**Megan Clark Eisenberg** (mclarkeisenberg@yahoo.com) and husband **Josh '96**, JD '00, planned to vacation in Vietnam in October

aol.com) is back at school studying traditional Chinese medicine (acupuncture and herbs). **Seth Guikema** (sdg4@cornell.edu) finished his PhD at Stanford in management science and engineering. He moved back to Ithaca and is at Cornell as a postdoctorate in civil and environmental engineering.

Have you visited our class website lately? It is a great way to stay connected: investigate upcoming events in your area, peruse past Class Notes columns, post a snapshot, give a gift. You can always submit your news directly to us at the addresses below, or send it in over the Web. And remember, this space isn't reserved solely for weddings, babies, and other major events... there is a forum for news of all sorts! ♦ **Erica Broennle Nelson**, ejbnelson@yahoo.com; **Sarah Deardorff Carter**, sjd5@cornell.edu. Class website, [www.classof97.cornell.edu](http://www.classof97.cornell.edu).

**98** By the time this column appears, the first signs of spring-time should be in the air. In accordance with the season of hope and love, we bring you news on the birds, bees, and busybodies from the Class of 1998. For starters, **Jennifer Salzwedel Shenkman** has happy news to report from Boston (sorry about the delay, Jennifer!). Back on July 6, '02, she and **Evan** got married at Sage Chapel on an absolutely perfect Ithaca day at a ceremony that was reportedly beautiful beyond belief. Class of '98 Cornellians in attendance included **David** and **Carolyn Smith Wald**, **Catherine Yen**, **Melissa Amernick**, MPA '99, **Yvonne Wang**, **Andy Lah**, **Colin Dougherty**, **Brennan McDonough**, and **Derek Dorn**. Evan just completed his second year working for Jackson Lewis LLP as a labor and employment attorney. Jennifer works for what is now Columbia Management Group, a subsidiary of Fleet, doing financial analysis and reporting. The couple reports that they are both enjoying their jobs, being married, and living in

ate—the couple had met in the Sage Chapel Choir nine years before and Dave proposed in the chapel. The weather broke into a sunny gorgeous day for the special occasion. The reception was at the Statler Hotel and was well attended by Cornellians. **Mehera O'Brien** was the maid of honor, and **Becky Green** was bridesmaid. Others in the Class of '98 contingent were **Seth Levy**, **Alyssa Goulian**, **Cheryl Young**, **Mike Grove**, **Michelle Walters**, MS '99, **Tess Gamboa**, **Mike Coggins**, **Jaff Hasan**, **Jen Rosen**, and **Lillian Chuang**. Dave and Karen live in Richmond, VA. On Sept. 20, '03 **Amy R. Winkle** got married to **Tor Glendinning**. The ceremony was at Pemaquid Point Lighthouse, in Bristol, ME. The couple honeymooned in Nova Scotia.

Moving further along in life's course are **Jeremy Goldman**, **Jay Burnett**, and **George Voyiatzis**, who are now fathers. Jeremy married **Debra** in August 2001, and they have one child, **Adeline**, who is 15 months old. Jay announces the birth of their second daughter, **Maggie**, who was born Sept. 5, '03. His other daughter **Abigail** is almost 2 and loves being a big sister. Jay is still working for Marriott, where he is now director of sales and marketing analysis. George announces the birth of daughter **Georgia**, who arrived on Mar. 28, '03. Living in Fresno with his wife and daughters **Arti**, 4, and **Dharma**, 2, is **Anoop Patel**. He is sorry that he missed reunion, but it was for a good reason: he opened a brand new Hampton Inn and Suites on June 17 at the San Francisco Airport. Congratulations, guys!

Settling down. Aside from getting married and making babies, some of our classmates are becoming homeowners. **Sheeleza Bacchus Deba** got married recently. The couple bought their first home in Helmetta, NJ, and got a beautiful puppy named **Buck**. All three are settling down slowly and spending lots of time with family and friends. **Addy Williams** also recently bought a flat in San Francisco, CA. She is working for a restaurant specialized general contractor building boutique restaurants in the Bay Area. In May 2003, she went home to Nova Scotia and then set off to the Philippines to visit her spouse's family and **Raenna Cranbourne**. Addy also saw **Amy Greenstein Cuker**, **Stephanie Melikian**, **Andrea Yanik**, and **Lisa Lowenfels** at **Anna Godfrey Alig's** wedding in Peoria, IL.

**Katherine "Trina" Young Barton** and her husband moved to California from Connecticut and are in the process of buying a house. The couple is having a hard time with the idea of Fresno winters (temperatures in the upper 80s for the entire month of October). They drove cross-country and enjoyed many national parks along the way. Trina saw **Robin Schenker** and **Kate Temme** in Philadelphia in June 2003 and reports that both are very busy and very happy to be in Philly.

Next stops? Our classmates have been to some exotic destinations in the past year, including good old Ithaca, NY. **Matthew West** gave a guest lecture for **Kathy Berggren's** Comm 201 class on the topic of effective listening back in October 2003. He also recruited MBA candidates from Cornell's Johnson School for his

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MELANIE ARZT '99

2003. Megan has started her own business, Clark Ventures LLC; she buys, renovates, and sells houses in the New York metropolitan area, and acts as a general contractor on other projects in Manhattan and New Jersey. Megan and Josh keep up with many Cornellians, including classmates **Kevin** and **Lynn Stravinski LaPierre**, **Emily Mead**, **Todd Jacobson**, **Amy Martin**, and **Manli Garahan**.

**Stefan Lehmann** (heysml@aol.com) left Morgan Stanley's investment banking division after three years to head to business school at Columbia. Stefan met **Elise Shin** and **Jen Hu** for drinks this fall. **Elisa Overholt** (cedahlia56@

the best baseball town in the world.

About a year later, **Denise Chu** and **Paul Lee** got married on June 7, '03. **Jessica Strassberg** and **Albert Choi** were in attendance. **James Lee '99** and **Gary Lazarus**, JD '02, served as groomsmen. **Christine Vatovec** married **Brian Sprague '99** at the Taughannock Falls overlook in Ithaca on June 21, '03. On Aug. 9, '03 back in Sage Chapel, **Addie Tyler** and **Theodore Ming-Tao Wong**, MEng '95, were married. The couple honeymooned in Prague, Vienna, Munich, and Paris.

Next in queue for another Sage Chapel wedding were **Karen Wang** and **Dave Fitzhugh '95**. The venue could not have been more appropri-

company, Regan Campbell Ward. Regan Campbell Ward will host Prof. Giban Earle's Cornell Communication Fellow's Program in the spring, where students can spend a day at a real-life NYC advertising agency to ask questions, get a tour of the agency, and hear presentations from agency staff. **Peter Majeranowski** just left the navy after five-plus years, during which time he has been in Baghdad, Iraq, working on temporary duty for the Coalition Provisional Authority. **Erica Wray** visited Argentina in December 2002 and then Ireland and England in September 2003. She is as an attorney for a law firm in Menlo Park, CA.

Almost there. Some of our classmates are still toughing it out in school. We wish them the best of luck! **Joseph Rossettie** is in his second year of law school. He had worked two years as a consultant at Ernst & Young in New York, moved to Washington, DC, to work as an independent consultant, then traveled to Jackson, WY, for a year before going to the U. of San Diego Law School. **Patricia Bolen** is currently in law school at Michigan State U. **Chris Malvica** is studying a lot in the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at Slippery Rock U. Congratulations to all! ♦ **Erica Chan**, hc31@cornell.edu; and **Gregg Herman**, gdh5@cornell.edu.

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Happy New Year and Almost Reunion, Cornellians! As I write this column, shivering from Ithaca-esque winter winds as 2003 reaches its finale, I have to laugh at the irony that you will be reading these very pages during much warmer and welcoming months—with our 5th Reunion just around the corner! When I put pen to paper this time around, I was quite surprised to find a dearth of gossip, tidbits, and know-how from y'all! Please write us and let us know what's happening in your lives so we can keep entertaining you with the ins and outs of all your classmates. Without further ado, I present you the year in review.

First up at bat is **Kevin Orloski** (klo3@cornell.edu), who has been learning the lay of the law in Allentown, PA. After graduating with honors from the U. of Pittsburgh, Kevin began practicing law last October through a clerkship with a trial judge in Easton, PA. Kevin expresses his hopes of sipping martinis alongside pal **Young-Bin Song** during our 5th Reunion if Young can manage to free himself from the binds of his hectic existence as a systems engineer with LG Electronics. Kevin also hopes to haunt the Big Red bar scene with college buddy **Elizabeth Farrell** (elizabeth.farrell@chronicle.com). He commends Elizabeth for taking time out of her job at the *Chronicle of Higher Education* in Washington, DC, to compile her own Sheldon Court Newsletter, allowing "graduates" of the venerable dorm to reconnect. To add to Kevin's praise, Elizabeth was recently awarded a reporting fellowship to go to Athens, Greece, where she met Olympics and education officials. Her DC comrades include **Paulo Cunha '00**, **Katherine Karl**, and **Andrew Zuckerman**.

Cornell's favorite therapist/satirist **Evan Waldheter** has gone down south for more than

just the winter to complete his clinical psychology PhD program at UNC, Chapel Hill. Evan took a few years rest from the intense life of a grad student to try his hand as a marketing executive for Cline, Davis & Mann Inc. in NYC. Reports confirm the Big Apple misses him dearly (especially our East Coast crew), but he's a good correspondent and has dutifully kept in touch with the lot of us, including reunion coordinator **Sheyna Horowitz**. Sheyna, at this point, is probably in a frenzy between putting the final touches on reunion preparation and finishing her first year of business school at the U. of Virginia Darden School of Business. Also riding the Wall Street wave, **Laura Kauderer** reports that she's really enjoying her first year as an MBA student at the MIT Sloan School of Management.

MIT is chockfull of Cornellians! One my favorite Bostonians, **Mukund Thattai**, has spent the past five years reinventing the wheel as a mad scientist in his biophysics lab, and is now wrapping up his PhD at MIT. Mukund (and probably most of us) has been quite occupied on the wedding front! He spent his winter break in India to celebrate his brother (and fellow Cornellian) **Lakshman's** marriage after he, myself, and many other International Living Center residents drove en masse up to Ithaca in the summer to celebrate the marriage of **Asya Khonina '00** to **James Buckley '01**, ME '02. On Aug. 31, '03, Asya walked down the aisle accompanied by bridesmaids **Salonika Mitra '00** and **Kaye Sy '00**, and cheered on by her ladies-in-waiting, the ILC "suites" **Meaghan Donovan '00**, **Justyna Zapolska '00**, **Bijou Bose '00**, **Restu Ismail '98**, ME '99, **Eva Bieniek '00**, **Rehan Tengku**, and myself! We worked behind the scenes to make the day a fairy tale come true, and I promise you, it was by far the best wedding I've ever attended—from the romantic ceremony outside Uris Library overlooking Libe Slope on a sunny (yes, SUNNY!) day, to the reception held on the Arts Quad, complete with a breathtaking sunset reflecting off the clock tower to mark the special occasion. ILCers were in attendance from all over the world, and post-wedding Asya and James packed their bags and moved to Amsterdam. Asya welcomes any and all visitors, so if you have an inkling for adventure, be sure to add the Netherlands to your itinerary.

