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Over the past decade, the fate of honey bees and other pollinators has been the subject of global headlines, as scientists and policymakers have grappled with myriad threats to their survival. At Cornell—home to one of the world's leading facilities devoted to honey bee research and outreach—scientists are investigating ways to protect bees and to help the apiculture industry best manage hives. And while protecting pollinators is a pressing modern issue, bee studies have a long tradition on the Hill stretching back to the University's early days. "Cornell has such a rich history," says biology professor Thomas Seeley, an authority on honey bees. "It has produced most of the bee experts in the U.S.—most of the PhDs in apiculture by far."

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Comprising more than two dozen pieces sprinkled throughout East Hill, Cornell's collection of outdoor art delights the eye, surprises the visitor, and welcomes the returning alum. As the fall 2019 semester gets under way, CAM offers a photographic tour of this *al fresco* gallery—from an abstract bronze by one of the early twentieth century's leading sculptors to a larger-than-life statue of a mythical Greek hero made of repurposed car bumpers. "I'm a true believer that as a campus, our landscapes should be part of our classroom," says David Cutter '84, BS '85, who co-chairs the committee that oversees outdoor art at Cornell. "Art is an important part of that."

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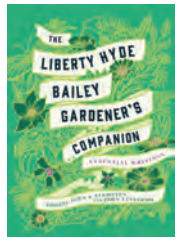

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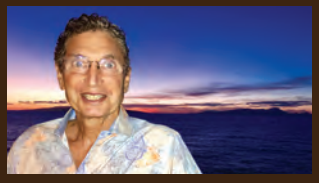

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Perfect Harmony

A concert in Bailey Hall exemplifies 'the magic of Cornell'

Less than a month after being inaugurated as Cornell's president, I received an unexpected invitation from Chris Kim, Cornell's director of orchestras. Would I be willing to join the Cornell Symphony Orchestra in a performance of Gunther Schuller's *Journey into Jazz*, serving as the narrator?

As a professor and academic administrator, I have spent much of my professional life talking in front of groups of people. But I had never in my life done it with an orchestra, in a setting where my performance would rely on theirs, and theirs on mine. What if I talked too fast? What if I missed a cue? With a musical education consisting entirely of elementary school violin lessons (about which the less said, the better), I worried. These were incredibly talented, highly trained student musicians. Did a computer scientist like me really belong on the same stage?

But how could I say no? As Cornell's new president, I was spending my days encouraging people to try new things, to build out-of-the-box partnerships, to push their own boundaries. Here was my chance to do just that myself.

So I said yes, and with a renewed appreciation for those ill-fated violin lessons (I could at least read music!) I began working on my part: telling the story of a boy named Eddie, who learns to make music first with his trumpet, then with other players, and finally with his full self. A few weeks later, I walked into Bailey Hall for a dress rehearsal, where I quickly discovered, to my delight, that at Cornell, a computer scientist belongs onstage as much as anyone else: the orchestra was made up of students from across the University. Music, they told me, had given them a community at Cornell. More than that, it had given them what it gives us all: a way to share the experience of creativity, to sound the chords of our own minds and souls.

When I first came to Cornell's campus, I described it as "magical." In the years since, I have come to better understand that magic. The physical beauty is what people notice first about Cornell: the gorges, the waterfalls, the soaring views. But in time, we also discover the beauty that is created here. Cornell is home to the full constellation of creative human endeavor. Music is made here, of course, as are art, dance, drama, and literature. Intellects are awakened here to the fascination and mysteries of humanity and the physical world, and to the hard-won wisdom of many professions. Ideas appear in classes, conversations, and chance encounters; research builds on what is learned, and reaches into the unknown. And magic comes from unexpected connections that are discovered across different disciplines and different areas of expertise. Just as an orchestra uses every instrument to create its fullest sound, so does the breadth of Cornell's fields of study create the fullest environment for sparking and fueling creativity.

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The day after the dress rehearsal, I told the story of Eddie's journey to a packed audience in Bailey Hall, as the music of that journey crept and leapt and swung around me. Despite my worries (and due far more to the musicians' skill than my own), it went just fine. Looking back on it now, I realize how much Eddie's story tells us about the magic of Cornell. Eddie couldn't learn jazz just by learning the trumpet. He also had to learn from the oboes, the pianos, and the saxophones. He needed to experience different orchestras, traditions, and styles before he could create a style of his own. It's a metaphor for how all of us create and discover, how any of us learn deeply and well: through invention and exploration, through cooperation and collaboration—not just from, but with each other. ■

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This piece was adapted from President Pollack's May 2019 Commencement address.

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From the Hill

PAGE PROOF: After a year and a half of construction, AA&P's Mui Ho Fine Arts Library has opened in Rand Hall. The $21.6 million project features dramatic tiers of "floating" bookshelves accommodating 125,000 volumes, plus study spaces, digital resources, and more.

$54 Million from NSF for New CHESS Facility

The Cornell High Energy Synchrotron Source (CHESS) will receive $54 million from the National Science Foundation over the next five years to support a new research and education subfacility known as the Center for High-Energy X-ray Sciences at CHESS. A national research facility commissioned in 1980, CHESS attracts more than 1,200 users a year for X-ray analysis and other data collection to support research in a variety of fields. The new subfacility, dubbed CHEXS @ CHESS, will include four beamlines and staff to support high-energy X-ray science user operations, as well as X-ray technology research, education, and training. "CHESS is a unique training ground for the scientific workforce we need to keep the U.S. competitive," says U.S. Senator Charles Schumer, "and is part of the lifeblood of our scientific community, enabling researchers to make advancements in everything from clean energy technologies to stronger, more resilient infrastructure."

'Her sanity-confirming wisdom explained troubled times and soothed restless souls.'

– **Noliwe Rooks**, professor of Africana studies, on Nobel Prize-winning author Toni Morrison, MA '55, who passed away in August

Cinema Gets Five-Year Funding Reprieve

Cornell Cinema has received a $250,000 gift from an anonymous alumni donor, and the College of Arts & Sciences has pledged to cover the majority of the cinema's staff salaries for the next half-decade. That means that after years of financial challenges that threatened to put the cinema out of business—including a $150,000 drop in support from the Student Activity Fee following a 2017 vote of the Student Assembly—it has sufficient funding to continue for the next five years. In addition to the loss of Activity Fee support, the cinema—like theaters worldwide—has faced competition from streaming sites like Netflix. Its plans to insulate itself from the unpredictability of ticket sales going forward include selling a low-cost pass that would offer admission to all screenings except special events. "Watching a film in a darkened theater with high quality projection on a large screen and great sound," says cinema director Mary Fessenden, "is an entirely different experience than watching on a computer screen in a dorm room."

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

Quinton Lucas, JD '09 (left), an attorney and University of Kansas law professor, elected mayor of Kansas City, Missouri.

Ithaca, named the prettiest town in New York State by *Architectural Digest*.

Astronomy professor **Martha Haynes** (right), awarded the Astronomical Society of the Pacific's Catherine Wolfe Bruce Gold Medal, given for outstanding lifetime achievement.

NewYork-Presbyterian, the Medical College's teaching hospital, ranked number one in New York City and the fifth-best in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Alexander Colvin, PhD '99 (left), named to a five-year term as dean of the School of Industrial and Labor Relations. A professor of conflict resolution, he had been serving as interim dean since October 2018.

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WING AND A PRAYER: ***Bird of Prey*****, the Lab of Ornithology's first feature film, is now available for viewing online. Directed by lab staffer Eric Liner, it chronicles efforts to save the critically endangered great Philippine eagle from extinction. Released last year and screened at film festivals around the world, the documentary can be rented or purchased on iTunes, Amazon, and Vimeo.**

R + D

Research in the Dyson School finds that tech startups may be hampered by the fact that foreign-born PhDs are reluctant to take jobs with them due to potential visa issues, preferring offers from established companies.

Having healthy gut bacteria can help prevent infections following joint replacement surgery, find biomedical researchers on the Ithaca campus and orthopaedic surgeons at the Weill Cornell-affiliated Hospital for Special Surgery in NYC.

Sociology PhD student Thomas Davidson, MA '18, identified "consistent, systematic, and substantial racial biases" in how algorithms identify hate speech in Tweets, finding that those using language indicating that the writer is likely African American are tagged as hateful at much higher rates than those believed to be written by whites.

Participation by female students drops when classes in STEM fields get larger than 120 people, finds ecology and evolutionary biology professor Kelly Zamudio, whose team used data from forty-four science courses at multiple institutions including Cornell.

Working with faculty at Cornell Tech and the Medical College, two master's students in health technology studied how analyzing changes in an individual's digital communications might offer advance warning of Alzheimer's disease.

Did You Know…

That CALS Dean Kathryn Boor '80 has a racehorse named after her? Six-year-old Kathryn the Wise (right) is owned by Larry Goichman '66 and trained by Chad Brown '01. As of early August, she had won five races and earned more than $375,000.

'Everybody, if they're lucky enough, is going to become an older person. Ageism eventually affects every member of a society.'

– Human development professor **Karl Pillemer**, who co-led a WHO-funded study on how to combat ageist attitudes

Finance Prof Leads External Ed

Steven Carvell (left), a longtime professor of finance in the Hotel school, has been named the University's first vice provost for external education strategy. "This new position has been created to help Cornell more effectively leverage a number of separate initiatives," says Provost Michael Kotlikoff, "and help eCornell more closely align with the academic enterprise." Carvell's purview will include executive education programs offered by various colleges and schools, as well as certificate and master's programs offered by colleges, schools, and eCornell, the University's distance learning platform.

Hill Topper

What did Ithaca Mayor Svante Myrick '09 call "a gorgeous asset nestled right between the University and downtown Ithaca"?

a) Ithaca Falls
b) City Cemetery
c) Llenroc
d) Eddy Gate

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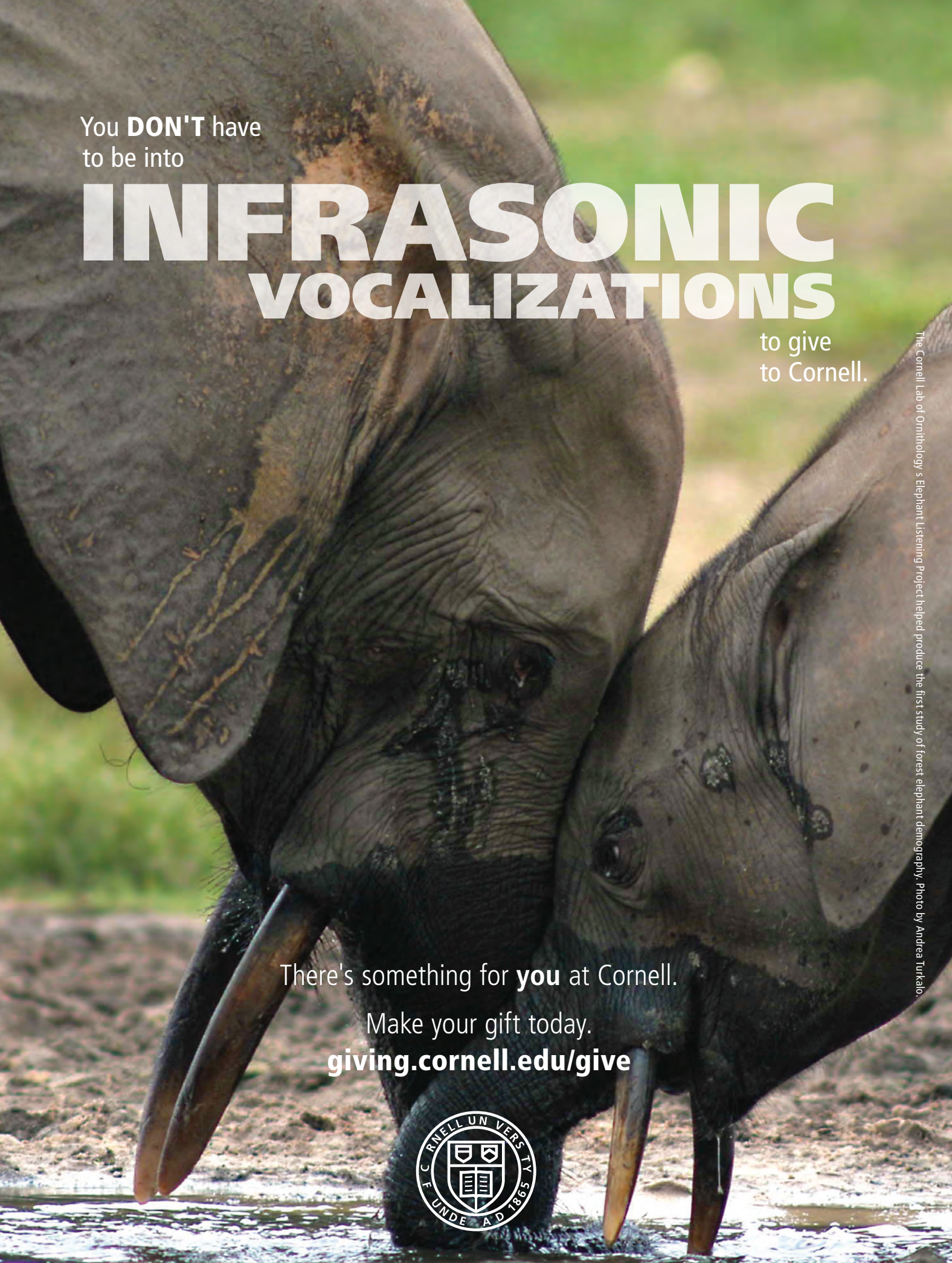

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Elephant Listening Project helped produce the first study of forest elephant demography. Photo by Andrea Turkalo.

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BIG RED WELCOME

With wide smiles and precision planning, Orientation staffers and student volunteers make incoming Cornellians feel right at home

Each fall, some 4,000 new students arrive on the Hill to begin their Cornell careers—bringing with them not only their hopes for a fulfilling college experience, but carloads of furniture, books, electronics, and enough clothes to last through their first semester. And every year, this great migration goes off more or less without a hitch, thanks to a cadre of dedicated staffers and carnelian-clad volunteers. From directing traffic to schlepping countless boxes to giving tours of campus, hundreds of Cornellians come together to welcome these first-years and transfer students. "We go all out," says Peggy Arcadi '85, director of New Student Programs. "They won't remember everything, but we hope they come away with an understanding that they're in a community that cares about them." ›

BIG DAY: First-year students and their families (right and below) move loads of possessions into North Campus dorms in August 2015.

When it comes to the logistics of moving thousands of students and their possessions into their dorms, organizers have long had the process down to a science. This semester, though, things got a little more complicated, thanks to the construction project that's set to add approximately 2,000 beds on North Campus. While the entire move-in process had previously been held on a single day, this fall it was expanded to two—with a more precise system in which families arrived at a staging area, drove to the dorms in small groups, and were greeted by volunteers and professional movers. "This is too big to fail," says Karen Brown, director of Campus Life Marketing and Communications, who co-chairs the move-in committee, "so we're always going to make it work."

After the new students have had a chance to find their dorms and meet their roommates—and for many, take their mandatory swim test—they make their way to Schoellkopf Stadium for Convocation. Orientation's official kick-off, it includes words of wisdom from President Pollack and other staff, faculty, and student leaders. "Be sure to cherish those who join you on your journey," Ryan Lombardi, vice president for student and campus life, told the Class of 2022 last fall. "These folks are not your competition. They are your Cornell family. Lift each other up and help each other become your best selves, together as a community."

Over the course of the next few days, first-years and transfers are mostly free to explore campus, choosing from a long list of activities organized by the University or various student groups. The offerings typically include a stroll through the Botanic Gardens, tours of the many libraries, an open paddle on Beebe Lake, and a guided walk through the campus gorges. Marching Band auditions are held behind Schoellkopf; would-be exchange students can attend a study-abroad open house; lecturers offer advice on "Everything You Need to Know About Being a Cornellian." An annual field day event—complete with kickball, volleyball, and a DJ—takes over a North Campus quad for an afternoon, and there's no shortage of ice cream socials and Chimes concerts. In the evenings, *a capella* groups sing beneath the Balch Arch, and Cornell Cinema offers free screenings of Hollywood hits. Among Orientation's few mandatory activities are viewing a gorge safety video (which can be done online) and attending a session of the Intergroup Dialogue Project, a program that aims to enrich students' communication skills across differences in race, culture, socioeconomic class, and more. On the final day of Orientation, the freshman class gathers for a massive group photo. "It's so nice for them to have campus to themselves for a few days," says veteran Orientation volunteer Abi Cherry '20. "They can enjoy Cornell like a playground and really explore it."

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To ensure some individual attention, groups of about a dozen new students are paired with an Orientation leader from their college. Throughout the week, they meet to discuss college-specific requirements and take tours of the buildings where most of their classes will be held. Leaders often share their own experiences; Cherry, for example, usually lets her group know that she's on financial aid and offers tips on finding cheap meals on campus. "Our job is to get across a sense of belonging," says Rohan Yaradi '21, co-chair of the Orientation Steering Committee (OSC), the student-run organization that plans many Orientation events and recruits and trains volunteers. "We want them to know they are not here by accident. They earned their way here, and this ›

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SO MUCH TO DO (clockwise from above): An information fair in Barton Hall; a Cornell Outdoor Education pre-Orientation camp outing; a new student gets his bearings; veteran band members solicit new recruits.

community will be here for them through thick and thin." But as many Orientation organizers note, it's often not the incoming students who need the most hand-holding—it's their parents, who can be more than a little anxious about saying goodbye. "My favorite job during move-in is to sit and chat with the parents," says Cherry. "The kids might not remember you; they've got a lot going on. But if you make a parent happy, they'll remember that their child is in a good place."

While the fall Orientation is by far the major one, a smaller version is held each January for the roughly 200 transfer students and first-years admitted for spring semester. With warm-weather activities off the menu, the new Cornellians are welcomed with hockey games, dance parties in Barton Hall, and craft nights on North Campus. "It's definitely more intimate," says Yaradi, himself a spring semester arrival. "It's more about meeting people rather than getting to know campus."

Orientation has changed significantly over the years, both in duration and in content; Arcadi notes that back in the Sixties, it included a freshman cocktail party. In decades past, incoming classes were small enough that everyone could gather for barbeques at nearby state parks. Greek rush used to start the day freshmen arrived; it's now a semester later to give students a chance to settle in. And in what was arguably Orientation week's most stressful element, students would have to register for classes in person—waiting in long lines in Barton, hoping their desired classes wouldn't be full by the time they reached the front. (Now, of course, the entire process happens online weeks before the semester starts.) But the fundamental spirit of Orientation has remained the same. "We had marvelous opportunities to hear and learn about the various activities at Cornell besides the academics," Kent Hewitt '59, BA '60, recalls of his Orientation in 1955. "We heard songs from the Glee Club, Cayuga's Waiters, the Cornell Chorus, and the marching band all during that week. We were fired up with the spirit of Cornell like you wouldn't believe."

Nowadays, incoming students can explore much of Cornellian culture before they even set foot on campus. Most pre-frosh "meet" their roommates through social media weeks in advance. Cornell's "New Students" website is a font of information on topics ranging from fitness centers to counseling services to how to prepare for Ithaca winters; the Cornell Connects app offers a schedule of Orientation events and maps of campus. Some incoming students even elect to join the University community over the summer by participating in pre-Orientation events such as volunteer trips, retreats with religious organizations, or student-led wilderness experiences such as canoeing in the Adirondacks. All in all, Arcadi says, an estimated 21,000 annual volunteer hours go into planning and executing Orientation, with each of the OSC's dozen members putting in about 400 volunteer hours a year. "The whole experience gives me such a boost every single semester," says Cherry. "I leave the week feeling like Cornell is just the greatest." ■

Kent Hewitt '59, BA '60, recalls that during his Orientation in 1955, 'we were fired up with the spirit of Cornell like you wouldn't believe.'

— Alexandra Bond '12

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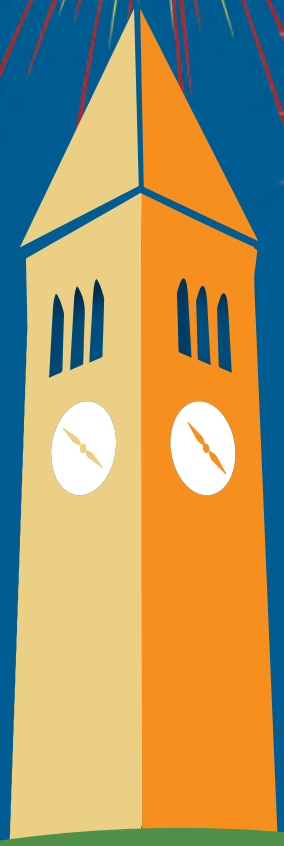

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A food media darling, celebrity chef Jordan Andino '10 aims to wow American palates with his take on Filipino cuisine

ARE YOU HUNGRY?: Andino in his West Village restaurant with his version of the double cheeseburger, dubbed a "Flip-N-Out Burger."

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Jordan Andino '10 has competed on TV shows from "Recipe for Deception" to "Beat Bobby Flay." He has hosted his own program on the Cooking Channel, schooled Rachael Ray fans on the latest food trends, and taught viewers of the online platform Tastemade how to whip up a homemade version of the Taco Bell Crunchwrap. Zagat put him on its 2016 "30 Under 30" list of the hottest food and beverage pros in New York City; the following year, *People* called him America's sexiest chef, underscoring its choice with a shirtless photo showcasing Andino's six-pack abs and fork-and-knife arm tattoos. And if that weren't enough pop-culture cachet, he has served as personal chef to the first family of reality TV: on "Kourtney & Khloé Take the Hamptons," the Kardashian sisters even pondered setting up the then-twenty-five-year-old with their mom, Kris Jenner, for a summer fling—but Andino and Jenner turned the tables on them by pretending to be caught in a tryst, complete with scattered undergarments.

Despite all the media exposure—which began in 2013, after his best friend sneakily applied to "Chopped" on his behalf and Andino wound up finishing second—the Hotel alum couldn't quite believe it when he arrived at the "Today" show green room in November 2016 for a Thanksgiving special. As he recalls, his fellow guests included not only Ray and Flay but Marcus Samuelsson, Giada de Laurentiis, Martha Stewart, Daniel Boulud, and Geoffrey Zakarian. "I'm looking around, and practically every celebrity chef I've ever admired is in this room," he says. "And I'm like, I don't understand why I'm here right now."

It was a rare moment of insecurity for Andino, who has become a TV fixture not only for his deft culinary skills but for his brash persona, model-caliber looks, boundless energy, and infectious enthusiasm for cuisines both sophisticated and quotidian. Case in point: when he came onstage for the 2014 episode of "Beat Bobby Flay"—in which two chefs compete for the chance to go up against Flay in a championship round—he swaggered onto ›

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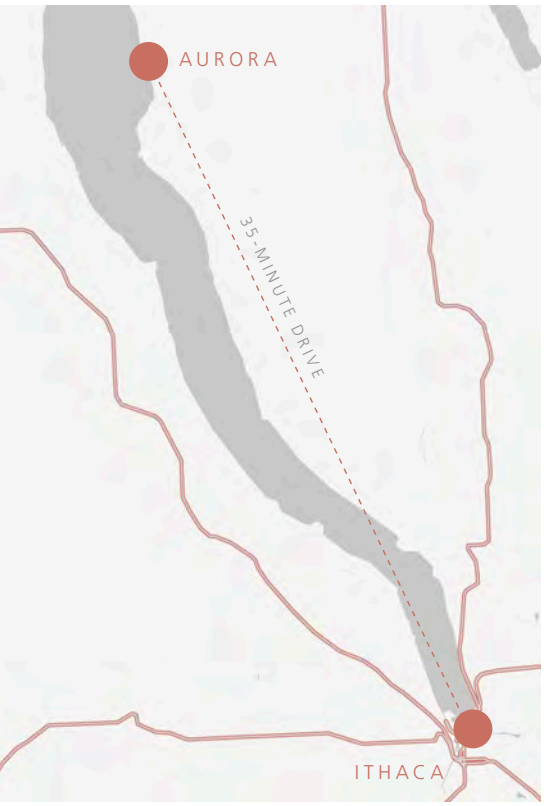

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FOODIE FAME: Andino competing on "Beat Bobby Flay" (far left) and talking food trends with Rachael Ray (above). Near left: a bowl from the FlipSigi menu.

the arena-style set, slapped his chest, did a cocky little dance, and played shamelessly to the audience. "I felt like a contestant in a gladiator match," he recalls. "That's where I thrive. I want all the pressure. I want the spotlight on me. If I'm Michael Jordan, I want the ball with the last shot. And I'll take the failure or the success, whichever way it comes." While Andino won the first round (his pan-seared Arctic char with lemon beurre blanc and Swiss chard wowed the judges), he failed to beat Flay in a showdown over short ribs—possibly because he forgot to add the eggs to his fried rice and wound up tossing them on top at the last second. "I should've beaten him," Andino says, still irked half a decade later. "The eggs were bulls--t. I tasted his dish. Mine was so much more refined and tasted better. Don't get me started."

It's a Saturday last spring, and Andino is chatting with CAM at FlipSigi, his tiny taco joint in New York City's West Village. As *New York Times* critic Ligaya Mishan, MFA '95, described it in a 2016 review: "The restaurant, equipped with one exceedingly narrow table and bar stools, feels like an extension of Mr. Andino's personality. 'Hours of Awesomeness' are posted in the window. The staff wears aloha shirts. . . . Menu items are written on skateboards, the chef's main mode of transportation." Those skateboards bear names of such dishes as "Nice Buns" (dough stuffed with fried pork belly, pickles, scallions, and barbecue sauce) and "Bi-Curious" (two tacos with a choice of protein). The housemade hot sauces are named First, Second, and Third Base—a reference not to baseball but to the time-honored junior-high terms for carnal exploits. "Everything in this restaurant," Andino says with a chuckle, "has either a sexual innuendo or some sort of hidden vulgarity that I've fully endorsed."

FlipSigi serves Andino's take on the food of his parents' native Philippines—the name translates as "go Filipino"—a cuisine he describes as an amalgam of the nation's three colonizers: China (contributing elements like soy, garlic, and vinegar), Spain (árbol chilies, paprika), and the U.S. (Spam, ketchup). "It's tangy and sweet, not a lot of spice, heavily dependent on garlic and rice," he explains. "It's unique and unlike most other southeastern Asian cuisines." FlipSigi's menu items, most of which range from about $4 to $10, include adobo chicken over garlic-coconut fried rice; tacos filled with bok choy, salsa, chicharrones (fried pork rinds), and tamarind-braised short rib; and a version of poutine—the traditional Canadian comfort food of gravy-and-cheese-topped French fries—with cilantro, mozzarella, and crumbled longanisa, a sweet cured pork sausage. For dessert, there's bright purple ice cream flavored with coconut and ube, a variety of sweet potato. "My type of Filipino cuisine is definitely avant garde—it respects the old while presenting it in a new way," Andino says as he preps the restaurant for opening, laying out hot sauces and mixing up a batch of calamansi juice, a citrus drink akin to lemonade that's served virgin or as the base for margaritas and mimosas. "I don't ever pretend to be authentic." As he notes with a smile: "Literally, my spiel is, 'Welcome to FlipSigi; if you're looking for authentic Filipino food, I can confidently tell you that this is the worst place in the world to eat. But if you want really good food, you've come to the right place.' "

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Born in Toronto—hence the fondness for poutine—Andino was nine when his parents separated and he moved with his mom to Manhattan Beach, California. His dad is a chef, so when Andino would visit him during school breaks, spending time with him meant logging long hours in restaurant kitchens—first sweeping up and emptying the garbage, then prepping ingredients, and eventually cooking. His voice cracks a bit as he recalls the time his father—not one to be overly emotional—told him to look around the room at the professional chefs at work: "He said, 'You see everyone here? You're better, right now, than all of them.' " A couple of years later, when Andino was only in ›

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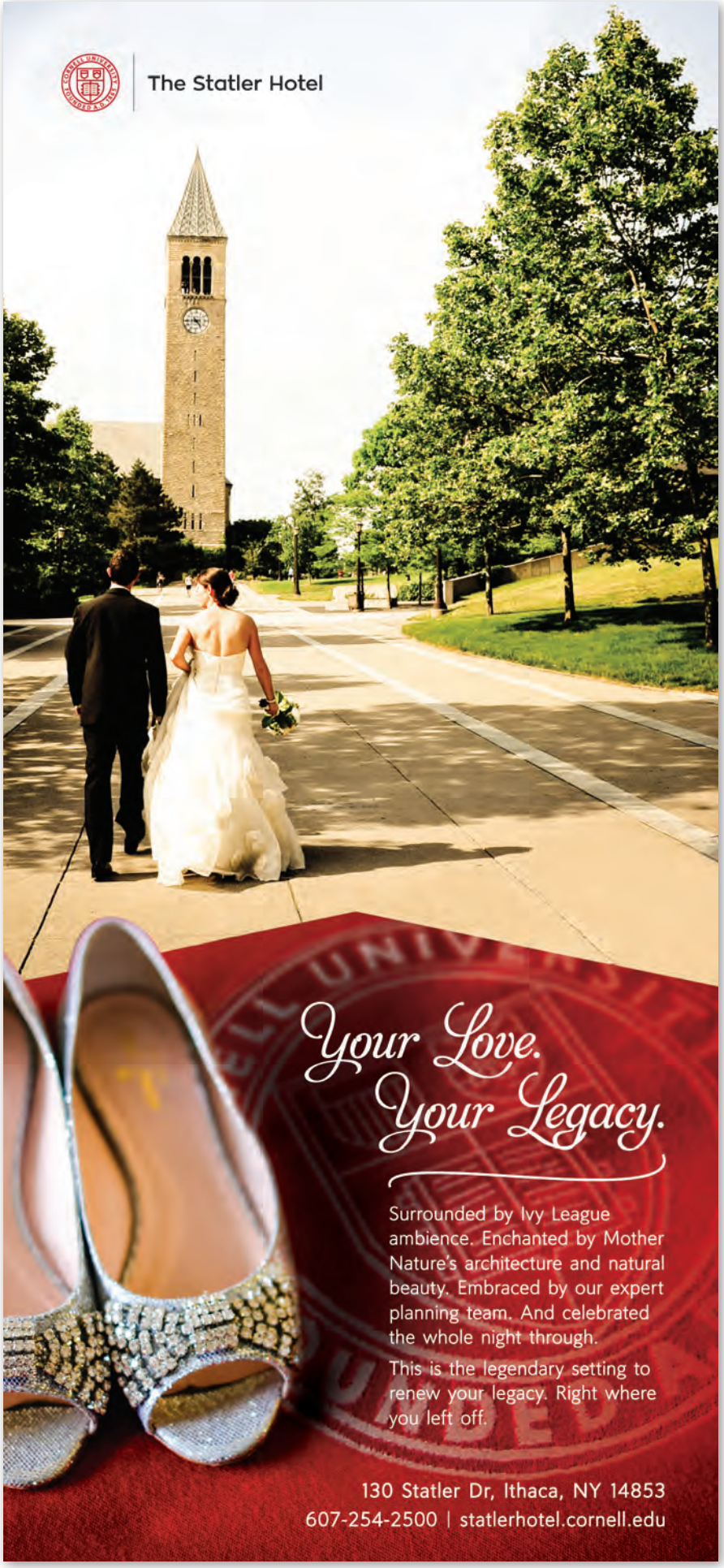

his mid-teens, he had a lucrative side gig as a personal chef in the L.A. area. "I fell into it, and I ended up loving it," he says. "By the time I came to Cornell I knew exactly what I wanted to do." On the Hill, he immersed himself in the Hotel school's culinary coursework and hosted private dinners at his fraternity, Sigma Phi; by junior year, he was in charge of food and beverage at Dino's, then a popular diner and bar in Collegetown. After graduation he did a brief *stage* (internship) at Jean Georges in New York City, then worked for Wolfgang Puck at Spago in L.A. and for Thomas Keller at French Laundry in the Napa Valley. "It shaped my palate and really polished me," he says. "That's when I knew I wanted to take Filipino food to the next level."

He worked at several restaurants in the New York metro area before he and two partners opened FlipSigi in 2016. It was originally called 2nd City after his mother's hometown in the Philippines, but he changed it to avoid confusion with the Chicago comedy troupe. (A second Manhattan location opened in 2017, but closed this year due to a lack of foot traffic.) In fall 2017, the Cooking Channel debuted "Late Night Eats," in which Andino showcased after-hours cuisine, from rabbit tacos in San Antonio to a burger-donut hybrid in Orlando. The show reflected Andino's affection for dining into the wee hours; as he notes, he can survive on six hours or less of sleep a night. That makes him—he pulls out his phone to cite a term he found online—part of the 1 to 3 percent of the population who are the "sleepless elite."

"Late Night Eats" ended after two seasons, and Andino currently has several other TV projects in the works. But, he says, his ultimate goal is to own a fine dining restaurant showcasing his take on Filipino food—and, by the time he's forty, to become the first chef in that genre to earn a Michelin star. "It's a really bizarre path," he says of his TV fame. "I never expected it, and honestly I didn't even want it. I'm a chef. All I want to do is cook. But I'm not stupid; the whole celebrity chef thing—and I don't even like calling myself that—I'm going to capitalize on it. I'm not going to look like this forever. This hair is going to go. I'm gonna get super fat. So if there's a market for it, let's rock 'n' roll." ■

— Kitty Kemp

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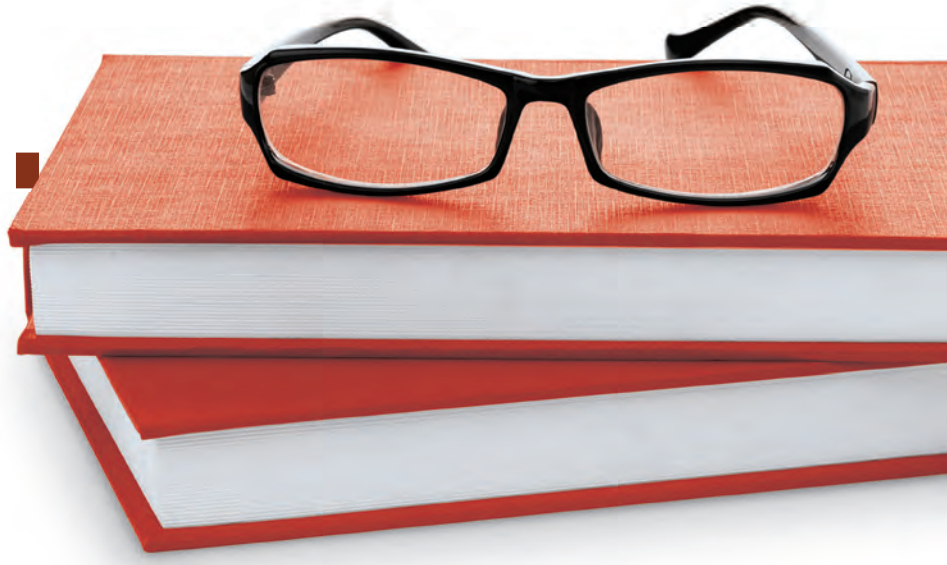

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CSI: FEATHERED FILES

Forensic ornithologist Pepper Trail '75, PhD '84, is the 'Sherlock Holmes of bird crimes'

FOR THE BIRDS: Trail in his Oregon office, where he works on about 100 cases each year and processes some 1,000 pieces of evidence

Pepper Trail '75, PhD '84, never knows what might land on his desk. Take the time that Trail—senior ornithologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Forensics Laboratory in Ashland, Oregon—found a Styrofoam takeout container in his office, wrapped in evidence tape and sent by one of the service's 250 special agents nationwide.

Inside was a tiny roasted poultry breast on toast, garnished with parsley and mustard sauce. The agent wanted to know if Trail could identify the meat's source—and he soon confirmed that it was an American woodcock, a game bird that restaurants can't legally serve. Trail's work led to a raid of a Vermont eatery where more than 100 frozen woodcock breasts were discovered. "When I first took this job I was a little concerned that it would become boring," he says. "But that has definitely not been a problem."

Described by *National Geographic* as the "Sherlock Holmes of bird crimes," Trail has spent the last two decades helping the federal government investigate wildlife trafficking, habitat destruction, and other offenses involving avian victims. He doesn't hunt down crooks or go undercover; instead, his responsibility at the lab—the only one in the world dedicated to crimes against wildlife—is to provide scientific assistance to those who enforce federal laws protecting threatened and endangered species or mandating conservation measures. The work can be gruesome: Trail is usually called on to identify a species from partial remains. To make an identification—which often plays a key role in bringing charges for such crimes as international smuggling and illegal hunting—he scrutinizes the anatomical features of recovered bird parts, sometimes with nothing more to go on than a single feather or talon. Though many of the experts with whom Trail shares the 40,000-square-foot forensics facility use cutting-edge technologies, his methods are decidedly old school. Says Trail: "The highest-tech tool I use is a microscope." ›

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WINGING IT: Trail in the lab (above). Right: A page from the online database he established to help identify feathers of North American birds.

Each year, Trail takes part in about 100 cases and handles more than 1,000 pieces of evidence. That means he's seen a lot of unusual—and upsetting—things over the years, from poisoned bald eagles to artwork made with hornbill skulls to necklaces crafted from cassowary toes. He once testified in court as an expert witness against a man accused of smuggling songbirds to New York from Guyana; there's a black market for the birds, called towa towas, among Guyanese immigrants who bet on them in singing contests. More recently Trail has been disturbed by a thriving trade in love charms made from dead hummingbirds—known as *chuparosas*—that are smuggled in from Mexico. For Trail, the daily procession of remains can be hard to take. "All birders have a 'life list' of the birds they've seen in their life, but I also have a death list," he says. "It's now over 800 species."

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To ease the uglier aspects of the job, Trail writes poetry in his spare time. He has published three collections, one of which was a finalist for the 2016 Oregon Book Award. He's also heartened by another accomplishment: the creation of the Feather Atlas, the first online database for identifying feathers of North American birds. The website—which now includes almost 400 species and had 1.5 million visitors in 2018—is used by law enforcement, birders, teachers, and artists. "It's become a much more widely used and appreciated resource than I ever thought it would be," Trail says.

Raised on a 100-acre farm in Upstate New York, Trail fell in love with birding as a boy and majored in biology in the College of Arts & Sciences. His doctoral thesis in CALS took him to Suriname, where he studied the mating behavior of the Guianan cock-of-the-rock, a tropical bird whose males boast striking orange feathers and a dramatic, semicircular head crest. After doing postdocs at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute and the California Academy of Sciences he served as a senior wildlife biologist in American Samoa for two years before relocating to Ashland, where his wife had gotten a job as a pediatrician. In 1998 the forensics lab asked him to fill in after its only ornithologist left; what was supposed to be a temporary position proved to be a vocation. Now sixty-five and planning to retire by the end of 2020, he has trained another forensic ornithologist to succeed him. "I consider this job ethically important, and it gives me a lot of satisfaction," he says. "It directly aids the survival of the birds that I love so much." ■

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BACK TO THE LAND

A Cornellian couple turns their family farm into an agritourist's paradise

GRASS ROOTS: Oscar and Melinda Vizcarra (above) run a popular agricultural and entertainment destination near the Western New York village of Gasport.

When Melinda Perry Vizcarra '79 and Oscar Vizcarra '79 graduated from CALS and took over her family's 340-acre, fourth-generation farm an hour northeast of Buffalo, they aimed to sell directly to consumers, offering "U-pick" crops like strawberries, raspberries, and asparagus. Back then, few people had even heard of agritourism—the concept that farms and orchards could attract visitors craving a taste of agricultural life, either for a few hours or a whole vacation.

Jump forward four decades, and the Vizcarras oversee a Western New York institution that they built from the ground up. Their business, Becker Farms, draws some 100,000 visitors a year, many of them members of families—from Buffalo, Rochester, Niagara Falls, and beyond—who've been coming for generations. On fall weekends, cars fill eight acres of parking, with parents and kids flocking to the Pumpkin Fiesta, whose delights include pony rides, a corn maze, a petting zoo, and goat races. There's apple picking, cider, and fresh donuts. The Becker Farms bakery cranks out some 6,000 pies a year—apple, strawberry-rhubarb, cherry, peach, pecan, pumpkin, and more—with a huge Thanksgiving rush and 4,000 sold wholesale for fundraisers.

Then there's the retail store—selling produce, homemade jams, fudge, snacks, and baked goods—housed in the converted nineteenth-century farmhouse where Melinda's grandfather was born. And the educational tours that bring in busloads of schoolkids. And the 200-member CSA. And the winery, Vizcarra Vineyards, launched in 2004; it makes not only red, white, and sparkling wines but fruit wines and fortified dessert wines. After some visitors lamented the lack of beer, the Vizcarras started a craft brewery, complete with gastropub and beer garden. Dubbed Becker Brewing, it also produces hard apple cider, including some unusual flavors like concord grape and cherry-almond.

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The annual visitor count doesn't include weddings, which now number about 100 a year. After hosting their daughter's 2006 nuptials, the Vizcarras were inundated by requests to do them commercially. So they created a 200-guest venue; ceremonies are held in view of the vineyard, with hors d'oeuvres ›

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served in a restored 1934 barn. When that proved so popular that it was booked solid a year in advance—with daily calls from hopeful couples—they invested in a second venue. With bridal parties needing somewhere to stay, Becker Farms got into the lodging business by building eight luxury cabins, which are also rented out on Airbnb. "Sometimes when we walk home at night, we look around and say, 'Who did this? How did this happen?' " Oscar marvels. "We see a wedding going on, people dancing and laughing. We can't believe we created something like this after all these years."

A native of Peru, Oscar was sent to the U.S. at sixteen by his mother, who was concerned—rightly, he admits—that he wasn't focusing on his studies. After graduating from high school and attending community college in the New York metro area, he met Melinda at SUNY Delhi, where he was studying landscape architecture. She'd spent two years traveling around the world after high school and figured she'd parlay her lifelong interest in agriculture into aid work in developing countries. Then Oscar challenged that notion. "He said, 'How can you leave your family farm?' " she recalls. " 'You have these assets that most people in the world don't have.' "

They both transferred to Cornell, where a professor encouraged them to embrace direct-to-consumer markets like U-pick. They founded Becker Farms after graduation—it's her maternal grandmother's maiden name, and how locals know the property—and married the following fall. In the early days, their customers were stocking up on produce that was only available in season. But once global supply chains put crops like strawberries and asparagus on supermarket shelves year-round, they needed new revenue streams. When Oscar heard that other farms were offering entertainment and making wine, he saw opportunities. "One good thing about him not being a traditional farmer," says Melinda, "is that he doesn't have the attitude of 'This is how we always did it.' "

With his landscaping background, Oscar transformed the property, planting "every tree, every shrub" with his own hands. Rather than having a store built, he renovated her grandparents' house. "I was everything," he says. "The farmer, the carpenter, the plumber, the electrician." Becker Farms has since grown to about ten core staff and another ninety part-time workers, making it the largest employer in town. As demanding as the business is, its seasonal nature gives the couple some downtime; they spend winters relaxing and traveling, with annual cruises and trips to Peru. Their three adult children help run the farm, making it a fifth-generation enterprise: their daughter oversees weddings and lodging, one son runs the agricultural side, and another is in charge of alcohol production. "If we hadn't done this, it probably would have been the end of the line for the family farm," Melinda observes. "It attracted our children back." ■

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A more recent development is Banfi's Horizon Winery, a production philosophy that allows for the hand sorting of bunches and individual grapes before they are crushed and placed into cutting-edge hybrid fermentation tanks that are two-thirds oak and one-third stainless steel. The steel serves as bookends of the tank to allow for more controlled fermentation, while the center oak portion contributes balance and nuances to the wines.

Following John Mariani's altruistic approach of producing a wine that will be "good for the people of Montalcino, good for Italy, good for America, good for all people who love fine wine," Banfi has been internationally recognized for its exceptional environmental, ethical, and social responsibility by the International Standards Organization (ISO). The company has adopted such innovations as a lighter bottle, a wastewater detoxification process, and variable-flow-rate irrigation, along with introducing eco-friendly policies of reducing agrochemical treatments, reducing greenhouse gases by planting species of local trees, and maintaining biodiversity with a natural meadow on the borders of the vineyard to provide a grazing ground for local wildlife. The winery and its customized techniques are all designed to respect Italy's view of wine as food, making it as healthy as possible including reduction of sulfite and histamine levels well below industry standards.

John's daughter Cristina Mariani-May assumed responsibility of the estate in 1997. Her pursuit of excellence has led to the creation of Castello Banfi–Il Borgo, a 14-room luxury hotel nestled alongside the estate's medieval castle walls, 12 miles from the center of Montalcino. Consistently garnering outstanding reviews and top resort rankings from Fodor's Travel, Conde Nast Traveler, Trip Advisor and Travel + Leisure. The hotel—which opened in 2007—consists of six rooms and eight suites. Each room has original designs overseen by internationally renowned interior designer Frederic Forquet. Il Borgo provides such amenities as swimming, a gym, and in-room spa treatments, along with access to nearby hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, and hot-air-balloon rides. Throughout the resort are skin-care products and toiletries produced exclusively from the estate's Sangiovese grapes, providing many of the vitamins and antioxidant properties found in the wines themselves.

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Big Red Highlights

MEN'S CREW The lightweight varsity eight won its fourth national title in six seasons by taking first place in the finals of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association Regatta. The gold medal boat was made up of **Nick Anderson '19**, **Cameron Bertossa '20**, **Henry Ellis '19**, **Andrew Hickey '21**, **Sorin Koszyk '20**, **Evan Krum '21**, **Eric Lee '20**, **David Tigerman '21**, and coxswain **Molly Rochford '19**. It is Cornell's eighth lightweight crown since the event began in 1990.

SAILING The women's team finished 15th at the Sperry Women's National Championship. The B-Division boat was tenth overall with eight top-ten finishes in 18 races and a win in race two with **Daisy Holthus '21** as skipper and **Kimberly Wong '19** as crew.

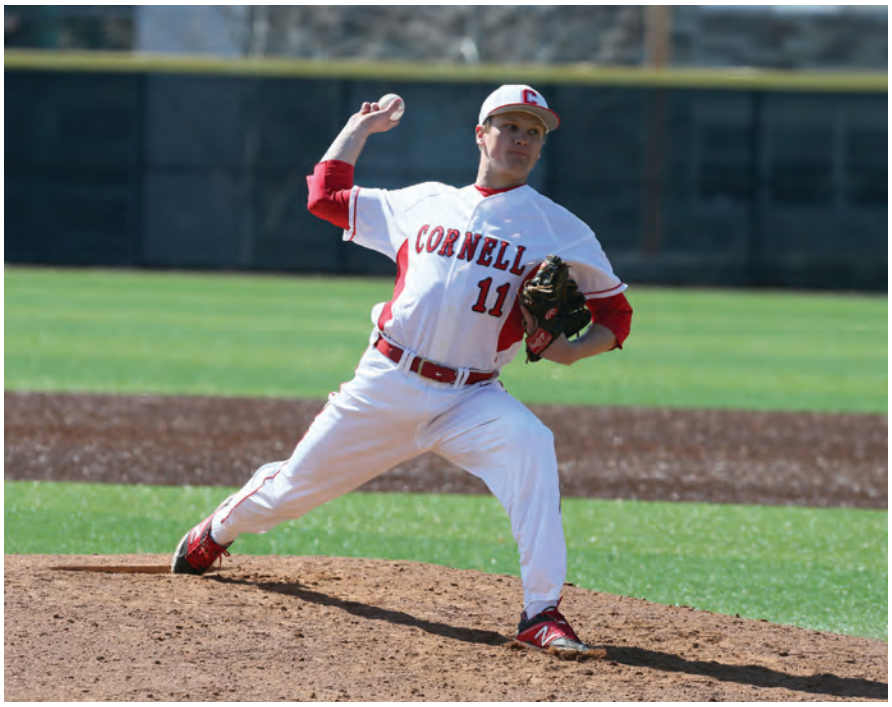
MEN'S HOCKEY For the ninth straight season, Cornell had incoming freshmen selected in the NHL Entry Draft. **Matt Stienburg '23** was taken by the Colorado Avalanche with the first pick of the third round, while **Jack Malone '23** was the sixth-round pick of the Vancouver Canucks.

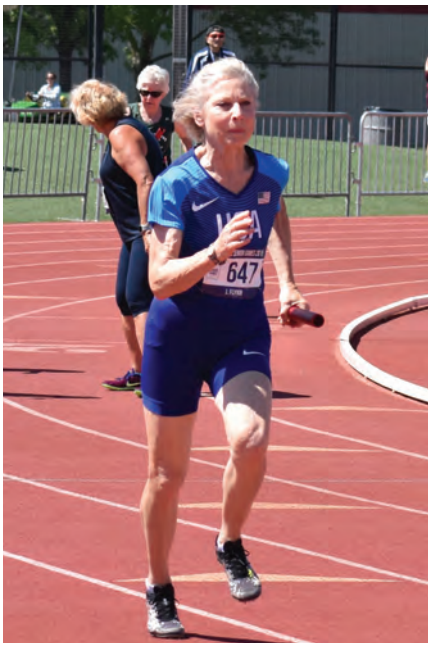
WOMEN'S TRACK **Brooke Overholt '22** represented Canada at the 2019 Pan-American U20 Championships, finishing seventh in the 400-meter hurdles. A week earlier, Overholt won the same event at the Athletics Ontario U20/Open championships.

MEN'S LACROSSE The Big Red has rallied behind **Ryan Maloney '20**, who suffered a spinal injury at the Jersey Shore over the July 4 holiday weekend. The accident left him with no movement in his legs, although he did maintain sensation below the waist; he was later transferred to a rehabilitation center. A GoFundMe campaign set up by Cornell teammates to help with medical expenses raised more than $225,000 from nearly 2,000 donors in less than two weeks. Maloney's family is documenting his recovery on CaringBridge.org, where the public can leave messages of support.

SCHOLAR-ATHLETES Two Cornellians earned first-team Academic All-American honors from the College Sports Information Directors of America. **Taylor Knibb '20**, a psychology major with a 4.12 GPA, was selected in women's track/cross country; gymnast **Kelsy Kurfirst '19**, a mechanical engineer with a 4.0 GPA, was picked for the at-large team.

HALL OF FAME The Cornell Athletics Hall of Fame will welcome 11 new members during its annual induction ceremony in October. They are: **Nathan Ford '09**, football and baseball; **John Glynn '08**, **BS '09**, men's lacrosse; **Jim Hanchett '53**, special category; **Bob Hoffman '58**, special category and men's lacrosse; **Jordan Leen '09**, wrestling; **Jeomi Maduka '09**, women's basketball and track and field; **Belen Martinez '09**, field hockey; **Max Seibald '09**, men's lacrosse; **Katherine Simmons '08**, women's lacrosse; **Linda Trotter '06**, women's track and field; and **Wes Newman '09**, men's swimming and diving.





ALUMNI NEWS

MASTERS TRACK **Joyce Banch Flynn '68** (above) won four medals at the USA Track and Field Masters Indoor National Championships, including a pair of golds. Competing in the 70–74 age group, the Quogue, NY, resident won the long jump (leaping 3.09 meters) and the triple jump (6.85 meters). She also finished second in the high jump (1.03 meters) and 60-meter dash (11.92 seconds).

BASEBALL Pitcher **Austin Wahl '17**, **BA '18** (left), was selected by the Oakland Athletics in the 23rd round of the 2019 Major League Baseball First Year Player Draft and assigned to their rookie team in the Arizona League. Initially a football player at Cornell, Wahl walked onto the baseball team as a junior and returned as a fifth-year senior in 2018 and went on to use his final season of eligibility as a grad student at Cal State Monterey Bay.

MEN'S BASKETBALL **Matt Morgan '19**, Cornell's single-season and career scoring leader, played in four games for the Toronto Raptors during the NBA Summer League season in Las Vegas. His best outing came in a 93-90 loss to the San Antonio Spurs, when he hit two of four three pointers and was 5-for-5 from the free throw line for 11 points. In other basketball news, **Cody Toppert '05** was named an assistant coach at the University of Memphis, where he'll work under former NBA all-star Penny Hardaway. Toppert spent the previous season as an assistant coach and director of player development for the Phoenix Suns.

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DAN MOREN '02

Moren pens what *Publishers Weekly* calls "a frenzied story full of bold spycraft and exciting ground and air chases" in this mash-up of espionage and science fiction, the first entry in a planned series about a galactic cold war between a commonwealth of planets and an aggressive empire. His hero is a veteran intelligence operative for the commonwealth who's sidelined after being wounded on a mission, but has to jump back into action to save his undercover team—now led by his ex-wife and including a recruit who defected from the enemy empire—from being captured and executed. The novel features characters and settings from Moren's previous book, *The Caledonian Gambit.*

MILADY

LAURA SULLIVAN '95

In a reimagining of a classic character in the tradition of *Wicked* (which offered a sympathetic take on Oz's Witch of the West), Sullivan creates an origin story for Milady de Winter, the seductive villainess of Alexandre Dumas's *The Three Musketeers*. Growing up in sixteenth-century France, the future Milady is schooled by her mother to use her feminine wiles to her advantage in a male-dominated world. "I might say that my opinion of men is low," Sullivan writes in her protagonist's voice. "But then, my opinion of mankind is fairly poor to begin with. It is only that men generally have more scope for mischief and malice." *Milady* is the adult debut for Sullivan, the author of five books for middle-grade and young adult readers.

IT'S NOT A BED, IT'S A TIME MACHINE

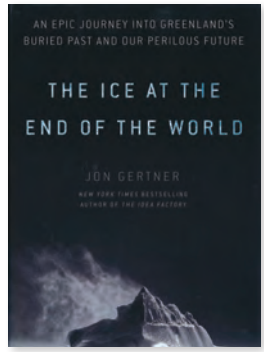
MICKEY RAPKIN '00

In his first children's book, geared toward kids aged three to seven, Rapkin follows a boy whose imagination takes him on a nighttime journey to the era when dinosaurs roamed the Earth; while our hero is scared at first, he and his stuffed rabbit ultimately make friends with a playful T-Rex. "The simple story and colorful illustrations [by artist Teresa Martinez] successfully combine to spark readers' imaginations," says *School Library Journal,* "and serve to make bedtime feel more like an adventure than an interruption of fun." Rapkin is best known for his nonfiction book *Pitch Perfect: The Quest for Collegiate A Cappella Glory*, which inspired the hit film series.

GETTYSBURG

KEVIN MORRIS '85

A prominent entertainment lawyer who co-produced the Broadway blockbuster *The Book of Mormon*, Morris has published two previous works of fiction—the short story collection *White Man's Problems* and the novel *All Joe Night*. Here, in what *Kirkus* describes as "a wry take on the male midlife crisis," Morris crafts the tale of one John Reynolds Stanhope, a Hollywood power broker in his late forties who's struggling with his weight, chronic insomnia, and a career slowdown. Over the course of a weekend during which he secretly plans to participate in a Gettysburg battle re-enactment—accompanied by a *Playboy* Playmate—he contends with a series of personal and professional misadventures.



THE ICE AT THE END OF THE WORLD

JON GERTNER '88

Gertner, a feature writer for the *New York Times Magazine*, takes readers on (as the subtitle puts it) "an epic journey into Greenland's buried past and our perilous future." In the first half, he describes the island's exploration; as *Booklist* says in a starred review, "Gertner entrances with tales of dogsleds, cold, hunger, isolation, disasters, death, and the against-all-odds collection of invaluable scientific data." In the second half, he describes the potentially catastrophic effects of climate change on Greenland's ice sheet, which weighs nearly three quadrillion tons—and, if melted, would raise worldwide sea levels by an astounding twenty-five feet. "Gertner observes that it will take a 'moral awakening' to spur us to confront this looming threat," says *Booklist*. "Hopefully, his deeply engrossing and enlightening ice epic will instigate action."

BOOK OF BEASTS

ELIZABETH MORRISON, PHD '02

Morrison, who earned her doctorate in art history on the Hill, is senior curator of manuscripts at L.A.'s Getty Museum. She serves as editor of this handsomely produced art book describing a popular type of illuminated volume from the Middle Ages, also the subject of a recent exhibit she curated. Known as the bestiary, the genre features images of fantastical creatures (unicorns, griffins), as well as the exotic (tigers, apes) and the familiar (dogs, horses). "Originally designed as a devotional or teaching work, to be used within monasteries as well as in sermons for the public, the bestiary had properties that enabled it to fulfill a number of functions at once," Morrison writes in the introduction. "Its stories were meant to impart knowledge, inspire awe, and even elicit humor."

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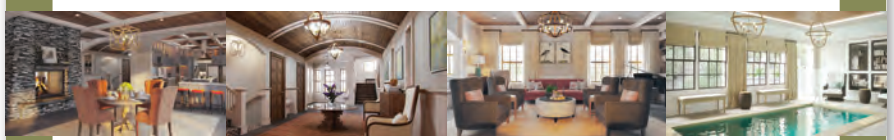

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Cornell House History

Lucien Lucius Nunn, the father of alternating electrical current, built this house in 1891. This was one of the first homes in the country built with alternating electrical current. Starting in 1902, Nunn housed the "Telluride Institute" in this building, where students from Cornell University in New York could come to learn the practical application of electrical engineering. Meanwhile, they served as skilled labor for his power plant. The institute moved in 1923, but this building is still referred to as the Cornell House.

Nunn paid his students $30 a month plus room and board, and gave them the opportunity for a western adventure. They were involved in all aspects of the development of the Ames Power Plant, including construction. Nunn kept track of his students using a pin on a map to represent each student-employee. This led to the group becoming known as the "pin heads," and the house being referred to as the "Pinhead House."

This is an example of Gothic Revival architecture, with the vernacular wood frame, and a front gabled structure with wide overhanging eaves. Note the original two-story bay tower with a hipped roof, and fixed glass windows. The open entry porch also contains a hipped roof with fixed glass and wood post supports, a decorative frieze, and a balustrade. The narrow double-hung windows above the front door and on the sides of the house are original.

Today the historic Cornell House is 2,154 sq. ft. with three bedrooms, three and one-half bathrooms plus a large basement housing the mechanical equipment and providing plenty of storage. The detached remodeled guesthouse incorporates the previous garage and today is 848 sq. ft. featuring wormy chestnut interior with a living area, kitchenette, sleeping loft, bathroom, storage basement and an attached heated one-car garage. Elaborate landscaping, a salt-water hot tub, back yard patio, and front yard fire-pit enhance the property.

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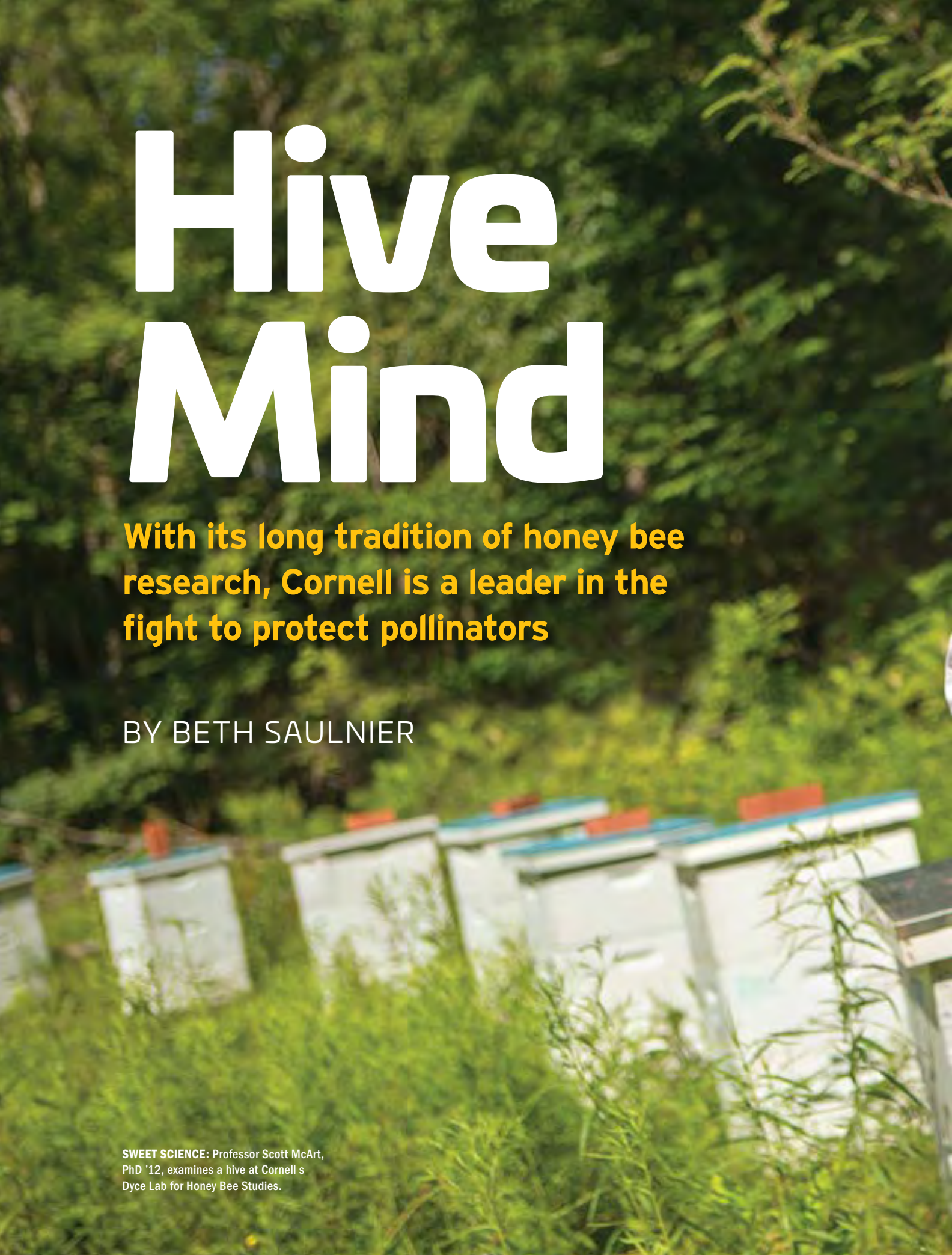
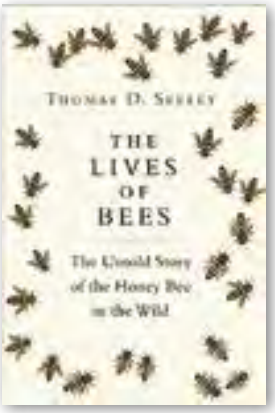


Hive Mind

With its long tradition of honey bee research, Cornell is a leader in the fight to protect pollinators

BY BETH SAULNIER

SWEET SCIENCE: Professor Scott McArt, PhD '12, examines a hive at Cornell s Dyce Lab for Honey Bee Studies.



ON THE WING (opposite page): Professor Thomas Seeley in the field. Above: Seeley's new book on wild bees. Below: The NYS Beekeeper Tech Team tests an apiary's hives.

It's a one-story building, clad in blue-green siding and utilitarian in design, located on a country road about three miles from central campus. Completed in 1968, the humble structure has zero architectural flourishes and little to hint at what goes on inside, save for the cluster of hives in the side yard. But for half a century, Cornell's Dyce Lab for Honey Bee Studies has been an epicenter of research on a tiny creature that has not only satisfied our sweet tooth for millennia, but plays an essential role in feeding the human race.

According to the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, three-quarters of the world's flowering plants and some 35 percent of the food crops require animal pollination. While that doesn't include staples like wheat and rice, by some estimates pollinators—which comprise not only bees but also flies, ants, moths, bats, and more—still enable one out of every three bites of food we put into our mouths. "If you want to live on bread, oatmeal, and corn, great," says entomology professor Bryan Danforth, an expert on bees and their evolution. "But if you want to have berries on your cereal or squash with your dinner, you probably should care about pollinators."

Over the past decade, the fate of honey bees has been the subject of global headlines, as scientists and policymakers have grappled with myriad threats to their survival. At Cornell—home not only to the Dyce Lab but to faculty studying wild bees and their own contributions to pollination—researchers are investigating ways to protect bees and to help the apiculture industry best manage hives. Through extension activities, the lab works with many of New York State's 3,000 beekeepers—from backyard hobbyists to mid-sized operations to large-scale commercial apiaries that keep hundreds or even thousands of colonies. "Honey bees are not stationary animals," says Emma Walters, an extension associate based at the Dyce Lab. "If you have a couple of goats, the way you manage them doesn't impact how other people manage theirs. But honey bees fly about two to three miles from their own colony, so how a beekeeper manages their colony can impact others around them."

The Dyce Lab is named after Elton Dyce, Cornell's second professor of apiculture, who patented the process for making creamed honey—the revenue from which helped fund the building that now bears his name. Its entryway is decorated with generations' worth of knickknacks: bee-themed salt and pepper shakers, a set of cufflinks decorated with actual bees, vintage beekeeping equipment, and even the mummified corpse of a hapless snake that slithered into a hive and got stung to death. "Humans have a long relationship with honey bees," biology professor and honey bee expert Thomas Seeley observes. "We've been working with, exploiting, and stealing the honey of honey bees for as long as we've been humans."

While protecting pollinators is a pressing modern issue, bee studies on the Hill stretch back to the University's early days. CALS' Mann Library houses one of the world's leading collections devoted to beekeeping. Famed naturalist Anna Botsford Comstock, one of Cornell's first female faculty, penned *How to Keep Bees: A Handbook for the Use of Beginners* in 1905. Comstock Hall is home to the Cornell University Insect Collection, whose 7 million specimens include more than 150,000 bees representing about 3,700 species. One of Dyce's students, Roger Morse '50, PhD '55, joined the faculty in 1957 and became a legend in the world of apiculture—doing groundbreaking work on bee parasites and authoring *The Complete Guide to Beekeeping*—and other alumni have populated apiculture

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faculty at research universities around the country. "Cornell has such a rich history," Seeley says. "It has produced most of the bee experts in the U.S.—most of the PhDs in apiculture by far." In 2015, it also produced the winner of an Ig Nobel Prize, given for absurd-yet-insightful research; Seeley's student Michael Smith, PhD '18, won for a study in which he induced bees to sting him on twenty-five body parts to ascertain which was most painful. (The top three: the upper lip, the nostril, and what some media outlets delicately termed "the male sex organ.")

The son of a Cornell horticulture professor, Seeley was a high school student doing fieldwork for a plant breeder when he came across a swarm of bees—a queen and her workers who'd left their hive looking for a new abode. "I caught the swarm and brought it home," he recalls, "and I got hooked." In 1969, Seeley got a job at the Dyce Lab—"as a flunky, sweeping the floor and scraping and painting hives." After undergrad at Dartmouth, a doctorate in biology from Harvard, and a stint on the Yale faculty, he joined Cornell's Department of Neurobiology and Behavior in 1986. Working out of Liddell Field Station—just down the road from the Dyce Lab—he has become a leading authority on bee behavior. Seeley's 2010 book, *Honeybee Democracy*, describes how colonies make decisions—for example, how scouts fly out from a swarm to identify possible new homes, then return to make their case for each location before the group comes to a consensus. Last spring he published *The Lives of Bees: The Untold Story of the Honey Bee in the Wild*, which explores the lessons that keepers of domesticated bees can learn from their wild counterparts. "The bees are the best beekeepers—and more and more beekeepers are starting to learn this," he says. "A lot of my work has been comparing the health of colonies in the wild versus in bee yards, and it's very different. Whereas the beekeepers are losing on average 40 percent every year that die over the winter, in the wild it's only 15 percent."

Seeley's book includes a list of twenty-one differences between wild and managed bees. For example, wild colonies space themselves far apart from each other, while commercial hives are stacked close together; wild colonies choose their own queens, while commercial queens are ›

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NATURE'S WAY: A pollen-covered bee visits a flower. Opposite page: The invasive mite *Varroa destructor* on a honey bee.

As Professor Scott McArt, PhD '12, explains, pollinators face five main threats, all of them man-made. Of those, he says, 'it's not any one in isolation. It's the combination.'

reared by humans. Another major difference: insulation. Domesticated hives, designed to maximize honey production and portability, are made of thin wood so they're light and easily stackable. But when bees choose their own homes in the wild—say, in an empty cavity in a tree—they tend to choose a site that has thick walls. Seeley and Robin Radcliffe, a senior lecturer in wildlife and conservation medicine at the Vet college who's also a home beekeeper, have been conducting an experiment on Radcliffe's property, hollowing out a maple tree to specifications that Seeley's research has found are ideal for bees. They're taking regular temperature readings in the cavity (which has been blocked off to keep bees from entering) as well as in an empty commercial hive next to it. "In that one the temperature fluctuates with the outside temperature, but in the tree it's very stable," Radcliffe says. "So the bees don't have to commit resources to temperature and humidity, whereas in the box they have to warm it or cool it."

Seeley's studies of wild bees may also offer insights in the battle against the mite *Varroa destructor*—a creature that he notes "is aptly named." An invasive species from Asia, varroa was a leading suspect in the "colony collapse" crisis of a decade ago, when bees mysteriously abandoned their hives and vanished in alarming numbers. The parasite had jumped hosts from Asia's *Apis cerana* (the eastern honey bee) to *Apis mellifera* (the western honey bee), which is native to Europe and had been imported to the New World in the seventeenth century. While *cerana* had evolved defenses against varroa, *mellifera* had none and was decimated by them—not so much because of the mites themselves but because of the viruses they transmit. Through the use of miticides and other measures, varroa—while still a major threat—has been brought under control in managed hives; honey bees living in the wild, however, have had to fend for themselves.

For four decades, Seeley has been studying wild bees in the Arnot Teaching and Research Forest, a Cornell nature preserve near campus; his long-term data show that after colonies crashed due to varroa, they began to rebound thanks to natural selection. "Varroa got to Tompkins County in the early Nineties, and until we learned how to treat it, 80 percent of [domesticated]

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colonies would be dead the next year," he says. "A beekeeper would recover by ordering more queens, but in the wild it was just hard selection on the bees. They have evolved the ability to resist the mites; they bite the legs off, disrupt the mites' reproduction, and probably have other tricks we're still learning about."

David Peck, PhD '18, a postdoc in Seeley's lab, recently traveled to Madagascar to work with an NGO that has been training women to be beekeepers—but whose efforts have been stymied by the parasite, which has been devastating hives. "These bees have never seen anything like a varroa mite," says Peck, who helped found Cornell's undergrad beekeeping club in 2011. "They are completely evolutionarily naive to them." While miticides can help control varroa, they're not an ideal solution—in part because they can become less effective over time as the mites develop defenses to them. Peck studies the traits that the Arnot Forest bees have evolved to resist varroa, and how they might be replicated in a breeding program to help populations in Madagascar and elsewhere. "Breeding resistance to varroa is generally regarded by honey bee scientists and beekeepers as the goal," he says. "It's a zero-cost solution, because the bees are keeping themselves healthy."

Professor Scott McArt, PhD '12, spends much of his time at the Dyce Lab, and he essentially holds the faculty position previously occupied by apiculture legends Dyce and Morse. But his job description—assistant professor of entomology, with a focus on pollinator health—reflects that his work goes beyond honey bees to the wider issue of pollinators in general. As he explains, they face five main threats, all of them man-made. There's the use of pesticides in agriculture; the introduction of parasites such as the varroa mite; loss of habitat, including control of "weeds" that bees use as food sources; climate change, which has spurred drought and affected when flowers bloom; and management practices, which can promote disease and put stress on bees. "Of those five main factors, it's not any one in isolation," McArt says. "It's the combination."

One practice that can be especially stressful to bees, Seeley notes, is trucking them long distances to provide pollination services—a major source of revenue for many commercial beekeepers. Arguably the single most demanding crop is California almonds, which he says draw 1.5 million colonies to the groves each year. "You've got beekeepers from all over the country putting their hives close together in these holding yards," he says. "If you've got one beekeeper who's not good and has more disease in his hives, it's a perfect way to spread it." Just being hauled for thousands of miles in tractor-trailers can put major stress on bees in ways that researchers are just beginning to understand. "The vibration of these trucks causes bees to climb up in the hive, and often the brood [the eggs and developing pupae] at the bottom can get chilled," Seeley says. "Their brains don't develop properly, they become poor learners, and they often get lost on their first flight." Due to these factors, he says—plus the pesticides they may encounter in the groves, a lack of forage if they arrive before the trees bloom, and other stresses—"about 50 percent of colonies die coming out of the almond orchards." ›

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ALL ABUZZ

Bee education is blooming on campus and beyond

To enroll in the Dyce Lab's master beekeeper program, students need at least three years of beekeeping experience, often gleaned through a local club. Launched in 2017, the program consists of four online courses that take about fifteen months to complete; then students visit the lab for a written exam, field evaluation, and oral presentation. After the first class of fifty sold out and the next one got booked even faster, extension associate Emma Walters expanded it to 125—and it sold out again. While half of the students hail from New York State, roughly a tenth are international—coming from as far away as Australia and New Zealand to complete the in-person portions. "There's a lot of media attention out there about issues with pollinator health and honey bee declines," says Walters, who aims to launch an introductory version of the course in 2020, "so it's sparked a lot of people's interest to try beekeeping."

Since 2014, entomology professor Marina Caillaud has taught an undergrad course for non-majors entitled Honey Bees: Their Intriguing Biology and Interactions with Humans. She initially planned on forty students and later increased the cap to eighty; when she raised it to 150, it still filled up. "Humans have been fascinated with honey bees for thousands of years," says Caillaud. "It's one of the few social animals on the planet, just like us."

Over at the Vet college, senior lecturer Robin Radcliffe has introduced an elective on how to manage honey bee diseases; one of the first of its kind in the country, it comprises an online portion and hands-on demonstrations at the Dyce and Liddell labs. The course, which Walters helped design, was spurred in part by a 2017 FDA requirement that honey bees—as a food-producing animal—be governed by the same rules as other livestock in requiring a doctor's prescription for antibiotics, with the aim of curbing the rise of drug-resistant bacteria. The course covers not only honey bee biology and threats like pesticides and parasites, but practical skills like how to open and inspect a hive. "The only way a beekeeper is going to call a veterinarian to help them with a problem," Radcliffe says, "is if they feel like the veterinarian has a clear understanding of what it is to work on a colony of honey bees."

SOCIAL ANIMALS (above): Extension associate Emma Walters examines a frame of bees. Opposite page, clockwise from top: One of the solitary bee species that entomologist Bryan Danforth studies; his new book; Danforth with a drawer of bee specimens from Cornell's Insect Collection.

The ongoing threats to honey bees have prompted some researchers to explore the role of other bee species as pollinators. Danforth has been studying bees that live in the wild—particularly species that are solitary, meaning that they live not in a hive but in a nest consisting of an egg-laying female who's both queen and worker. As Danforth points out, these solitary bees make up about 70 percent of all bees on Earth—and as his research has found, they do a significant amount of pollination. In a ten-year study of apple orchards in New York—the nation's second-largest grower of the fruit, where it's a $300 million-a-year industry—he found that wild (and mainly solitary) bees are often more abundant than honey bees, and more effective pollinators. "We put that all together and realized they're doing a lot of apple pollination in New York," he says, "and at many sites they're doing most of it." Danforth aims to convince growers that they could save money—and potentially avoid the spread of pathogens—by not having bees trucked in to provide pollination services. That could also apply to other produce like blueberries, watermelon, squash, and strawberries. "We're learning more and more," Danforth says, "that a lot of these crops may not need the honey bee."

Danforth has also been collaborating on a project to track wild bee abundance over time, based on about 120 years of data from insect collections at museums and universities, including Cornell. "There's good evidence that there are many species of bees that are in decline," he says, "and we don't necessarily know the reasons." His latest book, *The Solitary Bees: Biology, Evolution, Conservation*, published in August by Princeton University Press, includes an in-depth discussion of the threats facing bee species worldwide. As he and his co-authors note, in Europe 45 percent of bumble bee species are in decline, seven more are endangered, and eight are vulnerable; in North America, one may have already gone extinct. "It is becoming increasingly clear," they write, "that honey bees are not the only bees that are having problems."

Although some of the current threats to bees can be traced to agriculture practices, Cornell experts stress that farmers are keenly aware that they have a vested

HONEYED WORDS

The Hill is home to a famed library on beekeeping

Everett Phillips, who became Cornell's inaugural professor of apiculture when he joined the faculty in 1924, was a major force in beekeeping in the early twentieth century. Previously head of the USDA's bee program, he'd overseen a 400 percent increase in beekeeping and honey production in the U.S. during World War I. Among his innovations shortly after arriving on the Hill was establishing a beekeeping library, later named in his honor. To fund it, he asked the beekeepers of New York State to designate the profits from one hive to support the library; once they donated $50 they'd receive a brass plaque (above right) that they could proudly affix to the hive.

Now part of Mann Library, the collection is overseen by Michael Cook, head of collections at Mann and himself an avid amateur beekeeper. "The beekeeping library is the only one where we collect comprehensively; everything we're aware of that's being published on beekeeping, we add it to the collection," says Cook, who's been known to sport bee-themed neckties at the office. "We also have some of the rarest materials in the world here. A lot of things we have, I know the Library of Congress doesn't have."

The library's extensive and varied holdings include a 1623 copy of *The Feminine Monarchie* (above left), one of the earliest books to describe bee behavior; a comprehensive collection of beekeeping magazines and academic journals from around the world; a 1903 children's book, *Adventures in Hiveland*, about kids who are magically shrunk down to bee size; and a recipe pamphlet courtesy of the 1990 Pennsylvania Honey Queen. One of its jewels is what Cook calls "the holy grail of beekeeping": the journal of Lorenzo Langstroth, the father of modern beekeeping. Handwritten on onion skin pages, it includes his sketches for the moveable frame beehive—the ingeniously designed system of boxes (patented in 1852) that maximizes honey production and lets keepers harvest it without harming the insects. "The point where he figures this out," Cook says, "is a pivotal moment in beekeeping."

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interest in protecting them, due to the vital role that pollinators play in producing crops. "Most growers are very interested to know what kind of pesticide risk to bees they're causing," says McArt, who is currently working on a USDA-funded project to study fungicide levels in New York apple orchards to assess how they affect managed and wild bees, including how they may interact with other pesticides. "Growers need to keep the pollinators there and keep them healthy. But if all their apples get apple scab, they're not going to be able to sell them. So there's this interesting tradeoff that's occurring in a grower's mind all the time."

The Dyce Lab's extension efforts include working with growers to protect pollinators by educating them in best practices regarding pesticide application, cooperation with nearby beekeepers, and more. On the apiculture side, the lab is home to the NYS Beekeeper Tech Team, a state-funded effort to support New York beekeepers by improving colony health, reducing losses, and increasing profitability; its services include business advice, testing to evaluate pesticides in beeswax, and recommendations on coping with pests like varroa. Among those to tap the Tech Team's services is Jonathan Ryan '75, a longtime commercial beekeeper based in the Cayuga County town of Venice, half an hour north of Ithaca. Ryan has been in the bee business since shortly after graduation; as an undergrad studying natural resources in CALS with no clear career in mind, he took Morse's course on bee biology and stumbled on a calling. "I found out what amazing animals they were and thought, I want to get a hive," Ryan recalls. "It was a hobby that got out of hand."

On an afternoon early this summer, Ryan drives his 1974 Ford pickup out to one of his bee yards, located a short drive from his honey house. Ryan has about 300 hives in some twenty locations; in recent years his bees have produced between 22,000 and 33,000 pounds of honey, which he sells to a Baltimore-based company that supplies raw honey to supermarkets and health food stores. "I do love beekeeping," he says. "Bees are interesting to work with, and what they can do is fascinating." As thousands of them buzz about, Ryan and his partner open up each hive and assess whether the bees need more space; if so, he'll add an additional hive box atop the existing stack. As he explains, everything above the bottom two boxes will ultimately be harvested. "Honey bees do not need people at all; they'd be better off without us," Ryan muses. "But it's kind of a synergistic relationship. I give them a home and try and take care of them, make sure they have enough food for the winter, and protect them from disease. In return, they give me honey." ■

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PHOTOS: BEE, ALBERTO LOPEZ; OTHERS, PROVIDED

State of the Art

A PHOTOGRAPHIC TOUR OF THE HILL'S OUTDOOR SCULPTURES

An abstract bronze by one of the early twentieth century's leading sculptors. A larger-than-life statue of a mythical Greek hero made of repurposed car bumpers. An ancient-seeming stone cairn, crafted in modern times, situated in the midst of a bird sanctuary.

Those and many other works comprise Cornell's collection of outdoor art—more than two dozen pieces, sprinkled throughout East Hill, that delight the eye, surprise the visitor, and welcome the returning alum. "Good outdoor sculpture can enliven and punctuate the built environment of the campus—or in the case of the Botanic Gardens, it can encourage people to think in new ways about how they see and appreciate the natural world," says Ellen Avril, the Johnson Museum's chief curator. "When you encounter outdoor sculpture, it's a different way of engaging with art; when you go to a museum you're seeking it out, but encountering outdoor sculpture can be an unexpected experience. It ranges from people who don't notice anything and walk right by, to those who say, 'Oh, what's that?' and want to find out more."

During a recent stint as the museum's interim director, Avril co-chaired a committee that oversees Cornell's outdoor art, both permanent and temporary. Any member of the University community can submit a proposal to the committee—comprising a dozen members including the directors of the Cornell Council for the Arts, the Botanic Gardens, and the grounds department—detailing such information as the work's planned length of exhibition, estimated cost (and sources of revenue to pay for it), proposed siting, dimensions, and artistic intent. The committee's creation two years ago formalized a process that had long been somewhat haphazard; among its aims is not only to curate new acquisitions in a more intentional and methodical way, but to ensure more regular maintenance of the permanent collection, including inspecting and photographing each piece annually. "I'm a true believer that as a campus, our landscapes should be part of our classroom," says David Cutter '84, BS '85, who co-chairs the committee in his role as the University's landscape architect. "Art is an important part of that."

A decade and a half ago, the concern that Cornell's outdoor art collection might be under-noticed and under-appreciated inspired Nancy Cooke McAfee '63 to undertake a methodical survey of its holdings. An art historian by profession—she spent eighteen years at the Cleveland Museum of Art—who was then living in Ithaca and volunteering at the Johnson, McAfee did extensive research, including contacting some of the artists. "There are some really wonderful pieces out there," she says. "I wanted more people to discover them; a lot of them are hidden away in places you might not normally go."

The following is a visual tour of much of Cornell's outdoor art. For space and logistical reasons, it's not a comprehensive one; at press time, for instance, a piece at the Vet college was in storage due to construction. And while the Arts Quad depictions of Ezra and Andrew (and the homage to Touchdown the Bear outside Teagle) are iconic, they're not included here, as we've made a distinction between art and memorial statues. "Outdoor art adds a whole other level to the campus," Cutter observes. "You may just be passing, thinking about going to class or how cold the wind is blowing—and suddenly you see something and stop and spend time in the space. It makes you think differently about where you are." ›

← **REMEMBRANCE (painted steel, 1988)**

David Stromeyer

LOCATION: HOY ROAD, ACROSS FROM RHODES HALL

This brightly colored work, owned by the Johnson Museum, was commissioned by Alpha Epsilon Pi brothers in memory of fellow member Joseph Brender '55, a U.S. Navy pilot who was lost at sea during the 1958 Formosa crisis.

PHOTO: ROBERT BARKER

← **BARE BONES (Indiana limestone, 1980)**

Jeff Burtch '68

LOCATION: NEAR CORNELL HOSPITAL FOR ANIMALS ENTRANCE

"As a sculptor, I work mostly with stone, wood, metal, and ferro-cement, creating allusions to the human figure, to bones, and to the physiology of living growth and movement," Burtch says on his website. "The inter-relationship of mass and space is always characteristic. What is not present becomes as important to the viewer's eyes as what is." Another Burtch work that's normally on view at the Vet college, the DNA-themed *Genetic Self-Portrait*, is currently in storage due to construction.

↓ **RED WINGS (metal, 1983)**

Student project

LOCATION: NEAR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF MARTHA VAN RENSSELAER HALL

The work, designed by architecture and fine arts students, was originally dubbed *521* after a fine arts course of that number.

↑ **SWOOSH (aluminum, late 1960s)**

Artist unknown

LOCATION: WEST OF MALOTT HALL

Legend has it that the piece was created by an undergrad fine arts major and installed over a summer without official permission; while some on campus were irked, the sculpture was allowed to remain.

→ **HERAKLES IN ITHAKA I (painted and chrome-plated steel, 1980–81)**

Jason Seley '40

BETWEEN URIS HALL AND THE STATLER HOTEL

Seley, a longtime professor of fine arts on the Hill, was known for making sculptures out of discarded car bumpers. He donated this eleven-foot-tall homage to the mythical Greek hero to the Johnson Museum in 1983, the year he passed away; it soon became a Cornell icon with a place of honor on central campus. Time and Ithaca weather took their toll, and in 2016 *Herakles* underwent a months-long restoration—including removing rust and closing off eyeholes that had allowed chipmunks to nest inside.

PHOTOS: LEFT, BEN ALEXANDER; TOP, JASON KOSKI (UREL); RIGHT, BARKER

↑ **NINE UNTITLED ABSTRACT SCULPTURES (concrete, 1961)**

Student project

LOCATION: BOTANIC GARDENS, NEAR ARBORETUM POND

As an interpretive panel notes: "This corner of the Cornell campus was an overgrown pasture when these sculptures were built as a class project in 1961 by architecture students. 'At the time, we had visions of people coming upon the pieces in the future, overgrown by vegetation, like the ruins at Angkor Wat,' said Stuart Carter '62. The students could not have guessed that their concrete monoliths would one day stand at the center of a lush arboretum." The project was conceived by fine arts professor Jack Squier, MFA '52.