While on the subject of venturing off to far-away lands, my past Paulina Street roommate of two years **Carol D'Souza** has headed back to her native Switzerland. Now in Geneva, Carol is walking the path of her dream job, working for the World Health Organization after graduating with a master's in international policy from Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. My other roommate of nearly five years (and from whom I'm still suffering separation anxiety) **Rachel Erlich** and I have also finally left our Paulina abode. Although we only moved a couple blocks away from one another in separate apartments, I tell ya', when you live with someone as long as Rachel and I have, you feel like it's a marriage! Rachel continues her grad school stint in biology at MIT.

Other weddings in 2003 included New Yorker **Leon Out** to Elisa Miller at the Fontainebleau Inn in Alpine, NY. Leon, a *magna*

*cum laude* graduate, surfs the intricate web of career development as both a senior developer at Comvision, a Web development firm in New York, and as the chief technical officer of Peer Focus, a related Internet company in New York that specializes in surveys. Also this past year, **Sireesha Soma** married Dr. Ashwin Jathavedam at the Hindu Samaj Temple in Wappingers Falls, NY. In her third year at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, Sireesha had participated in the Teach for America program from 1999 to 2001 as a first grade teacher at the Roosevelt Elementary School in Lynwood, CA.

Did I mention that my own brother got married this past summer. I was not only the maid of honor, but am now the happy aunt of my beautiful niece Quinn Marie Arzt. I firmly believe the best way to have kids when you're not ready yet is to let your siblings do all the work, and I am proud to admit I was born for the role of "crazy aunt." Still lovin' Boston, I spend my days working as an event planner and marketing manager for a local nonprofit, Volunteers of America. I spend my more exciting nights devising, writing, and acting for a semi-professional sketch comedy group, The Skitches. The one and only all-female gig in town, we have been touring Boston, Cambridge, and Brookline since March 2003. We hope to extend our world tour to new states in the New Year. Read more about us and Boston's local improv and sketch comedy scene at [www.improvboston.com](http://www.improvboston.com).

Speaking of the arts in Boston, **Gayle Anonuevo '00** gets the Oscar after completing the project of a lifetime with her two-years-in-the-making documentary of fellow Cornellian **Shaun Geer '01**. In her own words, the documentary is an investigation of "the previously unstudied phenomena of Essential Shaunness. Shaun Geer is a mystery shrouded in enigma with two coats of 'what the-?' Shaun will dance at the drop of a hat. Shaun will sing out loud. In public. Shaun will walk ahead of his friends, even if he doesn't know where they are going." The documentary was brought to life by the testimonials of his friends, including '99ers **Randi Rotjan**, **Mukund Thattai**, and myself. Largely produced and edited by Gayle, **Bijou Bose** and **James Barabas '00** also contributed many hours of hard work, sweat, and creative juices to filming and creating a soundtrack for the documentary. Gayle held the red carpet premiere in late summer 2003 and concluded the festivities with a party featuring all of Shaun's favorite foods. The documentary is available on VHS via Gayle (gayle\_anonuevo@emerson.edu), who is currently completing her graduate studies in film at Emerson College.

It's a small world after all, so write us with your news so we can remind you how few degrees of separation there lies between you and your classmates when it comes to location, careers, marriage, and Kevin Bacon (who I am now officially one degree separated from as my friend took on a small part in *Mystic River*). Keep sending us your news '99ers, and I hope to see y'all at Reunion 2004! ♦ **Melanie** "Crazy Auntie" **Arzt**, snoopymel@yahoo.com; **Jess Smith**, jessiniowa@hotmail.com; **Jen Sheldon**, jsheldon@law.uconn.edu.

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Happy Spring! Hopefully the snow has gone home for the season by now. As I sit writing this month's column, New York City and its suburbs are being bombarded by another major snowstorm. Is it so bad that at 25 years old, I am still praying for snow days? I will let you know next time if my wish came true. For now, let's move on to some very exciting updates.

**Carrie Vicens** reports that she is still living in Washington, DC, and working for Cap Gemini Ernst & Young. "I have been working on a reservation system replacement project for Walt Disney World for over a year now, so I spend my weekdays in Orlando with the Mouse!" I'm jealous! Some Florida weather sounds good right about now. Carrie, doesn't it feel like yesterday that we moved in next door to each other in Donlon? **Heather Foulks** is also still working in DC. She is currently the assistant manager of the lounge at the Four Seasons Washington, DC. She writes, "I am working nights, so I don't get out much in the evenings, but I do love the area and my new job. Hopefully after the holidays pass I will have more time to meet up with fellow alumni in the area." Sounds like a great idea! Keep in mind that the Cornell Club in Washington is located in the Cornell Center. They have great alumni events.

On the other side of the world, **Jonathan Lasky** writes that he has been working in Florence, Italy, for almost four years with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/Gruppi Biblici Universitari. He adds that next year he will attend Bible college in the US or UK. Back to the Big Apple with **Dana Day** who works at Alliance-Bernstein Institutional Investment Management, working with small pension clients' and high net worth clients' investments. Dana adds, "I'm singing in a great 50-member mixed choral group called The Manhattan Choral Ensemble, with concerts here in Manhattan." Congratulations to **O. Shane Balloun** who married Michele McNally on Nov. 15, '03 on the island of Kauai in Hawaii. "We celebrated in a small outdoor wedding with perfect weather (it rained twice, which is a blessing in Hawaii) with close family and friends." The happy couple both work for Google Inc. and live in San Jose.

I was so happy to hear from **Adam Bult!** He e-mailed that things are well for him in Vegas. "I am in my final year at UNLV law school and have accepted an offer with a civil defense firm here in Las Vegas and can't wait to be done with school." Good luck getting through finals, and keep in touch! Adam also provided an update about fellow Nevada alumnus **Felix Danciu**. "After three years in Los Angeles, CA, with two investment banks, he started his own, Olive Capital, in early 2003 after returning to his hometown of Las Vegas. The company is doing quite well and is on the verge of closing a number of big deals throughout the country." Congratulations, Felix! **Alison Moed** reports that she is currently in her fourth year in the clinical psychology PhD program at the U. of Pittsburgh. Finally, **Jia-Chen Fu** is in the second year of an MA/PhD program in history at Yale U. Jia-Chen also worked as a paralegal in Taipei, Taiwan after graduation.

Please keep those updates coming. There are many of you we haven't heard from since graduation. Tell us what you are up to—take a minute to fill out the white cards we send! The best part? No postage necessary! And if you are interested in getting an alumni event together in your city or region, give us a heads-up and we can put you in touch with any of the Cornell Club branches or contact the Alumni Class Council officer closest to you. ♦ **Sarah Striffler**, sjs34@cornell.edu; and **Andrea Chan**; amc32@cornell.edu.

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Happy beginning of spring! We hope that the winter was not unbearably cold for all of you, but most likely, it was warmer than Ithaca! Congratulations to **Lawrence** and **Christina Chaffee Pierce** on the birth of their baby boy Lawrence Steven on Oct. 25, '03. We hope he brings you much joy and happiness! Congratulations also to **Jennifer Yun**, who married **Ethan Case '03** on June 21, '03. Ethan was still at Cornell completing his MEng in ORIE. The happy couple moved to the Boston area after Ethan's graduation this past winter.

In Boston, **Maureen Thyne** is living with **Laura Little '00** and having a great time. Maureen is doing cancer genetics at the Brigham and Women's Hospital. She recently visited warm and sunny Los Angeles to visit **Molly Darnieder '98**. Maureen and Laura welcome any classmates who are visiting the Boston area. **Rachel Suchoff** has moved from Pennsylvania to Boston, and had a change in careers. She's a Human Ecology grad working in a hotel! Rachel took her management courses from Human Ec and her love of helping others through hospitality and applied it to working at the Sheraton Boston as the convention services manager. Congratulations, Rachel!

After two years of traveling, seasonal jobs, and bike races, **Zach Vanderkooy** finally "settled" in Boulder, CO. He landed an incredible year-round job at the International Mountain Biking Assn. He loves Boulder and the riding is awesome! Zach tells us that the people are beautiful, the mountains are right next to his house, and the skiing, climbing, and paddling are unbelievable. He hopes he can serve as a beacon of hope for the hordes of frustrated unemployed class members out there. Zach says that there are jobs out there, so keep trying. Zach also tells us that the best part about Boulder is that he doesn't drive a car—you can walk or ride a bike anywhere. He's also having a good cyclocross season so far. There are a few fellow riders from the Cornell Cycling Team out in Boulder to train with, including **Alan Enos '99**, ME '00. He also traveled to his hometown of Portland, OR, in December for the Cyclocross Nationals. We wish Zach the best of luck and can't wait to hear the results!

**Brooke Hafets** is working as the Outreach Manager at a nonprofit organization in Park City, UT, called the National Ability Center. The company provides year-round recreation for people with disabilities and their families. In the two and a half years that she has worked there, the participation has grown from 10,000 lessons per year to 20,000 lessons per year, making the

organization the largest disabilities sports organization in the country. For more information about her company, check it out on the Web at [www.nac1985.org](http://www.nac1985.org).

**Pamela Toschik** is working on a master's degree in marine, estuarine, and environmental sciences at the U. of Maryland, College Park. She has been selected as a finalist for the Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship, administered by the Sea Grant Program at NOAA. She was to begin the fellowship in February 2004. Another class member continuing his graduate studies is **Tim Durham**, who was awarded a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship for graduate study in New Zealand for one academic year. He's planning on enrolling in the resource studies program at Lincoln U., tailoring coursework around biotech and public perception of risk. Another class member in grad school, **Talia Ben-Jacob** received her Master of Science degree in Human Nutrition from Cornell in 2003. She now attends the U. of Vermont College of Medicine.

Congratulations to **Jesse Nankin** and three other Cornellian co-workers, who recently received two multi-year federal grants in excess of a million dollars while working for Polaris Health Directions Inc. of Greater Philadelphia. Polaris Health Directions has a history of federal research and development funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the National Inst. of Mental Health (NIMH), and the National Inst. of Drug Abuse (NIDA). They use these resources to construct outcomes management and clinical decision support systems for organizations in the fields of medical and behavioral healthcare. Polaris Health Directions systems are designed to provide real-time information to access, plan, monitor, and manage behavioral healthcare treatment.

This past Thanksgiving, **Kate Oliver**, **Brandon Bray**, **Connie Blair**, and **Nadine Latief** spent time together in Littleton, CO. Kate flew from California, Brandon from Washington, Connie from Massachusetts, and Nadine from Texas. They had fun doing the entire Thanksgiving celebration and baked their traditional pear pie, watched a movie, visited the mall, played Clue, and sat around creating an impromptu story about fuschia-haired folks and people with avocados growing out of their ears. Needless to say, they enjoyed the time together! In the news-in-brief department, **Jonah Bamberger** is living in Israel, **Gina Cardillo** is living in Seattle, WA, **Donald Boscoe**, ME '02, is living in Norristown, PA, and **Mariana Niell** is living in Poughkeepsie, NY.