← **BOOKSTACK, TSURA & MY SQUARE (chromium-steel, late 1970s)**

Jason Seley '40

LOCATION: BEHIND SIBLEY HALL

The three works by Seley, the faculty member who also created *Herakles*, grace a sculpture court named in memory of him and his wife, Clara. The plaza is also home to the popular Franny's food cart and large blocks that provide seating. "The three Seley pieces are sited to mingle with the students, faculty, and staff who regularly populate the plaza," Kent Kleinman, then dean of AA&P, said when the sculptures were installed in 2018. "Mounted directly on the concrete with only a minimal base, these are not monuments in any sense but rather more like old friends, slyly attentive to the life around them."

→ **DYNAMIS (steel, 1996)**

Joel Perlman '65

LOCATION: EAST OF FRIEDMAN WRESTLING CENTER

Perlman was asked to create this outdoor sculpture (whose title is the Greek word for energy) for the University's new sports complex by Charles Moore '51, an Olympic gold medalist then serving as Cornell's director of athletics. As McAfee observed in her survey: "While its abstract geometric forms suggest sports equipment such as balls, starting blocks, and goal posts, they also combine to convey movement."

PHOTOS: LEFT, BARKER; TOP, KOSKI; RIGHT, ALEXANDER

↑ **HYPERBOLIC PARABOLOID (reinforced concrete, 1966)**

Student project

LOCATION: BOTANIC GARDENS, NEAR ARBORETUM ENTRANCE

Affectionately known as "the flying diaper," the piece—made of concrete but having an air of weightlessness—was created by students of computer graphics professor Donald Greenberg '55, BCE '58, PhD '68, as an academic exercise in structures.

← **INVITATION TO THE DANCE (steel, 2017)**

Kent Ullberg

LOCATION: LAB OF ORNITHOLOGY, NEXT TO SAPSUCKER WOODS POND

The sculpture of a whooping crane was unveiled in May 2018 in honor of George Archibald, PhD '77—co-founder of the International Crane Foundation and winner of the lab's Arthur A. Allen Award, which recognizes significant contributions to ornithology.

PHOTOS: CRANE AND CAIRN, KITTY KEMP; HYPERBOLIC AND HOMAGE, ALEXANDER

→ **SAPSUCKER CAIRN (local stone, 2008)**

Andy Goldsworthy

LOCATION: SAPSUCKER WOODS,
OFF THE HOYT-PILEATED TRAIL

The famed environmental artist created the work toward the end of his eight-year term as an A.D. White Professor-at-Large. At the time, cairns—piles of stones used from ancient times for myriad purposes, including denoting trails and boundaries—were a recurring feature in his oeuvre. As Goldsworthy observed: "They become like journey markers for me."

↓ **HOMAGE TO MY FATHER AND THE SPIRIT (stainless and painted steel, 1969)**

Melvin Edwards

LOCATION: NORTH CAMPUS,
NEAR APPEL COMMONS

The work is owned by the Johnson Museum and was commissioned for the University by its first director. According to the museum, it's a tribute to the encouragement that the artist received from his father; the steps are based on the design of a pyramid at Saqqara, Egypt, honoring the pharaoh Djoser.

← **FEEDING THE BIRDS (bronze, 1989)**

Bo Adlerbert '35

LOCATION: MINNS GARDEN

Cutter calls the sculpture one of his favorites, noting that it "expresses the connection between humans and nature." Students have been known to put objects in the nude figure's outstretched hand—and even bundle her up in the winter.

→ **DOUBLE ALLIUM (metal and glass, 2019)**

Jenny Pickford

LOCATION: BOTANIC GARDENS, NEAR THE VISITOR CENTER

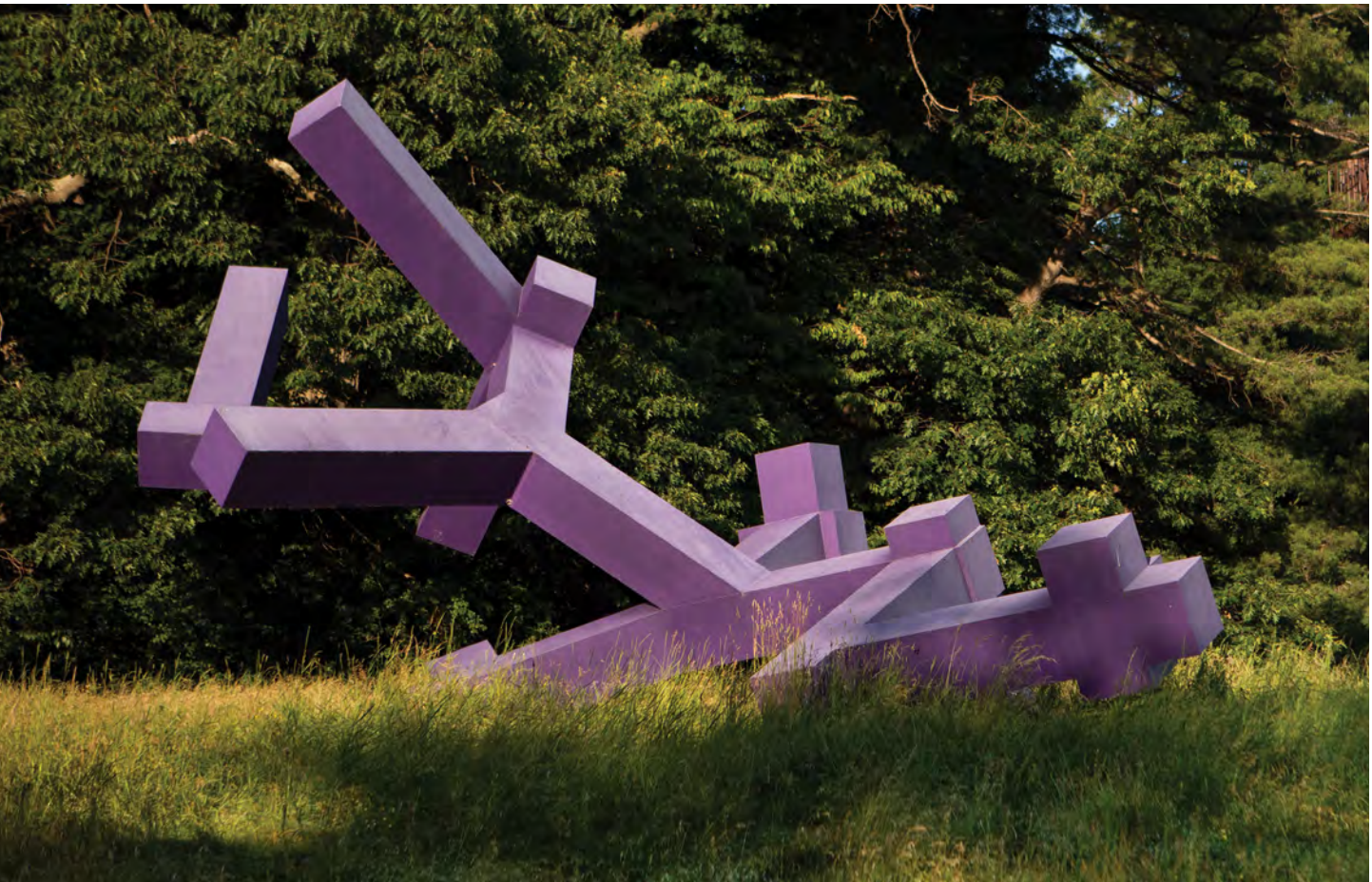
One of the newest sculptures to grace campus, the twelve-foot-tall work featuring metal leaves and purple glass flowers was inspired by Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*.

↓ **RICHARD EVANS, 2ND, NUMBER III (welded steel and paint, 1972)**

Daniel Ben-Shmuel Barrett

LOCATION: TRIPHAMMER ROAD, NORTH OF JESSUP FIELD

"Mr. Barrett begins all his sculptures the same way, by cutting flat steel plates and bending and folding the shapes like paper," the *New York Times* said in a 1991 review. "He works cumulatively, additively—with an unfettered expansiveness that makes the welded steel seem to erupt and flower—putting one steel shape here and another there, gradually building out from a center more than in toward it. It is this mastery of an improvisational process with steel that makes it seem as if all the sources in the work are in the process of being transformed."



PHOTOS: BARKER

↑ **DOUBLE VARIATION (steel, 1983–84)**

Anthony Caro

LOCATION: JOHNSON MUSEUM LAWN

As the BBC noted in a 2013 obituary, Caro "was widely regarded as the greatest British sculptor of his generation." His works are held by such institutions as the MoMA, the National Gallery of Art, and London's Tate Gallery.

→ **SONG OF THE VOWELS (bronze, 1931–32)**

Jacques Lipchitz

LOCATION: NEAR OLIN LIBRARY ENTRANCE

Cornell's is the fifth of seven castings of the work by Lipchitz, a Cubist considered one of the finest sculptors of the early twentieth century; others are at Princeton, UCLA, and Stanford. (Its title refers to an ancient Egyptian prayer used to evoke the forces of nature.) The University acquired its version in 1962, and for decades it was located at the south corner of the Arts Quad. It was removed for restoration in the mid-Aughts, and in May 2007 was relocated to its current home in a redesigned plaza between Uris and Olin.

← **VENUS (painted steel, circa 1998)**

Arline Peartree

LOCATION: COURTYARD BEHIND THE LAW SCHOOL'S HUGHES HALL

According to the artist, this abstract geometric sculpture is designed to impart a sense of floating or dancing. Its heavy steel material, painted "Corvette Red," is intended to seem fragile or even dangerously unstable, with small welds connecting one section to another.

PHOTOS: DOUBLE AND SONG, BARKER; VENUS, ALEXANDER

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↑ **YARB WOMAN (bronze, 1980)**

Elfriede Abbe '40

LOCATION: BOTANIC GARDENS HERB GARDEN

Apropos to its setting, the statue depicts a traditional healer gathering her herbs ("yarb" means herb in Old English).

↖ **PASSENGER PIGEON (bronze, 2007)**

Todd McGrain

LOCATION: LAB OF ORNITHOLOGY,
OUTSIDE VISITOR CENTER ENTRANCE

The work is part of the artist's Lost Birds Project, which pays homage to extinct species; the series also includes sculptures (located elsewhere) of a Carolina parakeet, a great auk, a heath hen, and a Labrador duck. A former Cornell faculty member, McGrain served as an artist-in-residence at the lab in 2014.

← **DEPRESSION (bronze, 2000)**

Robert Dalton

LOCATION: RUSHMORE KNOLL,
NEAR MARTHA VAN RENSSELAER HALL

The work was donated by the sculptor, then a professor emeritus of child development in the College of Human Ecology.

PHOTOS: YARB AND DEPRESSION, ALEXANDER; PIGEON, KEMP

EZRA
CORNELL UNIVERSITY'S MAGAZINE EXTRA

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

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VICE PROVOST IS BUILDING CULTURE OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION

Emmanuel Giannelis *is the Walter R. Read Professor of Engineering and has served as Cornell's vice provost for research and vice president for technology transfer, intellectual property and research policy since July 2017.*

With a mission of advancing and supporting Cornell research, entrepreneurship and technology commercialization, Giannelis' office also promotes research and innovation across Cornell's Ithaca and NYC campuses.

The full conversation is available at ***news.cornell.edu/GiannelisQA****.*

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"BY BECOMING INVOLVED, [STUDENTS AND POSTDOCS] ARE REALLY EXPOSED TO INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP THAT CAN SERVE THEM WELL IN THE FUTURE."

– Emmanuel Giannelis

You've been in this role for two years; how well is Cornell integrating and promoting research across its campuses?

First of all, let me say it's really an honor, a privilege, to be a part of the leadership team, and also to represent all these brilliant star faculty members.

In an interesting way, I have two roles – one is vice provost for research, and my portfolio covers the Ithaca campus and Cornell Tech. As vice president for technology transfer, I also oversee all intellectual property (IP), including that which comes out of Weill Cornell Medicine.

One of the challenges is, even though we are distributed geographically, how do we bring these teams closer together? We have strengths in many, many different areas, and bringing them together, and finding those synergies, is actually what distinguishes us from other universities. We have the Ithaca campus, but also, in New York City, we have a medical school and now Cornell Tech – and those kinds of combinations are not the kinds that you find every day with our peer institutions. Leveraging those combinations is actually one of the strengths of Cornell.

What challenges, or surprises, have you found in this position?

The first thing I found – despite my numerous roles in the College of Engineering and being on the faculty since 1987 – was how little I knew about what is going on at Cornell. There are gems all over the place that I was not that familiar with. This job will be a learning experience even as I complete my five-year term.

But it's not just getting to know the faculty and the research areas; there is also getting to know our staff, including the staff who work with all the research centers in our portfolio. And that's a large number of people – more than 700.

As I was first thinking about this position and looking at it from the outside, I thought we needed to provide programming that allows our faculty and students to pursue their entrepreneurial interests and also to increase our interactions with industry. What surprised me was that while we have been making progress in providing this new programming (such as the GateWay to Partnership initiative and the Fast Track Startup License program), not all of our faculty, students or potential corporate clients have noticed. So it has been at times harder to market these programs than to establish them.

How important is our interdisciplinary research, and what are we doing to elevate the social sciences and humanities?

To have interdisciplinary research, you have to have strong disciplines. When we talk about bringing people from different fields together, it goes without saying that we really care first about the disciplines themselves. So we're leveraging the strengths in the disciplines by cross-catalyzing collaborations between them.

I come from the physical sciences and engineering fields. I've been at Cornell for 32 years, and as a faculty member, I know that within these fields, these cross-collaborations are fairly easy. There is a network of faculty, there are research centers, and it's natural for faculty to come together and propose new ideas. To an extent this is also true in the life sciences. It will be extremely valuable to bring to the table social scientists and others, and then start approaching these collaborations from even more sides.

I like to think of my portfolio as representing not just research, but research and scholarship. And so I represent not just the physical scientists and engineers and life scientists, but also the social scientists and those in the humanities and in the arts. There are different needs and different challenges, but they are all part of the same portfolio and, since I care about all these fields, I want to represent them and nurture them as well.

Specifically for the social sciences, the provost established review committees, and one of the recommendations that we are implementing

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What Cornell spends on research each year (as of 2016-17); the university receives nearly $700 million of that annually from federal and state sources

right now is creation of the Cornell Center for Social Sciences.

We already have several independent units that are providing research support and promoting interdisciplinary research in the social sciences; we want to bring that all under one umbrella. The new center will comprise all the social sciences units that are part of the vice provost for research portfolio, such as the Cornell Survey Research Institute, the Cornell Institute for Social and Economic Research, the Roper Center for Public Opinion Research, and the Cornell Institute for the Social Sciences. The new structure will allow for more effective deployment of our resources and position our faculty well to seek additional funding from outside sources.

We're planning to launch a national search in the summer of 2020 to hire the new director of that center, someone with an international reputation for scholarship and who can help bring in external funding that matches our ambition for the center.

How is the sponsored research landscape changing, and how is Cornell responding collectively as a university?

When you look at the numbers, we do extremely well with federal and New York state funding, especially when it comes to the National Science Foundation and National Institutes of Health. Cornell, as of 2016-17, spends about $1 billion on research each year; we receive nearly $700 million of that annually from federal and state sources.

One of the things we are trying very hard to do is to diversify our research portfolio. If you rely largely on only one or two agencies, a big cut in that particular agency would be felt across many different fields on campus. One goal is to increase funding levels from the Department of Defense, from the Department of Energy, from NASA and from other agencies; we are also working with industry and trying to increase the research dollars that are coming directly from corporations.

How is tech transfer at Cornell generating new businesses and opportunities?

We are in a transition mode – not only here at Cornell but at many other academic institutions. It used to be that tech transfer offices would secure, and then license, IP.

The new way of doing business, the new model, is to promote new company formation. That means creating new companies, new startups, as a way to monetize the IP portfolio and as an engine of economic development. The new model requires different skills and different strategies.

Another aspect involves working with students and faculty to help them understand what it takes to commercialize their technological innovations.

How are we realizing the entrepreneurial promise of incubators on campus, such as the Praxis Center for Venture Development and the Kevin McGovern Family Center for Venture Development in the Life Sciences?

Having incubators – and even having post-incubator space, which is something we haven't quite addressed yet at Cornell – is all part of building a supportive entrepreneurial ecosystem.

To succeed, this ecosystem needs not only the right talent and innovative research, but also the right culture, policy and resources, including investment funding, mentoring and other support systems. Not only do you have to have the right structures in place, but you need to support the culture – basically making innovation and entrepreneurship, including social entrepreneurship, part of our value system.

Opposite page: Emmanuel Giannelis, right, confers with materials science and engineering Ph.D. candidate William Bedell in 2017.
Below: Giannelis speaks about how Cornell contributes to the region's entrepreneurial ecosystem at a Rev: Ithaca Startup Works event.

For example, Cornell Tech articulated entrepreneurship as one of its values from the beginning – it's right up front; you can't miss it. What we have in Ithaca is more of a work in progress, as we are building the ecosystem. Working toward the right culture is an important element of that – so are the incubators, and so is the talent.

Another part of that culture is getting our students and postdocs more involved in these activities. By becoming involved, they are really exposed to innovation and entrepreneurship that can serve them well in the future.

Whether they go on to start a new company or whether they join a big established corporation, they will come in with that innovator and entrepreneurial mindset, and that will make them way more competitive to recruiters when the time comes to be hired – as well as more successful in their careers.

Reunion clubbing with the Tower Club

Alumni philanthropists have a new opportunity to take a break at Cornell Reunion by stopping by the Tower Club Hospitality Suite, which in 2019 was held in the Park Atrium at the Beck Center in Statler Hall.

"The Hospitality Suite is our chance to give a special thank you to alumni in returning classes and locally who are members of the Tower Club or Cayuga Society," said Rob de la Fuente, senior director of the Office of Donor Relations.

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Upward of 300 Tower Club and Cayuga Society members visited the hospitality suite during Reunion 2019 to have a cool drink and a bite to eat, and to chat with faculty and students from across the university. They also got to interact with Cornell program representatives, including three owls and a turtle – patients of the Janet L. Swanson Wildlife Health Center in the College of Veterinary Medicine.

"We especially appreciated meeting and talking to the faculty," said Nancy Taylor Butler '64, celebrating her 55th reunion.

"This is the kind of event where you come but cannot easily leave because there are 10 more people you want to talk to!" said Ed Butler '63, BEE '64, M.S. '65, attending with his wife.

The Tower Club honors Cornell's donors who give $10,000 or more annually. The Cayuga Society recognizes the far-sighted generosity of those who have made a planned gift for the university.

"The giving societies add up to being a powerful source of support for Cornell, and we want to give our guests the opportunity to speak with those who benefit the most from their generosity – our students and faculty," de la Fuente said.

Above: Here's to you! Ruben Chan raises a glass at the Hospitality Suite during Reunion 2019.
Left: A Tower Club event at Reunion.

4,800 | **Tower Club membership, 2019**

3,400 | **Cayuga Society membership, 2019**

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"The Hospitality Suite is our chance to give a special thank you to alumni in returning classes and locally who are members of the Tower Club or Cayuga Society."

– Rob de la Fuente, senior director,
Office of Donor Relations

CLASS NOTES

NEWS OF FELLOW CORNELLIANS

CRC "For those who reunite on the Hill just every five years, the Continuous Reunion Club (CRC) is there every year," writes **Jim Hanchett '53**. "It returned again last June for activities above and beyond the many things that Alma Mater offered."

It was a perfect Ithaca summer weekend as CRC members, friends, and family gathered in CRC's new headquarters in High Rise 5 on North Campus to celebrate its 113th Reunion. **Connie Santagato** Hosterman **'57** and **Dot Priesner** Valachovic **'71** were on hand to greet arrivals, after having spent the preceding days getting everything in order for our comfort. First to sign in was our beloved Jim Hanchett, who, after a year of mishaps and medical adventures, was able to attend from Michigan with his daughter, **Susie Hanchett** Reaume **'90**. They stayed to see old friends, including **Chick Ver Valen '52**, **Bill Vanneman Jr. '65**, **Art Mintz '71**, **Matt Palumbo '83**, BS '86, **Jean Rowley '54**, MBA '56, **Clancy Fauntleroy '54**, and **Jim '53** and Sandra **Blackwood**. During the afternoon, once again hauling their bicycles for their annual Reunion getaway, the quartet from the Class of 1973 arrived: **Larry Medwin**, PhD '79, **Sam Silverman**, **Eliot Greenwald**, and **Bruce Zangwill**.

The campus was bursting with a record number of Reunion attendees who were busy zip-lining across the upper regions of Beebe Lake, attending a **Peter Yarrow '59** (of Peter, Paul and Mary fame) concert and lecture, partying the night away in the Arts Quad tents, and attending a "conversation" with Cornell President Martha Pollack. CRC members gathered in the newly renovated Statler ballroom for the annual Friday lunch with coaches, student athletes, and Athletics staff. Many more CRC members appeared: **Rip Haley '51**, **John Cecilia '70**, Carolyn Sampson, **Lisa Everts '92**, **Steve Dolan**, **MPS '04**, **Cathy Forster** Hogan **'70**, BS '00, **Dori Goudsmit** Albert **'57**, **Ron '73** and **Lorraine Palmatier Skalko '73** (who organized both the luncheon and Saturday's dinner), Bob Everts, and **Dan Dwyer '76**, to name a few.

Much to Jim Hanchett's surprise, this was also a time to honor his service to CRC and to the Athletics department. The program started with a slide show of Jim's involvement over the years. Connie Hosterman presented him with a crystal prism to commemorate Jim's more than quarter-century of outstanding CRC leadership. **John Henrehan '71**, BS '76, spoke of Jim's long-term commitment to continuing CRC's affiliation with Athletics and presented a bookplate, which is now in a sports book in one of the undergraduate libraries. Retired lacrosse coach Richie Moran talked of Jim's lifetime contributions to the world of newspaper publishing and to Cornell; he then presented Jim with a letter sweater on behalf of Athletics. But the biggest surprise of all—and it was a surprise to all of us, even those who had planned the event—was the announcement by Director of Athletics Andy Noel that just that morning the committee had met, and Jim was being inducted into the Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame. After that, there wasn't a dry eye in the house—and Jim was speechless. The luncheon attendees then listened to a student panel, moderated by John Webster, Director of Athletic Alumni Affairs, regarding the students' accomplishments in swimming, track and field, and football, while also juggling the requirements of rigorous academic programs. Writes Jim: "The returnees once again saw what a great idea Ezra and Andy had, which Andy Noel keeps strong and growing." The afternoon's events closed with entertainment by the Alumni Hangovers.

Saturday, after another glorious day spent on our beloved campus, we dined at a new venue (for us): the Hall of Fame Room overlooking Schoellkopf Field. It was a fitting location, given Jim's new status as an inductee (but that had not been a factor in the planning). "We overlooked Schoellkopf, where the Big Red football team upset Michigan (in 1951) and many others," notes Jim, "and the diners were also able to view Sir Winston's Belmont Stakes triumph on a Hall of Fame TV screen." We settled in for a relaxing dinner with old friends before heading to Bailey Hall for Cornelliana Night, this year including a celebration of the Glee Club's 150th. Jim remarks that the June sun of Ithaca smiled its best, and the Cornell Alumni Chorus and Glee Club sang songs of Cornell in Bailey Hall, where notable alums were recognized. CRC got a shout-out and an ovation for its 113 years of reuning, and Jim was again recognized for his service. For those who didn't head to the tents, the deep discussions and/or light conversations continued in the headquarters lounge, overlooking the lights of campus and Ithaca.

A report from Connie Hosterman (shenhoop@aol.com): "A new home atop High Rise 5 awaited us this year, complete with elevator access and a magnificent view. The 'Lounge on Level Six' became our breakfast setting and our viewing station. Our 'Evening Song' begins, 'When the sun fades far away in the crimson of the west . . .' Each evening we had the privilege of watching those beautiful sunsets as the western sky turned from crimson into pinks, blues, and purples, complete with a crescent moon. We were transfixed as we lowered the lounge lights and took in nature's gift as we gathered for camaraderie, beverages, and light food. Our nightly gatherings featured conversation ranging from uproarious laughter to matters more serious. We wrapped up another successful Reunion with the capable assistance of our excellent clerks, **Amari Sealey '19** and **Zsofia Szegletes '19**, and we wish them well as their journeys take them away from the hills of Cornell."

If you know of anyone desiring to join CRC, please have them e-mail me, **Marty Slye** Sherman, MPS '75, membership chair (mjs27@cornell.edu), for information and a membership form. We welcome new members! ❖ **Marty Slye** Sherman **'73**, mjs27@cornell.edu; **Connie Santagato** Hosterman **'57**, shenhoop@aol.com; **Jim Hanchett '53**, susie.hanchett@gmail.com.

40 We spoke on the phone with **Jean Raynor** Mase's son Laurence, who let us know that his mom turned 100 in mid-July! Their family celebrated by hosting a party with about 20 friends and family members at Jean's assisted living residence, the Cottages at the Elms Retirement Residence in Westerly, RI.

Among those at Jean's celebration were her two sons, Laurence and Robert, and her niece Cathy, who made the drive from Watertown, NY, where Jean's sister (Cathy's mother), **Eleanor Raynor** Burns **'37**, LLB '39, started her law practice in 1951. Both Jean and Eleanor were third-generation Cornellians—their father and their father's father both studied on the Hill.

During her undergraduate years, Jean was the president of her class and a member of Alpha Phi. After graduation, she worked in retail before joining the Navy, where she served as a lieutenant JG from 1942-44. In 1949, she married Robert and became a "domestic engineer," Laurence says. Jean has been an active member in her community throughout her life—including as treasurer of her church and as a member of a local bridge club—and some of her friends planned to attend the party. Some representatives from the Navy were also expected to come and honor Jean for her Naval service.

Jean enjoys the company of her family, including two granddaughters, Carolyn and Meredith, who dote on her. Laurence notes that she also enjoys a Butterfinger candy bar, but, he says, "these days, her vitality comes from a martini a day."

Many have reached out to Jean to congratulate her on this milestone, including the governor of Rhode Island, Cornell's Alumni Affairs office, and the New England Patriots. Says Laurence with a laugh, "We haven't heard from the Red Sox yet." ❖ **Class of 1940**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

45 Greeting to the Class of 1945 as we embark on plans for our 75th Reunion, June 4-7, 2020!

I have already heard from a few classmates (**Bruce Weir**, **George Karp**, and **Fran Shloss**) about their plans to attend. Information will be forthcoming, but in the meantime, should you have any questions or suggestions please either call me at (603) 436-7578 or e-mail me at maxine.morse@comcast.net. Also, if you are interested in volunteering to telephone, let me know.

Since our last Reunion, we have lost many of our classmates, all of whom contributed to Cornell and our class in their own way. We honor their memory and treasure our associations with them. **Jack Rogers**, MBA '50, served as our Annual Fund chair, and under his leadership we set a new record for the amount of money raised by a 70th Reunion class. **Julie Kamerer** Snell volunteered to fill the role of our class correspondent, and what a great job she did soliciting our news! We are indebted to both Jack and Julie for their service, and we miss them. With warm regards to all of you: ❖ **Maxine Katz** Morse, maxine.morse@comcast.net.

46 **Charles deProsse**, MD '50 (Iowa City, IA; deprosse83@gmail.com) recently shared some news via short answers to our questionnaire. One thing that keeps him busy is "wrestling with the plastic tubing on my portable oxygen concentrator." Otherwise, "I have increasingly become a homebody. My time at Zinck's is in the distant past." Re: what he wishes he could be doing, he writes, "I would love to be an Antarctican explorer, dancing with the penguins." He most enjoys "my wife and my home." His best day at Cornell? "Either the first or the last; I just can't remember." I phoned him feeling he had lots more to tell us. Carol, his wife, answered and—because Chuck is extremely hard of

hearing—volunteered to answer a few questions. Chuck grew up in Rochester, NY, and entered Cornell via WWII's V12 program. He didn't just like Cornell; he loved it. After his BA in '46, he received his MD from Cornell in '50 and practiced ob/gyn, retiring in 1996. He was an avid biker and woodworker until lately, when his main activity became reading.

To all the rest of you classmates, send in a paragraph or even a sentence about yourselves via e-mail, snail mail, or phone, as listed below. Our classmates will enjoy reading about you! Some old buddies might even be inspired to contact you. Remember, "Thrive for 75; make history on the Hill in 2021." Stay tuned to this column for Reunion news. Exercise moderately and, above all, avoid falls. See you on the Hill in June of 2021. To list your e-mail address in your submissions, e-mail me at the below e-address. Include your name, city, and state. ❖ **Paul Levine**, 3273 Streamside Cir., #S-202, Pleasanton, CA 94588; tel., (925) 201-7575; e-mail, pblevine93@gmail.com. Class website, www.classof46.alumni.cornell.edu.

The Share Your News form brought in two responses. Thank you to **Mary Jane Vandewater** D'Arrigo, who is still "taking care of two homes and an acre of yard." She is looking forward to her three grandchildren getting married. She gets the most satisfaction these days from the fact that she is able to live independently at 93. Indeed; continue as long as you can!

Dottie Van Vleet Hicks responded that she lives at a very nice Quaker village called Foxhole in her own cottage. She still plays bridge one to two times weekly and attends exercises four to five days a week. "I still drive and enjoy my freedom to go shopping and attend church and social events anytime." Two great-granddaughters, age 29 months and 1 month, give her great joy. Dottie says her health is generally good too. This all leads to great satisfaction with her life.

Two phone calls led to speaking with spouses. **Sylvia Marie Mayer** Paul was unavailable, so Larry, her husband, filled me in with some news. They too still live in their home in Williamsville, NY (a suburb of Buffalo), during the summer. In the fall and on holidays they travel to Nobleton, FL (five miles north of Tampa). Sylvia attends the Y two times a week and Larry continues to play tennis. They both sing in two church choirs, one in New York and one in Florida. **Anne Marani Plescia**'s husband, **Otto**, **PhD '47**, told me that they no longer travel, except to Sarasota, FL, for the winter. Otto met Anne at Cornell, where he was a faculty member and also doing grad school.

I left many phone messages while I was searching for news this time but have not been called back yet. This is disappointing, of course, so please send me your news! ❖ **Dorothy Taylor** Prey, 1 Baldwin Ave., #501, San Mateo, CA 94401; tel., (650) 342-1196; e-mail, dmprey@aol.com. Class website, www.classof46.alumni.cornell.edu.

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Carol Shapiro Siegler writes, "My senior year was the best—the war was over and I met my life partner. What could have been a more blessed life? We had 70-plus years of marital bliss and three treasured daughters. The youngest, **Meg Siegler** Callahan **'75**, graduated from Cornell." Carol adds, "I've been writing my memoir! It includes my early life living in Cuba and attending Ruston Academy as well as the early war years living in New York attending Julia Richman High School."

> **'There is nothing more exciting than being on the cutting edge of a new clinical finding.'**
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> DICK SILVER '50, MD '53

Donald Van Waes, PhD '51 (donvanwaes@gmail.com) has been gardening, playing golf, and walking his dog. He says his best day at Cornell was the day he met his wife, **Margaret (Gaffney) '45**, at a Newman Club dance.

Richard Greenfield (rkggps@gmail.com) enjoys reading, family, and friends. His best days at Cornell? "Winning the one-mile inter-fraternity race in 1942; receiving the History department's book award in senior year; and returning to campus for my senior year in 1946 after three years in the Army, 1943-46." As to what else has been happening in his life, Richard writes, "Been moving into our second daughter's home." **Stanley Reiter** (stanleyfreiter@gmail.com) and his wife, Marcia, have been married for 63 years. They have 13 grandchildren: "Seven boys, six girls—all great." Stanley has fond memories of the day he was accepted to Cornell Engineering, horse polo with ROTC horses, and sophomore year ROTC parades.

Shirley Buck Rabeler writes, "I have many relatives who are Cornell graduates, starting with my father, **Clifford Buck 1922**. His brothers, **Lossing Buck 1914** and **Victor Buck 1916**, are also graduates. Some of my six children (and spouses) are Cornellians, as well as some grandchildren, one of whom is working on her doctorate in Minneapolis in veterinary medicine. I am almost 94. I am limited in what I can accomplish, but I keep up with my church and the Cornell Women's Club of Cortland County. I live on the farm owned by my Cornell grandson and wife. Their daughter, my great-granddaughter, is a current third-year in Animal Husbandry at Cornell." ❖ **Class of 1947**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

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I begin with **Lea Shampanier** Gould, MA '50, whose ties with Cornell are substantial. After her bachelor's in 1948, she received her master's degree in 1950 and married fellow Cornellian **Harold Gould**, **PhD '53**, who got his master's at Cornell in 1948 and his PhD in 1953. Harold is now deceased. Lea says that one current project is thinning out her possessions and papers (with their memories) so the task does not fall to her children. She enjoys the usual events with those family members living nearby in California, but also reports that her son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter in North Carolina were flooded out of their home by Hurricane Florence and still have not gotten everything back to normal. Not surprisingly, her answer to the question "What do you wish you could be doing?" is: "What I was able to do 20, 30 years ago." Don't we all! What was her best day at Cornell? "How can I pick from so many? But considering the age of my memory—need I say more?"

Roberta Caverno Roberts leads an active life at Crosslands (a Kendal community), taking advantage of the programs and facilities and particularly swimming three or four times a week to stay in shape. She notes that there are several other Cornellians there as well. Roberta draws great satisfaction in life from her wonderful children and hopes her two great-grandchildren will go to Cornell. For herself, she considers herself lucky to have gone to Cornell and can only say that for her, "Most days were my best day at Cornell." **Lenore DeKoven** announces from her Columbia U. e-mail address the publication of the second edition of her book *Changing Direction: A Practical Approach to Directing Actors in Film and Theatre*. Included is an analysis of the Academy Award-winning film *Moonlight*.

John Van Zandt and wife Martha are "still mobile at 95 and 96" and living in Arbor Acres retirement community in New Salem, NC. They are looking forward to the birth of their 22nd great-grandchild this year! And they have a special message for **Martha Clark** Mapes, MS '49: "Hope you are doing well!" In a very similar mode, **Murray Heimberg**, MNS '49, draws much satisfaction from being alive and in good health at age 94 and watching his grandchildren grow and develop. He identifies his best day at Cornell as returning to the campus as a combat veteran in 1946 after WWII. (I know that feeling as well!)

Among the news forms I received was one from **Samuel Seltzer**, to which was attached a most intriguing business card with his name written both in English and Chinese. In a subsequent e-mail he explained that he started a business in China in 1957 and sold the company in 2005. On a more personal side, he has a great-grandson and four grandchildren, and reports that several members of his family have gone to Cornell. Now residing in New York, he certainly has had a most interesting life!

I saved a familiar name for last: **Leonore Harvey Bernard**, who married WWII veteran and Cornellian **Richard**. Leonore reports recently relocating from Miami, FL, to New York State—a logical move when one of her two daughters is in New York. While she (like me) dreams of being able to ski again, travel, and even "have a trip to the moon," she (and I) will settle for successfully "staying vertical." Leonore, if my wife, **Peg Wilharm Tuttle**, were still alive, we would both say to you: "Great memories and best wishes!" Send your news to: ❖ **Ray Tuttle**, 65 Oyster Reef Dr., Hilton Head Island, SC 29926; e-mail, RayTutt@aol.com.

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Our 70th Reunion brought 18 members of our lively class together for an exciting and memorable weekend! We're already looking forward to our 71st!

Class President **Jack Gilbert** (Ithaca, NY; ingerjack@msn.com) and Reunion chairman **Jack Rupert**, JD '51 (Ithaca, NY; rup18129@aol.com) led the way through the round of well-planned activities. "The Spirit of '31: Passing It Forward" ceremony for the classes of '44, '49, '54, and '14 launched the Reunion festivities on Thursday, followed by a welcome dinner for the classes of '44 and

'49. The Savage Club performance lit up the evening. On Friday morning, a film of the controversial 1969 student takeover of the Straight was shown, and that afternoon the Olin Lecture was given by **Stephen Hadley '69**, a former national security advisor, and former Congressman Steve Israel, now director of Cornell's new Inst. of Politics and Global Affairs. Our class photo was taken, then it was time for a reception and dinner, enjoyed with the Class of '44. The Sherwoods entertained us at dinner.

According to what seems to be our Reunion tradition, music was part of every event! The Chorus and Glee Club concert was held that evening and then it was "Out to the tents!" Saturday morning began with a breakfast shared with the classes of '44 and '54, then a conversation was conducted between President Martha Pollack and current students. A campus bus tour was organized for our class and the Class of '44, and the afternoon was enlivened by a Hangovers concert in the Botanic Gardens. Later that afternoon, a performance by the New York Dueling Pianos was followed by a reception and dinner shared with the Class of '44. Reunion was climaxed by Cornelliana Night, where we learned that our class had donated $103,082 to the Annual Fund.

Many of us brought family and friends with us to Reunion. Your class correspondent brought eight guests, three of whom we enrolled in the Kids Club program, which takes the children from Friday through Saturday. It's designed to provide children with adult supervision, academic programs, recreation including sports and games, and meals, while their families are attending Reunion activities. Much appreciated was the fact that our class treasury paid the cost for many Reunion events for a class member and one guest. Erin Kennedy, of Alumni Affairs, was invaluable, coordinating activities, troubleshooting, and ensuring that all went smoothly. We should make her an honorary member of our class!

Vera Johnston Farrell (Livingston Manor, NY) writes that she is president of the local public library and keeps busy with golf, gardening, and travel. She notes that she has "one-and-a-half great-grandchildren" and attended three weddings last year. Asked whether there is anything else she wishes she could be doing, she replied, "More of same!" She adds that what brings her the most satisfaction in her life these days is "being in the house we built over 60 years ago!" Vera says that her best day at Cornell was the first day: "Small town to big city!"

Barbara Way Hunter (bwayhunter@gmail.com) tells us, "I really love living in beautiful Walpole, NH, with my daughter **Victoria Hunter** Gohl **'83** and her family. I exercise four mornings a week, knit with a group of friends two afternoons a week, play bridge, participate in a book club, frequently attend an international discussion group, and enjoy the opera simulcasts from a theater in Keene. It's often a lively household, especially when my grandsons are home from college." Barbara adds, "I recently went to New York to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the public relations and marketing firm I founded in 1989, now known as HUNTER. It began with three people and now has a staff of 125, including two Cornell graduates. I also attend the conservatory symphony orchestra concerts at Bard College, where one of my grandsons is a percussionist." Barbara remarks that she wishes she could travel, but back problems make it difficult. Spending time with her granddaughter and three grandsons brings her the most satisfaction these days. Two are fifth-generation Cornellians and two attend Bard College. "My best days at Cornell were when I was elected to the staff of the *Cornell Daily Sun* and the evening I was one of ten tapped for Mortar Board," she says.

Sylvia Irene Allessandrini Williams writes from Ithaca, NY: "Family well and all healthy." Asked whether there is anything else she wishes she could be doing, she responded, "Nope! So far, so good." Sylvia's best day at Cornell? "A blind date that lasted for 64 years." **Bob Nafis** (Ithaca, NY; rnafis@twcny.rr.com), married to June, is busy keeping up with advances in microtechnology. "Life is good, health is good, and family is good," he tells us. "The status of our children and grandkids" brings him the most satisfaction in his life these days. Bob's best day at Cornell was "the day I realized I'd made the right choice."

Kenneth Gellhaus (New Paltz, NY; kgelhaus@hvc.rr.com), married to Mary Lee, writes, "We moved into Woodland Pond at New Paltz almost ten years ago, after retiring from IBM. Three sons live in New York State. Oldest is a lawyer working for the NYS Attorney General's office." Kenneth wishes for better health at 91. Bringing him the most satisfaction in his life these days: "My wife of more than 59 years." He adds, "The day I returned to Cornell from the Army Air Force and graduation day are tied for best day at Cornell." **Ruth Connie Berkower** Moore (Valhalla, NY; hicrmoore234@yahoo.com) tells us, "I have been living in a continuing care retirement community for the last 16 years, north of White Plains, NY. There are always people around and much to do in this type of community." Her best day at Cornell? "All of them."

Classmates, please send us your impressions of Reunion, your experiences, and any suggestions for our 71st! We all enjoy hearing from each and every one of you, so please send us your news! ❖ **Dorothy Mulhoffer** Solow, 50 Grant St., Wellsboro, PA 16901; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com.

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It's a special privilege to tell you about our distinguished classmate **Dick Silver**, MD '53 (New York, NY), who, unlike most of the rest of us, is still regularly on the job. Dick is a *triple* Big Red: BS '50, MD '53, and professor of medicine at Weill Cornell Medicine. As the emeritus director, he eagerly goes to work each day at the Richard T. Silver Myeloproliferative Neoplasms Center, which is named in his honor. There, he mentors medical students, consults with post-grad physicians, sees patients, and does research on MPNs, a group of blood cancers. He is the author of four books; 20 book chapters; 323 peer-reviewed, published articles; and innumerable medical abstracts. And he still travels internationally to consult, speak, and attend conferences.

About his medical profession he writes, "There is nothing more exciting than being on the cutting edge of a new clinical finding, nothing better than connecting that discovery to the treatment of a patient that has sought your help. When it leads to a cure or remission of a disease, it's a real high. As a physician, no matter how many papers you publish or honors you receive, there is nothing more satisfying than knowing you have played a role in a life-saving discovery. Nothing is more fulfilling than when a patient says, 'Thank you, doctor. I really appreciate what you have done for me.'" Dick was one of the leaders of the early clinical trials of the drug imatinib, which revolutionized the treatment of chronic myeloid leukemia, a formerly fatal disease. I report only a few of the many prestigious honors he has received: the Catherine Pasmantier Award for cancer chemotherapy, Timothy Gee Award of the Sass and Straus Leukemia Foundation, Lifetime Achievement Award from the Israeli Society of Hematology, Weill Cornell Alumni Assn. Lifetime Achievement Award, U. of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Society Lifetime Achievement Award, and, in 2019, the European LeukemiaNet Merit Award.

As a teen and at Cornell, Dick considered becoming a professional musician. On the Hill, he played in the Big Red Band, was the student director of the concert band, and was a clarinet soloist in the orchestra. He still plays chamber music at the Diller Quayle School, at the YMCA, and with other groups. This love of music prompted the establishment in the Cornell Dept. of Music of the Barbara and Richard T. Silver '50, MD '53, Professorship, as well as the Barbara and Richard T. Silver '50, MD '53, Wind Symphony. His love of music is equaled by his love of travel. As Dick says, "I'm lucky to have a career that includes lecturing all over the world, and I always extend each trip a bit to enjoy the sights, visit historic sites, and soak up local culture." As a visiting Fulbright professor at the U. of Bahia in Brazil, his early blood studies among the primitive Indian tribes of the Mato Grosso earned him membership in the prestigious Explorers Club, where he has met most of the astronauts, as well as Sir Edmund Hillary, first climber to ascend Mt. Everest.

Dick has been married for 50 years to wife Barbara, with whom he enjoys the arts and musical venues of New York City. They also enjoy family activities with son Adam and his wife, Samantha, and granddaughters Stella and Isla. All are involved in the Cancer Research and Treatment Fund, the nonprofit organization that Dick founded in 1968. What a life!

Marianne Preger-Simon announces publication of a new book, *Dancing with Merce Cunningham*, University Press of Florida, which arose from a junior year abroad in Paris. Instead of the Sorbonne, she enrolled at the Education par le Jeu Dramatique, where she attended a performance of Merce Cunningham and was a member of his dance company. While in Paris, she corresponded with Alta Ann Turner, who kept Marianne's letters detailing her Paris experiences and sent them to Marianne, who found them in her attic in 2014. About her life she reports: "I've done lots of art work, was a teacher, love photography, spent many years as a therapist, live in Whatley, MA, next to a lovely brook, and have had two marriages and ten grandchildren—great family!"

An e-mail from **Ellen Forbes** Andrews (Greenville, SC) reported: "The five roommates from 'Grizzly Risley' who have had yearly reunions are thinning out. We lost **Frances Duncan** Stowe in 2017, and **Jane Wigsten** McGonigal Crispell, PhD '84, died in 2018. Remaining roommates **Bev Collins** Adams, **Katherine** 'Kitty' **Rusack** Adams, and I communicate by e-mail and occasional phone calls. One of these days we may try Skype." Ellen grew up on a dairy farm in Homer, NY. After Cornell, she worked for Cornell Cooperative Extension for five years. Then, after earning an MS at SUNY Cortland, she taught elementary school for many years. Husband Garth passed away last January leaving Ellen, two children, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Ellen currently lives independently in a patio home in a retirement community and participates in community activities including chair yoga and line dancing. To celebrate her 90th birthday, **Ruth** "Midge" **Downey** Crone (Longmont, CO) and brother **Art Downey**, **LLB '63**, took 26 family members on a Caribbean cruise. When her granddaughter **Cara Sprunk '10** marries **Ryan Winn '10**, Ruth will be the flower girl.

Dear readers: Nominate some of our distinguished classmates, extant or gone, and we'll do our best to feature stories about them in future columns. ❖ **Paul Joslin**, 13731 Hickman Rd. #4207, Urbandale, IA 50323; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phjoslin@aol.com; **Patricia Carry** Stewart, 2613 N. Ocean Blvd., Gulf Stream, FL 33483; tel., (561) 278-5387; e-mail, stewartpc@aol.com.

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Alfred Ginty (Orange, CA) "reached age 90 in 2019. I'm not doing much, just trying to enjoy life. I have a very nice family; three men with nice wives and seven grandchildren." **Shelley Epstein** Akabas (New York, NY) had two grandchildren graduating from Cornell in May: **Lev Akabas '19** from Arts & Sciences as a Computer Science major and **Ariel Kaminsky '19** from Human Ecology as a Human Development major. "Aaron and I celebrated our 65th wedding anniversary last September." When she wrote, Shelley had three great-grandchildren with more on the way. "I feel lucky to have lived to welcome them," she says. "I was humbled but filled with pride to be honored by Cornell Hillel as the recipient of the prestigious Tanner Prize at a gala dinner at the NYC Cornell Club on May 29. I have been a lucky woman indeed!"

Harold "Mike" **Gould** (Pavilion, NY) would "like to hear from **Fred Strawson** and other classmates. Still hanging in there." We last heard from Fred in 2015 from his North Carolina farm after his wife, **Esther (Church) '53**, died in 2013. **George Hano**, MBA '52 (Aiken, SC) writes, "I'll be celebrating my 90th birthday with a weekend at Mohonk Mountain House in August with children and grandchildren, 20 in all. I'm looking forward to a visit from **Charles Moore**." **Sally Williamson** Williams (Staten Island, NY) writes, "I have two children: daughter Keiko, who sits on 50 acres in northern Vermont, and son Tom, who is in Boise, ID. My grandchildren consist of one dog and two cats. I'm still active in the community: Greenbelt Conservancy and College of Staten Island Foundation Board." Sally's pleased to be "sitting on the deck of my summer home—half a block from the ocean at the Jersey Shore."

Albert Moon (Branson, MO) writes, "I am 92 years old and not much changes." What gives him the most satisfaction these days? "A good night's sleep." And what would he do if he had a day in Ithaca? "Try to find Leonardo's." **Trev Warfield** (Towson, MD) sent us an update, along with a photo of himself and some of his former teammates. "Can you believe these three old guys from Cornell lacrosse in the '50s—Trev Warfield, attack; **George Diehl '50**, midfield; and **Bob Vogel '52**, goalie—ended up having dinner together at the Lakehurst retirement community in Baltimore? Another item of interest is that I will have three grandsons at Cornell in fall 2019: freshman **Simon Warfield '23**, senior **Jacob Warfield '20**, and fifth-year Architecture student **Lucas Warfield '18**. They will join their parents, **Henry '81** and **Pamela Veit Warfield '84**, their grandfather (me), and their great-grandfather **Guy Warfield 1925** as alumni."

Sue Pardee Baker (Baltimore, MD) writes, "In May, I was back on campus to give a talk for Design and Environmental Analysis. Six months ago, I took my brain out of retirement and initiated a program at Johns Hopkins and Cornell, encouraging designers of products, buildings, and the built environment to emphasize safety in the initial design process—rather than after people are injured. This activity has evolved from my 50 years of research and teaching and policy development aimed at reducing injuries and their consequences. It's exciting to be collaborating with Cornell colleagues. Ithaca in the springtime was gorgeous. New to me was the attractive midtown Commons area. And the airport is expanding to take international flights! What a delight to see all the new or revised Cornell buildings. While many things have changed, the spirit of Cornell has not. The students were engaged and a delight to interact with."

Two years ago, **Bob** and **Liz Overbaugh Dean '53** moved down the street from their Raleigh, NC, home of 52 years to the Cardinal at North Hills, a new retirement facility. "Many years before that, I retired from IBM and Liz retired her CPA shingle. There are no Cornellians here, but we've found a few Ivy Leaguers to remind us of old times and old-timers. I suggest you go to this link to find stories of our adventures since Cornell—and even before that: www.ppnarchive.com. **Frank** and **Jeannine Boynton Robertson** write, "We are enjoying a quiet life, living at home here in Boise, ID. We have quit traveling and don't drive anymore. We have good help. We enjoy keeping up with the grandchildren—they are very active."

Class president **Rip Haley** has called attention to the passing of two former class officers: **Bill Phillips**, who passed away on December 26; and **Bob Nelson**, who passed on January 24. **Pepper Dutcher** Fluke's daughter let us know that she passed away. Rip also sent class officers a letter of gratitude from **Gabrielle Kubi '20**, a second-generation migrant from Ghana who was chosen for the Class of '51 scholarship this year. She described her goals and her gratitude for our help as a student in Human Ecology. ❖ **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net. Online news form, http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/.

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Stats show that our cohort prefers to communicate by print and e-mail about equally. Over 65 is the only age group that does. However, e-mail gets here fastest. My first recent e-mail, from **Mike Scott**, sadly alerted me to **Phil Fleming**'s obituary in the *Washington Post* on May 28. Phil died on May 21. His achievements are extraordinary; you can read about them by googling his name. I didn't know Phil well, but I liked him and remember his work with the *Daily Sun*. On a happier note is a recent e-mail from **Jim Ling**, who with his wife took a Road Scholar trip to Normandy and Paris in May, two weeks before the D-Day 75th anniversary celebrations. "We visited the invasion beaches and presided over a wreath-laying ceremony at the American cemetery. The tour guide had asked us to do this because we were both veterans." The Lings still live in Fort Collins, CO, and are trying to figure out how to downsize from the house they've been in for 18 years.

As always, you are wonderful correspondents. I have 30 news forms. **Charles Lea Jr.** (Ocean Ridge, FL; cllea@easton.net) has retired from the venture capital business where he was director-manager, Dillon Read Ventures. "I plan to enjoy my life, wife, kids, and grandkids," and, he adds, to improve his golf. His other thoughts: "I've had a full life." **Ann Corbett** Ayers (Buffalo, NY) was awaiting the birth of a sixth great-grandchild and planning a move to Arlington, MA. **Patricia Moore** Sullivan (patty.sullivan@hotmail.com) was still living in Winnetka, IL. **Stuart** and **Katherine Woodbury Haskins** (Aurora, CO; skhaskins@msn.com) write, "We are quite healthy and active, living in a beautiful patio home on the Heather Gardens senior complex. We visited **Carr**, LLB '54, and **Marian Nelson Ferguson**, **MA '54**, in Oakville, CT, and then drove to Ithaca to see Stu's sister, **Jane Haskins** Marcham **'51**. Of course, we toured the campus. During our annual March trip to Arizona we spent time, as always, with **Dick** and **Suressa Holzman Forbes**. It's wonderful to keep all of these '52 relationships over 70 years."

News from **Ted**, MS '53, and **Trudy Krueger Winsberg** (Boynton Beach, FL; tandtwin@bellsouth.net): "We are still living in the house we built on our farm in 1961. At that time, we were the only residents on the five-mile length of our road; now we are the only agricultural vestige. We sold most of the land to Palm Beach County and now are surrounded by a Wetlands Park (Green Cay Wetlands) with one-and-a-half miles of boardwalk and a popular nature center building. The rest of the road is wall-to-wall gated communities. We treasure our memories of Cornell and the friends we made there. Many of these thoughts go back to the Clara Dickson dining/dish room and the 60 waitresses/16 dishwashers we worked with (18 hours a week) freshman year in 1948." **Thomas Arnold** (Hayes, VA; tarnold14@cox.net) is retired. He has been an electrical engineer and plans to "live on." **Marion Lotz** Rutan (Haines City, FL; wrutan@brighthouse.com) writes, "I'm happily retired to Sunny Central Florida." In March, **Carolyn Heyl** Innes was in "Cold Rainy Florida!" Now she is back in Dallas, PA. Cappy had been on an Alaskan cruise with **Jane Kiely** Davis and **Bibbi Antrim** Hartshorn. "Alaska, beautiful; ship, BIG."

Next up is a news form from Bibbi Hartshorn (Oxford, MD; bibbi@atlanticbb.net). Bibbi writes, "I'm still active in Oxford, as president emeritus of the Oxford library and working in a cat adoption program for the local humane society." She has been healthy and plans to stay that way. Other thoughts: "As class historian, I urge Reunion attendance—and bring old pictures (with names identified)! Our '52 archive has two scrapbooks. The more the merrier." **John Crager** (Hudson, NY) has been "medicating a lot!" He has also been writing limericks and plans to spend winters at his place in Bisbee, AZ. **Irwin** and **Arline Braverman Broida** (Wayne, NJ; ibroida@yahoo.com) write, "Since our graduation we attended every class Reunion. Unfortunately, we were not able to attend our 65th. We continue to cherish wonderful memories of our Cornell experience."

Walter Harrison (Stanford, CA; walt@stanford.edu) writes, "**Lucky (Carley), MS '53**, and I have just moved into Sunrise, a retirement community in Palo Alto. We have three sons in the area and are doing fine, but Lucky is in a wheelchair." **Aliza Goldberger Shevrin** (New York, NY; aliza.shevrin@gmail.com) has been "living in an apartment in Brookdale Battery Park in Manhattan, a senior independent living facility, since March 2018, soon after my late husband, **Howard**, **PhD '54**, died. I'm enjoying my retirement as a translator, meeting new friends, traveling, and visiting with family." She plans to "continue to enjoy all New York has to offer as well as hope for continued good health."

Joan Schmeckpeper Torelli (Boynton Beach, FL) is "enjoying retirement in sunny Palm Beach County, FL," and keeping busy as treasurer and deacon in her church. **Dana Johnson** (Pittsford, NY) is still playing in three bands and taking occasional group trips. **John Ash** (Chebeague Island, ME) is "still alive." He has been "driving a bus two times a week and playing tennis two times a week" and plans to continue to do that. **Ina Perlstein Loewenberg** (Iowa City, IA; ina-loewenberg@uiowa.edu) writes, "I am continuing to plan programs of poetry with other seniors in my community. I am also testing (and strengthening) my aging memory by memorizing poems I particularly love." Re: plans: "My husband, **Jerry '49**, PhD '55, and I are limiting our travel to see children and grandchildren (and great-grandchildren). No more far-flung adventures!"

That's it for now. We are a hardy bunch, but our numbers are diminishing. I am trying to get what has been sent me into the column as quickly as possible. That's fine, but it will leave me with no news—no words—soon. You won't get to read this until September, but you can help. One solution is for you to e-mail news directly to me at: joangaul@mac.com. A second solution is suggested by the Winsbergs' news, above. As one of the 60 waitresses, I vividly remember the kitchen at Clara Dickson

freshman and sophomore years. If you waited tables or washed dishes back in the day, e-mail me (joangaul@mac.com) with anything you want to tell about the experience. I will begin to need this for my October 15 deadline. It is not only the kitchen. There were many groups and there are many stories. For example, I remember coming home one Saturday night with no minutes to spare to find Triphammer Bridge blocked by a troop in white uniforms pushing brooms. Come on. Think. Write. Send! ❖ **Joan Boffa** Gaul, joangaul@mac.com. Class website, classof52alumni.cornell.edu.

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Chuck Berlinghof (Newport, RI; cberlinghof1@cox.net) is still busy in the construction management field, currently restoring the 151-year-old Newport Performing Arts Center. "It's a challenging assignment," he reports, "testing everything I have learned in the construction business from 1957 to now! We are in the second phase after stabilizing the original building and are facing our biggest problem: raising $8 million! If that is achieved, we could finish the restoration in about 24 months and then be open for entertainment." The building is in the heart of the Newport Historic District, which has more than 100 colonial residential homes dating back to the pre-Revolutionary War period—all restored, thanks to funding from Doris Duke. "My goal now is to complete the restoration and then take it easy with a little golf!"

Ruth Burns Cowan (New York, NY; 10025ruthcowan@aol.com) continues her work as a senior research fellow at the Ralph Bunche Inst. for Int'l Studies and has completed a documentary, *Tribal Justice*, which features chief justices from the two largest Native American tribes in California as they build justice systems that incorporate tribal values. "I have been working on writing an article about the Native American Rights Fund, usually referred to as NARF," she explains. "NARF was established 48 years ago when the very survival of Native Americans was at stake, and its mission is to protect existing tribal sovereignty and restore that which has been taken. A good part of NARF's work is representing tribal rights in federal courts." Ruth is following the case of *Hopi Tribe et al.* v. *Trump et al.*, which is currently before the federal district court. She describes the case as "a challenge to President Trump's proclamation that reduces the Bears Ears National Monument, a site proclaimed by President Obama in Utah."

Joseph Eberhardt (Naperville, IL; jwe12josie@aol.com) writes, "Fortunately life has been good to us and we continue to enjoy our time at the Carillon Club in Naperville. We sold our home in Florida this year with mixed feelings, but after being there 21 years we thought it was time to participate in a sellers' market." Although a stroke and hip replacement prevent a return to the golf course, he's happy to report that "life is good as the days roll on."

Ronald Furry, MS '55 (Lansing, NY; rbf2@cornell.edu), Cornell professor emeritus of biological and environmental engineering, writes: "After graduation, I completed my MS at Cornell along with a wife and three kids, and nine years later went to Iowa State U. for my PhD. After spending 42 years on the Cornell faculty—including a stint as department chair—my wife and I retired to our home in the Village of Lansing, NY, where she spent 15 years serving as a trustee and mayor, along with being the coordinator of music for the Ithaca School District. I served my fraternity, AZ, for almost 50 years after graduation, including the last 28 on the board of directors, and was in charge of rebuilding the residence on Thurston Ave. My recent passion has been writing. I wrote the history of the first 100 years of my department in 2007. In December 2018, I completed my memoir and am contemplating a sequel! Wish me luck!"

Joan Pennell Grant (joankiaora@gmail.com) voices her regret at being too far away to attend Reunions. "I live in Melbourne, Australia, and in spring and autumn in particular, I think longingly about the beautiful Cornell campus, the fun I had with the Drama Club, and the excitement of my junior year abroad in Paris." After retiring from teaching Asian history and politics at Monash U. in Melbourne, Joan spent a decade as a volunteer with the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, teaching English as a second—or third or fourth—language and serving on the board. She observes that "Australia's record with asylum seekers in the last few decades has been shameful, and it was very satisfying to redress the balance in some tiny way. In the last few years my health has been a bit dodgy, so I now work mostly at my desk at home, writing and editing (I was also a book editor). I'm lucky to have a large and close family (six grandchildren and now two great-grandchildren), so I'm able to stay comfortably in my flat, where I hope I can remain, with the help of various services available for 'the elderly'—can that really refer to me?!"

Alan Quinby (Longboat Key, FL; alanquinby@yahoo.com) shares the news of wife Susan Brainerd's celebration for her 80th birthday in Sarasota. "We enjoyed a poolside party with family and closest friends who flew in from all parts of the country," he recalls. "Susan continues to uphold a tradition of service, most recently on the Hermitage Artists Retreat board, while I spend time in the gym trying to get back in the shape I only faintly remember."

Bob Neff, JD '56's (Pinehurst, NC; princetoneff@aol.com) new book, "After All," is enthusiastically recommended by advanced reader **Jack Brophy**. "It's an intriguing and heartfelt love story that draws heavily on Bob's experiences living and working in some of South America's most exotic cultures," says Jack, who calls it "a night-table must!" Order soon from Amazon or bookstores including Barnes & Noble, or directly from Bob, who will generously cover the postage for all '53 classmates.

Erratum: **Richard Hayes** (Freeland, WA; richard.hayes32@mail.com) lived in Brazil for 54 years, from 1964 to 2018, not from 1985 as reported in the May/June issue. ❖ **Dick Halberstadt**, trh47@cornell.edu; **Jack Allen**, jwallen@msu.edu; **Jack Brophy**, johnbrophy@aol.com; **Caroline Mulford** Owens, 53news.cornell@gmail.com.

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>
> DICK HALBERSTADT '53

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What a glorious time it is in Ithaca! It is June as I am writing this column and September as you are reading it. The campus was in beautiful condition for Reunion weekend—the many new buildings, which we saw on a guided bus tour, include Bill and Melinda Gates Hall, home of Computing & Information Science.

It was an action-packed weekend! Forty-seven classmates returned, along with family, spouses, and LLCs (late life companions—love it!). **Bill Thurber** writes, "In addition to seeing old friends, the Reunion highlights for us were **Peter Yarrow '59**'s 'concert,' the Olin Lecture with **Stephen Hadley '69** and Steve Israel, and the amazing blind piano player at the Savage Club show. Well worth the trip from Annapolis. On the travel front, we recently chartered, with another Cornell couple, a 48-ft. catamaran (complete with captain and cook) and spent two weeks sailing in the Society Islands of French Polynesia (Bora Bora, Raiatea, Huahine, and Taha'a). Awesome."

Our Friday night class dinner was at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology in Sapsucker Woods—a good gathering of friends, old and new. Reunion co-chair (and dean emeritus of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences) **Dave Call**, PhD '60, introduced John Fitzpatrick, the Louis Agassiz Fuertes Director of the Lab of Ornithology. John told us a bit of the history of the lab and recommended we install the Merlin Bird App on our phones. It is a bird identification app sponsored by the lab and it is wonderful! Install it for free!

On Saturday we had the class meeting and luncheon. President **Jack Vail** conducted the meeting and introduced **Andy Reed '90**, who gave a moving tribute to his mother, our deceased classmate and longtime correspondent **Les Papenfus** Reed. **Ruth Carpenter** Bailey wrote a letter to another classmate, **Ruth Bader** Ginsburg, wishing her well, and it was available to be signed by many classmates.

Warren "Breck" **Breckenridge**, our class fundraiser, listed statistics: 139 duespayers, 230 donors, 36 Tower Club members, 90 Cayuga Society members, 192 1865 members, who have given at least two years in a row, and 38 Cornell Giving Partners, who donated $1,000-$4,999. Breck did a great job of making the numbers fun to hear, and our class won recognition for the largest 65th Reunion class donation: $21 million. Thanks to our many dedicated donors for their generosity and commitment.

Jack gave us information on our '54 class scholarship, which has a principal of about $50,000 and generates about $2,500 each year. Our deceased co-president **Mitzi Sutton** Russekoff also had established a scholarship with total funds of about $200,000, with students from the Bedford Stuyvesant school in Brooklyn being targeted. Jack has spoken to Mitzi's son and to the university, and the funds will be merged for a total of $250,000, now named the Class of 1954 Muriel Sutton Russekoff Scholarship.

Nominating chair **Al Eckhardt**, MBA '55, announced the proposed slate of officers. They were voted in unanimously: president **Chick Trayford**, MBA '60; vice president Jack Vail; treasurer **Jim Settel**; class correspondents **Bill Waters**, MBA '55, and Ruth Carpenter Bailey; fundraising chair Warren Breckenridge; webmaster **Janice Jakes** Kunz; historian **Peg Bundy** Bramhall; and the Reunion chair is not yet determined. Anyone interested in working on that committee for our 70th is encouraged to volunteer.

There was SO much going on—a session on crocheting and math, sports breakfasts, engineering lunches, Greek receptions, "dueling pianos" in the Schwartz Center for the Performing Arts, the Hangovers concert in the Botanic Gardens, and our class Saturday night dinner in the Terrace Room at the Statler. After Eight, the subset a capella group of the Cornell Chorus, entertained us with some treble delights, and we then moved on to Bailey Hall for Cornelliana Night. Lots of the old songs, 300 plus Glee Club members returning for that group's 150th anniversary, Reunion statistics—all packed into one hour and including a big-screen salutation from our own Ruth Bader Ginsburg. It was moving to hear that (mostly young) crowd chanting "R-B-G, R-B-G!"

Our class is fortunate in having so many classmates willing to take on the responsibility of keeping us organized. Jim Settel has been our money man and is also active in many volunteer activities after a long career at Prudential Securities and in an endowed chair professorship at Skidmore College, teaching business ethics as well as practical business applications. He continued to maintain a corporate ethics and business consulting practice until he retired in 2004. Jim and his wife of almost 63 years, Ann, have six children, ten grandchildren, and, as of last August, a great-grandchild. Jim serves dinners at Ronald McDonald, helps neighbors solve computer problems, and serves as the '54 class treasurer.

And keeping us all up to date with an amazing website is Janice Jakes Kunz. There is a wealth of information there—all you have to do is log on: Classof54.alumni.cornell.edu.

You are all invited to send your thoughts, news, opinions, and comments to our new class correspondents, Bill Waters and Ruth Carpenter Bailey. It has been fun being your pen pal for the interim—keep those letters coming! ❖ **Lou Schaefer** Dailey, lsdailey99@gmail.com; **Ruth Carpenter** Bailey, rcbhtb@gmail.com; **Bill Waters**, billwaters@optonline.com.

'I enjoy waking up feeling less tired and ready to do stupid projects.'

NANCY HECHT WEIL '58

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I want to give a shout-out to all '55ers—you know who you are!—who have kept us informed of what's happening in their lives. My mailbox is nearly full! It's been great hearing from classmates, and I want to assure you that your news is much appreciated. It will be included our Class of '55 column in *Cornell Alumni Magazine* . . . but because of the number of responses I'm going through, some from back in March, it may take a few months before you see your name in print.

John Wertis is enjoying his role as the town historian of Ulysses, NY, as well as keeping tabs on his family's activities. **Grace Fox** Parsons is happy to report that knitting is keeping her arthritic hands nimble, and she's still playing bridge and keeping up with friends and church activities. **Seymour Musiker**'s father told him that Florida was "beautiful country"—and now he agrees. Sy says he has the best of both worlds, between Florida and Long Island, and had dinner recently with fellow classmates **Ron Ganeles**, **Frank Tretter**, LLB '57, and **Gerry Bloom**.

All of **John Diggins**'s children are retiring and everyone is in excellent health. One of John's "best days" was January 22, 1955, when he married **Priscilla (Drew) '56**. Nowadays, boating and house maintenance keep him busy. **Sigrid Olafson** Romsos says she's "joyous and contented" with life. Sigrid's first husband, Ted Farwell, died four years ago, and after his death she met and married Ron Romsos. Their main outside interest is Viking Cruises, and Sigrid adds that she gets great satisfaction from her ability to "enjoy each moment." Her best day at Cornell was when she received her autumn grades senior year: "My best ever during my time at Cornell!"

Gerald McDonald is happy to be "staying alive and reasonably healthy," although he wishes he could see better and play golf better. Gerald remembers his best time at Cornell was "quarterbacking the 150-pound football team 1952-54." **Bernard Rodee** replied there were "several best days at Cornell; it was a great experience." Nowadays, he's serving on the boards of charitable organizations and attending grandchildren's graduations. He's active in Shriners Int'l and other Masonic organizations.

Priscilla Rice Oehl and her husband, Dan, spend summers in Avalon, NJ, and winters in Florida. She's still playing tennis, appreciating her "good health and the ability to remain physically active." Here's Pris's take on her best day at Cornell: "After having married in 1953 and giving birth to a son in '54, leaving for fall semester in '54 and returning to graduate that spring took some doing, but I was proudly able to graduate with the Class of 1955!" **Ruth McDevitt** Carrozza wrote to say, "After 28 years in Florida, I'm getting settled in York, PA, to be near my daughter and son-in-law. My thin Florida blood has to get used to the cold again, but I do enjoy seeing the snow, the deer across the way, and the wild turkeys crossing in front of my cottage." Ruth adds, "I am especially happy to be within visiting distance of **Marcia Willemen** Sutter, and I understand Lancaster, PA (across the river) has an active Cornell alumni group."

Leslie Plump lives in Jupiter, FL, and says he keeps busy with TV news commentators, talking books, movies, and lunch with friends. He has done some traveling, but wishes he could do more. **Rima Kleiman** Sharron plays duplicate bridge and is a Sapphire Life Master with 3,500-plus points. She would like to go to Tahiti once more to scuba and snorkel. "But I did that many times, and I have beautiful memories." She particularly remembers meeting and singing with Ralph Vaughan Williams when he visited Cornell in 1954. Rima gets great pleasure from "being with my dear husband, John, and sharing our children, our grandchildren, and good food!" She also keeps in touch with **Sara Smith** Ellison, "my Cornell roommate and forever friend." Graduation brought Rima to tears: "I wept, knowing my time at Cornell was over—but never, never forgotten."

Dick Stratton, MBA '57, lives in Chappaqua, NY, and has been taking courses at nearby Westchester Community College. His daughter **Kathryn Stratton '83** graduated from Cornell, as did grandson **Brian Meersma '18**. Dick's best day at Cornell was the day he met his wife, **Betty (Oshman) '56**. **Beverly MacNamara** Wait says that friends and family, plus bridge and golf, keep her busy. Her granddaughter **Claudia Libow '19**, a third-generation Cornellian, has graduated after studying last year in London.

We send condolences to **Peter Romeo**, whose wife of 62 years, Marietta, died recently. Pete is president of the resident council at his senior living facility and a member of the chorus. He's spending "quality time" with three bachelor sons, also Rochester residents, and four other children and their families, all of whom are helping Pete with moral support. He recalls "the first day of classes at White Hall with fellow Architecture classmates" as one of his best memories. **Phyllis Birnholtz** Melnick recently returned from a "fabulous" Cornell trip to northern India. "I was the oldest in the group, but was able to keep up, for which I am grateful because it was demanding. The group of alums was delightful; we all really bonded." She added, "I inadvertently sacrificed my Cornell cap to the Ganges. May the gods look down and bless us!" Sounds like a great trip, Phyllis. Send your news to: ❖ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancysavagepetrie@yahoo.com. Class website, classof55.alumni.cornell.edu.

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This past January, **Chuck Dorman** and his son joined fellow Cornellians from Austin, TX, to work as volunteers for the Central Texas Food Bank as part of Cornell Cares Day. "We had over 30 participate in this annual event," he writes. **John Long**, MS '57, retired from farming, and he and his wife continue to live in the house they began their lives together in 57 years ago. **Jack Wootton** is still working as an auctioneer at a feed center. He spends his weekends at Harmonie Hall Antiques in Bainbridge, NY.

Peter Dirlam and his brother, John, are still in their business producing precision miniature taps, and Peter remains involved in the Cornell Fiske Islandic Collection. He and his wife, Joanne, remain in their "starter" home in Southbridge, MA. Peter retains fond memories of throwing the hammer with our classmate **Al Hall**, a five-time Olympian and captain of the track team to China. **Carol Solomon** Levine (NYC) is still working at the United Hospital Fund and in 2018 published *Navigating Your Later Years for Dummies* (Wiley & AARP). **Lorna Jackson** Salzman (Brooklyn, NY) is the author of *Politics as if Evolution Mattered* (website: www.lornasalzman.com). Lorna is educating people on the urgency of climate change and is a champion of free speech.

Greetings from California classmates **Betty Specht** Rossiter (Pasadena), **Maria Radoslovich** Cox (Ponte Vedra Beach), and **Peter Thaler** (Los Angeles). **Sandy Rodetsky** Slipp (Bloomfield, CT) moved to a senior residence after her husband, Sam, died two years ago. "There are at least six Cornell grads here and we enjoy reminiscing," she writes. **Peg Jones Halberstadt** is in her 29th year as a docent at the Cincinnati Art Museum. Her husband, **Dick '53**, has now chaired three of his class Reunions, "a tremendous amount of time and energy," she notes. "Travel is now mostly visiting children and grandchildren. One granddaughter received her PhD in Chemical Engineering in summer 2018."

Russell Wagner (Carriero, MS) mourns the death of his wife, **Patricia Ann (Adams) '57**, this past August. He writes, "Not only did we meet at Cornell, but we lived in Ithaca for about 20 years and both daughters were born and educated there." **Nancy Kohler** Dean (Spencerport,

NY) asks for our prayers for her husband, who suffered a stroke a year ago and is now in a local nursing home, where Nancy spends most of her time. **Mary** "Rip" **Van Winkle** Hargan (Redding, CT) volunteers with her town and church and attends book club.

Rudolf Bredderman (Fremont, CA) retired from the Navy and U. of California. He continues to work one day a week at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and serves as the membership director for the Alameda County chapter of the Military Officers Assn. of America. **Jack Shirman** (Naples, FL) traveled to Greenland and Iceland to view the aurora borealis. **Thomas Higley** (Santa Fe, NM) is recovering from a quadruple heart bypass. He's recuperating in Scottsdale, AZ.

Roy Curtiss III (Gainesville, FL) was granted his 43rd US patent in 2018 and filed six more on vaccines and vaccine technologies. He also prepares radio talk shows to interest first to third graders in science. Roy attended the annual lunch of AZ fraternity brother/sisters in Sun City, FL, this past February. **Patricia Smith** Born (Lafayette Hill, PA) retired from her interior design business ten years ago. She recently met her daughter, who lives in London, for ten days of sunshine in Palm Beach, FL. **Bonnie Smith** Whyte (Reston, VA) is active in Reston affairs and keeps in touch with classmates.

Gideon Panter, MD '60 (Palisades, NJ) closed his ob/gyn practice two years ago and keeps busy visiting his seven children and as a consultant to several medically related companies. **Virginia Seelig** Lenz (Forest, VA) is a docent at Poplar Forest, Thomas Jefferson's retreat home. Must read: *I Was Born in an Old Age Home: A Memoir*, written by our classmate **Susanne Kalter** DeWitt (Berkeley, CA). The link is: https://www.amazon.com/dp/1944841172/. And as for me, I am writing this at the Cornell Club in NYC waiting for my "bridgemates." ❖ **Phyllis Bosworth**, phylboz@aol.com.

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Ed '54 and **Joyce Dudley McDowell** sent a review of the last year that is complete to the point that they attended the Snuff Bottle Convention in Baltimore. Other destinations included Cleveland, Akron, Milwaukee, NYC, Las Vegas, Highgrove (country house of the Prince of Wales), Bordeaux, Hong Kong, Bali, and lots of time in Hawaii, where they reside when not on the go. That year is a lifetime for normal folks.

Dorothy Kleinman Kushner celebrated Israel's 71st year by volunteering in Israel for a refugee rescue organization. While wintering in Sarasota, she is deeply involved with the local youth opera, and always has time to devote to her three granddaughters. **Arthur** and **Nancy Vogel Kelly '59** have recently donated their 40-plus-year research business, Kinship, to the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society. This endeavor has produced over 300 books on New York history, which are now available online for researchers. Nancy and Arthur recently celebrated anniversary number 65. **Paul Tregurtha** sums things up nicely: "Looking at new ventures when working and golf when not." Six of his grandchildren have graduated from Cornell, four are attending this year, and two are yet to go—got to be a record of some sort. His best day on the Hill: meeting **Lee (Anderson) '59**. **Paul Noble** and wife Paulette Cooper recently returned from an 18-day transatlantic voyage and cruise to the Azores, Madeira, and five ports in Spain, ending in Barcelona. Paul writes, "Late spring was a great time to explore that territory—wonderful weather, manageable crowds."

Susan Hitz Magnuson has built and now maintains her community's website in Mt. Kisco. Spare time is consumed by grandchildren, NYC theatre, and bridge. Her best day on the Hill: graduation. **Gwen Defiore** Schamel enjoys music and gardening, has multiple dogs and cats, and is involved with banty chickens. She is active in the League of Women Voters, and as such should be busy for the next year. **David Wingate** has been retired from his career as conservation officer for Bermuda for some time, but continues to manage nature reserves. He is best known for saving the Bermuda petrel (a.k.a., the cahow) from extinction and restoring Nonsuch Island as a "Living Museum" nature reserve. He still remembers when a "downtown Ithaca thug" snatched his freshman beanie. **Anabel Stresino** Leigh's (Anabel12@ATT.net) time is consumed by exercise and painting (commissions always welcome). On the subject of painting, **Bill Schmidt** (Pleinairbill@aol.com) continues to send along examples of his outstanding talent (my words, not his).

On a personal note, your correspondent has exchanged e-mails with **David Nye**, reminding me of the fun times in NYC when I roomed with David and **Ernie Stern '56** in a ground floor apartment on East 72nd St. In April, I visited **Tony**, MBA '58, and **Gail Lautzenheiser Cashen** in their retirement (fancy) farmhouse in Ithaca. **Pete Blauvelt** came down from Rochester for dinner. Our evening also involved a tour of the campus. For those not recently in the area, the 62 years since our taking leave of the university have birthed some new buildings, and the Ag campus now consists of skyscrapers almost halfway to Syracuse. ❖ **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

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Thanks to many for sending in your News and Dues; we can report on some of you now. One we've not heard from in years is **Warren Wildes** (wildeswarren7@gmail.com) from the depths of Minnesota. Along with his Dixieland band and barbershop quartetting, Warren continues lake research and forest conservation work on an 18-acre buckthorn eradication at U. of Northwestern, St. Paul. He enjoys his family, friends, and black Lab in St. Paul. **Philip Dattilo Jr.** keeps traveling, lately to Japan in April and Vietnam and Cambodia last November on a CAU trip. He has visited almost every Asian country, including Korea and Mongolia in June.

Gene, DVM '67, and **Jean Blume Ceglowski**, **DVM '67**, rented a house in Ireland last year as a base for traveling about by car. When home, Gene is busy as a backup large animal vet for son **Bob Ceglowski '93**, DVM '06, in Rupert, VT. The Ceglowskis have seven grandchildren, including two granddaughters at Cornell, both engaged in animal-related activities, of course. Rev. **Bob Beringer** (beringermcb@yahoo.com) wrote of his loss last year: "My wife, **Peggy (Chamberlain) '59**, passed away just as last year's Reunion was beginning. We shared 59 years of marriage. I was encouraged by former parishioners to write a small book about caring for my wife. It is called *Living Unafraid at the End of Life* and was published in mid-February 2019." Bob continues to teach classes in his retirement community and local church in Topsham, ME, and is a volunteer chaplain one day a week at an assisted living center.

Nan Vickery Winters (nanwinters@gmail.com) writes from Nokomis, FL, and Mannsville, NY, that she's "keeping busy with arts, exercise, volunteering, reading, my friends, writing, studying, and gardening; I have no time for more." Understandable. It's good to read that Nan's three children are doing so well: Bill is CEO of a bank in London; Chris is starting a new high school for Greenwich Country Day School; and Wendy is a financial analyst in Norwalk, CT. About her best days at Cornell, Nan says that there were "too many to relate." Psychologist **Nancy Hecht** Weil says, "I retired too early from five med school appointments and also closed my private office." She's happy to be healthy—"Nothing more than that." About what she also would like to be doing, Nancy says, "I wish I could either teach or be part of a memoir writing class; I enjoy waking up feeling less tired and ready to do stupid projects." Carry on, Nancy, as you "fondly recall those great 10 a.m. coffee dates in the Ivy Room." **Marjan Schneider** Carasik recently moved from Ithaca to a CCRC close to her daughters near Buffalo. She gets the most satisfaction from life these days "learning that even when my life stumbles badly, I can pick myself up slowly and rediscover joy."

Bob Hendricks, PhD '64 (rwhendricks37@icloud.com) retired after 32 years of teaching at Virginia Tech. Last October, he and Delores moved to a retirement community in Peabody, MA, close to their daughter and family. Bob enjoys many new friends and teaching a class on Northern Renaissance art to their "live and learn" community. He recalls his best day at Cornell: "The day I passed my PhD thesis defense!" **Liz Fuchs** Fillo (lizfillo36@gmail.com) continues performing, singly and in small groups—music, music, music. Still in Princeton, NJ, Liz and Chris Coucill celebrate a granddaughter at Northeastern and a grandson working in NYC. Liz says she'd like to be skiing and playing tennis, but those are only fond memories. Her greatest satisfaction these days are "my beloved husband and a loving group of friends." Concerning tennis, **Joan Bleckwell McHugh** gets on the courts and works out daily, along with her continuing social work and family. She and husband **Mick** (a retired dentist who enjoys the outdoors) have four married children and a great-grandchild, with two more on the way. Joan says her best days at Cornell were "meeting Mick; belonging to Delta Gamma; and a successful graduation."

James "Jeff" **Brown** (jaebrownmaine@gmail.com) says his best day was "the day I was accepted at Tufts med school." Jeff still gets great satisfaction at his demanding job examining applicants joining the military at the processing station in Portland, ME, his hometown. He hikes out whenever he can. **Frank Russell**, MBA '60 (frussel1@rochester.rr.com) has set an interesting record: 46 years of playing in the Newark (NY) Park Band. He's played through all those years of law practice, being a local judge, board work on the Erie, PA, Shriners Hospital, band directing his local Shrine Unit, and helping Cornell on our Chimes Advisory Council, which he currently co-leads. So ends this column of diverse activities by the Class of '58. Please keep your news coming, with cheers for now. ❖ **Dick Haggard**, richardhaggard11@gmail.com; **Janet Jarvie**, janjarvie@gmail.com.

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Bailey Hall erupted with cheers and applause as we '59ers broke yet another Reunion record, this time for our 60th Reunion. We 151 reuners handily surpassed the previous record for the 60th—plus we continue to hold the 50th Reunion record, and we held the 25th Reunion record for 32 years. But those of us who gathered at Cornell June 6-9 agree that quality outpaced quantity. This was a "fabulous," "wonderful," "just terrific" weekend in countless ways. And so were our attendees and their spouses and guests. Yes, we're "getting up there"; yes, we are not without medical disabilities; yes, we've suffered painful personal losses. But we're positive, curious, engaged, and living life to our fullest abilities.

Highest praise to Reunion co-chairs **Ron Demer** and **Jerry Schultz** for putting together and managing this fine weekend. Kudos, too, to their helpmates, particularly the class clerks who checked us in, toted luggage, and drove us hither and yon. Other worker bees included

a crew led by **Tammy Livingston** Weintraub, who welcomed arriving classmates; **Bill Kingston**, who chose the wines served at class events; **Jim Hobson** and **Kent Hewitt**, who poured the wines at tent events; and **Harry Eshbaugh** and **Jim Day**, who scooped ice cream for us. Most of us stayed in Mews Hall, a dorm on North Campus. Others stayed at the Statler or with classmates. For instance, Pete and **Pat Mayglothling** Sorensen were houseguests of **Dave** and **Peggy Flynn Dunlop**, MS '63. Though Pat was only at Cornell for freshman year, she has returned for several Reunions. Pat's freshman corridor in Dickson 5 has had an outstanding Reunion record. Of the dozen or so corridor-mates, six were back for this Reunion: Pat, **Ellie Applewhaite**, **Maxine Hollander** Bittker, **Pat Johnson** Evans, **Jo Ellis** Jones, and **Stephanie Lipsit** Tashkovich, ME '64. Another group with an enviable attendance: AEPi, with eight brothers at this year's Reunion, including **Roy Lieberman**, who was attending his very first Reunion!

Class events included social gatherings and dinners every evening, plus a midday ice cream social and chimes concert at McGraw Tower (called the Libe Tower in our day). The most notable class event was "Looking Forward," a discussion by classmates who continue to make significant contributions to our society. **Rolf Barth** spoke about his efforts to develop a new type of cancer treatment that can selectively destroy cancer cells while sparing surrounding normal tissue. **Jerry Schultz** described his work in India, where over several decades he has trained eye surgeons and spurred the development of cataract camps in underserved rural areas. **Paddy Hurley** founded a not-for-profit Community Music School and continues to help it make music education a viable part of the lives of people of all ages. **Sidney Wolfe** is a public-interest researcher and advocate, especially in the areas of drug and medical-device regulation, healthcare delivery, and occupational health. He and **Ruth Chimacoff** Macklin, the prominent bioethicist, spoke about their collaboration—"Ethics in action!" **Carl Leubsdorf** ("Retirement is an alien concept I still don't understand") described how being a columnist differs from his previous position as Washington bureau chief at the *Dallas Morning News*: "Then, my columns were strictly analytical. Now I'm speaking my mind." The final speaker was a classmate of Carl's not only at Cornell but at Manhattan's PS6, where the two even took recorder lessons together: **Peter Yarrow**, whose music continues to bring joy to people around the world. During an hour-long concert following the discussion—an event that filled every seat in Kennedy Hall's auditorium—Peter sang, spoke about music as a tool for positive social and political change, and described Operation Respect, an anti-bullying educational nonprofit he founded, which has brought its "Don't Laugh At Me" program to over 22,000 schools worldwide.