As always, we'll end the column asking what's new in your lives? Any exciting trips? New job? Grad school? Weddings? Baby births? Let us know. E-mail us at [classof2001@cornell.edu](mailto:classof2001@cornell.edu). We hope that all is well with each of you and that you'll let us know about it! ♦ **Lauren Wallach**, [lew15@cornell.edu](mailto:lew15@cornell.edu); and **Itai Dinour**, [id22@cornell.edu](mailto:id22@cornell.edu).

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Spring brings more news of the Class of 2002 in their various pursuits in work and in school. **Andrew Russell**, who lives in the Capital District of New York, writes that he's

presently employed as a full-time pedagogue, teaching Latin to junior and senior high school students. He plans to return to school in the near future for an advanced degree in education.

**Matthew Lowenbraun** writes that he moved to Pittsburgh in December, where he is continuing his work with General Mills. Now on the West Coast, **Serena Schlake** is a graduate student at the U. of California, Davis, where she is working toward a master's in food science. **Eric Gonzalez**, **Ryan Buckham**, and **Christine Marchuska** all work together for Morgan Stanley's Fixed Income Division in NYC. Eric and Christine have been there since April 2003, and Ryan started in August 2003. Ryan and Eric are also roommates in NYC. Christine writes that recently they held a dinner party at her apartment with fellow Cornellian **Nicolette Carbo** who also works in NYC for Federated Department Stores.

**Elizabeth Mirabelli** reports that she was married last summer to Brian Scully. She works as a fourth grade teacher at the Tuscarora Indian School in her hometown of Lewiston, NY. Cornellians in attendance included **Kerry Donegan**, **Jennifer Valla**, **Julie Vultaggio**, **Mary Allison Goodman '03**, **J.D. Sauer**, **Cindy** and **Eric Swenson '01**, and her brother **Mark Mirabelli '98**.

**Natalie Benjamin** is a Peace Corps volunteer in a small village in the north of Peru. She will be finishing her Peace Corps service in 2005. **Li-Fen Chen** is in the midst of her second year of medical school at SUNY Downstate Medical Center. **Lynsay Ayer** and **Gwen Fay** are roommates in DC. Now that her fellowship at the NIH Lab is coming to a close, Lynsay is applying to graduate psychology programs. Gwen is traveling often and enjoying her work at ICF, a public policy consulting firm. They regularly see fellow Cornellians **Gillian Klempner**, **Ariel Schwartz**, **Jim Robenalt**, **Sarah Mann**, and **Susan Cohen**. **Lauren Downey** writes that she is attending Boston U. for her master's in art history.

Take a minute when you get a chance and tell the class where 2004 finds you and what keeps you busy. News, big and small, is always appreciated and great to pass along. Happy spring. ❖ **Elizabeth Richards**, elizabethlauren\_richards@yahoo.com.

**03** As I write this column, we are moving into the holiday season and preparing for 2004. Of course, by the time all of you read this, the stresses and joys of the festivities will be well over. I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and that your new year has gotten off to a great start. For the rest of this column, however, forget for awhile that we have already celebrated the new year and that hockey season is nearly over, and instead journey back to the fall for some updates from our classmates.

I was lucky enough to make it back to the Hill for Homecoming. I heard great news about a lot of classmates and saw quite a few of them, too. Saturday night, wandering between the Palms and Dinos I ran into quite a few '03ers reliving those good times. **Steve Harasim**, our current class historian and former class president,

## Love on the Hill

SCOTT WIESSINGER '03 AND  
LAURA OLNEY '03

**I**f ever there were a true Cornell wedding, it would have to be that of Scott and Laura Olney Wiessinger. It isn't just that the pair met in the A.D. White house on their first day on campus. It isn't that he got down on one knee to propose on a rose-petal strewn Beebe Lake bridge (after they had walked around it holding hands, of course). What's remarkable is the legacy this wedding followed. The bride's older brother, Chris '96, and his wife, Catherine (Gallagher) '96, met on the Hill. So did her parents, Jeanie (Benschop) '72, BA '71, MS '74, and Bob Olney Jr. '71, MBA '73; her grandparents, Wanda (Gasch) '47 and Bob Olney Sr. '47; and her great-grandparents Martha (Otten) and Herbert Olney '18. On the groom's side the legacy includes his parents, Diane (Rockcastle) BA '72, MS '78, and John Wiessinger, MS '77, as well as aunt and uncle Lynn (Rockcastle) '68 and Forrest Thye, PhD '69.

Despite the Cornell family tree they branched from, neither Scott nor Laura anticipated what fate had in store for them when they agreed to do homework together after class on



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their first day as freshmen. But, says Scott, a realization hit him that first winter: "Either I break up with her," he recalls thinking, "or I marry her." Three and a half years later, the Sage Chapel wedding was everything Laura had dreamed of as a little girl. "Walking down that aisle was just amazing," she says. "Even better than I had anticipated."

— *Natalie Gingerich '04*

was in his old booth at the Palms, joined by **Mike Cody** and **Anne Marino**. Steve is currently working out in Michigan for Dow Chemicals. **Nicole Riches** just had to walk up Eddy Street to get to the Homecoming festivities. She is in Ithaca this year. She writes, "I'm working as a researcher in the Aegean Dendrochronology Project at Cornell, where I study tree-rings from the Mediterranean region in order to find building dates for various archaeological sites and modern buildings." **Christine Yantz**, meanwhile, has moved to Albany, NY, and e-mailed us to say, "I am now a first year clinical psych student at SUNY Albany. School continues for another five years!"

By now, most of you have gotten renewal notices to remain as active members of our class. Well, if the subscription to the alumni magazine and these fascinating updates are not enough of an incentive to renew immediately, you should also know that one of our own class-

mates is now on the staff of the Cornell Fund. **Rachel Wilson** has joined the participation and marketing team. Rachel will be working with the Regional Alumni Phonathons, direct mail, and the Volunteer Student Phonathons. I have no doubt that she, as well as the rest of the alumni class council and everyone else at Cornell, would much appreciate your continued involvement! So if you haven't done so already, go online and take a moment to make your contribution to the class! **Elizabeth Herrera** is helping bring outstanding students to Cornell in her new position with the Cornell Undergraduate Admissions Office as the Admissions Counselor for Multicultural Recruitment.

Just a few weeks after Homecoming, I drove to Yale to cheer on the team at the Cornell-Yale hockey game. Despite the Big Red Band getting to the game late (the bus broke down), the alumni cheering section was loud and energetic.

It was great to be able to participate once again in the unique experience of being a fan of the Big Red. What other college has such a loud and boisterous fan following? **Matthew Kusulas** made the trip to New Haven from New York City. He is teaching earth and life sciences to sixth through eighth grade at the William Spyropoulos Greek-American Day School of St. Nicholas Church in Flushing, NY.

**Meredith Nelson** joined our cheering section from Boston. She is working for the New England Aquarium and gets to spend her day caring for sting rays, turtles, and other critters of the sea. Now that's definitely not a desk job! **Enid Castro** was cheering from two rows behind our out-of-town contingent. She's in the Master of Public Health program at Yale with quite a few other Cornellians, including **Ankur Pandya**, who I met up with briefly the next day. He told me that **Aishawarya Sarkar** is also working on the same graduate degree. All of them are enjoying their studies at Yale and having a good time connecting with Cornellians, some of whom they had not had a chance to get to know while at Cornell.

**Gretchen Poulos** continues to live in Ithaca and is working for Gannett as a health promotions assistant. She spends her time as a drug and alcohol counselor for the freshmen class and working to stop hazing at Cornell. Pursuing her interest in theater, she has acted in numerous local plays and was to open in the Schwartz Center's *Bee-Luther Hatchee*, February 4-15, playing the role of a nun. Maybe some day in the future we'll be going to Broadway shows starring Gretchen Poulos! **Diana Schatz**, meanwhile, has moved back to her home state of Colorado and is currently counseling adolescent girls at Excelsior Youth Center as a group living counselor. Her work is keeping her busy, but she's managing to enjoy herself in Denver and find some fun new dance spots—though by her own admission they don't quite live up to The Palms. We got to hang out for a little bit while I was in town for training (one of the best parts of being a Cornell alum is that there is always someone to meet or visit wherever my job takes me!).

Back on the East Coast, **Michelle Newton** writes, "I am still at First Environment New Jersey and I'm doing greenhouse gas management, soil and groundwater sampling, litigation support . . . basically all kinds of stuff. Work keeps me very busy and makes the time fly by." **Rachel Crisciello** writes that she is now the executive director of the GAIA Vaccine Foundation in Providence, RI. **Laura Gallant** also updated us on her busy life. She writes, "This past fall I worked as an intern for the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center in the Marine Invasions Laboratory. This lab focuses on non-native marine species and studies their settlement patterns through monitoring marine sites throughout America. This spring I will work for Pier Wisconsin as a deckhand/educator aboard the *S/V Denis Sullivan*, an educational sailing vessel. We will be sailing out of Tampa and stopping at ports around the Caribbean. I will be instructing high school and college students in oceanography, nautical science, and fresh water conservation."

The Class of 2003 seems to have settled into life after Cornell fairly well. It's great to hear everyone's exciting updates. We want to know about weddings, jobs, travels, and any fun stories you may have to share. Please continue to send your news to us, and don't forget to keep your address updated with Alumni Affairs as you move around! ♦ **Sudha Nandagopal**, sn58@cornell.edu; or **Samantha Buckingham**, sam\_buckingham@hotmail.com.

**04** Hello 2004! I'm **Vanessa Matsis**, the Class Correspondent. I'm an ILRee planning to return to my hometown, NYC, in a few years. This first column is to introduce the Alumni Class Council. After this, all the columns will be updates about you, so keep your experiences and news coming (e-mail, vgm3@cornell.edu)!

**Russell Franklin** and **Esther Tang**, our Co-Presidents. **Russell**: I'm double majoring in economics/government and working on an honors thesis. My experience here has been exceptional. I have met incredibly intelligent students, become friends with extraordinarily fun people, and studied under truly brilliant professors. The Cornell experience is something special and I'm honored to be in a position where I can assist in ensuring that it remains so. I trust that you will join me in seeing to it that our class is an integral part of Cornell history! **Esther**: Like any other senior, I'm preoccupied with contemplating my career path. I want to see a clear path to how I can significantly contribute to humanity while earning enough to make sizeable gifts to Cornell. I grew up in Los Angeles and lived abroad. A fan of Cornell politics, I have spent three years on Student Assembly and am serving my second year as class president. Above all else, I owe my priceless Cornell experience to my parents, Peter and Rebecca.

**Diana Seung** and **Dana Marohn**, Co-Vice Presidents of Affinities. **Dana**: I'm a Biology and Society major, president of Kappa, and a member of Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity and Order of Omega. After working, I want to return to graduate school. I became an officer because at Cornell I never participated in a group or organization that has represented the entire student body, and it excited me to serve in that capacity and represent 2004. **Diana**: I'm majoring in Anthropology, and am currently the Theta president. My experiences at Cornell have provided me with challenging academics, great friends, and endless memories. Involvement in the Greek system and other organizations has given me the opportunity to meet talented and intellectual individuals, which is why being an officer is important to me. I hope your experiences have been just as wonderful and that you'll help make 2004 the strongest alumni class yet!

**Farah Meghji**, Vice President of Colleges: I'm double majoring in Psychology/Economics, and I'm from Toronto. You may have seen me walking backwards around campus, giving tours. My involvement in various campus and service organizations has contributed to a memorable Cornell experience, and one that

prompted my involvement as an officer. With your help, I look forward to sharing my experiences and helping to make yours as memorable as my own.

**Mike Rosenberg** and **Gretchen Schlosser**, Co-Vice Presidents of Giving Societies. **Mike**: I'm glad you took this chance to meet our class officers. I'm a government major from Cherry Hill, currently writing my honors thesis and anxiously awaiting law school decisions. I have enjoyed being involved in building class and Cornell unity, through Class Council and as a proud member of the Lynah Faithful. I look forward to working with this talented officer group to increase senior class participation in alumni life, especially at the level of giving societies. **Gretchen**: I'm from Los Angeles and am interested in practicing medicine. I became an officer because I'm so grateful to have been a part of Cornell and wanted to get involved in bringing the class together. Giving societies really target seniors that share the enthusiasm to give back, and in turn, spread the word on why gifts are so crucial to the university's progress. I look forward to a promising turnout.

**Emily Kane**, Events Chair: I'm from a suburb of San Francisco. It's hard for me to believe that my undergraduate days are almost over. During the past years, Cornell has impacted who I am and what I hope to achieve in the future. My goal as an officer is to remain connected to fellow alumni and contribute positively to Cornell. After graduation, I hope to return to the Bay Area and work in marketing. I'm looking forward to a fun and productive five years!

**Duane Sun**, Publicity Chair: I'm a PAM major, and will be trading on Wall Street after graduation. My undergraduate experience has been fabulous. I have experienced competitive athletics (crew), community service (Help A Life Organization), and class council, and have forged friendships that will last a lifetime. I look forward to being an active alumnus as publicity chair!

**Angie Chau**, Secretary/Treasurer: I'm from Vancouver and am majoring in Operations Research and Industrial Engineering. I'm active in Class Council, Alumni Funds, and the Engineering Student Council. Eat Dessert First is one of my favorite places, and I enjoy supporting Cornell's talented *a cappella* groups. Next year, I will be investment banking in Hong Kong. Why did I become an alumni class officer? To help make the Cornell experience more accessible to prospective students, and to learn, meet people, and have fun!

**Barry Le Vine**, Webmaster: I'm from New Jersey. I've biked cross country and am triple-majoring in Government, Economics, and Science & Technology Studies. I work as a program assistant, an information specialist, and the student coordinator at the Fitness Centers, and am co-chairperson of the Red Carpet Society and serve on the Academic Integrity Hearing Board. I'm delighted to have the opportunity to serve my class as the webmaster. Check out our new class website at <http://classof04.alumni.cornell.edu/>

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'23 BS HE—**Helen Meays** Ludlum of San Martin, CA, July 14, 2003; Peace Corps teacher in Costa Rica; taught English as a second language until she was 99.

'24 BS Ag—**Eleanor Bayuk** Green of New York City, August 17, 2003; owner, Green Associates. Sigma Delta Tau.

'25, BA '26—**Dorothea Bradt** Connell of Niagara Falls, NY, May 1, 2003; high school mathematics teacher; also worked for Carborundum Corp.; active in community and religious affairs.

'25 BEE—**J. Bradley Cooper** of Pittsfield, MA, June 20, 2003; retired engineer, General Electric; veteran; genealogist; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'26 BA—**Theresa Hermann** Trynin of Brooklyn, NY, June 3, 2003.

'27, BA '28—**Fred J. Behlers** of Madison, CT, exact date unknown; retired banker.

'28 PhD—**Lillian Hatfield** Brush of Sudbury, MA, formerly of Orono, ME, August 16, 2003; clinical psychologist; taught psychology at the U. of Maine; active in professional affairs.

'29 BS Ag—**Helen E. Barnes** of Wallingford, CT, May 20, 2003; retired partner, Barnes Bros. Nursery Co.; horsewoman; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'29 BA—**Clara Dee** Hedges of Medina, NY, September 4, 2003; retired bookkeeper.

'29 BA—**Shirley Feinberg** Lipman of Mt. Pleasant, SC, formerly of Bayonne, NJ, April 25, 2003; retired high school math teacher; active in religious affairs.

'29 B Chem, PhD '34—**Theodore G. Rochow** of Spring Hill, FL, June 23, 2003; chemical microscopist; assoc. prof., North Carolina State U., Raleigh; research fellow, American Cyanamid; author; active in professional affairs.

'29 BA, MD '32—**Thomas E. Shaffer** of Columbus, OH, July 31, 2003; pediatrician; director of adolescent services, Children's Hospital; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Zeta Psi.

'29 BEE—**Walter D. Voelker** of Louisville, KY, formerly of Elkins Park, PA, July 20, 2003; retired engineer and inventor; designed manu-

facturing plants; veteran; active in professional and religious affairs.

'30 BA—**Eleanor Winer** Ecker of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, June 5, 2003; retired social worker; owner, Eleanor Ecker Fine Jewelry.

'30 BA—**Helen Hyman** Feuchtwanger of Los Angeles, CA, July 24, 2003.

'30—**George T. French** of St. Petersburg, FL, exact date unknown. Theta Xi.

'30 BA, JD '31—**Martin J. Roess** of St. Petersburg, FL, August 7, 2003; banker; attorney; developer; judge; also served in the federal govt.; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

'30 BA—**W. English Strunsky** of San Francisco, CA, formerly of New York City, June 2, 2003; co-trustee of musical estate of Ira Gershwin, his brother-in-law. Sigma Alpha Mu.

'30-34 GR—**Marshall W. Wheeler** of Lake Pleasant, NY, June 24, 2003; high school principal; math teacher; coach; outdoorsman; active in community affairs.

'30 BA—**Ruth Smith** Wilson of Atco, NJ, May 10, 2003; retired librarian; active in community affairs.

'31 BS Ag, PhD '43—**Jean Ferguson** Hofstad (Mrs. Melvin, PhD '44) of Ames, IA, May 8, 2003; active in religious affairs.

'31 BA—**David Kaplan** of Elmira, NY, August 19, 2003; general surgeon and family practitioner; first medical director, OSHA; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'31, ME '34, MME '37—**Floyd C. Knight** of Brecksville, OH, July 14, 2003; founder, Auto Arcwelding Manufacturing Co.; professor, Case Inst. of Applied Science; also taught at Cornell; active in professional and alumni affairs.

'32 BS HE—**Hannah Blumenthal** Brown of Atlanta, GA, August 5, 2003; founded Peachtree Art Theatre; teacher; department store buyer; baker; active in community affairs. Alpha Epsilon Phi.

'32 BA, JD '34—**Cyrus E. Brush** of Lexington, VA, July 30, 2003; attorney; president of intl' operations and general counsel, American Brakeshoe Co.; CFO, Flower Fifth Avenue Hos-

pital; veteran; active in civic affairs. Alpha Tau Omega.

'32 BA, JD '34—**Emmanuel Horowitz** of Wilkes Barre, PA, June 12, 2003; founder, Winters Public Relations Agency; veteran; author; musician; active in community and religious affairs.

'32 BA—**Anthony J. Leone** of North Miami Beach, FL, formerly of Ithaca, NY, August 16, 2003; physician.

'32 BS Hotel—Lt. Col. **Donald J. Probes** of Chicago, IL, May 21, 2003; served in the Quartermaster Corps, US Army.

'32 BA—**Charlotte Prince** Ryan of Orange, MA, June 20, 2003.

'33 BS Ag—**Robert O. Bale** of Burdett, NY, June 6, 2003; retired Social Services commissioner, Schuyler County, NY; Cooperative Extension agent; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Alpha Zeta.

'33 ME—**Eugene S. Belden** of Centerville, OH, June 25, 2003; retired engineer, Pratt & Whitney Machine Tools; active in community and professional affairs. Zeta Psi.

'33 BA—**Charles L. Bloch** of Louisville, KY, May 8, 2003; physician; veteran; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Delta Chi.

'33-34 GR—**Homer A. Clemens** of Harleysville, PA, May 23, 2003; owner, Clem Brand Frozen Foods; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'33 B Chem, B Ch E '34—**George K. S. Conolly** of Bradenton, FL, formerly of Charleston, WV, June 30, 2003; retired chemical engineer; active in religious affairs.

'33 BA—**Richard L. Friede** of Red Bank, NJ, June 6, 2003.

'33 ME—**Britton L. Gordon** of Petoskey, MI, August 22, 2003; public official; active in alumni affairs. Chi Phi.

'33 PhD—**Milton R. Konvitz** of Oakhurst, NJ, September 5, 2003; Cornell professor, ILR School and Law School; constitutional scholar; asst. general counsel, NAACP Legal Defense Fund; active in community and professional affairs.

'33 BA—**Theodore Loew** of Slingerlands, NY, June 7, 2003; engineer; technical director and plant manager, Campbell Plastics; inventor; active in community affairs.

'33 DVM—**Richard C. Olmsted** of Bolton, CT, May 26, 2003; veterinarian; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'33 BA—**Robert A. Rieker** of Winston-Salem, NC, June 5, 2003; accountant for General Elec-

tric; active in religious affairs.

'33 CE—**Edward J. Williams** of Middletown, OH, May 17, 2003; retired director of long-range planning, Armco; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Tau Kappa Epsilon.

'33, BS HE '34—**Lucile Jordal Willner** of Fabius, NY, August 7, 2003; retired social worker; active in community affairs.

'34 B Chem—**Harry M. Dannenbaum** of Philadelphia, PA, March 27, 2003; worked for Aldan Rubber Co. Zeta Beta Tau.

'34—**Henry Hemmendinger** of Princeton, NJ, August 16, 2003; authority on color science.

'34 BA—**Lillian H. Pashin** of North Plainfield, NJ, July 12, 2003; retired accountant; active in community affairs.

'34 BA, MA '35—**Donald H. Rogers** of Davis, CA, June 20, 2003.

'34, ME '35—**Byron Wiess Jr.** of Oak Harbor, WA, May 7, 2003; petroleum engineer for Sun Oil; real estate developer; active in professional and religious affairs. Phi Sigma Kappa.

'34 BS Ag—**Richard H. Wilcox** of Pinellas Park, FL, August 9, 2003; credit manager, Int'l Harvester; active in religious affairs.