In addition to attending class events, '59ers were at numerous university events. We attended talks on judicial philosophy (**Celinda Cass** Scott), criminal justice reform (**Carole Kenyon**), and the role of media in social and political movements (**Benson Simon**, MBA '62). We listened to a conversation between Cornell President Martha Pollack and students (**Seth Newberger**) and a concert celebrating the Glee Club's 150th anniversary (**Al Newhouse**). We explored exhibits at the Johnson Art Museum (**Svein Arber**) and Kroch Library (**Linda Rogers** Cohen), and makerspaces at Upson Hall (**Don Brewer**) and Mann Library (**Carole Parnes**). We walked a lot—"working on our Cornell calves," said **Morgan Larkin** Rankin. We walked over the suspension bridge (**Phyllis Corwin** Rogers) and around Beebe Lake (**Judy Brotman** Cochran). We visited dorms and houses where we once lived, including Sage Hall, a residential building in our day, now housing the Johnson Graduate School of Management (**Lissa Rogall** Weseley). Some took advantage of the weekend's beautiful weather by heading up Cayuga Lake to the Village of Aurora and to the wineries that dot the western shore. And each evening in the Mews Hall lounge there were often raucous conversations that lasted long past our usual bedtimes.

We even conducted a bit of business. At a class meeting during Friday night's dinner, our class officers for the coming five years were announced. **Barbara Hirsch** Kaplan, who continues as president, reported that our Reunion gift to the university exceeded $29 million. And **Marian Fay** Levitt noted that the class scholarship fund has grown to more than $400,000. This column begins my 41st year as your class correspondent, and, as always, I have but one request: send me your news! ❖ **Jenny Tesar**, jetesar@sbcglobal.net.

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Already working hard with the class council on preparations for our upcoming milestone event, **Alan** and **Ellie Ross Garfinkel** say, "We hope to see many of you at our 60th Reunion in 2020!" Alan and Ellie are both retired, "enjoying our summers in Vermont and winters in Florida (with Nanuet, NY, in between), playing golf and bridge. This past winter, we took a cruise to Costa Rica and saw the Panama Canal." They have five grandchildren, one of whom entered a master's program at Columbia this fall, another who graduated from UMass, Amherst and plans to teach, yet another who attends Flagler College, and a grandson still in high school. "Time flies, but no great-grandchildren as yet," they say.

Carolyn Huntoon Russell reports from Whitmore Lake, MI, "My 'big birthday' was last year, so I took my two grown children on a special cruise from Barcelona to Rome, and I finally gave that big Reggae Beach birthday bash I had been talking about for years. Nowadays, I am using my empty nest to hold events for foster-care teens, and I work with a nonprofit helping traumatized teens through musical expression. My health and fitness require constant attention these days so I can continue to ski, golf, bike, and travel. Lake living is a great incentive to stay active."

Still living in Napa, CA, **Kenneth Lipman** continues to work 32 hours a week as a psychiatrist for Kaiser Permanente. "It's fun," he says, "and I learn something new every day." He gets satisfaction these days from "my job, golf, gardening, medical meetings, travel, research, jazz, and lady friends. My older son, Jakob, an attorney, celebrated his 50th birthday in Hawaii, where we spent time golfing and swimming with sea turtles. He has seven children. My younger son, Aaron, who did graduate work in ethnopharmacology, just got engaged. He and his fiancée live in upper Manhattan and are world travelers."

Also still working part-time is **Gail Krantz** Glickman (Sarasota, FL). Although she retired from her position as a human resources manager in 2016, she was soon hired as assistant to the communications director at a local synagogue and began writing articles for local publications. She also manages to play tennis several times a week, regularly attends classes in ballroom dance and jazz dance, and even finds time to compete in the Florida Ballroom Championships. Her husband, Cy, Gail says, "had heart failure, but after a hospital stay, two weeks in rehab, and two weeks of home therapy, he is doing much better. I am so lucky to have Cy to share my time in this beautiful place." The Glickmans have two sons: Robert, who lives in Atlanta with his wife and two daughters, and Steven, now in Portland, OR, with two sons and a daughter. Gail says she would like to hear from her Phi Sigma Sigma sorority sisters.

Sylvia Gordon Weinberg, a Fine Arts major, says her best day at Cornell was "the day **Allen Atwell '47**, MFA '51, professor of painting in the College of Architecture, told me I was very talented. After graduating and teaching art in elementary and middle school, I moved with my young family to Woodstock, NY, in 1967. They didn't need an art teacher, so I taught remedial reading to elementary school children from 1967-95 and have been painting seriously ever since then. My daughter, Heather, a physiatrist and teacher at the U. of Colorado Medical School, is doing landmark work with Parkinson's patients, on which she has made presentations nationally and internationally. My son, Michael, developed a computer program for the National Blue Cross, which they have sold widely to industry." Sylvia receives the most satisfaction these days from "keeping up with friends and family, painting, making jewelry, and gardening."

Happily continuing life in South Florida, **Alan Fishman**, BArch '61, writes, "I retired from practicing architecture in 2011, and my wife, Libby, has given up her law practice. We love being retired and keep busy with golf, fitness training, swimming, bicycling, and reading. My daughter, **Schuyler '89**, teaches 12th grade science in Denver schools of science and technology, and my son, Charles, and his wife, Stacey, are living and working in San Francisco." When asked what his best day at Cornell was, Alan answers, "Who can remember?"

Ron Pereira recently retired from his management job in Woodbridge, VA, and relocated to Monroe, NC. "I moved here," he says, "because I have a son in Columbia, SC, a daughter in nearby Matthews, NC, and a son in Raleigh, NC. Having published my first book in 2014, *Porch Conversations*, which was about growing up in Cuba, I am busy working on my second book of memoirs. My new e-mail address is ronpereira07@gmail.com. I'm looking forward to our 60th Reunion in 2020." **Forrest Randall** and his wife, **Barbara (Ela) '61**, have moved from Springfield, VT, but are remaining in-state in Randolph Center. Forrest was honored by the Vermont General Assembly earlier this year for "the outstanding leadership he provided to southern Vermont and neighboring New Hampshire communities on matters related to solid waste management."

Be sure to put Reunion dates June 4-7, 2020 on your calendar and keep sending me news, please. ❖ **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, jw275@cornell.edu.

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This column starts on a positive note, with the following e-mail from **Ken Blanchard**, PhD '67. "In May I celebrated the 59th anniversary of my 21st birthday. I know this year that a number of my classmates, including my freshman roommate and long-term friend **Bob Lurcott**, BArch '62, MRP '68, will be hitting that number. Where have the years gone? Happy birthday to all my classmates!"

By the time you read this edition, I will have crossed over the 80 divide myself, followed in October by my youthful co-correspondent, **Sue Williams** Stevens. And, of course, we have numerous more joining this somewhat exclusive club. Personally, I wish I could put the brakes on the calendar, but that is not going to happen. As they say here at the Landings: "Let's enjoy the back nine."

As we think about rolling back the calendar, I received the following note from **Ed Furtick**. "With the recent anniversary of the Straight Takeover, there have been

some news articles regarding **Tom Jones '69**, MRP '72, indicating that he was the first person of color to be elected president of the freshman class at Cornell. I'd just like the world to get the correct info that I was honored by my fellow Class of 1961 members to be elected freshman class president when we entered Cornell in the fall of 1957. If I recall the statistics correctly, the voter turnout was record-setting at that time. I believe only four of us were American blacks out of the 2,200 new Cornell students. This, of course, has been a significant positive event for me throughout my life. It always makes me feel great to be a member of the group of individuals who made this happen in 1957!" To which I responded, "Ed, I remember your election well since I ran for class president myself in the fall of '57 without success!" The event is duly recorded here in our class column.

Also, we have a note from **Bobbie Horowitz**. "You may know that I won my fourth New York Manhattan Assn. of Cabarets (MAC) Award this year. It's my third MAC Award for Best Emcee. This was for my series 'It's Just a Number!' in which I honor people over the age of 50 (usually 70 and above) who are doing great things, and I have performers of all ages perform in their honor. My next show isn't till October 17, because I'm taking a few months off to write a new show I intend to present for my 80th birthday in May of 2020." **Leland Bookhout** and Martha are enjoying good health while in Staatsburg, NY. Leland is busy with his woodworking shop and does occasional consulting jobs for a change of pace. Also, **Mable Lamb** Haliburton is living in Wolfville, Nova Scotia. She enjoys writing letters, calling friends, and walking. "I am pleased at still being able to walk."

We received an interesting note from **Virginia Buchanan Clark**, who writes, "I'm still running the BookStart Fund (bookstartfund.org) and still enjoying it, but I'm beginning to plan for its continuation once I can't do it—or don't want to! Also, I still love making functional pottery and donating the best pieces to silent auctions for good causes. **Will '60** and I are discussing the 'long-range plan' and have decided to remain in Fort Wayne, IN, despite the lure of a retirement home in Vermont near daughter **Alison Clark** Levy **'84**."

Jim Moore, LLB '64, the newest member of our Reunion committee, is keeping a fast pace. Jim married Geri Riddle in 2016 and they reside in Pittsford, NY. He works as an arbitrator in commercial cases and is engaged in board memberships at a hospital and art gallery while taking art history classes. He and Geri are traveling to Europe and Asia as well. Another Reunion chair, **Carol Gittlin** Franklin, sent an update from Leonia, NJ. "The greatest honor I have received is from Cornell, which archived the entire design portfolio of my firm, Carol Franklin Assoc. Inc., and recently added all of my notes that are coordinated to the portfolio. All is housed in the Kroch Library Rare and Manuscript Collections. Also, I am currently designing the interior of a synagogue and have recently completed designing apartments on Fifth Ave. in Manhattan. In my leisure time, I am active in a book club with 14 of my SDT sorority sisters." We will be hearing more from Jim, Carol, and the Reunion committee as we approach our 60th in 2021.

Jay Treadwell and wife Peggy are traveling extensively with recent trips to the Galápagos (with grandsons), Aruba, England, and France for a Hotel school conference. Jay relates, "I'm setting goals for the continuing process of having four years of treatment for brain cancer." To the question "What was your best day at Cornell?" Jay responded, "Being there and helping to manage the catering for our 55th Reunion." Jay, we are saving a space at the 60th for you. A note is in from our class photographer, **Ed Goldman**. He and wife Judith reside in Manhattan and travel also. Recently they visited Japan, again. This time, beginning in Hokkaido and northern Honshu, they continued the tour ending in Osaka, Kyoto, and Tokyo. Ed recalls his significant moment at Cornell. "On May 19, 1961 the '61 Cornellian arrived from the book bindery!" For those of you who don't remember, Ed was the editor of our fine yearbook.

William Ovens sent an extensive update from Lady Lake, FL (williamovens@hotmail.com). "I spent years as a professor of mechanical engineering at several universities, retiring in 2003. I have started a business designing and building custom furniture. I will probably retire from this business in a couple of years. Still playing lots of tennis. After several years in Singapore followed by a stint in Papua, New Guinea, we'd like to go back, but the long-term travel is proving difficult." William enjoys living on the lake and working without deadlines and schedule commitments.

We thank all of you for sending us your news. Our failing eyesight and your handwriting add to the issues of producing this column, but we are more than up to the challenge. Keep your notes coming to: ❖ **Doug Fuss**, dougout@attglobal.net; **Susan Williams** Stevens, sa stevens61@gmail.com.

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For a nostalgic view of Cornell on its 150th birthday, go to: https://150.cornell.edu/glorioustoview/.

Don, MD '72, and Neuza **Morgan** would love to welcome visitors to Wilmington, DE, where they keep busy attending classes at Osher Lifelong Learning Inst. Don (neuzamorgan@aol.com) skied at Mammoth Mountain this past winter with his daughter and family, then joined brother **Bill Morgan '52**, MD '56, and his family at Big Sky in Montana for more time on the slopes. Don and family had a great trip to Portugal last June. **Rich Alther** (richalther@msn.com) and his husband, Ray Repp, report from Palm Springs that they just published *Table Tales: Do-Ahead Dinner Party Menus That Whet Appetites, Loosen Tongues, and Make Memories*. You can learn more at: www.tabletalescookbook.com.

Betty Lefkowitz Moore (BLM1@psu.edu) volunteers as an "English conversational" helper for international students seeking to be more comfortable talking with Americans. She continues to enjoy **Jane Brody**'s column, with fond memories of Jane from their time in Dickson. And an update from Jane Brody (janeengquist@juno.com): She continues to write a weekly personal health column in the *New York Times* and speaks to groups interested in living healthfully at all ages. She enjoys classical music concerts and traveling with friends and family. Jane is delighted to report that her twin grandsons, **Tomas** and **Stefan Engquist**, both joined the Cornell Class of **'22**.

Summers for **Steven Serling** have been spent at the Jersey Shore since they retired from Philadelphia to West Palm Beach, FL. This year they're spending a month in the Berkshires to enjoy Tanglewood concerts and the Williamstown Theatre. Both **Tom '63**, MBA '64, and **Nancy Williams Clark**, MEd '64, are retired in Old Chatham, NY. They no longer have sheep but remain active in the Dairy Sheep Assn. and are working to develop more dairy sheep farms across the country. Nancy (nwclark@outlook.com) had a one-person watercolor show last fall in the Old Chatham Country Store. The Clarks have ten grandchildren. The oldest, **Brooke Shachoy '22**, daughter of **Meredith Clark** Sachoy **'91**, was just initiated into the sorority of her mother, grandmother, and aunt **Megan Clark** Eisenberg **'97**. All three generations were on hand for the ceremony. The other nine grandchildren range from 2 to 16.

'Nowadays, I am using my empty nest to hold events for foster-care teens.'

CAROLYN HUNTOON RUSSELL '60

Bryan Neel III retired from his surgical practice at the Mayo Clinic in 2005. He and wife Ingrid Vaga send their best wishes to all from Rochester, MN, where they are enjoying a "splendid retirement" with grandchildren, fishing, sailing, downhill skiing, and gardening. Bryan fondly recalls the Glee Club's trip to the Soviet Union, a highlight of his time at Cornell. Their granddaughter Ingrid Neel is playing professional tennis and loves it. **Anna Fang** Wu and her husband, Tai Te Wu, live in Chicago, where she keeps busy with volunteer work, exercise, and spending time with their grandchildren. Anna (afangwu@gmail.com) retired from her internal medicine practice nine years ago.

Vin and **Fran Denn** Gallogly sold their home in Trumbull, CT, a couple of years ago and now spend six months each year in their condos in Bridgeport, CT, and Fort Pierce, FL. Fran (tangogal@gmail.com) is a landscape and wildlife photographer (https://fran-gallogly.pixels.com). She and Vin enjoy traveling and visits from friends and family. John-Robert and **Jacqueline Browne** Bugnion (jackie@bugnion.org) have moved to the Lausanne area in Switzerland. "I continue to encourage Congress to pass legislation for residence-based taxation for Americans who reside overseas. The current citizenship-based taxation is highly unfair, leading to expensive double reporting, double taxation due to incompatibilities between foreign and US tax regimes, legislated doubled taxation, specific penalization of foreign pension funds, and taxation of phantom capital gains. Most recently I had an article published April 29, 2019 in *Tax Notes* on the devastating impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (December 2017) on American entrepreneurs abroad who operate a local business; it is entitled 'A Double Taxation Nightmare Disguised as Tax Reform.'" If Jackie were to spend a day in Ithaca, she would speak with a tax professor in the Law School.

After **Bob Frishman**'s wife passed, he retired and moved back from Florida to downtown Greenwich, CT. Bob (rjfrish@gmail.com) is now involved in sports (skiing in Aspen), visiting NYC, and travel (Viking to Greece in March). He is also VP of the Lions Club and a political group. **Anna Boese** Dawson (hometownfoods12106@gmail.com) of Kinderhook, NY, produces PowerPoint training materials to freeze and vacuum-pack local non-meat foods in community kitchens at schools and Agriculture and Markets-inspected kitchens. Anna derives

great satisfaction from finding people interested in preventing food waste on farms. Over 14.3 million pounds was found wasted on 50-plus vegetable and berry farms in Vermont in 2016 in a study by a Vermont Food Bank. "This needs to change."

Anne Kaczmarczyk Evans (evans25@ptd.net) lives in Ashland, PA, where she enjoys ballroom dancing, volunteering at the Mahanoy Area Historical Society, travel, golf, and church. To keep her brain active, she is learning Ukrainian! **Loretta Krieger Yellen** (lkyellen@gmail.com) moved to New York City following the death of her husband, **Richard '60**, to be near family, and is loving "playing in the world's greatest city." Granddaughter **Julia '23** will become the family's next Cornellian this fall, joining older sister **Samantha '15**, father **Robert '86**, grandparents Lori and Richard, great-grandfather **Maurice 1922**, and great-great-uncle **Irving 1922**. **David** and Lettie **Harrald** continue to enjoy retirement in Sun Lakes, AZ. David can be reached at dfharrald@gmail.com.❖ **Jan McClayton** Crites, jmc50@cornell.edu.

'Alvon Macauley just completed 50 years as a volunteer fireman.'

JOAN HENS JOHNSON '65

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Ezra and Reeva **Mager** live in New York City. Ezra writes that in retirement, "I have been fortunate to make some money I invest for myself and family, primarily by investing in an array of small hedge funds doing interesting things. Children grown, now six grandchildren providing occasional interest." Ezra would like to travel more but spends a lot of time reading. **Richard** and Marcia **Feliciano** live in Severna Park, MD. Richard is busy in retirement, "designing shoring for deep excavations (part time), swimming, golf, model shipbuilding, piano, and, of course, grandchildren." Presently, Richard and Marcia are downsizing and his comment is: "So much stuff? I think I've got the 'Ark of the Covenant' in my basement." They get satisfaction "from watching grandkids grow up."

I received a Share Your News form from a classmate who forgot to fill in things like name, etc. The news includes having "ten grandchildren ranging in age from 25 to 2." Whoever it is attended our 55th Reunion. Help! **Marcy Bergren** Pine sent me the following: "Our wonderful classmate **Julie Milligan** Flik passed away on April 28 after a long battle with ovarian cancer. We spent many wonderful times together even though we lived on opposite coasts." Marcy and Chuck were in Telluride, CO, for the graduation from high school of their grandson Carlo on May 31. They live in Santa Monica, CA. I am hoping that Marcy and Chuck will be in Telluride this Labor Day weekend for the annual Telluride Film Festival.

Ginny Hoffman Morthland writes from Lake Oswego, OR, after returning from their (**Dave '62**) winter in Tucson. She had a nice trip to New York in May. "June was DDD (Delta Delta Delta sorority) month. Had nice lunch/visit with **Chris Householder** Schneider and **Heidi Gantner** Kallfelz in Cortland, NY. Then Bill and **Karen Kraengle** Evenden were in Tucson and we had lunch with them." **David** and Anne **Raddock** live in Boulder, CO. David is writing books—*Finding My Way: An American Maverick in China* and "China on the Couch" (coming). "I am collecting fine artworks and enjoying travel and the gym. Just got a Havanese dog whom we call Fidel." David's best day at Cornell was "being selected for a role in *The Threepenny Opera* and opening night; also the Cornell Glee Club in Leningrad and New Year's Eve."

Debby Seyl Wycoff is retired and since **William**'s death has "moved to San Diego to be close to my daughter and her husband, who sells fine wines from Napa, and my granddaughter, who is 16. I live in a small house in their back yard. I wish I could travel more, but I'm not very mobile with a bad back. Had many great trips with my husband and family in the past. I enjoy reading, watching sports and nature shows on PBS, and looking at the beautiful flowers in California. Went to the desert last week and saw fabulous wildflowers. I belong to a 20-member book club—quite an intelligent group of seniors. Love the weather out here—lots of sunshine—a change from Pittsburgh, where I used to live." Debby remembers "singing songs with the rugby team and their opponents at Jim's after rugby matches."

Warren Icke '62 and I just returned from a three-week trip to England and Scotland. We took a Rabbie's van tour of the Isle of Skye, Mull, and Iona. Beautiful scenery, but typical cool, windy, and damp weather. We spent another four nights at an HF Holidays House in Sedbergh, Yorkshire. Finishing up in the City of York was another highlight. We ended up in Boston for the graduation of another granddaughter from high school in Weston, MA. Now, as I write this in mid-June, it's time to head to Telluride, CO, for the summer. Temperatures in Tucson are in the 100s now so it's time to leave. I am at the low ebb for news in my file, so please take some time to just e-mail me. It's such a simple way to communicate. ❖ **Nancy Bierds** Icke, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, icke63@gmail.com.

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What a great Reunion! Weather, classmates, our class-organized programs, university forums and events, parties, bus and walking tours of campus, special musical events . . . Nothing was not first-rate, we 120 or so co-celebrants and their guests all agreed. Here are some highlights.

The perfect weather facilitated getting reacquainted with the campus, beginning with a bus tour that pointed out new and re-purposed buildings. We also were treated to a two-hour (!) architectural tour of the Arts Quad that revealed all manner of intricate details about the various structures, including the fact that most were designed with not one but two stately front facings, to be admired both from within the Quad and approaching the Quad from the Town of Ithaca.

We were quartered in the new Alice Cook House, which is near the very bottom of the west side of the campus, so all the main attractions were uphill from us. But not to worry; our very helpful student aides would drive small groups of us up the Hill when we could not wait for the next loop bus. The youngsters otherwise kept our headquarters organized and us well-supplied with food, snacks, and drinks.

Music was a highlight. The Cornell Glee Club celebrated its 150th anniversary by giving a concert. Cornelliana Night was full of fun and Cornell songs. The Chorus sang at the annual memorial services on Friday afternoon, the tower chimes concert played as we entered the Straight for our Friday night dinner, and the Sherwoods performed at our Saturday banquet. **Peter Yarrow '59**, there for his 60th Reunion, reminisced instead of singing for an hour Saturday morning.

Friday afternoon, **Stephen Hadley '69**, former national security adviser, was the Olin Lecture speaker. Hadley appeared in Bailey Hall with former eight-term New York Congressman Steve Israel, a non-alum who now heads Cornell's Inst. of Politics and Global Affairs. During the question-and-answer segment at the end of the formal discussion, our classmate and renowned Associated Press journalist **Edie Lederer** elicited applause when she said she was Class of '64, even before she made her insightful comment and question. **Ken Kupchak**, JD '71, reported that Phi Kappa Psi fraternity brother Hadley even stopped by the house as part of his 50th Reunion.

Cindy Wolloch put together a very special JFK Memorial Award panel for Friday morning about the award's past impact on recipients' lives and the future award process. The speakers included three pre-planned panelists and one drop-in who were previous award recipients. Cindy also published a wonderful book about the history of our class award, with current bios of all our grantees from 1965 to 2019. Books were available at Reunion, but if you contact Cindy through our class website she can probably arrange to get you one.

Much time of course was spent catching up with classmates we knew during our undergrad years, and getting to know ones we had not met. Unofficial class photographer **Bob Friedenson**, PhD '69, showed a video he put together of our 50th Reunion, plus snippets of our 55th, all on a large projection screen at our headquarters. **Bennie Lee** traveled the farthest for Reunion, coming from Malaysia; Ken Kupchak placed second, hailing from his home on Oahu, HI. **Carolyn Stewart** Whitman and her committee did a wonderful job organizing and executing our 55th.

Following Sunday breakfast, our class officers for the next five years were elected: president, Ken Kupchak; VP and membership chair, **Linda Cohen** Meltzer; secretary, **Judie Pink** Gorra; treasurer, **Barbara Lutz** Brim; class correspondent, me, **Bev Johns** Lamont; Cornell Annual Fund representatives, **Michael Troner** and **Phyllis Rivkin** Goldman, MS '67; JFK Memorial Award chair, Cynthia Wolloch; Reunion chair, Carolyn Stewart Whitman; affinity chair, **Nancy Taylor** Butler; newsletter editor, **Susan Mair** Holden; newsletter design, **Elliot Gordon**; and immediate past president and webmaster, **Bruce Wagner**, ME '66.

That's it for now. I'll resume classmates' personal news in the next (Nov/Dec) issue. Send your news to me by e-mail, regular mail using the news form or a sheet of paper, our class website (www.cornell1964.org), or our class Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/cornell1964. ❖ **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont64@comcast.net.

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Calendar alert! Please make sure you mark June 2020 with stars, and say YES, you'll be back for our 55th Reunion at Cornell! We'll be sending out reminders and a preview of the wonderful activities that our Reunion chair, **Myron Jacobsen**, and his

committee have already planned and ask you to submit suggestions of favorites you want included!

Elaine Sarkin Jaffe, MD '69 (Great Falls, VA; elaine jaffe@NIH.gov) is still actively working at the National Cancer Inst. with interest in lymphoma studies and hematopathology diagnosis. "My work this year has taken me to Japan, Australia, Scotland, and Italy, and vacation time is spent in Beaver Creek, CO." Her twitter handle is @Hememachine. **Richard Most** (Roslyn Heights, NY; rwmostMD@gmail.com) works and teaches full time in pediatric ophthalmology. "I've been married 48 years to my beautiful wife, Carol, an attorney." They are proud of son Michael, a head and neck surgeon with two children, and daughter Lara, a dietitian with two children. "I'm a very lucky alum with so much to say and so little time regarding my best days at Cornell." His family gives him the most satisfaction in life.

Alvon Macauley (amacauley1@nycap.rr.com) and wife Pam live in Cambridge, NY. Alvon just completed 50 years as a volunteer fireman. Currently, he serves as president of the local antique truck club and has three firetrucks in his collection. They've recently welcomed a new granddaughter. Thanks, Alvon, for committing to come to Reunion! You'll find Linda and **Walt Gadkowski** (waltergad@capecod.net) in Naples, FL, where they are busy playing tennis and golf, bicycling, and working out at the gym. "Spending time with the kids and grandkids" gives them much pleasure. Walt relates, "My best day at Cornell was the 1962 Cornell vs. Princeton football game, when I made the last tackle of the game and we won 35 to 34!"

Also enjoying grandkids, gym workouts, and travel are **Bob** and Shirley **Becker**. Bob commits some time working on the admissions committee of the Washington U. medical school, and they celebrate time to relax during these days of retirement. **Julianna Ricci** (Derby, NY; julricnow@roadrunner.com) claims, "There was no one best day. There were so many I couldn't begin to count them!" Julianna and husband Philip McCabe have been traveling a lot. All three of her daughters and families live nearby in Buffalo. Her daily routine includes meditation and yoga and strength training. She's been writing icons in the Eastern Orthodox tradition for several years, and just tried working with egg tempera. Her novel was self-published with Lulu in December 2018.

Dick Gildersleeve (Stamford, CT; dick.gildersleeve@gmail.com) invites everyone to stop by his Crab Shell Restaurant, only half a mile south of I-95 on the water. Besides the restaurant, Dick handles yacht sales brokerage. He and wife Kate and their family recently took a vacation in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, where he "found a favorable exchange rate on the other side of the wall." **Joel Perlman** (jperlman43@gmail.com) and Nancy Skluth live in NYC. Joel writes, "I just completed a sculpture commission in London for 52 Lime St., an iconic building developed by **Jeffrey Sussman**. I have very good photos of the whole process. We've had 50 years of friendship and doing projects together!" Joel's son **Jack '18** graduated from Arts & Sciences and is now working at William Morris Equity in L.A., and son **Sam '20** is a junior in the Hotel and Business school. "Life satisfaction is watching my sons grow up and making sculpture, and my best day at Cornell was meeting Prof. **Jack Squier**, **MFA '52**, who sent me down to night school at Ames Welding in Ithaca."

Carolyn Thompson Brown (loveandpeace@verizon.net) and spouse Timothy Eastman live in Silver Spring, MD. Carolyn is chair of the board of trustees of the Fetzer Inst., headquartered in Kalamazoo, MI. "Our mission is helping to build the spiritual foundation for a loving world." In 2018 Carolyn published a book, *Reading Lu Xun Through Carl Jung*, which she describes as "having origins that lie in a question I asked myself in a Cornell undergraduate class in Chinese literature that I could not answer at that time." Children and grandchildren are within 30 minutes of **Dennis Fisher**, MS '67 (Fisher.Dennis@comcast.net) and wife Molly, who enjoy seeing the grandkids growing into responsible adults. Dennis still rides 100 miles a week on his bike, but "it's taking longer to do it." After retiring 15 years ago from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, he enjoys cabinet and woodturning woodwork and video, and still and drone photography. Helping others through volunteer work, primarily through their church, gives them much satisfaction.

Norwig Debye-Saxinger (Kinderhook, NY; norwigdebye@gmail.com) and wife Michele enjoy reading good books and dinner conversations with friends. He says, "I particularly like listening to my wife play the ukulele." Norwig continues to work with government NGOs "helping those individuals who find themselves largely on the outskirts of what healthcare system there is—the incarcerated, the homeless on the streets and in shelters." At this point in life they are happy that "four out of five children are married and we have eight grandchildren with a ninth on the way." Norwig would love to be skiing, but claims his body is too old. "I had so many best days at Cornell, I would not want to choose."

We have received several e-mails regarding the way classmates celebrated their 75th birthdays. Those reflections will be grouped together with others we hope to receive for the next column. Keep sending news to us: ❖ **Joan Hens** Johnson, joanipat@gmail.com; **Steve Appell**, bigred1965@aol.com.

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Tom Guise, MBA '72, reports that he attended the Cornell football mid-Sixties reunion last October along with classmates **Jim Docherty**, MBA '68, **Dave Hanlon**, **Bill Hawkins**, **Ray McGee**, **John Shaffer**, **Marty Sponaugle**, **Ted Sprinkle**, DVM '69, **John Stanat**, **Ed Weideman**, and **Bill Wilson**. Highlights of the weekend included renewing friendships and the win over Harvard.

Ed Arbaugh III enjoys boating in Montana and golfing and boating in Florida. He lives in Venice, FL, and his volunteer and civic involvement includes both helping high school students in Montana obtain college funding and working with his Florida yacht club on local food drives and Habitat for Humanity. He cruised the Dalmatian Coast in 2017 and the Antilles Islands in February 2019. He celebrated his 75th birthday in January with all his family around. **Neil Chafetz** still works reading MRIs clinically and as a medical legal witness. He is active with CAAAN, interviewing an array of talented students this year. He also hosted a Cornell scholarship fundraiser, which was attended by **Bob Kehr**. Bob is an attorney in L.A. involved in legal ethics. Neil's two sons graduated from Cornell this year with master's degrees in Computer Science Engineering and Business. Neil says this is why he is still working! This January he and his wife vacationed in Kauai.

Dale Heinzman reports that he and wife Basia live in Geneva, NY, on the family farm where Dale grew up. Basia taught in the Geneva schools for 35 years and then was an education consultant for 12 years. They have two sons, Andrew and Eric, and one grandson. Dale returned to the family farm after graduation and worked there in partnership with his father for 12 years. Following that, he was a loan officer at Farm Credit of the Finger Lakes. Next was 12 years with Robson Corp., an international vegetable seed company. He was VP and general manager the last six of those years. Having always had an interest in growing peonies, Dale started Halcyon Hill, a specialty cut-flower business on the family farm in 1997 and ran that business until retirement in 2018. Working for Robson gave him and Basia an opportunity to travel to California, Arizona, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, and Oregon. Most recently they visited South Dakota and Wyoming.

William and Carol **May** (mayfl@msn.com) divide their time between Hutchison, FL, in winter and Victor, NY, in summer. After graduation, Bill worked for a small laser research manufacturer in Ithaca for five years. He then founded Burleigh Instruments in the same field in Rochester, NY. He sold the business about 15 years later and retired. Bill and Carol have been boating for over 43 years. They commute from Florida to their summer home near Lake Ontario by boat! They have taken conventional trips to Europe, USSR, Japan, and Alaska. **Nancy Kurtz** (nancystarjive@gmail.com) has an interesting life in Moab, UT. She writes an astrology blog, does band practice, played keyboard for the play *Yo Mama Uncanned*, and is a DJ for her local radio station KZMU. She had never imagined building a house in Moab with her family or singing in a rock and roll band. Last October her daughter was married in Boulder, UT, a beautiful destination!

Larry Bailis (bailis@brandeis.edu) is a part-time associate professor at the Heller School at Brandeis U. He is also chairman of the board of the Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action. Recent travel included South Korea and Japan. He is grandfather to Savannah, Skye, Leif, and Scarlett. **Paul Foster** retired from the chaplaincy and moved to Havre de Grace, MD, to be near his youngest son and six grandchildren. Paul enjoys walking and birdwatching. Family activities include church.

Kathleen Earle Fox worked on an art show at the library in Tenants Harbor, ME, in July and August 2019. She said the "something she never imagined doing" was writing a book about the kidnappers of Timothy Pickering in Peru. **Paul Anderson** (pkanderson@yahoo.com) works part time as a personal trainer. This is something he had never expected to do in retirement! He is president of his local HOA, does landscaping, and advises on landscape design. He traveled to London to visit Kings College and attend a choral concert.

Hilda Lichtenstein Levine (hildallevine@gmail.com) spends winters in Naples, FL, and summers in the Berkshires. Last October she and her husband traveled to Israel with a group of friends. In December they went on a cruise to Cuba and had some amazing experiences. ❖ **Susan Bittker**, ladyscienc@aol.com; **Pete Salinger**, petersalinger95@gmail.com; **Deanne Gebel** Gitner, deanne.gitner@gmail.com.

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Susan Loveland (Wellesley, MA; slvland@bu.edu) writes: "I have been attempting obedience competitions with my Scottish terrier, Oliver. He has (barely!) succeeded in rally obedience with a couple of titles. I am now trying agility with Oliver and his younger housemate. So much fun! My granddaughter is loving kindergarten—we (husband Doug) are lucky to live only a couple of miles away." Susan's note reminded me that we first met in a freshman English class taught by then-assistant professor Don Kleine. Since his and our time at Cornell, he taught at various universities, finally at the U. of Maryland, from which he retired in 2007. He passed away last March, as reported in the *Washington Post* and the *University of Chicago Magazine*, which noted that he graduated from U. of Chicago in 1950.

William Newell (Alexandria, VA; wfnewell@aol.com) helps the Cornell Club of Washington "by serving as chair of the CCW Book Award Program for high school juniors. This is my 30th year as chair. I enjoyed watching one of our winners be a winner on 'Jeopardy!' I have joined 50-plus clubs—high school, Cornell, and fraternal groups—and love to do genealogy research." William had heart bypass and pacemaker installation and cataract replacement. He's now having his right hip replaced. He gets satisfaction from his granddaughter and "being married to the same wonderful Hoosier for 44 years!" Best day at Cornell: "Meeting Prof. **George Conneman '52**, MS '56 (Ag Econ), and then working for him one summer." **Sally Nellis** Kuehl (Rochester, NY; bksk74@frontiernet.net) writes, "I especially enjoyed two different trips last year. First, I visited Lisbon and Portugal, biked between paradors (inns) in Spain, traveled among islands by sailboat, and biked on the islands of Croatia. Then I traveled with CAU and the dean of Computing & Information Science on a tour of Silicon Valley, including Google, YouTube, Autodesk, and Facebook."

I ran into **Russ Kaegebein** (Plymouth, MN; mimirusss@comcast.net) in the fantastic gardens at Monet's home in Giverny, France, in late May, during a trip we took to Normandy pre-D-Day. **Pedro Mata**, ME '68 (Miami, FL; pfmb@aol.com) is chairman of Delfi Ltd. in Singapore, is involved in "real estate and advisory in Ecuador," and visits friends in Miami and children and grandchildren in Westport, CT. "My first wife, Carol Morehouse, sadly passed away in 2018. She was a 'townie' from Penn Yan and Ithaca." **Ron Bulmer** (Prescott, Ontario; ronbulmer@cogeco.ca) keeps busy on "several boards and international marketing consulting focusing on China and Russia." His daughter Kathy is moving from Canada to Dallas with Frito-Lay. Ron gets the most satisfaction from "watching kids—Mike, Kathy, and Lori—progress in life with five grandkids (ages 12 to 22) following." As for his best day at Cornell: "Never had a bad one, so no best."

Jeff Benjamin (Nyack, NY; jeffbnj@gmail.com) "retired from full-time employment for a second time, this time as senior vice president, general counsel, and chief ethics and compliance officer of Avon Products Inc. But I continue to be engaged professionally on a pro bono basis in the ethics and compliance community and in support of democracy and governance—e.g., for the Brennan Center. Our five grandchildren now range in age from 4 to 7. Our daughter, **Lily Benjamin** Maissen **'00**, is now an executive in HR at Regeneron, and our son, Ross, a translator of German literature, has recently completed a draft translation of Franz Kafka's personal diaries." As for what else he might be doing: "I wish I were a quarterback in the NFL but have none of the qualifications. We do hope to spend more time on Cape Cod." Jeff's satisfaction is supplied by "my wife of 44 years, Betsy, family, friends, colleagues, and two Cavalier King Charles spaniels." Best day at Cornell: "Every day the sky was blue, especially after completing final exams."

Phyllis Bell Jonas (Atlantic Beach, NY; phyllisjbj@aol.com) keeps busy "attending classes, enjoying my eight grandchildren, dating (after being widowed again), and having time to 'smell the roses' and plant trees too! In May, I traveled to the former Yugoslavia following the path of Jewish migration. Joining me was Cornell friend and roommate **Joan Solomon** Weiss. Also, I went to AIPAC meetings in Washington, DC, in March and spent three weeks in Israel in November 2017." Phyllis notes that Prof. **Urie Bronfenbrenner '38** had the greatest impact on her at Cornell: "My professional career is based on CD 101 and advanced courses from the CD/FR department. It was a privilege to study at Cornell." ❖ **Richard Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, derhoff@yahoo.com.

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Susan Rosenfeld Ledley (sledley@gmail.com) and her husband, Jim, recently moved to Greenwich Village and she is loving it. From her home on 5th Ave. it's an easy commute to both the Met and the Brooklyn Museum, where she volunteers as a tour guide for New York children through an organization named Artworks. Although her daughters live far away, visiting Hillary, who just gave birth, in Denver, and Erica in Maui is wonderful. Sue and her Cornell friends **Victor** and **Janice Milkman Berlin** and **Miles '67** and **Jeani Walton Haven** recently attended **Joy Kaufman** Karol's grandson's bar mitzvah in Boston and had a wonderful time.

George Loranger (georgeloranger@yahoo.com) and his wife, Sue, really get around, living about half the time in Hungary, wintering in Sarasota, FL, and living on a boat on Chautauqua Lake, NY, in the summer. For 22 years, George was the CEO of his family-owned high-tech plastics business headquartered in Warren, PA, with operations in Hungary supporting their European customers. The company also was the first to joint venture with the Hungarian government taking over former Soviet military bases, which they then converted into industrial parks. One of George's five children, with some help from George, is now in charge of industrial developments in Hungary. With five children and 12 grandchildren and three residences, George and Sue lead a very busy life. George says happily, "Life is good."

James Gutman and his wife, Kathy, just moved from their house in Laurel, MD, to live in a condo in a senior community in Columbia, MD, where Jim is semi-retired but still an adjunct assistant professor of writing at the U. of Maryland University College. Jim will be teaching a course in financial management for seniors this fall and has co-produced a Medicare Advantage conference for a private company each of the past two years. Jim still plays and co-manages a "geezer" baseball team and does volunteer work on healthcare issues for AARP-MD and Maryland's State Insurance Assistance Program. Jim and Kathy's daughter, Pamela, is an instructional designer for the Johns Hopkins U. Applied Physics Laboratory and has begun taking doctoral classes in that field at Columbia U.

Susan Tafler (suetafler@verizon.net) and her husband, Charles Koplik, have moved to Odenton, MD, to be near their grandchildren after living 50 years in the greater Boston area. Sue observes that judging from the people they are meeting at their adult (55-plus) community, she and Charles may be part of a national trend. **Frank Kelly** (frankoiskelly@gmail.com) and his wife, Diane, live in Centerbrook, CT, where Frank is the president of Kell-Strom Tool Co. Inc., which builds service tools for aircraft engines and sells specialty wire. Frank has a winter home in Naples, FL. He's getting the greatest satisfaction these days spending time with his family, which includes three grandchildren that Frank says "keep us young."

Warren Chane (chanew@gmail.com) and his wife, Victoria, live in Chatham, MA, on Cape Cod. Warren reports that the Sherwoods are scheduled to perform on Cape Cod on Sunday, September 8. He refers us to the Cornell Club of Cape Cod for details and suggests the performance is not to be missed. Please keep sending your news! We enjoy hearing from so many classmates. ❖ **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net.

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What a wonderful 50th Reunion! First off, Mother Nature provided us with four "10" days—thank you, ma'am! Thanks to our diligent Reunion committee—**Cynthia Nixon** DuBose, **Barbara Schultz** Spencer, **Charlotte Hildebrand** Bernini, and **Gail Taggart** Finan—who organized three days of a wonderful class headquarters, meals, and programs for the 495 attendees. Of the 495, 313 were classmates, and 42 were alums from other classes—even eight grandchildren (future Cornellians, we hope) enjoyed the weekend. Thanks also to the folks at Alumni Affairs who helped guide the committee along these past few years.

Our Friday and Saturday class dinners were held in Newman Arena at Bartels Hall, one of many new buildings on campus—and with so many options to choose from during Reunion it was difficult to choose where to go and what to see. A highlight for this correspondent and husband **Jeff Riedl '70** was a visit to Kroch Library's Rare and Manuscript Collections in Olin Library. Did you know that Kroch is home to an incredible collection of items, including one of only five handwritten copies of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address? The very knowledgeable docents on hand gave us a quick tutorial on manuscripts through the ages—techniques, preservation methods, ink development, etc. Kroch is definitely a must-stop on your next visit to campus.

Uris Auditorium was packed for our class forum, "How the Music of the '60s Shaped Our History." Three panelists, Prof. **Kent Hubbell**, **Jeff Small**, and **Roy Little** gave us an amazing presentation on the great music of that decade. The forum included live music from the Back Talk Band, with **Larry Krablin** filling in with tapes from that era, and was most ably moderated by **Joe Cervasio**. Thanks to co-presidents **Alan Cody** and **Charlotte Bruska** Gardner for coming up with the theme for the forum. Well done, all.

From the class forum, we hurried over to Bailey Hall for the Olin Lecture, featuring former Congressman Steve Israel, now director of the Inst. of Politics and Global Affairs at Cornell, and classmate **Stephen Hadley**, former assistant to the president for national security affairs from 2005 to 2009, serving under then National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice. The well-prepared and extremely interesting discussion centered on "raising the discourse and deepening understanding of domestic and international issues" was followed by a Q&A with the audience. Log on to Cornell's website to learn more about this new institute launched this year.

Cornell Annual Fund representatives **Lee Pillsbury** and **Jay Noyes** once again did an outstanding job. With a goal of 600 donors, as of this writing we have 592, and a total class gift totaling over $10 million. Among all the Reunion classes, the gift to Cornell was just shy of $150 million.

Saturday Cornelliana Night in Bailey was the hottest ticket in town and featured the Glee Club and Chorus. During the concert, **Ruth Bader** Ginsburg **'54** wished the alums an enjoyable Reunion via tape from her Washington office. Congratulations to the Glee Club, the oldest student organization on campus, on their 150th anniversary. Many Glee Club alums came back for the celebration, all in red shirts, singing along either on stage or in the audience.

At breakfast on Sunday we elected the following officers for the next five years: co-presidents **Greg Baum** and **Bob Tallo**; vice president **Rich Nalevanko**; vice president of communications and webmaster **John Wilkens**, ME '71; Reunion chairs Cindy Nixon DuBose and Charlotte Hildebrand Bernini; registration chairs **Larry**

and **Nancy Jenkins Krablin**; treasurer **Steve Tyler**; secretary **Ingrid Dieterle** Tyler; affinity chair **Jon Kaplan**, MD '74; class correspondent **Tina Economaki** Riedl.

We can't thank our class officers enough, especially co-presidents Alan Cody and Charlotte Bruska Gardner for their leadership these past five years. Your hard work and dedication made for a fantastic and successful 50th. Hats off to everyone! Log on to our website, Cornell69.org, for more Reunion info. Keep those cards and letters coming to: ❖ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl048@gmail.com.

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Countdown is just NINE MONTHS until we gather on the Hill to celebrate graduating from Cornell in May 1970! Make a note of the dates for our 50th Reunion: June 4-7, 2020. It's very important to contact friends and classmates now! Connect with every '70 classmate and friend you can think of to plan meeting in Ithaca in June 2020. Keep those ideas and suggestions coming to our amazing 50th Reunion chairs, **Sally Anne Levine**, JD '73, and **Cathy Forster** Hogan, for our weekend party and celebration. Volunteers interested in helping with our 50th Reunion (either before or during), contact Cathy and Sally Anne at this special 50th Reunion e-mail address: Cornell70Reunion50@gmail.com. And, as always, check out our '70 sites: our class website, cornell70.org; our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/Cornell70; and our Twitter page, www.twitter.com/CornellClass70. Have you moved recently, or do you have a new e-mail address? Please update your contact information at: cornellconnect.cornell.edu. When Cornell (and the Class of '70) has your current info, you will receive our future 50th Reunion and Class of '70 communications. Let's work together to make this our best '70 Reunion ever.

Charlie, JD '73, and **Debbi Gerard Adelman '71**, MS '74, are enjoying retirement and stay active in the dance world through board activity, attendance, and support. Spending time with daughter Karen, son and daughter-in-law **Mark '05** and **Amy Green Adelman '06**, and twin grandsons Eli and Andrew ('36?), who are all residents of NYC, brings them great joy. Charlie and Debbi help organize annual Pi Lambda Phi mini-reunions, most recently in January 2019 in South Florida with classmates **Steve Steinberg** and wife Jenny, **Steve Meyerson** and wife Linda, **Stuart Lemle** and wife Marian, **Art Litowitz** and wife June, and **Becky Van Buren**, widow of **Jeff Baer**, and her husband, Steve Blatt. They hope to see many classmates at our 50th in June 2020!

Jim '69 and **Vicky Bovee Ramakka** attended Jim's 50th Reunion in June 2019. Hope you will both attend Vicky's 50th next year! Vicky is happily retired from a career in post-secondary education administration. Now she is enjoying the freedom and time to write creatively. Vicky has published articles in local, regional, and national magazines, and some of these have won awards for personality profiles and feature magazine stories. In addition, she has been drawn into photography and volunteers as a site steward to monitor an archeological area in northwest New Mexico that has petroglyphs made by residents from Ancestral Puebloans to early Navajo to Hispanic settlers. Vicky's first full-length novel, *The Cactus Plot*, is a murder mystery with a botanist heroine who uses her knowledge of plant ecology to discover the culprit.

Thomas '69 and **Jean Myers Smith**, MS '72 (jean.smith48@gmail.com) continue to live in Glen Allen, VA, where they are enjoying their retirement. One of their daughters lives nearby. In March 2016, Jean and Thomas welcomed new grandson Caleb James to the family. He is the second son of Cornellians **Chris '04** and **Emily Smith DeBolt '04**. They have been doing some traveling, including going to Ithaca for Tom's 50th Reunion this past June, and they plan to attend our 50th next June. Jean reports that they are finally going to California in 2020. The trip, which has been on their bucket list for some time, will include time at Yosemite.

Paul and **Betsy Reed Guthrie** (Novato, CA; Betsy Guthrie@comcast.net) are both retired, Paul from work as a software development manager and Betsy as a project manager. She is becoming a hospice volunteer and is interested in becoming an end-of-life doula. "Retirement has taken Paul to some interesting places. He has written a book, *The Wrong God*, which is available on Amazon, and built several light sculptures for our camp at Burning Man, which we have been attending for eight years. Our inner hippies are still alive and well." They love to hike and camp, although they confess that they have finally purchased a used RV (mostly for Burning Man, but also because tenting has become more and more arduous). In April 2018, Betsy and Paul took a dory trip on the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon with OARS. This year, they're planning a trip to Scotland to visit the Guthrie Castle and take in the excavations on the Orkney Islands before they disappear into the sea.

Betsy and Paul have two grandchildren living outside D.C., as well as a daughter living close to them in California. The first person Betsy met at Cornell was her freshman roommate, **Sharon Huey** Persbacker, followed by **Sharon Gerl** in the room next door. They have all stayed in touch over the years. Betsy reminds us that in those days, Dickson 6 was all women and we had an 11 p.m. curfew during the week. If Paul and Betsy had a day in Ithaca, they write, "We would climb the clock tower, walk around the Arts Quad, complain about new buildings where there used to be grass, and then realize what we sound like and shut up and start appreciating them. We would also visit the suspension bridge and gaze down at the gorge." Their last stop would be a visit to Taughannock Falls. Betsy and Paul attended our 40th Reunion in June 2015 and hope to come to our 50th. ❖ **Connie Ferris** Meyer, cmf7@cornell.edu; tel., (610) 256-3088.

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Congratulations to **Andrew Tisch**, named one of the recipients of this year's Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award for his extraordinary service to Cornell!

"I'm in my seventh year in my second career as a journalism professor at Georgia College & State U.," reported **James Schiffman** (james.schiffman@gmail.com), "and I just got tenure. In my previous life as a working journalist, I was a reporter for UPI and the *Wall Street Journal*, and a writer/editor for CNN Int'l. My daughter, **Jessica Schiffman** Gaulton **'05**, is a practicing neonatologist in Philadelphia and has two beautiful children, Addie, 3, and William, 1-1/2. My son, Daniel, is a user-experience designer living in the Bay Area." James said he gets the most satisfaction from making a difference with his students and seeing his grandchildren. He'd love to come back to campus, just to "walk around and soak it all in."

Thomas Nally (tnally@abettercity.org) wrote, "I'm continuing what I have been doing for the past seven years"—which is working with A Better City in Boston on a range of projects. He also continues to serve as president of his neighborhood association in Brookline and is grateful that he can contribute to his local community. Checking in from Baltimore, **John Sawchuk** (jasawchuk@gmail.com) said, "I just retired after 40 years of cosmetic and family dentistry and am now cleaning out old junk in the basement until it's warm enough to play tennis outside." Even with his cleanup chores, John said he enjoys not being on a rigid daily schedule and being able to spend more time with his grandchildren. He hopes to be doing some traveling soon with his wife, **Gioia (Marchetti) '73**.

Rodo Sofranac (rodowrites@cox.net) sent news from Phoenix about his latest children's book, *The Red Tail on the Arizona Trail*, which he co-wrote with his wife, Susan. Rodo said he hopes the book will increase awareness of the Arizona Trail and encourage stewardship of the trail and other natural lands. To learn more about the book and Rodo's other work, visit his website: rodowrites.com. He said he's glad he can stay in touch with fellow Cornellians both through this column and at meetings of the Cornell Club of Arizona. "They are wonderful relationships!" Another accomplished writer from our class, **Howard Rodman** (howardrodman@gmail.com) has been busy promoting his new novel, *The Great Eastern*, "a sprawling, lavish anti-colonial adventure, set in New York, London, Paris, India, and the North Atlantic in the late 1800s," which was published by Melville House Books/Penguin Random House. In June, Howard appeared at author events at the Hammer Museum and Book Soup in Los Angeles and the Center for Fiction in Brooklyn, NY. His book is available at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, or (better yet) your local independent bookstore.

I heard from **Arthur Mintz** after Reunion 2019, who said he was glad to see classmates **Dot Preisner** Valachovic, **John Henrehan**, and **Craig Ewing**, MBA '72. Arthur was there to attend CRC events and sign copies of the book he co-wrote with me, **Jim Roberts**, *Forever Faithful: Celebrating the Greatest Moments of Cornell Hockey*, at the Cornell Store. Our book chronicles 24 of the greatest games played by the Big Red men's and women's teams, including the men's celebrated victory over Providence at Lynah Rink on March 6, 1979. In that game, the team rallied from a 5-1 deficit in the third period to win in overtime. The game-winning goal was scored by **Robbie Gemmel '79**, who attended his 40th Reunion this year. Arthur said he was glad to see Robbie and reported that they spent a half-hour reminiscing about "several topics, part Cornell hockey-related and part how the last 40 years have played out."

'Best day at Cornell: Every day the sky was blue, especially after completing final exams.'

JEFF BENJAMIN '67

In more somber news, **Richard Quaranto**, MBA '72 (quonzo@hotmail.com) sent his regrets on the passing of his Alpha Sigma Phi brother **George Hagerty**: "He leaves his wife, Gretchen, sons Andrew and James, daughters-in-law Christine and Emily, and grandchildren Anna, Sarah, and George, as well as four brothers and three sisters. After Cornell, George graduated from St. Johns U. School of Law and worked in the tax practice of a large accounting firm before starting his own practice. His family was by far his first priority, but he also had many friends as well as the respect of his loyal clients, almost all of whom stayed with him for many years. George battled cancer for more than seven years before succumbing. He will be sorely missed."

Please send your updates and remember to support our class and renew your CAM subscription by paying your dues. Send news to: ❖ **Jim Roberts**, jhr22@cornell.edu; or **Gayle Yeomans**, gay2@cornell.edu. Online news form, http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/.

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Gerard Langeler is director of communications and research for the National Vote at Home Inst. (www.voteathome.org), an organization dedicated to improving democracy by persuading states in the East and Midwest to embrace voting practices already adopted in Oregon, Washington State, Colorado, and Utah. Gerry explains: "Where I live in Oregon, every registered voter receives a ballot in the mail for every election, automatically. Then after filling it out, we can drop it in a secure 24/7 drop box, bring it to a staffed vote center, or mail it back. The result is turnout in the 2018 midterms of 10 percent higher than polling place-centric jurisdictions. When we enable everyone to vote and make it convenient enough so that they do, I believe some of the polarization we see today will, slowly, dissipate."

World traveler **Patricia Guy** recently planned a trip up the West Coast on the Coast Starlight train with stops along the way. Then in July she will be heading to the once-every-five-years Estonian Song Festival known as "Laulupidu," followed by a stop in Munich. She may go to Japan in the fall and hopes to be in the Arctic or Antarctic for her 70th birthday next February. **Irwin Rosenfeld** says he "retired from the practice of psychiatry after 73 years of work (averaged 80 hours per week for 36 years). Now I play competitive bridge, visit my children and grandchildren in Washington State, sing in a choir, and recently starred in a musical play, where I received excellent reviews. I will be auditioning at local theaters to sing and act in other plays and musicals." Irwin recently went to New York City for a day and met up with his best childhood friend for the first time in 46 years.

John Roberts is a senior mechanical engineer at Dewberry Engineers in Raleigh, NC. He designs mechanical systems for institutional clients with a primary focus on healthcare facilities. Together with Dan Koenigshofer of Dewberry, John published an article in the *ASHRAE Journal*, "Do OA [Outdoor Air] Economizers Make 'Cents' in Hospitals?" The article states: "Outdoor air economizer systems became popular after the oil embargo in the 1970s. Their logic is as simple as opening windows on a nice day. When used and functioning properly, economizers save energy. Thus, they have gained widespread acceptance by engineers and owners. Unfortunately, also like windows, they will waste energy if open when it is too hot, cold, humid, or dry."

Robert Kutcher was installed as the 79th president of the Louisiana State Bar Assn. on June 6, 2019. **Clifford Donn** teaches criminology at Le Moyne College in Syracuse, NY. He has ten grandchildren, the oldest of whom is leaving for college this year. Clifford sometimes visits Ithaca, where he likes to walk on the Cornell campus, bike around Cayuga Lake, get ice cream at Purity, and visit with Prof. **David Lipsky '61**, who just retired. **Kenneth Nusbaum**, DVM '76, is a professor emeritus at Auburn U. and still teaches there, together with teaching as an adjunct at Stetson and Embry-Riddle. He also chairs the board of the Marine Discovery Center and writes grants for the Halifax Sailing Assn.

Arnold Friedman just switched to 60 percent of full-time employment at the Veterans Administration. He keeps busy with Pilates, tennis, outside contracts, and family—"not necessarily in that order." **James Vaughn** recently celebrated his youngest son's graduation from Clemson U., another land-grant institution. What brings him the most satisfaction in life these days is "not watching the popular news" and having both of his sons in good jobs. ❖ **Gary Rubin**, GLR34@cornell.edu; **Alex Barna**, ab478@cornell.edu.

> **'There's nothing like seeing one's play on the stage.'**
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> MONA DEUTSCH MILLER '73

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As you read this, school will be back in session, but as I write this, summer is just beginning. Seattle actually recorded a high of 95 degrees, and there are 23 Democrats who think they should be president.

After running his own architecture practice for many years, **Stephen Mallon** (Wyndmoor, PA; smallon@archimg.com) is now designing software applications instead of buildings. His next transition will be to focus on music performance and composition. He sings with the 100-voice Bucks County Choral Society and is also a member of Corpus Mundi, a 16-voice male a cappella group, and has even had a few of his own compositions performed. His best day at Cornell? Being part of a performance of Mahler's *Symphony No. 2* conducted by Karel Husa at Bailey Hall. **Bruce Bowlus** (Ridgefield, CT; bjbowlus@comcast.net) still commutes daily into New York working for ING as a risk manager. His older daughter was married last summer and his son serves in the Army, stationed in North Carolina. He volunteers with the local Boy Scouts—and what better off-hours pursuit for a risk manager than to work with an organization whose motto is "Be Prepared."

David and **Christine Dickieson Pesses** keep themselves busy in Gloversville, NY, where, as an employed physician, David gets enough vacation to rejuvenate. Chris is still volunteering as board president of the town's newly renovated Carnegie library. They've gone from having no grandchildren in 2013 to having four—two boys and two girls. The kids live in Brazil, Chicago, and Connecticut, but they stay close thanks to FaceTime. **Fred Yosca** (fyosca@gmail.com) lives in Lynbrook, NY, with wife Patricia and is still trading municipal bonds at BNY Mellon Capital Markets. Retirement isn't sufficiently tempting just yet, but he'll still be out climbing the Adirondacks with 13-year-old grandson Sam, and teaching Sam's brother Robby the art of pitching—as in baseball, not investments. Fred visited Cornell last spring for the 150th anniversary of the Cornell baseball program, and he's heard from classmates **Matt Horn**, **Steve Storey**, **Jon Shure**, and **John Mangiameli**.

Robert Rice (Liberty Hill, TX) is in his 43rd year as an attorney, the last 38 years of which were in Austin, with breaks for Army Reserve duty—although now as a retired colonel, he stays close to home. He's active in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, where he trains and coaches endurance runners for marathons, helping to raise money for blood cancer research. He's personally raised over $50,000. Robert's son is a federal police officer in D.C. with five kids; his step-daughter and her Army colonel husband have two. As for his best day at Cornell: graduation. He says the sense of accomplishment has stayed with him for 46 years. **Mark Twentyman** writes from Kinderhook, NY, where he lives with wife Linda, that he is still working with Sotheby's Int'l Realty. In March he traveled to Vail, CO, with fellow Alpha Sigs **Roland Aberg**, **Jack Lawlor**, ME '74, and **Randy John '70**, MBA '73. Epic snow; no injuries. Son **Michael '99** works with TED Talks and lives with wife Becky, an MD at the CDC in Atlanta; they have two sons.

Mona Deutsch Miller lives in L.A. with husband Steven and continues to practice civil litigation part time. Her passion is writing plays and short stories; *American Writers Review* published her debut short story and selected another for the summer 2019 issue. In May one of her plays had a public reading and another had a four-day run in Hollywood. Here's a link: https://newplayexchange.org/users/15609/mona-deutsch-miller. She reports there's nothing like seeing one's play on the stage. Daughter Thais is married and pursuing her PhD in literature at UC Santa Cruz. Mona doesn't get much time to travel, but she does plan to make it back to Manhattan for her 50th high school reunion in 2020. On her memories of Cornell: "I didn't realize how much nourishment I was receiving from the gorges, the waterfalls, and the trees until after I left."

Denise Meridith (Phoenix, AZ; denisemeridithconsultants@cox.net) has been running her own public and community affairs firm for 18 years. Before that she spent 29 years with the Federal Bureau of Land Management. Among her major projects: the new NFL stadium in Phoenix and the designation of four national monuments. Her next venture is the World's Best Connectors LLC, a virtual community and executive think tank. Check it out www.thewbcs.com and contact Denise if you're ready to revive the idealistic spirit we had at Cornell. That spirit inspired her book, *Thoughts While Chillin': Autobiography of a Black Public Servant*, whose chapters include "Getting High Above Cayuga's Waters."

Janet Gayler Fallon (Elkton, MD; fallonrd@comcast.net) has retired from her job as a biochemist at Siemens, and spouse **Bob** has retired from DuPont. After retirement they sailed and motored their Pearson 34 from Baltimore to Cape Coral, FL, where they dock at her dad's place. They also sailed around the Chesapeake for a few summers. When they're not at sea, Janet teaches at Fair Hill Nature Center and they both volunteer at a summer science camp in Delaware. They have two granddaughters, 5 and 3, who live close enough that they can

volunteer for weekend childcare. Janet's memories of Cornell include meeting Bob in the hockey ticket line, but she writes that it's all a fog.

Patti Miller Ross **'72** and I have finally welcomed our first grandchild, who has just learned to sit up, and who, by the time you read this, should be crawling and babbling and networking with her childcare mentor group. ❖ **David Ross**, dlross6@msn.com; **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu; **Pamela Meyers**, psmeyers73@gmail.com. Online news form, http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/.

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Both of your faithful class correspondents were at Reunion, but we asked that this column be written by immediate past president **Dale Lazar**, JD '77, and current president **Shelley Cosgrove** DeFord. Here are their comments on that superb weekend:

Our class celebrated our 45th Reunion in great style in Ithaca! The weather gods were with us as we enjoyed three straight days of warm, sunny, clear, blue-sky weather. We broke records for 45th Reunion attendance and fundraising! One highlight of the weekend was a breakfast talk by Cornell President Martha Pollack, who shared an update on the university's current challenges and opportunities, discussed the impact that US immigration policy has on bringing new and diverse faculty and students to Cornell, and reiterated the importance of strong links between the Cornell Tech campus in NYC and Ithaca.

Another highlight was our evening of Cornell trivia, Cornell crosswords, and "Note-ables" music performed by classmates. Can you name the best-selling ice cream at the Cornell Dairy? Can you identify the "Campus creature that emerges once a year"? What about "Lake located far below campus"? Other interesting facts were that the Phi Gamma Deltas had the largest affinity group and that the Clara Dickson affinity group had a fun tour of Dickson. The RA affinity group also had a special meeting. Those two efforts were led by **Patty Barker** von Reyn.

We were joined at Reunion by both of our class scholars: Class of 1974 Scholarship recipient **Wendolin** "Wendi" **Gonzalez '20** (Architecture) and **Christopher Reeve '74** Scholarship recipient **William Opoku Nnuro Jr. '21**. The latter scholarship is given to a student in the Theatre Arts program, in memory of Reeve. Wendi grew up in High Point, NC, and planned to work with a Boston architecture firm this past summer. She returned to Reunion from the Cornell in Rome program and sent us a letter about her time in Italy: "My experience in Rome has been incredible. I still have yet to get over the shock of living ten minutes from the Pantheon. Everywhere I go there's a monument that I had seen hundreds of times in books growing up. I used to flip through magazines and sketch from pictures, but now I can actually go see these in person. It feels as though I just arrived yesterday and in the blink of an eye the semester is coming to an end. The field trips around Italy and to Berlin have been great and I've been able to see not just Rome but much of Italy. Thankfully, classes aren't as rigorous so I can spend afternoons soaking up the culture."

William wrote, "Until this weekend, I did not know how big of an honor the Christopher Reeve '74 Scholarship was. I learned a great deal about him and all the good he did, but what I also learned was that the whole Class of '74 is truly notable. I talked to as many of you as I could, and each conversation gave me a burst of inspiration and hope for my future. I can't stress enough how grateful I am, because so few people get the opportunities I've gotten at such a young age, especially coming all the way from Ghana. I'll admit that I was a little nervous about meeting everyone and especially about performing on stage [he performed a fun rap he wrote about our class], but that feeling did not last long. You made me laugh, you made me learn, and most of all you made me feel welcomed. I thought the only family I would have in college were my fellow schoolmates, but I was wrong. So from the bottom of my heart I say thank you all. I will make you proud one day, count on it!"

We welcomed 18 classmates for whom this was their first Reunion. Most said it won't be their last! These first-timers came from as far away as Oregon, South Carolina, and Wisconsin and as close as Massachusetts and New York. Another cohort of classmates came back for the first time since our 5th Reunion. It's never too late, so remember that for our 50th (eek!) Reunion in 2024.

Thanks for helping to make our 45th Reunion such a success! ❖ **Jim Schoonmaker**, js378@cornell.edu; **Lucy Babcox** Morris, lucmor1433@gmail.com.

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I just returned from Ithaca, where I attended Cornell's 2019 Reunion. Fellow class officers **Susan Fulton** (Reunion chair), **Pam Hanna** (VP affinity and treasurer), co-correspondent **Joan Pease**, and I, **Deb Gellman**, MBA '82, did some scouting out for our 45th Reunion next June 4-7, 2020! The weather was gorgeous, the lectures were timely and interesting, and the Class of '74 was very hospitable to us! Just walking around campus brings up great memories and new buildings to check out! Please put the dates on your calendar or in your phone to join us. Furthermore, we are looking for classmates who would like to be class officers to lead up to our 50th Reunion (to serve June 2020-25). You can volunteer in many ways, large or small, to help classmates connect. If you are interested, please contact current class president **Louise Vacca** Dawe (Ldawe75@gmail.com) or me (dsgellman@hotmail.com). Also, if you have any ideas, suggestions, or questions about Reunion '20, please contact me and I will route you to the right knowledgeable person!

If you have recently moved and/or have a new e-mail address, please contact me with updates. You don't want to miss out on future Reunion communications. If you need help reaching out to classmates from your dorm, sorority, fraternity, team, or affinity club to see if they are coming or encourage them to return for Reunion, please contact Pam Hanna (phannamenz@gmail.com) and she will try to help make those connections. She would welcome help organizing affinity group returnees to Reunion. Congrats to Pam, who is a first-time grandma now, to baby Leo Thomas, born March 1 in Kansas City, MO, to son **Matt Menzenski '09** and daughter-in-law Sarah. According to Pam, he is the smartest, most intelligent child ever!

On to some news from classmates responding to the News and Dues mailing (you should try it sometime!). **Joseph Levitt** (joelevitt53@verizon.net) writes from Gaithersburg, MD, where he lives with wife **Barbara (Shumaker)**. Barbara reconnected with former roommate **Marilyn Yodlowski**, an orthopedic surgeon in Oregon who was in town visiting one of her daughters. Another roommate, **Jane Barnard Kerber** and husband **Jurgen**, **MA '75**, visited the Levitts' Delaware vacation home from Pine City, NY. Joe says that his best day at Cornell was the day he met Barbara! **Joanne Bicknese**, DVM '78 (bicknesj@verizon.net) is from Cream Ridge, NJ, where she works part time at harness racetracks and takes care of many breeds of animals at Locustwood Farm. She loves being a former veterinarian and an advocate for Standardbred racehorses who can no longer race. Her best day at Cornell was when she was accepted to the Cornell Vet college. She recently enjoyed a tailgate with some of her Delta Gamma sisters at the Cornell Club. **Paul Morris** (Oradell, NJ; morrisdo@aol.com) and wife **Marcia (Langwell) '74** recently enjoyed a private tour of the exhibit "Women Empowered: Fashion from the Frontlines" at Martha Van Rensselaer. Joining them were **Margaret Cangilos-**Ruiz **'74** and husband **Frank Ruiz '72** and **John Foote '74** and wife **Kris Rupert '74**.

Dick Simon (rsimon@rsiholdings.com) lives in Waltham, MA, where he is actively involved with organizations pursuing FDA and European Medical Assn. clinical trials of psychedelic medicines as treatments for mental health issues such as PTSD and depression. He is working to shift public perspective, to reduce stigmatization related to the use of such medicines and training therapists, and with researchers studying these types of medicines.

Eric Rosenblum (eprosenblum@gmail.com) has wonderful memories of Cornell and Ithaca. After three years of living and working in NYC, he got married and worked as an architect in Princeton, NJ, where they have lived for almost 40 years. He has his own company, EPR Resources, a development and project management business.

John Czelusniak, MBA '76, lives in Spencerport, NY, with wife Maureen. He retired in March of this year after 43 years in financial planning at Eastman Kodak and Carestream Health. He and Maureen went on a Viking River cruise in Paris and Normandy and took a side trip to Germany to visit their niece on a US military base in Stuttgart. Retirement plans include spending more time with daughter **Sandy Czelusniak Diaz '07** and her husband **Erick, ME '07**, and their four children in Natick, MA. On a recent trip to Massachusetts, they had a chance to catch up with **Bob** and Kathy **Seiple**, who also have grandkids in the Boston area.

On a final, sad note, my dear friend and college roommate **Lynn Arrison Harrison** lost her husband of 43 years, **Ridgely** "Chip" **Harrison III '74**, in April in a bicycle accident in Florida. Chip retired as president of the Minwax Co. in 2000 after a 26-year career. Lynn retired in 2017 from the law firm of Nusbaum Stein in New Jersey and they called Saranac Lake, NY, their home. They enjoyed hosting friends and family (son Ridgely IV and wife Rachel with daughters Hayden and Claire, daughter Katie and husband Joey with son Dean, and son Willie). Chip loved golf, cycling, boating, moving wood around, and drinking wine!

Please take a few minutes to send us highlights of your life after Cornell, college friends you have seen, and memorable moments on and off campus, and we'll share the news in our upcoming columns. ❖ **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, boroffka@shu.edu; **Mitch Frank**, mjfgator@gmail.com; **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com.

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Greetings! I am writing this as the summer is about to begin. My husband, **Don Sussman**, MBA '79, and I have been recently blessed with our third grandchild, Max, first child of our second son, Kenny, and his wife, Kaitlyn. Classmate **Judith Motzkin** writes from Cambridge, MA: "I am honored and thrilled to report that I was selected for a 2019 Massachusetts Artist Fellowship. I'm working on a project called All in the Same Boat. Started in 2017 in Cambridge, then in 2018 public sculpture in Shanghai, the current iteration is funded with a grant from Cambridge Arts Council, a local agency, and Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. I will work with immigrants in my community, offering an

opportunity to participate by making a head in clay. The collected heads will be gathered into a boat sculpture, representing our shared concerns and experience, celebrating our likenesses and individualities." Judith is making progress in her Chinese language efforts and teaching about calligraphy and Chinese culture.

Wendy Schessel Harpham writes from Dallas, TX, that she delivered two inaugural lectures: the 2019 Nancy Solana Lecture in the Medical Humanities at U. of Texas Southwestern Medical School, "Healing Hope for Physicians: Living Well and Caring Well," in Dallas, TX, on March 27, 2019; and the Philip P. Bonanni Humanism in Medicine lecture at Rochester (NY) Regional Health, "Healing Hope: The Promise of Healthy Survivorship," on May 7, 2019. Wendy continues to write about cancer survivorship in her regular column in *Oncology Times*, as a guest writer in ASCO Post and other publications, and on her blog on Healthy Survivorship. On the home front, all three children have settled in Dallas. Wendy's three grandchildren live within two miles of her, with two more grandchildren on the way.

Anthony Abeykoon, **MPS '76**, writes from Sri Lanka, where he has retired from public service and continues to work in the private sector. Recently, the Population Assn. of Sri Lanka awarded him the gold medal for "outstanding scholarly contribution to the field of demography and population studies." Since his retirement from public service in 2006, Anthony has been working as a senior fellow at the Inst. for Health Policy and has collaborated in a number of international research projects related to population and health. I wish you all the very best. Please send us some news you would like to share! ❖ **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, Krinsk54@gmail.com; **Pat Relf** Hanavan, patrelf1@gmail.com; **Lisa Diamant**, Ljdiamant@verizon.net.

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There's a lot of news from our classmates this month, so I'll get right to it. **Brenda Peterman** Kline retired in 2018 but works occasionally as a clinical nutrition specialist at INOVA Fair Oaks Hospital in Fairfax, VA. She and husband Jim also bought a new house (a.k.a. "final home") in Willowsford, a farm-to-table community in Aldie, VA. Brenda enjoys spending time with her family including her two adult children and her seven grandchildren, ages 3 to 14. She also likes to play tennis and golf, take long walks with her dog, read, and exercise. Additionally, Brenda keeps busy with travel and entertaining houseguests and family.

Jeff Earickson, MS '80, retired on August 30, shortly after his 64th birthday. He writes that he will start retirement with a three-week trip to Canada, and "after that, ugh, dunno." He expects the rest of the world will have ideas about his free time. Jeff is hoping he'll be playing lots of golf in summer 2020. Unfortunately, rotator cuff surgery in March 2019 prevented him from golfing this summer. Jeff is also president of the trustees for the Kennebec Water District in Waterville, ME.

Leslie Herzog writes that Stocking Hall, home to Cornell's Dept. of Food Science, recently underwent a much-needed renovation. To help support the renovation, Leslie and his wife, Jacqueline, donated funds to name the product development lab in their honor. The lab—which was officially dedicated in a naming ceremony held in April 2019—will be called the Leslie J. Herzog 1977 and Jacqueline H. Beckley Food Product Innovation Lab. Leslie writes that naming the lab appealed to him as he spent his entire 37-year career developing new products for Unilever. He notes that future generations of food scientists will work in this lab developing products for classes and team competitions. Leslie continues to serve on food service advisory councils at Cornell, UC Davis, and Michigan State U. He retired just over four years ago but is busier than ever reading four to five newspapers a day and keeping up with trends in the food industry. Leslie and Jacqueline recently completed a 24-day trip to the Antarctic. He writes, "If it's not on your bucket list, it should be. It was extraordinary."

Cynthia Fairbank Lewis has been deputy director and scientific researcher at the Florida Keys Marine Laboratory since 2008. In May 2019, she earned her PhD from Florida International U., Miami, FL, documenting the effects of recent hyper-thermal events on symbiosis, disease, and the microbial community in the threatened pillar coral (*Dendrogyra cylindrus*). Cynthia states that she gets the most satisfaction these days from managing the living genetic ark to be used for future restoration efforts of the pillar coral.

Herbert Lawrence Jr. is working hard to maintain his 13 handicap at his golf club. Between rounds, he's embarked on a novel-writing adventure, which is proving to be great fun. He has been married to his wife, Rhonda, for 40 years. Their daughter, Tamika, left home after college to seek a career on the Broadway stage. To date she has performed in *Rent*, *The Book of Mormon*, *If/Then*, and *Matilda*, among others. He states, "Naturally, I visit her often." Herbert recalls his first day on campus as "breathtaking . . . the greenery framed by a beautiful blue sky," and wishes he could be starting his first year at Cornell all over again.

Seth Berman, ME '78, lives in Marblehead, MA, with wife Amy Cohn. They have two children, one of whom is just finishing graduate school while the other starts this fall. Seth works full time as a structural engineer. He shared that at least twice a week he refers to an old textbook from his undergraduate studies! He also enjoys history and wishes he "could read history books from morning 'til night." Seth took two 20th-century history classes at Cornell and since then has been trying to finish all the books on the reading list! He enjoys riding his bicycle around the North Shore of Massachusetts, whenever the weather is nice, and gets satisfaction from spending time with friends old and new.

Sheryl Checkman continues her work as a graphic designer at her company, Sheryl Checkman Design LLC. She also sells her line of T-shirts, Life is Balance, on her website (lifeisbalance.com) and on Amazon. Additionally, Sheryl works as a background actor when she finds time. She has worked on over 20 different TV shows or movies since last summer. She says you might have seen her in "God Friended Me," "The Black List," or "Madam Secretary"—"if you didn't blink!" Sheryl writes that the 12- to 14-plus-hour days can be exhausting, but it's fun to do and she's met some really interesting people along the way.

We enjoy hearing from you and having the opportunity to share your stories with our fellow classmates. Please keep all of your news and views coming in via the online news form at: http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/. Or write to either of us at: ❖ **Mary Flynn**, maryflynn1@me.com; or **Howie Eisen**, heisen@pennstatehealth.psu.edu.

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Greetings, '78ers! It was a mere 45 years ago that we set foot on campus with wide eyes and wilder dreams. This column celebrates two classmates who combined dream fulfillment with a long track record of service to Cornell. Congratulations to **Sheryl Hilliard** Tucker and **Mary Bowler** Jones for receiving Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Awards this year. The Rhodes Award is the premier alumni recognition Cornell offers. Class president **Kent Sheng** was among the recipients of this award in 2014. Sheryl has served on the university's board of trustees. Mary has served as a class officer throughout our tenure as alums. Parents attending our Reunions will remember the amazing kids' rooms that Mary set up, ably assisted by daughter **Sophie Jones '20**. **Mary** and **Cynthia Kubas** crashed '79's Reunion in June, where they also caught up with **Susanne Solomon**. To paraphrase Mary: "Reunion is more relaxing when you aren't in charge of the program."

There are still students in our midst, whether children or ourselves. **Ron Frier**'s son **Daniel '19** received his degree in Information Science. **Mick Rogers** (Davis, CA) wrote: "I am working through the summer on revisions of my dissertation at Smith College School for Social Work on teaching advocacy to second-year Master of Social Work students in clinical field placements and hope to defend successfully in September. **Pam Marrone** and I celebrate our 41st wedding anniversary before I take off from Davis to teach second-year clinical social work practice over the summer at Smith in Northampton, MA. Pam is working hard leading Marrone Bio Innovations and volunteering at American Women in Science (AWIS) as their treasurer and as a Cornell trustee." **John McDonald** (Winthrop, MA) works at JCJ Architecture in Boston, designing buildings for higher education. He and wife **Debi (Lacey) '79**, MArch '93, have a daughter studying animal science at UMass, Amherst.

Some of our classmates are retired in name only. **James Hoffman** (Seattle, WA) is one of them. James wrote: "Been retired now after selling my business four-plus years ago. I don't know how I had time to work; I have been so busy! I have heard that before from others, and now I know what they mean. Busy with friends, volunteering in the community, playing music (mostly rock), lots of traveling (mostly international), reading, staying fit (five days a week at the Y), and putting time in the garden." If given a day in Ithaca, "I would visit my old haunts in Collegetown (or find out they are not there!), walk the campus, go to Buttermilk Falls and the other local parks, and visit downtown Ithaca (must go back to Moosewood!)." **Steve Hodgson** and wife Laurie have moved to Leland, NC, to enjoy retirement. Steve worked for many years as a benefits consultant and the last ten years as an elementary school teacher. **Kathleen** "Katie" **Lankford** Morgan (klmorganwork@gmail.com) lives in the Los Angeles area and would enjoy hearing from classmates.

Jeffrey Lefkowitz is a gastroenterologist in a "still proudly independent practice" in Fair Lawn, NJ. He and wife Mona traveled to northern Italy with Cornell for their 35th anniversary. Last year they also visited the Basque Country of Spain and France with Cornell. Also getting the traveling jones is **George Corneil** (Toronto, ON), who went to Germany this summer with **Jeff Schmalz '77**. George plays old-timers' hockey on a weekly basis. Both Jeffrey and George married off sons in the last year.

Lastly, two musical memories of note, so to speak. **Kate Schnare Foulke** (Portland, OR) reported that her best day at Cornell was May 8, 1977, when the Grateful Dead played Barton Hall. Kate worked the show with her then-boyfriend (later husband), **Doug**, for the Cornell Concert Commission. Doug was production manager; Kate worked hospitality. More recently, Kate took a birding trip to Saskatchewan with her nephew and is a volunteer coordinator for an arts festival to support the Portland Audubon Society. **Bonnie Greenfield** Warren recalled her best day as when her band Silverwood

debuted at the Student Union in September 1977. She's still writing songs and managing a band. That's all the news for this issue. Keep healthy and keep in touch! ❖ **Cindy Fuller**, cindy@cindyjfuller.com; **Ilene Shub** Lefland, ilene.lefland@gmail.com.

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Oh, what a time / Early June back in '19 / What a very special time for me / As I remember, what a time. Our 40th Reunion was awesome. Classmates and others came from near and far to reconnect with Cornell and each other. We met old friends and made new ones, found connections we never knew we had, and basically celebrated with a four-day party. Some classmates have attended every Reunion; for others, this was their first. Many people are already talking about returning for our 45th Reunion and getting together with classmates in the meantime. **Karen Mineo** and **Steve Magacs** did a magnificent job hosting a flawless event from start to finish, with a strong assist from many class officers including **Larry Stone**. They even arranged the perfect weather!

We had many wonderful class events that mainly centered around food, including ice cream, and lots of wine provided by classmates who own Swedish Hill Winery (**Dave Peterson**) and Dr. Konstantin Frank (**Frederick Frank**), along with a wide panoply of Cornell events. Many classmates toured the Wilkinson Family Wine Library in Stocking Hall, donated by classmate **John Wilkinson**, to see the shelves of wines that are used for teaching and research. At the same time, others attended an incredible concert and push for political activism by **Peter Yarrow '59** of Peter, Paul and Mary fame. On Saturday night we had many laughs during our class slideshow and found it pretty amusing how styles have changed.

We heard from many exuberant classmates: "This has been an amazing weekend!" "Amazing 40th Reunion!" "So amazing to be back at Cornell after 30 years." "Thanks for all who worked so hard to pull off a fabulous Reunion!" "My 40th Reunion, and it was better than ever." "What a turnout and what a weekend!"

Bob Lipman, ME '81, spent a lot of time with his freshman dormmate **Deborah Klein** Goldberger. Bob is a grandfather, parent, cancer survivor, and patient advocate, who spent 38 years doing engineering research for the federal government. Deborah traveled all the way from California. Twenty-eight years ago, she moved to Los Angeles with husband Gary and their twin 6-month-old girls for her job with Eastman Kodak in the motion picture division. Since then, she has been a translator for NSA, a strategic planner for EDS, and producer of children's TV; then she started her own business for aquatic therapy/rehabilitation and fitness, Just Add Water! She says she loves paying it forward every day with her clients. "It's been a thrill to see everyone reconnect and to see Cornell in its glory. Love this place and always will!"

Bob and Deborah were surprised to find out they went to camp with **Mary Wilensky** Kahn. Everything is so interconnected! Mary is still living in Philly—but is a New Yorker at heart! She recently retired as a technology consultant and is filling her time with various activities—museum craft show, Philadelphia Film Festival, Cornell Club, synagogue membership, Mahjong, and classes at Temple U. She travels often with husband Stuart; their favorite trips include NYC and Pittsburgh to see their daughters and granddaughters.

Larry Bunis (Cherry Hill, NJ) said that reconnecting with old friends and making new friends has been the best part of Reunion—and it's been good to see that none of us have changed. Being back has been energizing and he wants to get involved with our class. Cornell has long been in his family's blood and he's already looking forward to continuing this tradition and returning to our next Reunion. Son **Dan '12** graduated from the Engineering college, and Larry looks forward to seeing him come back too. **Jennifer Grabow** Brito and husband Ralph also live in New Jersey and were thrilled to return to Cornell. They haven't missed a Reunion yet! "It's so wonderful to be able to come back every five years and pick up with the people we haven't seen, right where we left off. Our class officers, Reunion chairs, and clerks do a heroic job to pull off this terrific event each time." They loved the Stocking Hall tour (and anything that has to do with food) and said that their first Cornelliana Night was so much fun! "See you in five years (2024)!"

It is likely that you have heard the story of Dutch elm disease on the Cornell campus (please be patient, dear reader; I shall soon turn these lemons into lemonade). The last of the iconic elms succumbed to disease in our freshman year, 1976. As part of our 40th celebration (have you saved the dates?), you and your classmates are establishing the Class of 1980 Memorial Elm Grove on the Arts Quad, a literal stone's throw from the statue of Andrew Dickson White, on whose lap most of us have sat. We will dedicate eight trees during Reunion weekend and will use the grove as a backdrop for photos in the years to come. Our elms will be a memorial to Anita and all of our classmates who left us too soon, and a place where future Cornellians might deliberate, meditate, and contemplate, and generate ideas that transform our world.

> **'Jeff Earickson expects the rest of the world will have ideas about his free time.'**
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> MARY FLYNN '77

Elizabeth Kutscher Rosenstein is still teaching third grade in Chatham, NJ, and is a proud mom of two daughters. Her older daughter was recently married and her younger daughter just graduated with her MBA. **Russ** and Roz **Stahl** said Reunion was better than ever. "So great to reconnect with classmates, teammates, and brothers." They especially enjoyed the talks by National Security Advisor **Stephen Hadley '69**, moderated by former Congressman Steve Israel, and Trump whisperer **Leonard Leo '87**, JD '89, in discussion with **Ari Melber**, **JD '09**, of MSNBC. "And the Glee Club—wow!" **Jeff Rothstein** said, "Amazing 40th Reunion! One of the best. **Monica (Rogers) '80** and I have been in Connecticut for 25 years. Love coming to Reunions and to Ithaca in general. I'm still working in project team management in New York. We have two married sons and one grandson. Love biking, hiking, and being outdoors! Go Big Red!"

We have a new class correspondent, **Danna Levy**, who swapped class jobs with **Kathy Zappia** Gould, who wrote our class columns for 25 years! Our columnists want to hear your news so we can share it with our classmates. Please send it to: ❖ **Linda Moses**, lindakmoses@gmail.com; **Cynthia Ahlgren** Shea, cynthia.shea@sothebyshomes.com; or **Danna Levy**, dannaGOA@gmail.com.