'35 MD—**Eleanor Scott Bassett** of Pittsburgh, PA, and Fort Myers, FL, August 18, 2003; chief of obstetrics, Church Home and Hospital; served at Johns Hopkins Hospital; worked for Planned Parenthood; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'35 BA—**Ruth Thompson Colman** of Albany, NY, June 17, 2003; worked at Miller and Payne Dept. Store; active in community affairs. Husband, Charles W. Colman, PhD '35.

'35 BA—**Donald M. Gehring** of Scottsdale, AZ, June 5, 2003; consultant; active in alumni affairs. Sigma Nu.

'35—**Joseph L. Pennock** of Abington Township, PA, July 24, 2003; landscape designer; floral artist; decorated the Nixon White House; active in community and professional affairs. Delta Upsilon.

'35 BA—**Marjorie McAdoo Rankin** of Madison, CT, May 11, 2003; active in community and religious affairs. Chi Omega.

'36—**Ruth Hale Ayers** (Mrs. James S. '36, BLA '38) of Vero Beach, FL, July 1, 2003; retired editor, *Reader's Digest*; worked for the government in WWII; active in community affairs.

'36 BS Hotel—**David M. Buck** of Brockton, MA, July 25, 2003; accountant, Commonwealth of Massachusetts; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs.

'36 BA—**Jacob Carroll** of Annapolis, MD, July 12, 2003; chemist, Naval Ship Research and Development Laboratory; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

'36—**Roy D. Lehrer** of New York City, August 13, 2003.

'36—**Norman V. Lourie** of Harrisburg, PA, July 28, 2003; social worker; executive deputy secretary of Public Welfare, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; assisted Vietnamese refugees; administered treatment center for troubled teenagers; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'36 BA—**Sarah Weller Simonds** of Williamsville, NY, April 24, 2003; worked for human relations, Yale U.; secretary, Titeflex Inc.; real estate broker; active in community and religious affairs.

'36—**John F. Ware** of Greenville, NC, formerly of Keene, NH, May 29, 2003; inventory control manager; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

'36 MS—**Priscilla B. Wolff** of Barker, NY, May 6, 2003; retired science teacher, Barker Central School; author; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'37 BA—**Shirley Leighton Doughty** (Mrs. Lloyd A. '37) of Yarmouth, ME, June 25, 2003.

'37 BA—**Gertrude Rusitzky Florin** (Mrs. Alvin A.) of Longboat Key, FL, August 11, 2003; retired librarian; active in community and religious affairs. Alpha Epsilon Phi.

'37 MA—**Louise Craig Gerber** (Mrs. Leon) of Laguna Hills, CA, May 24, 2003; theater director; actress; an original member of the Actor's Lab; translator of Bertolt Brecht; Isadora Duncan dancer; active in artistic affairs.

'37 BA—**Mary Lauman Wheeler** of Millbrae, CA, July 16, 2003; active in alumni affairs. Kappa Alpha Theta.

'38 MS Ed—**Florence Coe Christensen** of Geneva, NY, August 4, 2003; home economics teacher, Geneva High School; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'38 MS Ed—**Helen MacGregor Cropsy** of Albion, NY, October 19, 2002.

'38 BS HE—**Grace Johnson Crosby** (Mrs. Eugene E. '39) of Plymouth, MI, July 21, 2003; artist; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'38, BS Ag '48—**Robert R. Gibbs** of Ithaca, NY, July 30, 2003; real estate developer; veteran.

'38 BA—**Albert E. Hayes** of Wakefield, RI, August 12, 2003; retired teacher; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Phi Kappa Psi.

'38—**Mason E. Horton** of Largo, FL, June 21, 2003; president, Perceptive Management Inc.; vice president, Dow Chemical Co.; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'38 BA—**Harriette Vane Kratzer** of Chestertown, MD, July 31, 2003; elementary and middle school teacher; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'38 BS AE M—**Graham E. Marx** of Cincinnati, OH, July 10, 2003; mechanical engineer; businessman; director, Warner & Swasey; director, Cincinnati Branch, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland; director, Union Central Life Insurance; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Chi Psi.

'38 BS Ag—**Raymond A. Miller** of Corning, NY, May 16, 2003; teacher, BOCES and Poland Central School; operated Poland Food Locker; veteran.

'38 BS Hotel—**William H. Miller Jr.** of Rehoboth Beach, DE, June 2, 2003; hotelier.

'38 BS Ag—**H. J. Pendergast** of Cobleskill, NY, July 9, 2003; economist.

'38-41 GR—**Louise Tanner** (Mrs. Edward A. Raymond II, MD '41) of Scarsdale, NY, January 1, 1991.

'39 BA, LLB '47—**George W. Ainslie** of Binghamton, NY, May 26, 2003; attorney; businessman; singer; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Beta Theta Pi.

'39 BA—**Milton H. Bennett** of Saratoga Springs, NY, formerly of Ticonderoga, June 11, 2003; optometrist; veteran.

'39—**Helen Flynn Bishop** of Vero Beach, FL, August 12, 2003; executive secretary; worked for David Selznick Studios. Delta Gamma. Husband, John W. Bishop '44, BCE '48.

'39 DVM—**Patricia O'Connor Halloran** (Mrs. John L. Jr., DVM '39) of Mishawaka, IN, July 8, 2003; veterinarian; active in alumni affairs.

'39, BS HE '40—**Hilda Morehouse Leet** (Mrs. C. Robert) of Utica, NY, May 18, 2003; school teacher; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'39 BS Ag, MS Ag '41—**Russell D. Martin** of Ithaca, NY, May 21, 2003; professor emeritus of communications, Cornell U.; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Alpha Zeta.

'39 BA, MD '43—**Walter Wahrenberger** of Quechee, VT, July 15, 2003; former president of medical staff, Englewood (NJ) Hospital; surgeon; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'39 ME—**Dana B. Waring** of Glastonbury, CT, July 29, 2003; retired engineer, Pratt & Whitney

Aircraft; engineering consultant, United Technologies Corp.; conservationist; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'40 JD—**John E. Adamson Jr.** of Naples, FL, and Buffalo, NY, June 20, 2003; attorney; director, Erie County Bar Assn.; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'40 BA—**Stanley W. Allen** of LaGrange, TN, July 30, 2003; teacher, Fayette County Schools; veteran.

'40 BS Ag—**Clark Chase III** of Westport, MA, May 5, 2003; senior project mgr., National Contracting Co.; veteran; active in civic and community affairs.

'40, CE '41—**Anthony J. De Fino** of Pepper Pike, OH, May 22, 2003; CEO, Wedge Products; veteran; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

'40—**Robert H. Fleisher** of New York City, June 27, 2003.

'40 BS HE—**Margaret Myers McElwee** (Mrs. Raymond F. '40, CE '41) of Ithaca, NY, August 8, 2003; operated accounting dept., McElwee Construction; active in civic, community, religious, and alumni affairs. Pi Beta Phi.

'40 BS HE—**Clarice Burke Meijer** (Mrs. Robert R., PhD '48) of Ithaca, NY, August 18, 2003; former home economics teacher; gardener; active in community and alumni affairs. Delta Gamma.

'40 PhD—**Ralph S. Palmer** of Tenants Harbor, ME, July 21, 2003; ornithologist and naturalist; NY State zoologist; taught at Vassar College; Smithsonian research associate; veteran; author; active in professional affairs.

'40—**Charles H. Price** of Hebron, OH, September 5, 2003; truck stop owner; also worked for Harshaw Chemical; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'40 ME—**Morton A. Serrell** of Raleigh, NC, August 8, 2003; mechanical engineer; chairman of the board, Industrial and Textile Piping Inc.; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'41 BA—**Hermaine Kurtz Cohen** of Edina, MN, formerly of New York City, June 28, 2003; active in community affairs.

'41—Major **Joseph A. Connor** of Birmingham, AL, June 3, 2003; physician, Air Force Medical Group; also served with NASA on the Apollo Project; expert in aerospace medicine; active in professional affairs.

'41 BS Ag—**Burt D. Dutcher** of San Antonio, TX, June 11, 2003; insurance executive; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Acacia.

'41 BA, LLB '43—**Ellis J. Freedman** of New York City, June 16, 2003; attorney; founding director,

Virgil Thomson Foundation and the Aaron Copland Fund for Music.

'41, BA '42—**Albert M. Gessler** of Flemington, NJ, May 18, 2003; retired research chemist; author; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'41 MS, PhD '49—**Margaret Hockin Harrington** (Mrs. James B.) of Grimsby, Ont., Canada, May 9, 1991; retired chief of home economics, United Nations; former exec. secretary of Canada's Farm Service Force; recipient, Distinguished Alumni Award.

'41 MS Ag, PhD '52—**Jose Marull** of Santiago, Chile, May 31, 2003; soil economist.

'41 BA—**Felicia Rog Pfeiffer** of Glen Rock, NJ, May 16, 2003; English and French teacher; active in community and religious affairs.

'41 MD—**Edward A. Raymond II** of Scarsdale, NY, August 18, 2003; general surgeon; practiced at White Plains Hospital; school physician; veteran; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs.

'41 BS Ag, MS Ed '52—**Harold P. Scheffler** of Indianapolis, IN, formerly of N. Fort Myers, FL, May 30, 2003; high school teacher; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Alpha Zeta.

'41 BS HE—**Pat Mooney Short** of Athens, PA, formerly of Ithaca, NY, September 2, 2003; worked for Coldwell Banker Real Estate; editor; active in community affairs.

'41 BA—**Loughton T. Smith Jr.** of Bucksport, ME, May 27, 2003; advertising executive; publisher, *Living* magazine; sales director, *Popular Science* and *Liberty*; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Delta Upsilon.

'42—**Kirkpatrick W. Dilling** of Northbrook, IL, June 19, 2003; attorney; veteran; author.

'42-43 GR—**Franklin L. Ford** of Waukegan, IL, August 31, 2003.

'42 BS Ag—**Adelbert D. Knapp** of Preble, NY, May 8, 2003; farmer; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'42—**Walter J. Komaromi** of Ithaca, NY, June 30, 2003.

'42 BS Ag—**Beverly Frost Nairn** of Stuart, FL, July 10, 2003; elementary school teacher; active in community and alumni affairs.

'42 BA, JD '47—**George A. Orr Jr.** of Youngstown, NY, June 25, 2003; attorney; veteran; active in civic, community, religious, and alumni affairs. Delta Kappa Epsilon.

'42—Rev. **John L. F. Slee** of Seattle, WA, May 8, 2003; Episcopalian priest; chaplain, L.A. Rams and Pittsburgh Steelers; civil rights activist; advocate for American Indians; veteran. Delta Phi.

'42, BS Ag '47—**Roger L. Thesier** of San Francisco, CA, formerly of Fulton, NY, June 24, 2003; founder, Roger L. Thesier Real Estate; member, North American Fiddlers Hall of Fame; active in community affairs.