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One rarely hears that foresight is 20/20, but your scribe can confidently predict that those attending our 40th Reunion on June 4-7, 2020 will have a weekend long remembered, at least to the extent that people our age can remember things. Save the dates on your 2020 calendar now! More on this to follow.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of **Anita Schonberger** Keel last May after a courageous battle with cancer. Anita earned an undergraduate degree in Human Development and Family Studies, and in 1984 graduated from the Washington College of Law at American U. Throughout her career, Anita was a selfless servant of those in need, working as a legal aid in Maryland representing abused and neglected children, advocating for the elderly in their receipt of public assistance and social security benefits, and investigating discrimination for the Broward County Human Rights Commission. She leaves Anthony, her husband of two years.

Continuing on the tree theme, **Carol Treusdell** Ottman is a docent at Thomas Jefferson's retreat home, Poplar Forest. She is an inveterate traveler, having visited Paris more than 30 times. Carol wishes she could "redo" her Cornell experience knowing what she knows now (get a taste of that concept on June 4-7, 2020!). Carol and husband Gerald have two sons with careers as software developers.

Speaking of the great outdoors, for our 40th Reunion we are planning a bird walk at the Lab of O, boating on Cayuga Lake, yoga, and a Cascadilla Gorge hike. Communing with Mother Earth is the volunteering focus of **Lucille Muccin** Oricchio. She recently completed the Master Gardener Program at UConn and encourages focus on native plants in her work at the Bartlett Arboretum in Stamford. Last December, she attended the "best party ever" in New Orleans (where else?), as her son was married in grand style.

Grace Sharples Cooke is associate secretary for advancement and relationship at Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. This job integrates all she learned at *Glamour Magazine* and combines well with her fundraising background. The focus of this organization and her position specifically is the future of the Quaker faith. "Who knew Quakers could be so interesting?" she writes.

The release of *Happy Birthday, Mr. Muffins* is upon us, and author **Bill Pagum** hopes you pick up a copy before Quentin Tarantino gets hold of the story and wrecks it. This book is a sequel to *The Adventures of Mr. Muffins*, and chronicles the zany life of Bill's Yorkshire terrier, who seems to look for fun in all the wrong places. Both books are available on Amazon and are perfect for the people under 8 years old in your life.

Cornell and BU renew their ice hockey series at Madison Square Garden in New York on November 30. Tickets in the Class of 1980 block are still available at the time of this writing, along with reservations for our annual pre-game bash at the Cornell Club in Manhattan. Check out our website, cornell1980.com, and check out the Red Hot Hockey tab for more information.

You will soon hear of the grand plans for our Reunion weekend in Ithaca. This will not be your father's Reunion; our creative committee has commandeered the Ithaca

Farmers Market for Thursday activities on land and lake, a Friday forum has been tentatively titled "Any Woman, Any Study," and in addition to the memorial grove dedication, Saturday will pay homage to perhaps the most memorable concert to have ever taken place in Barton Hall (hint: May 8, 1977). Consider reaching out to your classmates and plan to meet in Ithaca in June 2020.

Lastly, please update your contact info at the CornellConnect site so that we can stay in touch. If you don't have a NetID, there is a form available for you to complete and submit: https://cornellconnect.cornell.edu/. We thank you for supporting the Class of 1980 with your dues payment! Stay connected to our class website as we post Reunion details. ❖ **Dana Jerrard**, dej24@cornell.edu; **Leona Barsky**, leonabarsky@aol.com; **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25@cornell.edu.

'I find that my class connections increase over time!'

CATHERINE "KITTY" CANTWELL '84

81 Who can believe how fast 2019 is flying by? We are halfway through it. My life has been a whirlwind. As you know, I am an annual giving officer for Hadassah Medical Organization and my territory has been the State of Florida (except the Panhandle!). I now also have New England added to my portfolio (encompassing Massachusetts and Connecticut). So you never know, I could see you on my travels! My daughter, Ella, was bat mitzvahed on August 31, 2019. It was filled with so much love and warmth that I will cherish that special event in our lives always. My son, Brayden, entered fifth grade so we are finally on our last year of elementary school!

In the beginning of the summer, I ran into **Bob Finkle** at a friend's son's wedding in Saratoga Springs, NY. He is busy trying to figure things out with his candy business and is busy with philanthropic work with the Jewish Federation. In June, I had a glorious weekend with some Cornell buds: **Sandi Goldstein** Karlin, **Patricia Cohen**, **Gail Einbender** Jacobson, **Janet Ellison** Pearsall, **Audrey Haddad** Perrotti, and **Andrea Glick**. We had our home base at Sandi's lake house in Kinderhook, NY, and even got a concert under out belts at Tanglewood and listened to James Taylor under the stars! We miss our dear friend **Rebecca Tayne**, who sadly passed away in September 2018. Also gone too soon: **Mark Lipschutz** passed away in March after a four-and-a-half-year battle with cancer.

Traveling around the country, **Mike Staun**, ME '82, MBA '83, is retiring from Procter & Gamble after 36 years. He and his wife, Pam, are looking forward to the birth of their first grandchild. Mike joined fellow Big Red gridders for the 64th annual Cornell Football Assn. Golf Outing in August. **Bert** and **Karen Prescott Dalby** traveled to Argentina and Chile in February. They celebrated the wedding of their daughter Julia in August. Bert is leaving full-time work of the past 38 years, including the past 24 years as a principal with Vanguard. He started a small firm to work selectively with clients on financial planning issues.

Amy Schwartz Goober lives in Burlington, MA, with her husband of 31 years. Her oldest, Samantha, graduated from Boston College and is now getting a master's in higher education administration. Son Jimmy graduated from Roger Williams U. and is now an accountant at Ernst & Young in Boston. Her youngest, Jessie, is a freshman at Tufts. For the past six years, Amy has been a certified health coach (global director) with Optavia, a nationwide weight loss and wellness company. She is the first global director in Massachusetts! Go Amy!

On the West Coast, **Julio Caro** is the general manager at Cinema Giants, an entertainment promotion company that is focused on the Latino market. Their first series, "El Gavador," was released in November 2018 on Netflix. Julio's daughter, **Isabel '18**, graduated from Arts & Sciences and works in NYC at Major League Baseball. Special kudos to **Celia Rodee** and hubby **Peter Cooper '80** for receiving this year's Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award. Frank H.T. Rhodes was the ninth president of Cornell, and in 1994, the Cornell Alumni Assn. established this award in his honor, which recognizes alumni who have demonstrated extraordinary service to Cornell through long-term volunteer activities.

Dolores Gebhardt was elected to the board of directors of the ILR Alumni Assn., where she joined fellow classmate **Louis Montgomery**. **Jordan Strub** and wife Michele had a fun tour of Scandinavia. For their last night, the hotel and the city of Bergen, Norway, threw them a Phil Collins concert outside their window! Truth. They finished up their ski season in June in Colorado.

Karen Fung Dante lives in Haddonfield, NJ, with her neurosurgeon husband and three kids—but the nest is slowly emptying out. They have two sons attending U. of Pennsylvania, a premed senior and a freshman engineer. Alas, no Cornellians! Her daughter is a high school senior. Karen continues to work as a comprehensive ophthalmologist. She is also a classical singer, took up sculling two years ago and pickle ball (along with the other baby boomers), and gets to NYC frequently for Broadway shows. She tries to get out to their second home in Park City, UT, more often, where they have gotten together for the Sundance Film Festival and skiing with **Karen Rednor '80** and **Kristi Watson '80**. **Clinton Warne** is a partner of the Oregon Anesthesiology Group, practicing in Eugene, OR. He has three children: Colston is at Oregon State; **Elisabeth '20** is in her second year at Cornell; and James is a junior in high school who wants to be a pilot. Clinton has been married to wife Kim, a nurse, for 24 years. They met when he was at Stanford Hospital doing his anesthesiology residency.

Very important: Mark down September 14 on your calendar! A 60th birthday brunch celebration and tour of the Cornell Tech campus for our class will be happening! Details will follow. Please let us know what's going on! It's so much fun to catch up with each other. ❖ **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net; **Steven Barre**, scbarre@aol.com; **Tanis MacKay**-Bell, TanisMBell@gmail.com.

82 We have an incredibly active class with class members who maintain many connections to Cornell and the Ithaca community. Thank you to our classmates for sharing your stories and your news.

Jill Schwartz Rowan (rowanpsy@yahoo.com) wrote about a great trip back to campus and Ithaca after a lengthy period away from East Hill. Jill now lives in Tallahassee, FL, and reports: "I traveled with my husband in late September to Cornell. While I have not been back to campus since the mid-1980s, I have stayed informed about the changes on campus via this magazine, so I was not shocked by the alterations—although I walked into Klarman several times to see the startling sight of the exterior of Goldwin Smith now inside of a building. It is wonderful the way Cornell renovates by keeping the pretty stonework and then making the interior eco-friendly. I saw the campus differently than as an undergraduate; in those days I think I was so focused on classes I missed out on appreciating the natural beauty of the trails, gorges, and waterfalls. We walked everywhere. We visited the Botanic Gardens and walked to the Orchards, where they were having a cider and apple tasting. I had made arrangements with the new Visitor Center for a historic tour and our guide was terrific. He knew interesting 'behind the scenes' details of how A.D. White and Ezra Cornell worked together to establish the university. During our tour he showed us Wee Stinky Glen, which made me smile. I had made a list of not-to-be-missed sites to show my husband, such as the A.D. White House and the view from the Johnson Art Museum, which we did."

During her trip, Jill was also able to enjoy the annual Apple Fest and made sure to enjoy some great local food. Jill noted that she and her husband ate Purity and Cornell ice cream and added, "Since I am a former Dining employee, we ate at a few of the dining halls, which are now serving an incredible array of meals, including vegan. It was an incredible visit and vacation."

Mike Marrero (big29red@yahoo.com) proudly wrote about his son's nuptials: "My son **Tyler '13** was married to the beautiful Whitney Epperson of Somerset, KY, on March 16, 2019. A slew of Cornellians in attendance ranged from myself and **Cathy (Caliguire) '84** to my youngest, **Troy '23**, who will be in the Hotel school. **Trevor '16**, Tyler's other brother, was the best man and led a large contingent of Phi Gams who were in attendance. Many Cornell spouses, friends, and family members were in attendance!" Sounds like it was an amazing wedding.

One of the many former TAs in our class, **Michael Panosian** (mpanose@gmail.com) wrote to us from Beavercreek, OH. He has slowed down at work and is now a part-time otolaryngologist at the Dayton V.A., where he enjoys taking care of our veterans and doing pet therapy with his golden Labrador retriever, Jake. Michael will soon be a grandfather. He reported that his best day at Cornell was spending the summer as a Chemistry TA. **Shoshana Sabban** Seidman (sseidman@northwestern.edu) contacted us from Skokie, IL, where she lives with her husband, David. She is a librarian at Northwestern U. and enjoys traveling to the East and West coasts to visit her grandchildren.

From across the pond in London, **Alan Roth** (aldro3@hotmail.com) reports that he has been elected the Royal Society Entrepreneur-in-Residence at Oxford U. for 2019-21. He will develop science-based spinouts across the natural medical and engineering areas of the university.

Neil Watkins, MD '86 (nwatkins1@comcast.net) writes in from Olympia Fields, IL, where he lives with his wife, Desiree. He continues with the practice of medicine and keeps busy with the daily challenge of supporting his patients in acquiring good health and vision. Neil reports that he has multiple nieces and nephews graduating from various colleges and a grandnephew graduating from high school this year. He also reports that Desiree won her first election for village trustee. Neil reminisces about his days as a student in Cornell's summer program along with the inner-city program for high school seniors: those days were the "best of times" and carried him through the entire four years feeling comfortable on campus.

Nathaniel "Chip" **Myers**, DVM '87 (ncmyers@gmail.com) lives in Pittsburgh, PA, with his wife, **Dana Kellerman '86**, DVM '90. Chip is still working and enjoying it. He writes that he is raising his 13-year-old son and still mostly enjoying it. Following the shooting in his synagogue (Congregation Dor Hadash in the Tree of Life Synagogue), Chip and his family have been active in trying to follow the lead of Parkland, FL, in supporting gun safety legislation in Pennsylvania. As founding members of Squirrel Hill Stands Against Gun Violence, Chip's family has worked hard since October 2018 to bring change following a horrible event.

Enjoy your fall and your families. Please continue to send us your news. Take care. ❖ **Doug Skalka**, dskalka@npmlaw.com; **Nina Kondo**, nmk22@cornell.edu; **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu.

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As I write this column, the Class of 2019 has graduated from Cornell, townies have celebrated the departure of both Cornell and IC students with the Ithaca Festival, and another successful Reunion has occurred. Now that these three events have taken place, it is the official start of summer in Ithaca! Everything is just a bit less crowded, there is more parking, and a sunny, summer day in Ithaca is hard to beat.

Thanks to our many classmates for sharing their news. **Roberta** "Birdy" **Palkoff** Holzmueller writes that she is about to retire from her faculty position at the U. of Illinois, Chicago. She has been a development psychologist and has taught, consulted, and done research on life transitions. She is hoping to advocate for local children and families around education and sports inclusion for youth with disabilities after she retires. She and her husband, Keith, who retired last August, are getting used to a quieter house now that both of her two young adult sons are off to college. Birdy enjoys participating with the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) and in the social media campaigns.

For the past twenty years, classmate **Michele Masiowski** Puiggari has undertaken employment investigations. She remarks that the #MeToo movement has affected her business and increased awareness of issues that are systemic. Michele proudly relates that her 12-year-old daughter is a competitive freestyle skier and made the Junior Nationals this year. Along with kayaking and being on the river, four dogs, four horses, and a cat keep Michele and her family busy in Missoula, MT.

Barb Warner Deane is excited to announce the publication of her third novel, *And Then There Was You*, from Wild Rose Press in May 2019. This is the end book in her Harper's Glen series of romantic suspense, which started with *Killing Her Softly* in September 2017. 49 West Publishing will release her fourth novel, *The Whistle Stop Canteen*, in August 2019. This is her second WW2-era historical novel, which features the railroad station Servicemen's Canteen in North Platte, NE. Congratulations, Barb!

The Pittsburgh City Council has confirmed **Mike Domach**, **PhD '83**, for a seat on the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority board of directors. He will be the first chemical engineer to serve and support the attainment of PittsburghH2O 2030. His work will, in part, include advising on lead abatement programs and analytics as well as watershed and raw water surveillance for chemical and microbiological constituents. Adding engineering expertise to assess green infrastructure projects aimed at abating or controlling runoff is also a component of his new role. Additionally, Mike is a Maine forest owner and manager as well as a Trout Unlimited Life Member.

Nancy Braun reports that she is the owner of Showcase Realty LLC and Carolinas Property Management LLC, both located in North Carolina. She has two children, Natalie, 14, and Jason, 13. Nancy says that her children, travel, and happy clients give her the most satisfaction in her life these days.

Helen Schulman, fiction chair of the writing program and professor of writing at the New School U., has been awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship for 2019-20. Her latest novel, *Come with Me*, was published last year. The *San Francisco Chronicle* called it "mindblowingly brilliant." The *New York Times* described the novel as "strikingly original, compelling, and beautifully written." Her previous novel, *This Beautiful Life* (2011) was an international and *New York Times* bestseller and was a *New York Times* Notable, as was her 2001 novel, *P.S.* Congratulations, Helen!

Megon Phillips Aesch writes to encourage all of us to recognize the signs and symptoms of a stroke. In 1994, Megon was at Cornell attending a plant seminar, when, at the age of 34, she experienced a hemorrhagic stroke. The stroke not only changed her life, but the lives of her husband and parents as well. For the next 26 months she lived in a total of seven rehabs and hospitals until she returned home. She then spent years attending therapy sessions from home. Megon has written a book entitled *I Tied My Shoes Today: Recovering from a Hemorrhagic Stroke* (Archway Publishing 2016 and available on Amazon) describing the challenges she and her family faced during her recovery.

Kudos to **Lorena Lewison** Blonsky, whose company, LMB Assocs., is celebrating 30 years in the recruitment business (www.lmbassociates.com). Lorena has placed hundreds of candidates in nearly 200 different companies in a wide range of industries. Lorena and her company are based out of Chicago. Send news to: ❖ **Kim Todt**, krt5@cornell.edu; **Jon Felice**, jbfelice@jbfelice.com; **Tom Helf**, tomhelf@aol.com; or **Stewart Glickman**, stewartglickman@gmail.com.

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Just six days ago we were packing up from our campus housing, exhausted from a wonderful Reunion weekend that included not only dinners, barbecues, parties, and dancing (oh, the dancing!) but insightful lectures and exhibits on a dizzying number of topics, nostalgic music, exhilarating zip-lining, delicious wine tasting, challenging hill climbing, and running in the Cornell Botanic gardens too! There were opportunities for tennis, swimming, rowing, canoeing, golfing, birdwatching, singing, and hiking. Concerts by the Glee Club, women's Chorus, and the Hangovers along with their alumni vocalists abounded. The Big Red Band, bolstered by their alumni musicians, could be found marching around campus adding to a very festive atmosphere. Fun in the Sun and lounging on Libe Slope made us all nostalgic for our late spring days on the Hill. Religious fellowship gatherings and meetings for AA were also part of the schedule.

Just looking through the Reunion 2019 activities and events guide reinforces what many of us experienced during our days on the Hill, an institution founded "where any person can find instruction in any study." That motto is carried into Reunion planning from the university staff to our class Reunion chairs. For those who have attended a Reunion in the past, it was a familiar lineup. For those who've never come back, please think about joining your class for future Reunions. At Cornelliana Night, **Janet Insardi** and I, **Kitty Cantwell**, sat next to a gentleman from the 50th Reunion class who was back for the first time since his graduation. His smile when we linked arms when singing the Alma Mater said it all!

We owe thanks to chief planner extraordinaire **Joanne Restivo** Jensen. With her co-chairs **Tim Donahoe** and **Scott Sidman**, we were treated to a wonderful weekend. Of course, the best part of the weekend is meeting friends from college. Some of the friends I look forward to seeing are folks I never knew on campus but have come to know through Reunions. I find that my class connections increase over time!

During Reunion, between dining, dancing, and eating ice cream, we elected our new slate of officers. Our new president, **John Toohey**, takes over from **Lindsay Liotta** Forness. There are not enough words here to adequately thank our past president for her dedication to our class. No task seemed too big and no detail too small for our Lindsay's attention. Though she deserves a respite from her work on behalf of our class, I suspect we can all still count on her great ideas, energy, and dedication as we move forward.

Our new vice president is **David Goodman**. **Christine Miller** Whaley, MBA '89, and **Teri Port** will remain as our class fundraisers. Their efforts over the years often led to record-breaking results, so we will continue to break records under their leadership! Janet Insardi and I will be the Reunion chairs for our 40th Reunion with our returning registration chair **Carol Leister**. Janet, Carol, and I wanted to get the band back together after last serving in these roles for our 20th and 25th Reunions. Feel free to send us your ideas for Reunion planning. We can always use your ideas, suggestions, and help. Let us know if you want to be involved in Reunion planning.

Our new class correspondent is **Jose Nieves**—he is also our website community manager. We were able to collect class news at Reunion for Jose to use, but please keep sending him your news. It's a challenging job otherwise. I have often relied on my own Cornell news with family and friends, or "creative writing" dredging up our collective Cornell history when we were on campus. You can all breathe a sigh of relief that my family news overshares and creative writing columns are over with this last submission!

Lastly, thanks to the efforts of **Nancy Law**, for the term beginning July 2019 and ending June 2024, our other class officers are: membership chairs **Amy Brown** Fraser and **Kathy Dodd**; secretary/treasurer **Oscar Abello**; social media chair **Karen Ansbro** Leone; nominations chair Nancy Law; and class council members **Janine Bouchard**, Tim Donohoe, **Bob Feinberg**, **Rob Goldwasser**, **Dwight Vicks**, MBA '91, Carol Leister, **Ruby Saake**, Joanne Jensen, and Scott Sidman. If you are interested in serving as a class officer, please contact class president John Toohey or the Office of Alumni Affairs. ❖ **Catherine** "Kitty" **Cantwell**, catherinejcantwell@gmail.com; **Janet Insardi**, janetinsardi@gmail.com; **Jose Nieves**, jose@nieves.me. Class website, https://classof84.alumni.cornell.edu/.

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Hello all! Happy summer! A few classmates have sent me news. **Dan Grooms** (dgrooms@iastate.edu) wrote that after 21 years on the Michigan State U. faculty, he became the dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State. His wife, **Donna (Bensson) '84**, is now retired, and their youngest, **Robbie '20**, just finished his third year at Cornell studying Chemical Engineering.

Susan Stevens Boucher (sstevebooucher@gmail.com) has a novel, *Horseshoes and Hand Grenades*, being published in September by TouchPoint Press. The novel, under her pen name, S.M. Stevens, is about workplace sexual harassment. Congratulations!

Don Staffin, ME '86, MBA '87, wrote in 23 years ago when his triplet daughters were born, and again now that he and his wife, **Chris (Haldopoulos) '88**, MBA '92, are empty nesters! The month of May was spent running from graduation to graduation, ending up at Schoellkopf Field at Cornell! Their youngest daughter is also at Cornell SHA, transferring from Rutgers, so they will continue to be Big Red parents. Don and Chris are spending lots of time as a couple, traveling and launching an "all-age mixed gender a cappella chorus" in Central New Jersey. They have seen **Allen Wong** annually at the Big Red hockey game in Princeton, and are looking forward to Reunion 2020!

I traveled to Cornell's Reunion for the Class of 1984 with **Leslie Nydick**. We met up with **Sharon Tolpin** Topper, **Jen Sidell** Cornelssen Ellis, **Michael Smith**, **Roxanne Nosal**, **John Gabel**, **Jeff Palazzese**, **Adriane Simmons**, and **Cathy Brucia** Dettmer. While we were there, we found **1984** grads **Susan Fiero** Colbert, **Brigitte Seifringer** Gouchoe, **Scott Sidman**, **John Frontero**, **Tim Donahoe**, **Karen Marinelli** Gomez, **Mike Scully**, **Mark Miller**, and **Dave Devereaux**.

Next year, June 4-7, 2020, is our year! Our 35th Reunion! Don't miss out! Make plans to come back to Cornell to revisit campus, reconnect with friends, sorority sisters, and fraternity brothers, make new connections, and enjoy summer in Ithaca.

Sitting down to write this column, I saw on social media that many of our sons and daughters were heading to college, starting their lives in the job market, or beginning their lives as married people. Amazing! HOW did we get to this point? Weren't WE just freshmen, finding our way around campus?

Hoping you all will be able to come to Reunion. We have some great co-chairs in Jen Cornelssen Ellis and Sharon Topper and fabulous events already in the planning stages. Hoping to put some faces to the names on the e-mails! Enjoy the rest of 2019! See you at the gorges! ❖ **Joyce Zelkowitz** Cornett, cornett0667@comcast.net.

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We heard from many of our classmates who are on the move and keeping busy with kids, interesting careers, exciting moves, fun travels, athletic feats, and even retirement! **Melissa Tsai** writes from New York that she is a neonatologist at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn and has been there for the last 12 years. "My two children are growing up. My older is a student at Colgate U. and my younger is about to be a freshman in Cornell's Class of 2023!" Melissa is excited to have an excuse to spend more time in Ithaca visiting all of her favorite places.

Christopher Mullen, BS '92, writes with news of a move to the Netherlands and possibly one of the most interesting careers of our class. "After many years of living and working in various foreign countries (Pakistan, Mali, Burkina Faso, Cuba, Latvia, etc.), I have settled down in the Netherlands. I have turned my collecting interest in vintage typewriters into a very successful business—Acme Type Machine Co.—renovating vintage European typewriters and selling them to collectors (and others) around the world." In addition, he has kids at universities in London and one more heading there soon. His wife is an ambassador for the Netherlands in eastern Africa.

James Juneau is one of our lucky classmates enjoying retirement. After 21 years as a conservation officer with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Dept. in Concord, NH, he retired and is contemplating his options for the next phase of his life. In the meantime, he is spending more time hunting, fishing, and traveling with his wife, Cindy. He has fond memories of time spent with his Chi Phi brothers on the Hill. He has two children in college; Sierra is a junior at the U. of New Hampshire and Mitchell is a freshman at Stonehill College. **Jon Moeller**, MBA '88, and wife **Lisa Sauer '87**, MBA '88, write from Cincinnati, OH, where Jon is the vice chairman, COO, and CFO of Procter & Gamble as well as the chairman of the Cincinnati Art Museum. Lisa also works for Procter & Gamble as the vice president of global homecare products. Jon remembers his best day at Cornell as the day he met Lisa!

In other news from the Midwest, **Emily Sawers Berlinghof** writes from Northfield, IL, that she has a new job as the marketing and communications coordinator for Evanston Scholars, a nonprofit that helps first-generation students get to and through college. She and husband **Todd '85** are traveling a lot now that their children are launched. They enjoyed a great couple of days skiing with **Pete** and **Liz Kallenbach Bell '87** in Snowmass. **Clifford Hurley** has left private practice after 24 years to take on the role of medical director for the NYS Dept. of Corrections. In addition to his work, he is enjoying traveling the world.

Laura Pitta Peter writes that she has recently moved to Washington, DC, and is making the most of seeing old friends including **Andrew Scott** and **Andreas Charalambous '85**. She is the Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce and the Deputy Director of the US Patent and Trademark Office. **David Lopez** is in New York City with his wife, Deborah. He is rounding out 20 years as a partner in a law firm and trying to keep up with four children, two of whom are finished with college (including one who followed in his footsteps to Cornell). He would love to hear from classmates.

In other news from New York, **Lenore Dileo** Berner recently kicked off the Shelter Island 10K race by singing the national anthem and then lacing up her running shoes and completing the race with her husband, Daniel. Some of you may have caught their daughter, Hannah, on the Bravo TV show "Summer House." Lastly, we have our very own gold medal winner in **Melissa Madenberg** Gibson. Melissa is the NYS Senior Empire Games gold medal winner in the high jump! In accomplishing this, she set a great example for the Long Beach High School girls varsity high jumpers, for whom she volunteer coaches.

Seeing classmates is one of life's greatest pleasures, and hearing from them is the next best thing, so please keep us posted on your lives so we can share your news. ❖ **Lori Spydell** Wagner, Loriwagner86@gmail.com; **Nancy Keates**, nancy.keates@wsj.com; **Toby Goldsmith**, toby.goldsmith@gmail.com. Online news form, http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/.

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Hello, classmates. I am writing this column on a steamy and stormy Memorial Day weekend, realizing that summer has definitely arrived in the nation's capital. I am looking forward to attending two family reunions in July—one in the Hudson Valley and the other on the South Shore of Massachusetts. I am not a fan of heat and humidity—which makes my decision to live in Maryland somewhat curious, I realize—and I am keeping my fingers crossed that our trips north will provide a respite from the sultry weather. I hope that all of you had a chance to relax and enjoy time with friends and family this summer. Please write and let us know about your adventures!

I continue to be involved on the board of the Cornell Club of Washington. On May 14, CCW held its annual dinner. **Margaret Weitekamp**, **PhD '01**, who curates the Social and Cultural Dimensions of Spaceflight Collection at the National Air and Space Museum, was the featured guest speaker. Dr. Weitekamp is the author of *Right Stuff, Wrong Sex: America's First Women in Space Program*, which won the 2004 Eugene M. Emme Award from the American Astronautical Society. She discussed how her career path from assistant professor of women's studies at Hobart and William Smith Colleges to her present role as Smithsonian curator exemplifies Cornell's founding principle of "any person, any study." She also described some of the interesting acquisitions and exhibit development that have been part of her 15-year tenure at the museum, including display of the Star Trek starship *Enterprise* studio model. If your travels take you to the Washington area, I highly recommend visiting the Museum in D.C. (on the Mall) and/or the Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, VA.

Among the honorees during the business portion of CCW's annual dinner was **Katherine Stifel**, who is our class historian. The club gave Katherine its highest honor, the Bondareff Award, in recognition of her long and distinguished service to CCW. Congratulations, Katherine! **Brooke Johnson** White reports that, for the past 15 years, she has had her own residential appraisal business in Delaware and Pennsylvania. Brooke says that the things that give her the most satisfaction these days are "watching my kiddos forge their own lives and having their own college experiences and getting back to my equestrian roots as an adult amateur these days, having 'inherited' my daughter's horse." Brooke's triplets just completed their first year in college: "Lauren is in the engineering program at NC State, Camryn is in pre-health/business at Franklin & Marshall College, and, big news, Colin will be transferring to Cornell's SHA in fall 2019. We are very suddenly empty-nesters!" When asked what she would do if she had a day in Ithaca, Brooke responded, "I'll know in August when we drop off our son at Cornell!" But Brooke has been to campus a few times during the past two years, and during her visits she "walked and drove around campus, went to the Pines, went to a great tapas place on the Commons, hit the campus store, of course, and had bagels in Collegetown."

Jessica Ettinger, BS Ag '97, is a Business News anchor and Podcast lede at CNBC. If you would like to hear Jessica on the air, the following message from her will guide you: "Thanks for enabling CNBC on your smart speaker. With your Amazon Echo, make us your 'Flash Briefing,' and just say: 'Alexa, ask CNBC for the News.' With a Google Home, say, 'Hey Google, play CNBC Business News.' Siri? 'Hey Siri, play Business News.'" Please tune in! Lastly, **Jana Klein** recalls her best times at Cornell as "playing on the tennis team and making friends," especially when she lived in her sorority house her sophomore year. Jana works as a genetic counselor. In her free time, she enjoys skiing, exercise, travel, coaching high school tennis, and spending time with her children.

Please keep sending your news our way. We love hearing from you! You can submit a news form online at http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/ or e-mail any of us at the following addresses: ❖ **Lisa Burns** Griffin, lag77@cornell.edu; **Whitney Weinstein** Goodman, wwg5@cornell.edu; **Liz Brown**, etb29@cornell.edu.

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Happy fall, Class of '88! I can't believe summer has already ended and we are once again starting a new school year. I myself had a wonderful summer full of new beginnings. My oldest son graduated college in May and is embarking on new adventures in Philadelphia while I am throwing myself headlong into my "newish" job at the Youth Service Bureau of Centre County, where I work with disadvantaged girls age 12-19

who are in placement at a girls group home. I strive to help them find their own paths forward and make new beginnings of their own. I am sure many of you are facing new beginnings as well and we would love to hear about them, so don't be shy. Write in with all the exciting (or even mundane) news you have to tell us so we can print it! Here is the newest info we have from our class.

Stephanie Brickner Jones recently graduated from Drexel's ELAM program (https://drexel.edu/medicine/academics/womens-health-and-leadership/elam/). She highly recommends this program for women in academic medicine seeking leadership training. Congratulations are in order for both Stephanie and her husband, **Daniel '86**, MD '90, who just celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on July 1! Their son, **Ryan '17**, is living in San Diego working for Partender and learning to surf, while daughters Leah and Cara have completed their sophomore year at Columbia U.

Sylvia Kreel also has a lot to catch us up on. She writes that she moved to Jackson, WY, right after graduating college, intending to stay a few months; instead, she stayed for ten years! In 1998 her then-boyfriend/now-husband moved to Juneau, AK (again planning on a two-year adventure), but 20 years later they are still there! "Juneau is great. I love the sense of community, the beauty, the easy lifestyle, and outdoor activities. It is an easy place to be—easy to be involved in whatever interests you, and easy access to amazing scenery. The main challenge is visiting family, as they are still in the New Jersey/New York area. Fortunately, I am able to get back East about once a year. I work for the State of Alaska doing mostly conservation work. I have a 16-year-old son, Zachary. I keep in touch with a couple of people from Cornell, but not many. It is pretty hard to do so when I live so far away." Sylvia would love to hear from any long-lost classmates and friends.

Matthew Murnane let us know that he is still a neurologist on faculty at Albany Medical College and has been there nearly 20 years. Matt is trying to find time for other activities and is currently working on his 46 Adirondack High Peaks. He writes, "The area around Lake Placid always is amazing for its beauty. I'm up to 37 of the 46 mountains and still have never seen a bear on the trails. The hiking is also a good excuse to have a nice beer afterwards!"

Bonnie Glick sent in huge news. In April 2018, she was nominated by President Trump to serve as the Deputy Administrator of the United States Agency for Int'l Development! Bonnie writes, "It took a while, but I was confirmed for that role by the Senate in January 2019 and have been hard at work since. Present at my swearing in ceremony were **Lynn Weidberg** Morgan **'89** (Lynn also came to my Senate confirmation hearing) and **Sue Portman** Price **'90**, MRP '91. Since taking on this role, I have traveled to the Colombia-Venezuela border, Kenya, Rwanda, Ethiopia, South Africa, Cabo Verde, and the Netherlands. It has been a whirlwind adventure and a tremendous honor."

We also heard from **Jill Bower** Miller, JD '91, who sent news in the midst of her busy spring. Not only did her oldest daughter graduate high school (she'll be starting college in the fall), but Jill just finished her fourth year as the director of the estate planning clinic at Cornell Law School, which was a tremendous success. "Students each had their own client to prepare an estate plan, and the clinic put on three free estate planning seminars for the Ithaca community. We helped a lot of people!" Jill is also celebrating her 15th year of the establishment of her law firm and has found it to be fun and rewarding. Last but not least, Jill writes that she moved into the historic Woolworth building in downtown Manhattan last year, so anyone wanting a visit and a tour should reach out.

That's all the news for this edition! I want to sincerely thank everyone who sent in an update response to my Facebook post asking for news! Please keep it coming! You all know that this is the first place we all look as soon as the new magazine gets delivered! As always, send news using the online form at http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/, or by contacting any one of us at: ❖ **Debbie Kaplan** Gershenson, dag97@cornell.edu; **Andréa Meadow** Danziger, ALM46@cornell.edu; **Aliza Angelchik**, aangelchik@sonorusbrand.com.

Of course, the very best part of any Reunion is the people—and not just the members of your own old gang. Reconnecting with classmates whom you only met post-graduation or are meeting for the first time can be a real joy. Over dinner Saturday, for instance, **Josh Futterman** and his wife, Isis, shared some of Josh's work in international (New York, Los Angeles, Singapore, and more) entrepreneurship and one of his newest ventures, the ParkYou! app. If you're in New York, check it out to help you find a spot. **Marianne Wait**, one of our Reunion regulars, creates blog content for Fortune 500 companies and nonprofits as executive editor for a content marketing agency. She's worked on articles for Georgia Aquarium, Soldier Strong, and United Rentals and also writes features for *Arthritis Today* magazine. And in a particularly "small world" conversation, **Mike** and **Lauren Kidder McGarry** (who are based in Hamburg, NY) and I figured out that the McGarrys' Labrador was born and raised a mere ten minutes from my home in Athens, OH. (Whaaaa?) The McGarrys brought along their delightful younger daughter, Kerrick, who is heading into her sophomore year in high school but was, nonetheless, quite pleased to be spending time with Mom and Dad and their friends.

> **'I have turned my collecting interest in vintage typewriters into a very successful business.'**
>
> CHRISTOPHER MULLEN '86

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Oh, did we have fun at Reunion! We went everywhere—from the bottom of Cascadilla Gorge and, more strenuously, back up to the top, from all the way past the Vet college and beyond (yes, there's a "beyond" the Vet college) to the Arboretum in the Botanic Gardens (formerly known as the Plantations—and, quite frankly, still known as the Plantations to the '89ers), from North Campus (where we were based) to Collegetown (where we were bagel-ed). We had a tour of the new buildings on campus and even managed to ferret out some of the old ones. (The Straight, as ever, remains the Beloved Straight.) Our soundtrack for the weekend was the chimes, and on Saturday night at dinner we had our own exclusive mini-concert courtesy of the Hangovers, who singled out **Michelle Krazmien** Najjar, MS '99, for a special serenade. (Not jealous . . . much.)

The Class of '89 had a great turnout with a record-setting 384 classmates attending (previous record for a 35th was 350), 55 (!) of whom were first-time attendees. We also set class Reunion records for money raised ($3,782,399) and number of Tower Club members (81). In addition, we won the Class of 1958 Bowl for our fundraising. Classmates came from literally (and we mean that literally) all over the world, including **Curtis Bartosik** (France), **Alex Bhak** (Great Britain), **Karen Macaulay** Crowell (Canada), **John Garbarino**, ME '90 (Switzerland), **Jeanne Spry** Merriman (Australia), **Joseph Milner** (Canada), and **Alireza Takesh** (Saudi Arabia)!

Many thanks and congrats to our Reunion chairs **Shannon Gallival** Bol, **Carol Borack** Copenhaver, **Debbie Schaffel**, and **Dave Scher** for the thoughtful, detailed planning. Special appreciation given for providing exceptional and copious food from local icons like the Ithaca Bakery. And namaste to Dave for leading yoga classes, not once but twice! (Dave is a certified yoga instructor when he isn't practicing law in Washington, DC.) Our very own **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell placed first in the female division of the Reunion 5K, which Carol and several other classmates participated in as well. (Fret not, non-athletes—there were copious buses and coaches available all over campus to tour you in style when desired.) And those who worked up a sweat could dry off with the fantabulous big, red Cornell beach towels that we each received.

There were several school-aged kids running around headquarters, enjoying the endless supply of popcorn, while some of us left exhausted high school seniors back at home; **Lisa Spellman** Porter, for one, arrived from Pittsburgh less than 24 hours after her oldest, Erica, graduated. And Lisa will spend a good portion of the summer getting Erica ready to head to Northwestern in the fall. Of course, we have several classmates with Cornell children, including but not limited to **Robin Strauss** Rashbaum and **Kelly Ruscitti** Cary, who each shared that they get to visit campus frequently, though rarely with so many of their own peers. At the other end of the spectrum, **Trevor Steer** introduced his wife, Monnika, to campus, but they opted to leave 4-year-old Merrick with Grandma for the weekend.

Over breakfast on Sunday, the committee started brainstorming for our 35th. **Mark Tashkovich** suggested creating a panel discussion of classmates who have pursued some less-traditional career paths. (Credit where credit is due—Mark got the idea from mother **Stefanie Lipsit** Tashkovich's Class of **'59**.) We're just in the planning stages but feel free to contact Carol (cabcope@hotmail.com) or me, **Kris Borovicka** Gerig (kgerig@columbus.rr.com), if you have any ideas. We're also talking about adding tours of the Vet college, the hot houses, and/or the Dairy Bar (ice cream) next time.

By the way, our Reunion chairs are so good at what they do that we had three days of sunny, *dry* weather. Yes, dry. Not a drop of Ithacation to be seen or felt. These people are good. Mark your calendar for June 2024 and come see for yourself. ❖ **Kris Borovicka** Gerig, kgerig@columbus.rr.com; **Lauren Kidder** McGarry, laurenkiddermcgarry@gmail.com; **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com; **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, ac98@cornell.edu.

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The countdown to our 30th Reunion is on and some of our classmates out West have been getting into the spirit of things early. **Steven** "Slip" **Rueben**, our class secretary from 1990-95, has been acting as informal Reunion chair in Las Vegas for the last 14 years. In fact, this year's gathering just took place and was attended by **Scott Ginesin**, **Dan Berrien**, **Paul Lockwood**, **Dave DelBello**, **Dominic Massa**, **Constantine Chinoporos '88**, MBA '90, **Richard Hagendorf '88**, ME '89, **Tim Templeton '87**, **Lee Schreibstein '89**, **Gary Kaye '89**, **Bryan Allen '89**, **Rimbert Rivera '89**, and **James Becker '91**, ME '92. Prior to hosting this annual Big Red party, Slip and his family traveled around Europe for a week and a half, particularly enjoying Scotland and London, places that inspired the naming of the Rueben boys.

Last December, **Mark Robins** went down the California coast to attend **Scott Hayes**'s 50th birthday party. **Jennifer Vollbrecht**, ME '92, and **Katha Blanchard** were also there to help Scott blow out the candles. In the early 1990s, Mark and Scott's Huntington Beach house seemed to be Collegetown West for a while with a myriad of Cornellians hanging out there on the weekends. These days, Mark is head of Intel's AI strategy office and lives with his family in Palo Alto.

Another classmate in the South Bay is **Kevin DiCerbo**, whom I met while playing softball with the Cornell Club of Los Angeles. Since 2004, he has been the managing director of Ceilbre Medical Corp., which specializes in cosmetic facial injections and laser dermatology. Kevin is not only running the company from the business side; after graduating from an accelerated nursing program at Mount St. Mary's U. in Los Angeles, Kevin is also working on the clinical side as a certified medical laser safety officer. In his free time, he is making sure his kids grow up to be socially aware young people. His daughter, Elena, raised money for the No-Kill Los Angeles Pet Adoption Shelter, and his son, Kieran, and some friends collected gently used soccer cleats and jerseys to send to underprivileged youth teams in Africa. Way to go!

Another classmate who deserves a pat on the back is **David Cohen**. A resident of San Jose for 20 years and trustee of the Berryessa Unified School District for 13 years, David is one of the candidates in the 2020 District 4 City Council election. With San Jose undergoing major development, David wants to be a leader who can articulate what his district should look like in the next decade, including ways to set an example in environmental sustainability policy. Taking a break from campaigning, David and his son enjoyed a weekend in New York City, seeing a taping of the "Daily Show with Trevor Noah," and visiting Cornell Tech and Weill Cornell Medicine, where David's wife, **Shelli Bodnar '91**, MD '95, earned her MD.

Wrapping up news from classmates on the West Coast, it's been almost 20 years since **Brad Herzog** of Pacific Grove, CA, made his appearance on "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" Can you believe there is a Fandom Wiki for the show? I found it while doing some research for this column. It lists all of the questions Brad faced and quoted some of his dialogue with Regis between answers. It was amusing to see that the question that won him $1,000 was related to the song "Puff, the Magic Dragon," which was written by alumni **Lenny Lipton '62** and **Peter Yarrow '59**. Brad was just in Washington, DC, where his son Luke received a Presidential Scholar medal from the Secretary of Education. Luke's written work was also displayed in the Hall of Nations at the Kennedy Center. Brad's own book *H is for Home Run* was on display at the Library of Congress in an exhibit about baseball history.

I hope to channel some of Brad's sports writing skills at the 2019 Rugby World Cup games in Kobe. In June I was selected to be an official flash reporter, and my challenge is to track down key players and get quotes from them to send to news services around the globe. I'm really looking forward to watching USA play against England, but first I have to give myself a crash course on rugby rules and jargon! Don't forget to visit the Class of 1990 Facebook page at http://facebook.com/Cornell90, and please drop us a line with your news for an upcoming class column. ❖ **Rose Tanasugarn**, nt28@cornell.edu; **Allan Rousselle**, agr2@cornell.edu.

> **'Our rivers freeze solid for kilometers of skating and walking trails, art installations, and pop-up restaurants.'**
>
> JEFFREY MARCUS AND JOANNE SEIFF '95

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"Cornell is just an extraordinary institution that teaches you how to think about how to interact with the world," said **Bill Nye '77** in his address to the graduating Class of 2019. He reminded his listeners not to let fear stop them from changing the world but to "take that fear and turn it into excitement." Nye advised, "Use your knowledge and your abilities to bring out the best in those around you and let them bring out the best in you." He inspired graduates to be agents of positive change: "It's no longer a matter of only keeping the air and water clean . . . Nowadays we—by that I mean you—are going to have to steer our spaceship. Take charge of our Earth."