'42 BA—**Howard S. Williams** of Hudson, OH, August 4, 2003; president and CEO, Mau-Sherwood Supply Co.; also worked with Billy Graham crusades; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Delta Kappa Epsilon.

'43 BA—**Ping Sheng Yen** Chin of Pleasantville, NY, exact date unknown; board member, Int'l Institute of Rural Reconstruction; active in alumni affairs.

'43 BS Ag—**Harold D. Hall** of Moravia, NY, August 17, 2003; worked for P&S Filtration; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'43—**Carl C. Harness** of San Diego, CA, July 18, 2003; aeronautical engineer, General Dynamics; active in community and religious affairs. Seal & Serpent.

'43—**Carl A. Jaeger** of Greenwich, CT, May 30, 2003; cardiologist; taught at Yale School of Medicine; veteran; author. Delta Chi.

'43 BS Ag—**William W. Roe** of Brownville, NY, July 23, 2003; owner, Roe Farm Service; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Alpha Gamma Rho.

'43, BA '46—**Everett A. Schenck** of Hobe Sound, FL, July 30, 2003; manufacturing purchase agent; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

'43, BS Ag '47—**Edgar H. Scholl** of Lynn, MA, April 9, 2003; retired businessman.

'44 BS Ch E, B Chem E '47—**Gordon M. Clement** of Santa Rosa, CA, formerly of Granby, MA, June 24, 2003; retired president, H.W. Case Sales Inc.; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Theta Chi. Wife, Priscilla (Alden) '46.

'44 MD—**Herbert A. Codington Jr.** of Asheville, NC, July 19, 2003; medical missionary.

'44, BS Hotel '47—**Robert L. Holcombe** of Silver Spring, MD, May 27, 2003; retired FBI special agent; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

'44 MME—**Israel Katz** of Brookline, MA, May 21, 2003; engineer; developer of naval sub chasers and submarine-launched missile systems; author; editor; professor, Cornell U. and Northeastern U.; consultant, US Dept. of Defense; active in civic, professional, and religious affairs.

'44-46 GR—**Virginia Clapp Magee** of Uncasville, CT, May 25, 2003; biology teacher, Mitchell College; active in community and professional affairs.

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'44 PhD—**James McGinnis** of Pullman, WA, May 30, 2003; professor, Washington State U.; expert in nutrition; recipient, Borden Award; consultant, Ciba-Geigy; consultant, Rockefeller Foundation; active in community and professional affairs.

'44—**Frederick V. McNair** of Washington, DC, July 8, 2003; retired insurance executive; veteran; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

'44—**Mary Pfeiffer Vanderploeg** (Mrs. Ruard A. '43) of Hickory Corners, MI, July 4, 2003.

'45—**Edgar H. Behrens** of Old Chatham, NY, June 20, 2003; owner, Highland Farm; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'45, BS Ag '46—**Walter Durniak** of Schenectady, NY, May 18, 2003; retired county extension administrator; columnist; active in civic and community affairs.

'45, BS HE '44—**Ann Dye Harvey** (Mrs. Dean E.) of Tampa, FL, May 8, 2003; science teacher, counselor, and dean of Hillsborough County school system; active in community and religious affairs. Kappa Kappa Gamma.

'45 MD—**Richard B. Harvey** of Woodbridge, CT, July 27, 2003; radiologist; asst. clinical professor, Yale U. School of Medicine; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'45—**Peter S. Herendeen** of Miami Springs, FL, August 2, 2003. Kappa Alpha.

'45, BCE '47—**John J. Hyland** of Keuka Park, NY, May 16, 2003. Phi Delta Theta.

'45—**Richard H. Kutz** of Mountain Top, PA, May 29, 2003; co-founder, Old River Road Bakery; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Sigma Nu.

'45 MD—**W. Heywood Loery** of West Palm Beach, FL, June 9, 2003; physician.

'45 BS HE—**Ruth Ogren Roth** of Bluffton, SC, March 28, 2003. Delta Gamma. Husband, Edward C. Roth '44.

'45 DVM—**Carleton M. Zellner** of Lake Placid, FL, formerly of Oneida, NY, September 2, 2003; veterinarian; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'46, LLB '49—**William L. Brach** of Montclair, NJ, May 6, 2003; attorney; veteran; authority on housing and urban renewal; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'46, BCE '48—**Herbert H. Davis Jr.** of Omaha, NE, June 11, 2003; investment banker; chairman of the board, Kirkpatrick Pettis; golf course developer; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Chi Psi.

'66 MA—**Dorothy Fish** of Bradenton, FL, formerly of Chatham, MA, July 27, 2003; retired educator; active in community and religious affairs.

'46, BA '48, MS Ag '52—**Arthur J. Heinicke** of Ontario, NY, December 30, 2002; retired fruit-grower; veteran.

'46 BME, MME '49—**Harold C. Yost** of Hendersonville, NC, June 26, 2003; mechanical engineer; worked on the Apollo Space Program; worked for McDonnell-Douglas, General Dynamics, and AC Electronics; veteran; active in professional and religious affairs. Delta Tau Delta. Wife, Nancy (Lehrbach) '48.

'47 MS Ag, PhD '49—**John R. Havis** of Fort Collins, CO, June 16, 2003; retired plant and soil science professor emeritus, U. of Massachusetts, Amherst; active in community and professional affairs. Wife, Lois (Hutchinson) '46.

'47, BA '46—**Bernard J. Heymann** of Red Hook, NY, formerly of White Plains, NY, October 1, 2002; physician; professor of medicine, New York Medical College; worked for the US Public Health Service in the Navajo Nation; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'47 BA—**Raymond T. Kelsey** of East Claridon, OH, August 16, 2003; investment adviser; president, Kelsey Phelps & Co.; veteran; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs. Seal & Serpent.

'47 SP Ag—**Houghton P. Metcalf** of Providence, RI, July 22, 2003; banker; trustee, Rhode Island School of Design; veteran; active in community affairs.

'47 BA, JD '50—**Arthur D. Talbot** of Anchorage, AK, July 5, 2003; attorney; former asst. district attorney and asst. US attorney; veteran; active in artistic, civic, community, and professional affairs.

'47 PhD—**Minter J. Westfall** of Gainesville, GA, July 20, 2003; entomologist; professor of biology, U. of Florida; author; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'48 BA—**Dorothy VanZaeren** Beardmore of Rochester Hills, MI, May 2, 2003; board of education member, State of Michigan and local govt.; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Kappa Kappa Gamma.

'48 MS—**Dale E. Butz** of Bloomington, IL, May 30, 2003; executive director of commodities, Illinois Farm Bureau; former professor, Michigan State U. and Harvard U.; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'48—**Alan L. Hausman** of Hobe Sound, FL, July 25, 2003; owner, Hausman Engineering. Zeta Beta Tau.

'48 BS ME—**Rear Admiral Thomas M. Hopkins** of McLean, VA, May 18, 2003; retired Navy rear admiral; designed and built ships and sub-

marines; awarded Legion of Merit; engineering consultant; active in community and professional affairs. Wife, Marjorie (Leonard) '48.

'48, BA '47—**Seymour Jacowitz** of Forks Township, PA, July 12, 2003; real estate broker; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Tau Delta Phi.

'48 MS Ed—**C. Edward Kaufman** of Silver Creek, NY, August 8, 2003; chairman, English Dept., Silver Creek High School; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'48 BS Ag, PhD '51—**August D. Pistilli** of Strathmere, NJ, August 30, 1998; president, Atlantic Marine Services; active in alumni affairs.

'48 BS CE—**C. Joe Potter** of Overland Park, KS, August 22, 2003; insurance underwriter; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Sigma Nu.

'48 BA, MD '54—**Philip S. Robbins** of Washington, NC, May 9, 2003; psychiatrist; medical director, Washington, NC, Mental Health Center.

'48 BEE—**Robert B. Seidel** of Gladwyne, PA, June 7, 2003; chairman, American Manufacturing Corp.; active in alumni affairs. Phi Kappa Psi.

'48 BS Hotel—**Richard C. Thomas** of Solvang, CA, exact date unknown; owner, R.C. Thomas Co. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

'49 BS Hotel—**Richard W. Brown** of Williamsburg, VA, September 4, 2003; former vice president, Banfi Vintners; veteran; former president, Cornell Alumni Society; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'49 BA—**Warren P. Hall** of Endicott, NY, and Pompano Beach, FL, May 4, 2003; worked for General Electric Co.; veteran; active in community affairs.

'49 BS ME—**Thomas E. Hungerford** of Bolivar, NY, July 28, 2003; retired professor of mechanical engineering, Alfred State College; oil and gas industry consultant; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Pi Kappa Alpha.

'49 BS HE—**Martha Weeks Rogers** (Mrs. Manley E.) of Belfast, ME, June 19, 2003. Delta Gamma.

'49 BA—**Col. William F. Saunders** of Cape Vincent, NY, August 16, 2003; retired Marine Corps officer; base provost marshal and commanding officer, Military Police, Camp Pendleton; professor of naval science, U. of Southern California; c.o., Special Landing Force Alpha; instructor, Quantico; active in community and professional affairs.

'49 BEE—**B. Kenneth Simon** of Mt. Lebanon, PA, July 22, 2003; owner, All-Pak; veteran; endowed the Cato Institute and the Heritage Foundation; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

'49 BCE—**William F. Sweet** of Nampa, ID, May 15, 2003; businessman; veteran; active in community affairs.

'50 JD—**Robert A. Bankert** of New Hartford, NY, May 19, 2003; attorney; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'50 BS Ag—**James A. Colby** of Spencerport, NY, July 29, 2003; operated Colby Homestead Farms; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Alpha Zeta.

'50 PhD—**Herbert Findlen** of Caribou, ME, formerly of College Park, MD, July 23, 2003; US Dept. of Agriculture research scientist; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Alpha Gamma Rho.

'50—**Gerald L. Harris** of Great Falls, MT, July 11, 2003; gunsmith; operated Guns and Saddles; owner, Hauser Marine Service; veteran.

'50 MS—**George M. Keenan Jr.** of Cranford, NJ, May 6, 2003; electrical engineer, Westinghouse; active in community and religious affairs.

'50 BS HE—**Patricia Gleason Kerwick** of Rochester, NY, August 7, 2003; active in alumni affairs. Delta Delta Delta. Husband, Thomas F. Kerwick '50, B Chem E '51.

'50 BEE—**Henry C. Kline** of Buffalo, NY, July 10, 2003; retired vice president, Grumman Aerospace Corp.; veteran; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'50-51 GR—**Russell R. Lane** of Lansing, NY, May 29, 2003.

'50 BS Hotel—**Paul Lansdowne** of Eugene, OR, September 23, 2002; banker; hotelier; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'50 BA—**George Michael McHugh** of Cincinnati, OH, formerly of Ithaca, NY, July 17, 2003; worked for alumni and public affairs, Cornell U.; active in community affairs. Sigma Phi. Wife, Jane (Tucker), MA '72.

'50 BA—**Walter W. Turyn** of Boca Raton, FL, July 27, 2003; elementary school principal; veteran; active in community affairs.

'50 PhD—**Ralph W. Yerger** of Tallahassee, FL, May 11, 2003; retired biology professor, Florida State U.; curator, Florida State U. fish collection; author; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'51 BS Ag—**Robert L. Conrad** of Wales, MI, August 26, 2003; commercial producer of Marek's Vaccine; owner, Conrad's Poultry Farm and Hatchery; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'51 MD—**Harry C. Cramer** of Elizabeth, NJ, March 12, 2003; physician.

'51 DVM—**John J. Dobrinsky** of Illiopolis, IL,

June 20, 2003; veterinarian.

'51 BA—**Robert J. Gaige** of Hummelstown, PA, May 2, 2003; worked for W.R. Grace & Co.; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Alpha Phi Delta.

'51—**Joseph A. Langley** of Cedar Grove, NJ, July 8, 2003; retired restaurant manager; veteran; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Theta Chi. Wife, Betsy (Eisele) '50.

'51 BS Ag—**John C. Legerwood** of Santa Cruz, CA, May 4, 2002.

'51 BS HE—**Norma Braun Marion** of Williamstown, MA, July 21, 2003; active in religious affairs. Husband, John F. Marion '48.

'51, BME '52—**Richard S. Reade Jr.** of Setauket, NY, June 8, 2003; engineer, Grumman Corp.; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'51 BA—**Morton Scheines** of New York City, June 8, 2003; vice president, Ace Paper Co. Sigma Alpha Mu. Wife, Patricia (Simon) '52.

'52 MA—**Kenneth S. Barnes** of Levittown, NY, August 15, 2003; veteran; director, Hicksville Public Library; active in community and professional affairs.

'52 BA, MBA '53—**Kenneth E. Cook** of Brookeville, MD, July 30, 2003; worked for the Transportation Research Board; veteran; active in civic and professional affairs.

'52 BA, MA '54—**Daniel N. Fader** of Truro, MA, June 21, 2003; English professor, U. of Michigan; author; active in professional affairs.

'52—**John J. Gibbons** of New Paltz, NY, July 26, 2003.

'52 BS Ag—**Lawrence P. Grant** of Redfield, NY, May 25, 2003; worked for Camden Wire Mill; veteran; active in civic and community affairs.

'52 PhD—**Carl A. Johansen** of Coeur D'Alene, ID, March 28, 2003; entomologist; expert on bees and environmental toxicology; veteran; active in community affairs.

'52 BA—**Kenneth Katzner** of Washington, DC, May 25, 2003; former Soviet expert for the CIA and Defense Dept.; Russian language expert; veteran; author; active in community and professional affairs. Alpha Epsilon Pi.

'52 BA—**Anabel Murdoch Moseley** of Buskirk, NY, May 5, 2003; teacher and youth worker; active in community and religious affairs. Husband, Roger N. Moseley '52.

'52 BS Ag—**Donald F. Palmer** of Springfield, VA, August 10, 2003; retired postal worker; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

'52 BA—**Stanley M. Parkhill** of Stockertown,

PA, June 24, 2003; editor, Ingersoll-Rand; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'53, BS Ag '59—**Nestor Alzerez Jr.** of White Plains, NY, June 17, 2003; president, Ridgeway Food Corp.; active in professional affairs. Water-margin.

'53 BS Ag, M Ed '62—**Fred J. Annis** of Cumberland, MD, June 12, 2003; chairman, science dept., Webster High School; adjunct professor, U. of Rochester and Rochester Inst. of Technology.

'53, BA '54, M Ed '55—**Helen Eldredge Bradley** (Mrs. James W., MBA '55) of Weston, MA, July 28, 2003; worked for Arthur D. Little Inc.; active in alumni affairs. Kappa Kappa Gamma.

'53—**James P. Brown** of West Seneca, NY, exact date unknown; insurance manager. Acacia.

'53 MA—**David G. Flemming** of San Marcos, TX, exact date unknown; professor, Southwest Texas State U.

'53, BS HE '52—**Margaret Yung Li** (Mrs. Fred) of Cos Cob, CT, exact date unknown; worked for LNL Assocs.

'53 LLB—**G. Williams Reid** of Racine, WI, exact date unknown; artist.

'53 BA, MBA '54—**Philip Severin** of St. Louis, MO, August 4, 2003; vice president, Hilliker Corp.; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'53 LLB—**Jack M. Thomas** of Tulsa, OK, May 3, 2003; attorney.

'53—**Arthur W. Young** of Edgartown, MA, July 30, 2003; inn and restaurant owner; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Wife, Nancy (Convery) '52.

'54 BS Hotel—**Donald F. Clark** of Sorrento, FL, August 22, 2003; hotelier; veteran; property management executive; active in community and professional affairs.

'54 BS HE—**Juliet Bohman Grahn** (Mrs. Eric L.) of Blue Point, NY, June 21, 2003; social worker; probation officer; teacher; alcoholism counselor; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'54 MBA—**Finn A. Gundersen** of Greendale, WI, June 4, 2003; worked for Eaton Corp.

'54 BS Ag—**James D. Hanno** of Lowville, NY, November 23, 1996.

'54, B Chem E '55—**Rolf Kahn** of North Palm Beach, FL, June 3, 2003; president, Money Management for Seniors; owner, Kahn Industries; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'54 BA—**Dorothy Wolfers Nelkin** of New York

City, May 28, 2003; sociologist; professor, New York U.; adviser to the Human Genome Project; author; winner, Guggenheim Fellowship; also taught at Cornell U.; active in professional affairs. Husband, Mark Nelkin, PhD '55.

'54, M Ed '61—**Robert B. Reichert** of Ocala, FL, July 24, 2003; former administrator, US Dept. of Defense; veteran.

'54 BS ILR—**Maynard Ugol** of Boynton Beach, FL, June 28, 2003; worked for the Federal Energy Commission.

'55 BA—**Donald E. Biederman** of Los Angeles, CA, August 8, 2003; entertainment attorney; director, National Entertainment and Media Law Inst., Southwestern U. School of Law; executive, entertainment industry; general counsel, Warner/Chappell Music; veteran; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Beta Sigma Rho.

'55—**John P. Clayton** of La Mesa, CA, May 19, 2003; anesthesiologist; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'55, BCE '56, MS '62—**Damon G. Douglas** of Wilton, CT, September 4, 2003; civil engineer; land surveyor; active in community and professional affairs.

'55 BS Hotel—**Paul V. Harvey** of Wayside, FL, July 14, 2003; retired vice president, Bear Stearns; owner, Buckingham Hotel; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'55 BArch—**James R. Kerr** of Washington, DC, June 19, 2003; architect; veteran; active in professional affairs. Lambda Chi Alpha.

'55 BA—**Marilyn Hamburger Tahl** of Westbury, NY, June 30, 2003; teacher. Alpha Epsilon Phi. Husband, Elliot Tahl '55.

'56, BS Hotel '57—**Edward N. Blair** of Springfield, VT, August 13, 2003; operated The Hartness House Inn; worked for Holiday Inn and Howard Johnson; also worked at his family's restaurant, The Blair House; active in community and religious affairs. Sigma Nu.

'56 BS Hotel—**Charles W. Bonner** of Columbus, OH, September 2, 2003; developer; preservationist; restaurateur; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'56 BA—**Datus C. Proper** of Belgrade, MT, July 27, 2003; author; former US diplomat; contributor to *Field & Stream* magazine. Alpha Delta Phi.

'57 MA—**Virginia Straus Bersohn** of Riverdale, NY, June 21, 2003; educational tester; active in community affairs. Phi Sigma Sigma.

'57 SP Ag—**Gerald F. Branch** of Saranac Lake, NY, June 2, 2003; teacher, Lake Placid Central School; developer, Mt. Pisgah ski center; veteran; active in civic and community affairs.

'57 GR—**Elizabeth Fosa Camacho-Navarro** of Waltham, MA, July 27, 2003; taught at Shippensburg State College, Penn State U., and Hobart College; active in community affairs.

'57—**Anthony J. Knipp** of Blooming Grove, NY, May 13, 2003; chief, non-appropriated personnel, West Point Military Academy; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'57 BS Ag—**Herbert Maas** of Owego, NY, August 6, 2003; retired dairy farmer; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'57 MD—**David M. McGoldrick** of Natick, MA, February 7, 2003; physician.

'57—**Ralph P. Muscatello** of Rutland, VT, May 29, 2003; retired postal worker; police officer; veteran; active in community affairs.

'57 BS HE—**Marilyn Boeringer Norton** of Ithaca, NY, June 5, 2003; director, Placement Office, Cornell Law School; former director, Community School of Music and Art; author; active in community and professional affairs. Pi Beta Phi.

'57, BArch '58—**Richard A. Rose** of Santiago, Chile, formerly of Coral Gables, FL, July 9, 2003; architect; developed low-cost housing in Liberty City and Miami Beach, FL, and Santiago, Chile; active in community and professional affairs.

'58 PhD—**Jacob Beck** of Brookline, MA, exact date unknown.

'58, BEP '59—**Alan B. Coppens** of Black Mountain, NC, formerly of Monterey, CA, July 20, 2003; physicist; taught at the Naval Postgraduate School; expert on acoustics; author; actor; active in community and professional affairs.

'58 BS Hotel—**Rob R. McLallen** of Annandale, VA, July 12, 2003; president, Emerson Management Group.

'58 JD—**Frederick C. Mezey** of Edwards, CO, formerly of Princeton, NJ, exact date unknown; attorney; pioneered affordable housing; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'58 BS Ag, MBA '59—**Wesley B. Wheeler** of Syracuse, NY, May 30, 2003; senior financial officer, Key Bank; veteran; volunteer probation officer; active in community affairs.

'59 BA—**Joan Appel Lees** of Bethesda, MD, August 24, 2003.

'59 PhD—**Ronald F. Peierls** of Port Jefferson, NY, September 2, 2003; physicist; mathematician; chair, applied mathematics dept., Brookhaven Nat'l Lab; theater director; active in community and professional affairs.

'59 MBA—**James S. Roth** of Bloomfield Hills, MI, August 8, 2003; retired senior executive, Budd Co.

'59 BA, PhD '66—**Charles W.J. Scaife** of Schenectady, NY, August 24, 2003; retired professor of chemistry, Union College; promoted "science as fun"; also taught at Middlebury College; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Alpha Phi Omega. Wife, Priscilla (Ulbrich) '64.

'59 PhD—**Selo Soemardjan** of Jakarta, Indonesia, June 11, 2003; professor of sociology, U. of Indonesia; chairman, Indonesian Social Sciences Foundation; government advisor; private secretary, Sultan Hamengkubuwono IX of Yogyakarta; author; active in professional affairs.

'59, BS ILR '61—**Barry L. Sullivan** of Bridgewater, NJ, June 28, 2003; high school English teacher; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'60 BS Ag—**David A. Lefevre** of Alexandria, VA, July 23, 2003; veteran. Sigma Pi.

'60 MD—**Joseph M. Murphy** of Old Greenwich, CT, September 6, 2003; radiologist; chair of radiology, Greenwich Hospital; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'61—**Stephen W. Lindemann** of Westport, CT, July 13, 2003; attorney, Lindemann & Lindemann; active in community affairs.

'61 MS—**Robert W. Read** of Naples, FL, July 15, 2003; authority on palms, bromeliads, cycads, and orchids; retired botany curator, National Museum of Natural History; veteran; author; active in professional affairs.

'62 JD—**David B. Hudnut** of Belvedere-Tiburon, CA, June 27, 2003; retired businessman and attorney; senior vice president, US Leasing International; active in civic and community affairs.

'62 BS HE—**Kirsten Kerrick Murphy** of Longmont, CO, May 25, 2003; owner, Golden Stage Inn; also worked for Pfizer and Fritzsche-Dodge-Alcott Flavors as flavor chemist; active in community and religious affairs. Kappa Alpha Theta.

'63 MS—**Luis A. Alvarez** of Asunción, Paraguay, May 17, 2003. Wife, Silvia (Estevez), MNS '63.

'63 BS ILR—**Charles C. Mead** of Palos Verdes Estates, CA, July 10, 2003; manufacturing engineer, Xerox Corp.; active in community and alumni affairs. Kappa Sigma. Wife, Carol (Vieth) '59.

'64 BA—**Paul M. Gitelson** of New York City, June 30, 2003; CEO, Jewish Childcare Assn.; active in community and professional affairs.

'64 MD—**Philip M. Hatfield** of Wauwatosa, WI, January 30, 2001; physician.

'64 MS—**Carol Kerr** Hudgins of Waterloo, Ontario, August 22, 2003; dietitian; potter; active in artistic, community, and religious affairs.

'65 BS ILR—**Bryan L. Knapp** of New York City,

July 11, 2003; former senior vice president, MTV Networks; also worked for Shearson Lehman Bros.; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

'65 MBA—**Robert S. Zemel** of Westfield, NJ, July 21, 2003; retired CPA; active in community and religious affairs.

'66, BS Eng '68—**William J. Alspaugh Jr.** of New Market, MD, May 22, 2003; real estate developer; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Phi Delta Theta.

'66 BS Ag—**David R. Barie** of East Bethany, NY, June 15, 2003; partner, Lor-Rob Farms; past president, Genesee County Farm Bureau; active in community and religious affairs. Alpha Zeta.

'66 MA IN T—**Mary Webb Jensen** of Albuquerque, NM, June 23, 2003; elementary school teacher; veteran; active in community affairs. Husband, Neal F. Jensen, PhD '42.

'66 BA—**Arno F. Spatola** of Louisville, KY, July 5, 2003; chemistry professor, U. of Louisville; president and CEO, Peptides Int'l; director, Inst. for Molecular Diversity and Drug Design; active in professional affairs. Pi Kappa Phi.

'67 BS HE—**Phyllis J. Silverman** of New York City, July 26, 2003; psychotherapist; former director, Cornell Infant and Resources Center; active in professional affairs.

'68 BS ILR—**Dale W. Cary** of Midlothian, VA, June 22, 2003; retired human resources director; veteran; active in community affairs. Chi Psi.

'68 BS Hotel, MS Hotel '75—**Elliott L. Sackler** of Honolulu, HI, July 11, 2003; executive in hospitality communications and technology; active in alumni affairs.

'69 BS Ag, MBA '77—**Dvora Rogachefsky Brodie** of Swampscott, MA, January 12, 2003; healthcare consultant; also worked for IBM.

'69 PhD—**Robert D. Burman** of Laramie, WY, June 2, 2003; professor emeritus of agricultural engineering, U. of Wyoming; veteran; author; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'69—**Glenn R. Chapin** of Wolcott, NY, January 1, 2000.

'69 MA—**George B. Mackiw** of Baltimore, MD, September 1, 2003; mathematics professor, Loyola College; author; active in professional affairs.

'70 BS HE—**Deborah Werder Kuno** of New Bern, NC, formerly of Liverpool, NY, July 30, 2003; admin. secretary to the president, Wheatstone Corp.; operations manager, Norell Temporary Svcs.; active in community and professional affairs.

'71 BA, MA '76—**Lynn Margolies Colvin** of

Lansing, NY, June 23, 2003; editor, Office of Publication Svcs., Cornell U.; active in alumni affairs.

'71 PhD—**Tyrone R. L. Larson** of Boulder, CO, May 26, 2003; worked for Qwest, Qualcomm, and Ericsson; also worked at Ball Corp.; active in community affairs.

'72 BS Ag—**Robert J. Sigsbee** of Holiday, FL, formerly of Fountain Valley, CA, June 19, 2003; television station manager. Pi Kappa Phi.

'73 BS Ag—**Stephen C. Crumley** of Anchorage, AK, August 28, 2003; fish pathologist; expert on salmon.

'73, BArch '74—**Gary L. Homan** of Bolton, MA, August 1, 2003; architect.

'74, BArch '75—**David C. Weisberg** of Los Angeles, CA, August 31, 2003; architect; interior designer; vice president, Wimberly Allison Tong & Goo; active in professional affairs.

'76 MLA—**Dennis C. Colliton** of West Fargo, ND, August 17, 2003; landscape architect; founder and professor, the school of Landscape Architecture, North Dakota State U.; author; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'76 BS ORIE—**Polly Schulz Whitehead** of Mercer Island, WA, September 2, 2003; engineer; worked for Bell Labs.

'78-79 GR—**Sean R. Doherty** of Ithaca, NY, July 22, 2003; worked for Tompkins County government.

'79 DMA—**Ann Loomis Silsbee** of Ithaca, NY, August 28, 2003; composer; pianist; poet; author of *Orioling*.

'82—**Kendra T. Cornell** of Stuyvesant, NY, August 29, 2003; newspaperwoman; active in religious affairs.

'88, BArch '90—**Pauline P. Chin** of Berkeley, CA, June 27, 2003; architect. Husband, Tracey Bornstein '88, BArch '90.

'94 BS Eng—**Marc Procaccino** of Vineland, NJ, June 9, 2003; director, professional services, Provenir; active in community affairs. Sigma Nu.

'96 BS EE—**Daniel S. Lee** of Natick, MA, August 25, 2003; worked for MathWorks.

'97 BS Ag—**John D. Orsi** of Wilton, NH, July 20, 2003; vice president, Sunshine Art Studio; counselor, Hole in the Wall Gang Camp; active in community affairs.

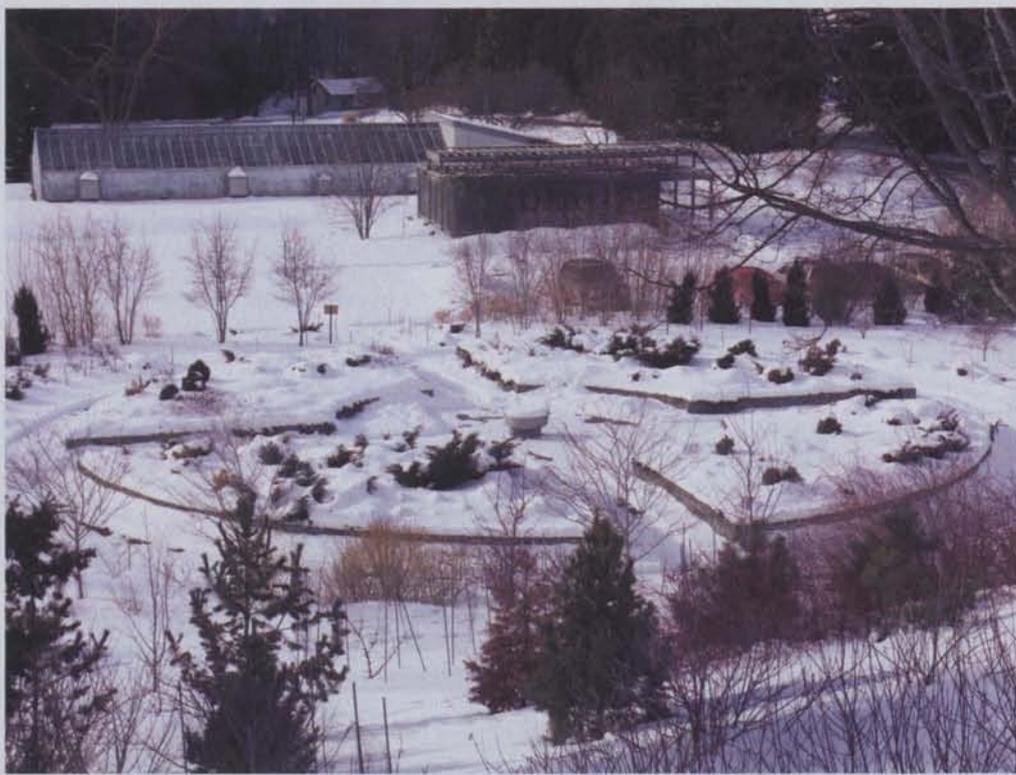
'00 BS HE—**Ronnie A. Brion** of Ithaca, NY, June 5, 2003. Chi Psi.

'00 MBA—**David A. Lennon** of Ferndale, MI, June 4, 2003; accountant; city councilman; supervisor, GMAC; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs.



# Winter Wonderland

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IT'S LATE JANUARY, AND GARDENS across Upstate New York languish under layers of ice and snow. But at the center of the Plantations, one plot blazes with color. The cinnamon-hued bark of a hybrid gingerbread maple contrasts with the yellows and oranges of mid-winter fire, a dogwood, and salix flame, a shrubby willow. Through early April, cardinals, chickadees—and the occasional robin—will snack on the berries of deciduous holly and hawthorn, while witch hazel, horizontal juniper, and lenten rose peek through the snow. “Winter is a way of having ‘autumn join hands with spring,’” says landscape designer Irene Lekstutis ’81,

MS Ag ’85, MLA ’00, quoting the late English writer and designer Rosemary Verey. “Think of it as a continuum.”

The Plantations launched its seasonal matchmaking effort in spring 2000, after ecology professor Peter Marks toured the British Isles and became inspired to bring English winter gardening techniques to campus. The resulting Mullestein Winter Garden—a half-acre collection of slow-growing deciduous shrubs, herbaceous perennials, and early-blooming bulbs east of the Plantations headquarters—shines in November, when the adjacent Robison York State Herb Garden and Ruth Howell Young Cutting Garden go dormant.

“There’s always something wonderful to see,” says Lekstutis of the textured bark, persistent fruit and foliage, and complicated branching patterns of the plants that fill the collection. “But in late fall, the colors really intensify.”

The Mullestein garden will peak in another five years, when the hawthorns, maples, and birches at its perimeter take on their mature stature. At about the same time, a 6,000-square-foot tropical conservatory will open west of the plot, and landscapers will begin tying together all four gardens. Says Lekstutis: “This is a way of concentrating botanical focus and bringing visitors into the Plantations in winter.”

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