Now campus is once again bustling with eager students, excited to see old friends and meet new ones, enthusiastic about the academic endeavors that lie ahead, and committed to making a positive impact in the Cornell community and the world beyond. Which brings us to our class news, where we love highlighting our classmates' journeys and successes. So now that you are all back from your summer holidays, please take a minute to write us and let us know what you have been doing and who you have seen. We miss hearing from you!

After 25 years of working in Global Health, **Judith Heichelheim** became chief operating officer at Population Services Int'l (PSI), a nonprofit global health organization. She has been in this position for about a year now. When not at work, Judith stays busy with her husband and two children (ages 15 and 9) who love hockey, crew, soccer, basketball, and travel.

Greg Stoller has been awarded a Metcalf Award, Boston U.'s highest teaching honor, for his work as a senior lecturer at the Questrom School of Business. Greg, who is consistently rated among the top one percent of full-time faculty, is characterized by students as a "one-of-a-kind life teacher who connects students to the real world and enriches learning and critical thinking skills." His courses incorporate current case studies involving the Boston area and international entrepreneurs. He also runs most of Questrom's case competitions, for which he mentors student teams to successfully compete in start-up and venture competitions against undergraduates and MBAs from the nation's top-rated schools. Greg is a graduate of the Hotel school and earned an MBA from Harvard Business School. Along with his extremely successful career in financial analysis, Greg speaks seven languages and has published numerous books, articles, case studies, podcast, and TV/radio shows. Yet, for all of his accomplishments and successes he says that he learns from his students as much as he teaches. "What I am most proud of is that every year we've created at least one job for a student."

Thanks to **Michelle Travis**, there is a children's picture book that pays homage to working moms everywhere. *My Mom Has Two Jobs* is Travis's first children's book, which won the 2019 Independent Publisher Award—Bronze Medalist for Best Children's Picture Book (ages 7 and under). The book gives parents a platform to talk with their kids about their work and to help kids see how parents bring the same love, passion, and dedication to both their parenting jobs and their professional jobs. The book is beautifully illustrated to embrace the diverse moms and kids of different races and ethnicities and to show the wide range of important roles that women play.

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I hope you all had a good summer. Now it's back to school, fewer vacation travels, turning leaves, and cooler temps. Back to school for our family means our oldest starts her senior year at Rice U., our middle follows her parents and grandparents as she starts her freshman year on the Hill (Go Big Red!), and our youngest starts high school. We'd love to hear from other Class of 1992 alums who have kids starting their freshman year at Cornell! I can't believe **Todd Kantorczyk** and I are only four years away from being "empty nesters." We feel far too young for that!

Thanks to our classmates who shared news and notes, either via snail mail or online. **Michael Malarkey** has been enjoying international travel, home life with his family in Bethesda, MD, golf, and some good cabernet. He is a managing director for a dispute and investigations firm. He wishes he could be sailing the British Virgin Islands and writes that his best day at Cornell was graduation day (even in the cold and rain?!). **Susan Jainchill** spent 25 years designing open spaces in New York City and the metropolitan region and as of November 2018 started a landscape architecture/urban planning firm of her own. She lives in Westchester, NY. Congratulations!

Siobhan O'Mahony, MPA '93, was promoted to full professor at Boston U. and is now the Feld Family Professor of Innovation and Entrepreneurship. Wow! **Catherine Coombe** runs her own financial firm and lives on a street that bears her name in a hamlet near the Catskills. Sounds lovely!

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

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As the leaves start to turn and the air feels just a little more crisp, we ponder why summer moves faster and faster with each passing year. Before the whirlwind of back-to-school and the holiday season, please catch us up on your amazing summer adventures! In the meantime, here is what our classmates have been up to.

After joining the company and its board in July 2018, **Josh Peirez** was recently promoted to CEO of Sterling, a background check and identity services company with 20 offices in nine countries: https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/sterling-names-josh-peirez-as-ceo-and-launches-new-global-brand-initiative-300817830.html. Congratulations, Josh!

Ross, MBA '02, and **Julie Ferguson Berntson '94**, DVM '98, of New Hartford, NY, check in with some exciting family updates: Ross has served for over a year as the president and COO of Indium Corp., a global technical materials supplier. Julie is a veterinarian at the German Flatts Vet Clinic in Ilion, NY. Carrying on in the family tradition, Ross and Julie are very proud to announce that their daughter, Sarah, will be Cornell Class of 2023! Sarah will focus on Biology in CALS.

From overseas, we hear from **Charlotte Kuo**-Benitez and **Kiko Benitez**, who are bursting with pride that their oldest daughter, **Chiara '19**, just graduated from Cornell! Kiko is a newly elected congressman, representing the Third District of Negros Occidental in the Philippines, and Charlotte is an editor with the World Health Organization Regional Office for the Western Pacific in Manila. Their two other daughters are finishing up their first year in college (19) and entering high school soon (14).

We'd love to hear from you. Keep the updates coming to any of us. ❖ **Mia Blackler**, miablackler@yahoo.com; **Melissa Hart** Moss, melimoss@yahoo.com; **Theresa Flores**, taf6cornell.edu.

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Well, didn't we celebrate 25 years in style! I swear most of us don't look like we have been out of Cornell longer than the age we were when we graduated, but that's where things stand. However, there's nothing like attending Reunion with some amazing diehard Cornellians to make you feel young, even 25 years out—just try keeping up with the Class of 1954 at the swing dancing tent, or the Class of 1959 at a **Peter Yarrow '59** concert, and you'll know exactly what I mean. The good news about being 25 years out is that our class headquarters had air conditioning, which meant evenings were quite comfortable—which almost made up for the fact that Court-Kay-Bauer did not even exist when we were on campus. I am sure I was not the only one who attended an admissions information session in anticipation of teen children applying to college (which was held in yet another building that did not exist when we were students).

But keep up we did! **Jeff Anbinder** got out there in the swing dance tent with his lovely bride, **Daina Schatz '03**, and danced the night away. The tents were hopping with classmates taking advantage of music from three different eras. And yours truly had the opportunity to actually hop on stage with Pete Yarrow at said concert. The weekend was filled with beautiful views, excellent weather, visits to gorges, and consuming of Hot Truck PMPs and WGCs (even if it required a trip to Short Stop Deli to get it).

Our class had the opportunity to co-host one of the highlight Reunion events of the weekend. Classmate **Jeffrey Gettleman**, who currently serves as South Asia bureau chief for the *New York Times*, was the sole alumnus on a panel conversation with several faculty members entitled "International Politics and the Fourth Estate: The Role of the Media in Social and Political Movements Worldwide." Jeffrey shared his experiences covering major social and political change in India and Africa, where he served as the *Times'* East Africa bureau chief prior to moving to India and won a Pulitzer Prize for his international reporting. If you didn't get enough of Jeffrey's stories by attending the event, be sure to check out his 2017 book, *Love, Africa: A Memoir of Romance, War, and Survival*, in which he shared his experiences of reporting on African politics and his journey to get to that point (including talking about his time at Cornell!). After the presentation, he and wife **Courtenay Morris** reminisced about meeting on the Hill and their journey from Cornell to Africa and now India, where they are raising their two sons. Courtenay, a former public defender and *New York Times* videographer, is currently serving on the board of the international school their children attend in New Delhi.

Our class also not only helped sponsor but put forth the winning team in an awesome Amazing Race-inspired scavenger hunt around campus. Congrats to team Smells Like Team Spirit: **Mark Younghouse**, **Marc Davis**, and **Geoff Raynak**. When not winning competitions, Mark Younghouse is working at Qualcomm in San Diego as a director of product management. Marc Davis is the owner and founder of Moment Motor Co., where his team transforms vintage head-turner cars into modern electric sports cars. And after many years as a design engineer and product commercialization manager for sports and outdoor product developers from startups to Nike (where he was in charge of global football (soccer) equipment innovation), Geoff is in Bend, OR, overseeing the Oregon State U., Cascades outdoor products degree program, as well as working with Marc as an engineer at Moment. Great job, gentlemen!

Sometimes you run into someone at Reunion and their life has turned out pretty much exactly how they laid it out for themselves 25 years ago. In our Cornell days, **Mike Plochocki** was president of the Student Assembly and talked of a career in politics. Nowadays, Mike is an environmental lawyer who has had a career in politics. He's served as a county legislator in his native Onondaga County for several terms and is currently serving an executive role for the county as its director of Clean Water Initiatives. He's dedicated much of his public life to the protection of Skaneateles Lake, where he spent his childhood summers at a family-owned camp. Before being a county legislator, he served a four-year term as mayor of Marcellus.

Probably the biggest news to come out of Reunion was the engagement of **Dana Hagendorf** to **David Feldman '89**! They met at our 20th (his 25th) Reunion five years ago, and David popped the question back on campus five years later. Best wishes to them both, another Big Red Reunion match made in Ithaca! (Dana is our new class VP, too!)

Thank you to all the classmates who participated in our Reunion fundraising efforts. We had 575 donors, 277 duespayers, and a class-Reunion-best 76 Tower Club members, and we raised a class-and-Reunion-best $6,655,335 to allow the generations to come to have as awesome of an experience at Cornell as we did. Send **Greg Bassuk** well wishes—he injured his leg and couldn't make it to Reunion, but he certainly put in the work as Reunion campaign chair!

Be sure to send out a big thank you to outgoing class officers, including **Mary Sue Youn** and **Rosie Ferraro**, MS '98, who did an amazing job with Reunion but are passing the torch for 2024's trip back to the Hill. We're thrilled to welcome **Carmen Vasquez**-Boothe, **Elizabeth Gonzalez**-Marcellino, and **Jennifer Quin** Henninger as our new Reunion chairs. And many thanks to **Kim McKenzie** Bendus for her decade of service as our class president—thankfully she's sticking around to lend her institutional knowledge to the class council. Congrats to **Michael** "Big Mike" **Rapolas** for taking on the president's mantle. He's still living in Hamilton, NJ, working as a senior finance and strategic analyst for AC Moore, and continues to run his own youth bowling program and scholarship tournaments in Ewing, NJ. In the past 17 years, he's awarded tens of thousands of scholarships to youth bowlers! His lovely wife, Christina, continues to embrace being an honorary Cornellian and participate full throttle in Reunion activities. Indeed, shout out to all the non-Cornell spouses who are supportive of Reunion efforts!

We're thrilled to welcome some new classmates to the leadership list as well, including **George Bullis** as secretary/treasurer. George is a high school English teacher in Palm Springs, CA. Lastly, we welcome **Stacey Merola**, PhD '01, **Wade Pitts**, **Arielle Hecht** Schiffman, **Kathy Burdette** Shields, and Kim and Mary Sue to the class council. **Nico Marcellino** has generously agreed to continue managing our website. We, of course, remain your class correspondents for another five years, so be sure to drop us a line and share your news! ❖ **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasylik, dmp5@cornell.edu; **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com; **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jar1229@yahoo.com.

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I write this column from a coffee shop not far from where Wayfair employees walked out of headquarters in Boston's Copley Square yesterday to protest the company's sale of beds and other furniture to border detention facilities run by the US government. It became national news, and Wayfair cofounders **Steve Conine** and **Niraj Shah** did not change their stance on the order as of this writing, but announced that the company would donate $100,000 to the American Red Cross to support its "effort to help those in dire need of basic necessities at the border." Who knew running an online retailer known for its technology and customer analytics would encounter such a political controversy?

Over another US border, **Jeffrey Marcus** and **Joanne Seiff** live in Winnipeg, MB, with their twin 8-year-olds, Leo and Sammy. Recently, Jeff was promoted to full professor of biological sciences at the U. of Manitoba. Joanne is a freelancer, writing opinion pieces for the CBC-Manitoba and a column for two Canadian Jewish newspapers, designing knitwear, and doing plain language editing. Her most recent book, a nonfiction collection of her columns, is called *From the Outside In*. "We spend a lot of time chasing twins and our two bird dogs, too," they write. "If you happen to be in Winnipeg, drop us a line. We'd be happy to take you out on the river in winter (our rivers freeze solid for kilometers of skating and walking trails, art installations, and pop-up restaurants) or to a festival in the summer."

Other classmates made some moves this spring. **James Sammataro** joined law firm Pryor Cashman LLP as partner and co-head of the firm's media and entertainment group in May. **Brett Blumenthal**, MBA '04's latest book, *52 Small Changes for the Family*, came out April 12. It's the third in the 52 Small Changes series.

Some updates on our trivia contest: **Ambar Pansari** correctly guessed that there are approximately 3,300

Cornell alumni in the Class of 1995. Somehow class historian **Abra Benson** Perrie, MBA '04, was listed as one of the choices and received the most votes! It has become a bit of a running joke. In subsequent questions, alums found creative and humorous ways to write in Abra for an answer. **Michael Vetrano** knew that our classmate **Jeffrey Speiser** designed our alumni class logo. And **Neeraj Choubey** knew that 72 percent of the Class of 1995 is reachable by e-mail.

Steve Friedfeld used this as a call to action: "Hopefully all of you have given the Cornell Division of Alumni Affairs and Development your e-mail address," he wrote. And when Steve posted on the Facebook page that Aladdin's had closed, **Stephanie Lessans** Geller responded: "We need a Class of '95 investment fund—a new economic model of a class-owned business! Too many amazing (and delicious!) memories slipping away."

So what do you get for correct trivia? Ask **Scott Horowitz**. His correct answer enabled him to win from a drawing two free registrations to our 25th Reunion in June 2020. (Of course, now the pressure is on for Scott to attend!) Got any freshman memories to share? Reach out to us. ❖ **Scott Lajoie**, scottlajoie@hotmail.com; **Alison Torrillo** French, atorillo@aol.com. Class website, http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu. Online news form, http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/.

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Earlier this year, our prolific and terrific **Seth Kibel** released his latest EP. Entitled "Tiny Hands," it is a collection of politically charged songs written and recorded in collaboration with D.C.-based vocalist Flo Anito. In October 2018, he released "When You're Smiling," a full-length album featuring an assortment of jazz, swing, and klezmer standards. You can keep up with his exploits at www.sethkibel.com.

Corrections Dept.: **Emily Hart** Reith and her husband are assuming the role of an Uber by shuttling their non-driving-aged kids around when they aren't at work—not actually using Uber (yet)! Thanks for writing to us, Emily!

News flash from the West Coast: **Ron Johnstone** and his wife, Amy, are sending their oldest daughter, Jessica, from Burlingame, CA . . . to Ithaca! She'll be part of Cornell's Class of 2023! Send your news to: ❖ **Lee Hendelman**, LeeH1818@hotmail.com. Online news form, http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/.

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Besheer Mohamed (btm1@cornell.edu) is a senior researcher at Pew Research Center. "I've been leveraging my Cornell Engineering (Computer Science) training as well as my sociology PhD to understand religious minorities using surveys and big data." If Besheer found himself in Ithaca on a sunny day, he'd start with a hike down Cascadilla Gorge.

Kristin Boekhoff writes, "My second daughter, Alaria Rae, was born on March 15. Her older sister, Amarai (born April 15, 2017) is very excited about the addition to our household. An interesting side note: Amarai was born on the same day as April the Giraffe's first baby, Tajiri, and Alaria was born one day before April's second baby, Azizi!"

Drop us a line to let us know how you spent your summer. ❖ **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu; **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu. Online news form, http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/.

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Here is the latest installment of "What Has the Class of 1998 Been Up To?" Congratulations to **Emilia** "Mily" **Cantarero** Huntley, who joined the Office of the City Manager in Compton, CA, in her new role of assistant city manager after 14 years as a litigator. She attended Pepperdine U. School of Law, where she earned her law degree in 2004. When she isn't dashing off to work meetings, Mily enjoys traveling and spending time with family, especially her daughter.

Traveling cross-country from California to New York, **Nophmas Ann Kositchotitana** and her husband, **Ronald Chen**, visited the campus this past June. With daughters Sofie, Natalie, and baby Rosie, Ann and Ron reminisced about their time at Cornell, journeyed up the clock tower, and indulged in treats at the Dairy Bar. Ann has been very active in fundraising for special needs children and conducting speech and behavior workshops for parents of young children. She started a new venture called Play-to-Learn Studio and opened a concept store, Play-to-Learn Toys, in Southern California that focus on educational services and toys for young children.

Cari Buxbaum Sommer launched a new thought-leadership podcast called "The Pitch Factor." In her first episode, Cari spoke to Katia Beauchamp, CEO and founder of Birchbox, about the beauty subscription service's strategy to remain relevant in today's market. Cari is the founder/CEO of RAISE Communications, a boutique strategy, PR, and content development firm in NYC. Both Cari and her husband, **Dan '97**, serve on the board of Red Bear Angels, one of the fastest-growing angel networks, led by Cornell alumni. **Brett Prince** and his wife moved to Essex, MA, and they are enjoying life in their new neighborhood.

Thank you again for sharing your updates with us! You can access the online news form at http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/, or you can e-mail me: ❖ **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, udj1@cornell.edu.

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The biggest Reunions are typically the 5th and the 25th, but I can report that our 20th was a record-breaking success.

There were a lot of us—more than 400—who attended. Our Reunion chairs, **Sheyna Horowitz**, **Rebecca Harris** Mulvaney, and **Dave Sandoval**, did an outstanding job hosting and planning. Dave writes, "On behalf of my fellow class council members, I wanted to extend a huge THANK YOU to all of my fellow '99ers for making our 20th Reunion weekend a record-breaking success. Amazing how those four special years made such a huge impact on our lives. That's why we keep coming back: to honor our school and, more importantly, the friendships we made. You are all amazing, brilliant, and FUN people. See you at the 25th, if not sooner!"

Reunion also brings the election of new class officers. **Rachelle Loranger** Considine will continue in her role as an outgoing class co-president, and **James Grady** will join her as the incoming co-president. James Grady and **Gladys Mathew** started planning for Reunion shortly after the New Year. Their WhatsApp chat eventually turned into a very successful Reunion of nearly 30 roommates, spouses, kids, and friends who either: 1) shared the addresses of Apt. 2G, 301 College Ave., 106 Highland Ave., or 117 Oak Ave.; 2) were members of Sitara or the Society for India; or 3) went to parties hosted by groups 1 and 2. James writes that friends came from both the east and west sides of the Bay, Louisiana, Arizona, D.C., NYC, Boston, New Hampshire, and even flyover country such as St. Louis, MO. It was hard to believe 20 years had passed, and (despite a promise to just bend the knees) when instructed by Everlast and Danny Boy, we got out of our seats and Jumped Around like it was 1999.

Reunion classmates stayed in Mary Donlon Hall, which will remain as Cornell further develops its North Campus to accommodate more students and increased enrollment. The plan is to guarantee housing for all freshmen and sophomores, something that isn't possible now. If your memory of Donlon has faded, I can tell you that it still has many charms, even though the dorm's institutional look is of a time and place totally out of harmony with today's students.

The fabric of campus has changed significantly. Along East Ave., the main drag along the Arts Quad, several of the large construction projects are now complete with a modern appearance. Milstein Hall cantilevers over University Ave. and adds a wonderful new dimension to the College of Architecture, Art and Planning. The Green Dragon Café remains delightfully dingy, though. And though it's been open for a few years, the new Dairy Bar is really wonderful, attracting a crush of people with free ice cream cones for Reunion weekend.

Collegetown is another matter. It's dead. Cataloging the soullessness, all the closed bars, and the favorites won't be repeated here. What remains is a still-vibrant Collegetown Bagels on its prime corner and the step-back-in-time Souvlaki House. I had initially included Aladdin's Natural Eatery in a draft of this column, but it closed permanently the week after Reunion. RIP.

Rents in Collegetown run about $1,300 a month per bedroom, according to an analysis by Cornell. A current undergraduate explained that students don't really "go out." So I kept asking questions until I finally got an answer: students just go to house parties now.

Reunion provides a needed opportunity to learn something new or catch up with people you might otherwise find in line at your local Trader Joe's. Take Reunion check-in. In front of me in line was **Sam Pollack**, who is basically a neighbor. We caught up about his work in compliance with JP Morgan Chase in New York City. He was with friend and travel buddy **Stacy Giufre**, who teaches Italian at UMass, Amherst.

John Olney taught me about the honey business during our class dinner, which is his family's business in Michigan. Friend **Brady Russell**, a reporter in NYC with @coindesk, and **Shannon Smith Brock**, a winery owner, talked politics and work over dinner. Brady covers bitcoin, crypto, and blockchain technology and you can follow him at @BradyDale. With her husband, **Paul**, **MS '07**, Shannon operates Silver Thread Vineyard in Lodi, NY. She caught us all up on the wine business, worries about labor costs, and the spotted lanternfly, a nasty invasive species. She sampled her beautiful wines before our class dinner on the grounds of the Johnson Museum, which is now expanded and more beautiful than ever.

We encourage you to send in class news when you can. **Laca Wong**-Hammond in NYC writes to tell us that she's now managing director for mergers and acquisitions at ORIX Real Estate Capital, focused on healthcare and housing deals. Her son recently turned 18 months old and she writes that she can't wait to bring him to Ithaca. **Shannon Floyd** in Ocala, FL, writes with an update on her business. She is a foot and knee surgeon with her own practice. Daughter Eva is 6 years old, and she has been married to husband Kevin Mathew for 11 years. Family time, travel, and work bring her the most satisfaction these days.

On behalf of the class officers, we hope to see you at the 25th Reunion and catch up at regional events. If you are interested in serving as a class officer, please contact James (jamesgrady1977@yahoo.com) and Rachelle (rconsidine@google.com). If you have wanted to be a class correspondent, now is your chance. I'm retiring this role after 14-plus years. Reach out to me, **Melanie Grayce** West (melaniegraycewest@gmail.com), if you

are interested or have questions. Send your news to: ❖ **Melanie Grayce** West, melaniegraycewest@gmail.com; or **Heather Madland**, hmadland@gmail.com.

00 Do the changing leaves and crisp autumn air bring you right back to fall on the Hill? Drop me a line to let me know how you spent the summer. ❖ **Christine Jensen** Weld, ckj1@cornell.edu. Online news form, http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/.

01 While the *Aladdin* from our childhoods opened as a live-action film earlier this year, the Aladdin's from our undergrad date nights suddenly closed. Where will the kids get their pesto pasta now? And, for that matter, is anything left in Collegetown from our days on the Hill? According to Google Maps, it's a whole new world indeed! At least we can still commune with our ghosts at CTB, Rulloff's, and Souvlaki House. And on the bright side, some of the new places look pretty tempting . . . Insomnia Cookies, anyone?

For those of us who only make it back to Cornell for Reunions every five or ten years, all this change can seem quite dramatic! Even more reason to get back more often—or stay in touch with friends who do, at least. Who's planning to be at Homecoming (October 4-5) or returning for other reasons: corporate recruiting, fraternity/sorority reunions, family vacations, sporting events, weddings, graduations? Share your photos and observations with us by e-mail and/or social media, please. We're counting on you to keep us informed!

'Mary Donlon Hall still has many charms.'

MELANIE GRAYCE WEST '99

Fortunately, to paraphrase from Cavafy's famous poem, we can keep Ithaca always in our minds while enjoying our interesting journeys miles from our shared starting point—particularly whenever our paths cross. Before leaving Seattle (2,725 miles) for Delhi (7,273 miles) this summer, I managed to grab lunch with **Lee Striar '99**, a project manager with real estate investment firm Heartland LLC, and dessert with **Amy Quan '00**, visiting town from Delaware (260 miles) with her fellow optometrist husband and their two adorable daughters. In both cases, we hadn't seen each other in years—and yet, it felt more like weeks. If you haven't reconnected with an old college friend yet—in person, not just online—I highly recommend it. Especially if you share the story with us afterwards, too!

In her new home of Milford, CT (266 miles), **Rachel Suchoff** is happy to be "close enough to meet up in Boston or New York!" She's working as a communications consultant, spending time with family and enjoying the great outdoors. But if she had a day back in Ithaca, she would spend it visiting the gorges and the HumEc building—perhaps even running into Prof. Alan Mathios, the first person she met at Cornell.

Michael Fettner has been keeping busy professionally, working in the SharePoint group at Regeneron Pharmaceuticals in Tarrytown, NY (217 miles), and personally, welcoming baby Jonah last year. In his spare time, he runs the Cornell Westchester alumni softball team and manages his daughter's T-ball team. Which one's more challenging, Mike? Checking in from Chatham, NJ (208 miles), **Jennifer Rich** Garrett welcomed baby Ava Elizabeth in February. "Mom, Dad, brother Beau, Grandma **Nancy Weiss** Rich **'69**, and Uncle **Jonathan Rich '05** are all over the moon for little Ava," she writes.

And now comes the portion of this column where I use my Ivy League-caliber investigative journalism skills—mainly just poking around social media!—to dig up bonus news. Alpha Phi sisters **Brooke Sinnes** and **Jennifer Washburn** Higgs were spotted in Paris (3,658 miles) a few months ago. (**Salil Gupte** was around, too, representing Boeing India at the annual Paris Air Show. Perhaps I can tag along next time, assuming we can figure out childcare. Any classmates hanging around the Seine these days?) Brooke is the founder of Sincere Sheep, an all-natural textile company based in Napa, CA (2,758 miles). Check her out at www.sinceresheep.com. Jenni is an assistant professor in the School of Education at UC Davis (2,713 miles); her research focuses on digital tool uses that support learning and teaching, adolescents' digital literacies, and teacher education in the language arts.

Twin social entrepreneurs **Miki Agrawal** and **Radha Agrawal** have had an especially fruitful year, taking on the world from Brooklyn (227 miles). Miki released her latest book, *Disrupt-Her: A Manifesto for the Modern Woman*, and continues promoting her eco-friendly bidet company, Tushy. Radha released her own book, *Belong: Find Your People, Create Community and Live a More Connected Life*, then welcomed baby girl Soleï to the family. Check them both out on Instagram and via their eponymous websites.

Our 20th Reunion is less than two years away, and you know what that means? Time to start planning! Do you have ideas about activities, outreach strategies, and swag we should include this time around? What did you love or not love about our previous Reunions? Or, if you missed all three of our past Reunions—gasp!—what would make the fourth time the charm? To offer your thoughts and help our committee make this major milestone a success, just e-mail classof2001_reunion@cornell.edu.

And as always, please stay in touch by sending your news to me at the e-mail below, visiting our website (www.classof01.alumni.cornell.edu), liking our Facebook page, and following us on Twitter (@Cornell2001). ❖ **Nicole Neroulias** Gupte, NicoleMN6@gmail.com.

02 **Shane Downey** writes from Toronto, ON, where he recently joined York Group of Companies as CFO. "Colin and Anna are fully engrossed in Toronto minor hockey and looking forward to their initial visit to Lynah before too long!" **James Quazi** is the founder and current CTO of Dandelion Energy, a startup that replaces traditional furnaces with a geothermal heat pump system. This new system offers the equivalent carbon emission reduction of taking two cars off the road for each year that it operates.

Vincent Fontana (vincent.fontana@gmail.com) writes, "I head up the fixed income product specialist team for HSBC. It's a challenging yet rewarding role that allows me the privilege to visit and take care of our clients from Latin America to Asia." He adds, "We recently became a family of three! Ellie Hudson came into the world a few weeks ago." Vincent says she brings them great satisfaction: "Outside of watching her grow, I'm able to further grow my passion in photography. I'm now a #newbornphotoexpert." And what would he do with a day in Ithaca? "Take in the green! While I am a Brooklyn boy and love the city, my day would no question consist of walks to the various gorges followed by a CTB bagel sandwich to end the day."

Annette Sheppard recently appeared on Netflix's reality glassblowing competition series, "Blown Away." She has also transitioned from management consulting to startup life at Domino Data Lab, a data science platform startup based in San Francisco, CA. Send your news to: ❖ **Carolyn Deckinger** Lang, cmd35@cornell.edu. Online news form, http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/.

03 Greetings, classmates! **Shaun D'Souza**, who is a tech architecture delivery associate manager at Accenture, wrote to tell us about how he and his colleagues have published their work on creating a unified architecture for next-generation internet. Congratulations to Shaun on this accomplishment!

Our mini-feature returns this month and highlights **Amy Jo Burns**, author of *Cinderland* and *Shiner*. Her work has also appeared in *Salon*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Electric Literature*, *Literary Hub*, and Roxane Gay's anthology, *Not That Bad*. Amy Jo says, "After I graduated in 2003, I worked for a great company as an HR generalist for three years. The work was interesting and challenging, but I found myself really longing for something more creative, where I could work on projects of my own imagination. I'd always wanted to be a writer, but I'd never had the guts to try—or to even take a creative writing class in college. I realized that if I wanted to be my own boss, I'd need to make some major lifestyle changes. So my husband and I cut our budget in half and lived simply while I tried my hand at this writing thing. I wrote a novel that didn't sell, and it broke my heart. Of course, I wondered if I'd made all the wrong choices. As a last-ditch effort, I applied to a creative writing graduate program at Hunter College in New York City, and I was shocked when I got in. During my time there, I began writing what would become my first book, *Cinderland*. The life I've built as a writer since I left my first career is definitely less certain and less lucrative than it might have been. Most writers don't know when their next paycheck is coming, or whether a publisher will be interested in a book they've invested years of their lives in, but I'm really grateful for the chance to try. I love diving deep into something and watching it take shape. Most of the professors I had at Cornell were also writers, and I got my earliest models of the writing life from them."

When asked how her ILR background has influenced her, Amy Jo remarked, "ILR taught me so much. To me, there is no better major. I learned that there's such important, inherent value in our work. Working rights are human rights, and we all have a stake in fighting for a living wage and caring about the conditions in which our consumer products are made. ILR also taught me to wrestle with difficult questions that have no clear solution or answer. That, more than anything, has served me best as a writer. Also, I loved how much the ILR faculty loved their jobs. They took pride in teaching, researching, and studying. Their passion for their life's work ultimately encouraged me to take a risk and pursue my own."

Amy Jo currently lives in Princeton, NJ, with husband Matthew Kandathil and their two children, Sammy and Sana. What she misses most about campus are the trees and libraries. She says, "There was this stunning tree right outside of Uris Library that had the most beautiful pink flowers in late spring. It always gave me so much hope after surviving the long winter. There was a library for every one of my moods. If I wanted to study, I'd go to Uris. If I wanted time to myself, I'd hide in the Architecture school's library. If I wanted to socialize while I worked, I

headed to the ILR building. Whenever I visit the campus now, I always stop in the libraries first."

We look forward to hearing from more of you, so please drop us a line! Wishing you the best. ❖ **Candace Lee** Chow, cjl24@cornell.edu; **Jon Schoenberg**, jrs55@cornell.edu.

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We are happy to share many amazing memories from Reunion 2019 and are thankful that there was something for everyone to enjoy. It was our most fun Reunion yet, and nearly everyone we talked to is already planning to make the trip for our 20th! Gorges weather, nostalgic views, and brilliant people made our Reunion memorable.

Of all the connections and adventures, we had many favorites. It is always great to reconnect with friends and to meet classmates that traveled from all over the world including New York, San Francisco, London, and Bangalore. We had delicious meals from old favorites like Ithaca Bakery, Dinosaur BBQ, and the Hot Truck.

We slept in dorm rooms, made Wegmans runs, toured vineyards, hiked the gorges, enjoyed the sounds of the chimes and the waterfalls, played in beer pong tournaments at the class tent, and enjoyed a **Ruth Bader** Ginsburg **'54** message to alumni at Cornelliana Night on Saturday! It was the best Reunion weekend ever.

The late-night tent parties with music from every decade allowed us to dance the night away on the Arts Quad with old and new friends. A lot of us made new connections and friendships outside of our regular circles. Reunion gave us an opportunity to connect with people we may not have crossed paths with in the past.

And our class has grown! We had to scramble last-minute to organize stroller parking outside our class headquarters at Ujamaa. We introduced our kids to Cornell with activities like the Johnson Art Museum scavenger hunt, the Mathematics Library scavenger hunt, and the Fun in the Sun tents on the Arts Quad.

The Class of 2004 can still party like it's 2004! For those who could not make it to campus for Reunion this year, we hope to see you at the 20th Reunion and at many Cornell events in between! ❖ **Jessi Petrosino**, jessi.petrosino@ey.com.

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Happy fall, Class of 2005! This class column brings lots of great news from all over the globe! **Adam Sansiveri** is the new head of AllianceBernstein's global private wealth management office. In the role, Adam is responsible for client service, management, and the strategic growth of Bernstein's business in Nashville. At the age of 36, he's the firm's youngest-ever managing director.

Alexandra Tursi and her husband welcomed a baby girl in September 2016, Ilona Beatrice. When not chasing after her exuberant and energetic daughter, Alex works as the social media strategist for the U. of Vermont Health Network and recently joined Champlain College as an adjunct professor of digital marketing at the college's Robert Stiller School of Business. **Alana Siegel** is currently an instructor at Tel Aviv U. and has a private psychology practice in Tel Aviv. She also works to help English speakers find mental health services in Israel. To see all the great things she is doing, visit her website at www.dralanasiegel.com.

Becky Raizman Newman welcomed her son, Jacob, with her husband, David, on April 16, 2019. They live in Los Angeles, CA. **Hilary Johnson** King is expecting her second daughter with her husband, Matthew, this fall. She is currently the assistant principal at Albany Academy for Boys, one of the oldest independent prep schools in the country. She oversees the school's lower and middle schools, serving students in grades pre-school through eight. **Lauren May** D'Innocenzo was recently named to Poets & Quants 2019 Best 40 Under 40 Professors list. As an assistant professor of management at Drexel U.'s LeBow College of Business, Lauren shares her expertise around team dynamics, multilevel modeling, and shared leadership. One of her nominators said, "Prof. D'Innocenzo brings her research expertise in leadership and teams into the classroom in a unique and innovative way, integrating in ways I haven't seen both the practice and the theory."

Know of any classmates whom we could feature in "Classmate Corner" or in future class columns? Let us know! Stay connected with our class through social media: Facebook, https://www.facebook.com/Cornell2005/; Instagram, https://www.instagram.com/cornellclassof2005/; LinkedIn, https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12200422/; Twitter, https://twitter.com/cornell_2005. As always, we would love to hear about your life updates. Send your news to your class correspondents: ❖ **Hilary Johnson** King, haj4@cornell.edu; **Johnny Chen**, jc362@cornell.edu; **Michelle Wong**, mrw29@cornell.edu.

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Happy autumn! Have news to share? Submit it at: http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/. Or write to me directly. Your classmates love hearing from you! ❖ **Tory Lauterbach**, VML8@cornell.edu.

07

Welcome to another beautiful fall in Ithaca! Okay, I'm not in Ithaca, and most of you aren't either, but wouldn't it be nice? 2007 friends—thank you for all of your updates! I have such a great time reading them, and I LOVE sharing them with the rest of our classmates. Keep them coming; my contact information is—as always—at the bottom of this column.

Fellow classmate **Jennifer Molloy**-Martinez has been busy! She's leading a team of eight project managers in healthcare IT for Northwell Health Systems. Their roadmap focuses on medication management and specialty applications. Jennifer and husband Alex have a 2-year-old, Sophia Rose, who keeps them on their toes and is—as she should be—amazing! After completing a PhD at the U. of Illinois, **Robyn Ellerbrock**, DVM '12, moved to Georgia in 2018 to start as an assistant professor at the U. of Georgia's vet college. She also finished her first Boston Marathon this past spring. Congrats!

Kara Schlichting went on to get her PhD after graduating from the College of Arts and Sciences. She shares: "I am a historian of New York City, and now a faculty member at Queens College, CUNY. My book, *New York Recentered: Building the Metropolis from the Shore*, was just published with U. of Chicago Press's urban history series. My career as a historian would not have been possible without the wonderful Cornell American Studies department, which started me on this path." Looking forward to seeing where your career takes you, Kara! Congrats to **Daniel Dauplaise** on his marriage to Caroline Buchanan in June! After a gorgeous proposal on the Seine in May 2018, they celebrated their nuptials in Connecticut with friends and family.

And a Hotelie wedding! **Steven Stern** and **Samantha Henry '09** tied the knot in late March in Atlanta, GA, on a beautiful day at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens. Weekend celebrations were held at the Iberian Pig—owned by Cornell siblings **Fred Castellucci** and **Stephanie Castellucci '09**—and at Osteria Mattone, owned by **Ryan Pernice**. The weekend was attended by many fellow Cornellians including Ryan, **Anthony Ramonas**, **Matt Estersohn**, BA '06, **Ryan Canissario**, **Christie Gibbons** LaGrange, **Carlos Larcada**, **Joseph Zielinski**, **Brian Tripp**, **Scott Westerman '08**, **Brad Newberger '08**, **Kirk Kelewae '08**, **Katie Coupe '08**, MILR '13, **Joyce Chen** Yung **'09**, **Andrew Heilmann '09**, and several of their spouses. Steven and Samantha live in Chicago and are getting settled into married life.

Lastly, I'm very excited to congratulate my fellow AOPi **Marcela Peres** and her husband, Kevin McGrory, on the birth of their daughter, Beatrix Mutiara, on February 15 of this year. Thanks again for the awesome updates, 2007! Looking forward to sharing more of your stories with everyone. Have news to share? Please feel free to reach out to me or submit online! ❖ **Samantha Feibush** Wolf, srf29@cornell.edu. Online news form, https://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/.

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"I just finished an album of original instrumental guitar music called 'Rüya,'" writes **Murat Keyder**. "It's a mix of classical guitar and Turkish music and various other influences. I grew up in Turkey until I was 16; I'm half Turkish, half American. I've been playing guitar and oud since I was an early teenager. I played in the Middle Eastern ensemble at Cornell and did a solo recital my senior year. After college I started an ethnomusicology PhD at UPenn but quit with a master's. I stayed there as a guitar teacher for four years and then moved to New York City. I'm currently a musician and freelance math and music teacher. The album consists entirely of my own music and it's all instrumental solo guitar." You can listen to "Rüya" on Spotify.

Renata Shraybman Chalfin recently opened her own solo neurology practice in her hometown of Boca Raton, FL. "My husband and two young sons moved last year from Miami, where I was completing my neurology training, back to Boca Raton." Renata has her next day in Ithaca planned out with stops at the Hot Truck, CTB, the Dairy Bar, Libe Café (for a smoothie), and Collegetown (for some bubble tea). "I'd hike and swim and kayak in the gorges, walk all around campus, visit my old dorms and class buildings, take the TCAT, go sledding if it's snowy, lay out on the Arts Quad, and visit old professors." **Daniel Peneyra**, MHA '10, recently graduated from Upstate Medical U.

"I am working on my healthcare startup, after a decade's work as a data scientist across multiple industries and amateur Chinese medicine consultation in my spare time," writes **Lulu Yan**. "This is a tech version of my dream when I was a Cornell student. Vision, mission, and faith for our startup is a key source of satisfaction and dissatisfaction in my life these days. It is my business baby, evolved from a hobby since childhood, a dream since college, and a wish spanning over a decade." Lulu adds, "Personally, I am happily single after getting over a relationship setback. Family-wise, I left home at age 16 and have been on my own since 18, glad that my parents are currently healthy and happy in China." What would she do with a day in Ithaca? "Probably similar to what I did during our 10th Reunion: catching up with people I knew and respected who are still on campus, walking the familiar paths to create before/after comparison, and making up for experiences I missed by exploring some unfamiliar paths and activities." Send your news to: ❖ **Elana Beale**, erb26@cornell.edu; or **Libby Boymel**, lkb24@cornell.edu.

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Classmates, friends: From winery visits, tours of the Botanic Gardens, and breakfast with Martha Pollak and three promising students on Saturday

morning, to singing the Alma Mater and dancing to music under the tents Saturday evening . . . To those who joined us in Ithaca for our 10th Reunion—oh what a weekend it was! To those of you unable to attend, we missed you and hope to see you at the 15th!

Our class will be transitioning and welcoming **Anthony Lopez** and **Siming Zhu** as class co-presidents. Additionally, the following classmates will be stepping into these roles: **Meli Mathis** as VP regions, West Coast; **Kenneth Kruger** as VP regions, East Coast; **Mike McDermott** as VP professional networking/career services; **Rebecca Robbins**, PhD '15 (yours truly) as co-VP of Annual Fund and large gifts; **Joseph Lomando** as VP membership; **Jasen Bell** as co-VP events; **Josh Navarro** as VP publicity; **Tarik Zawia** as treasurer; **Jenn Vargas** as secretary; **Jimmy Suarez** and **Sara Kaleya** as Reunion co-chairs; and **Elizabeth Rapoport** Koch, **Sam Berg**, **Matt Windt**, ME '10, MBA '15, **Melanie Gowen**, **Milagros Barsallo**, **Jess Lebo**, **Mike Misrahi**, and **Rantimi Oluwasegun** Adetunji as class council members at large. If you are interested in any position on our alumni class council for the Class of 2009, please reach out to Amanda Massa in Alumni Affairs (amanda.massa@cornell.edu).

And last but not least, **Jason Georges** (jag243@cornell.edu) will be taking over as our devoted class correspondent. Please send him an e-mail if you have any personal or professional updates! It has been a pleasure serving as your correspondent over the past several years. Hope to see you in New York City or back on campus soon. ❖ **Rebecca Robbins**, Robbins.Reb@gmail.com; **Jason Georges**, jag243@cornell.edu.

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"Change is the only constant" for **Katherine Karaus** (kayraus@gmail.com), who is running her own UX writing business. "I'm enjoying exploring my new home city of San Diego and caring for my two cats with my partner, Ryan."

Joel and **Molly Clauhs Crist** (mollymcrist@gmail.com) write, "We are delighted to announce the birth of our baby, Zinnia Edwinna, on April 15, 2019. We met at Cornell in 2009, married in 2013, and are excited to grow our family. We'll raise Zinnia at Crist Bros Orchards, the family apple farm in New York's Hudson Valley. She is the sixth generation on the farm and hopefully will be a fourth-generation Cornellian!" **Sameer Nurmohamed** and **Christie Gibson** (ceg47@cornell.edu) also welcomed their first child, daughter Sienna Rose, in December 2018. "We cannot wait to bring her to campus and show her where her parents met!"

Drop us a line to let us know how you spent the summer. ❖ **Amar Kelkar**, amarhkelkar@gmail.com; **Michelle Sun**, michellejsun@gmail.com; **Jeff Katz**, jeff.allan.katz@gmail.com.

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Happy summer, Class of 2011! While most of us are enjoying the summer, **Avery Russell** is looking forward to fall, when he will be starting as an assistant professor of evolutionary biology at Missouri State U. He writes, "I look forward to living in the Ozarks, building my research lab, and teaching undergraduate and master's students." Many congratulations! Send your news to: ❖ **Dara Perl**, dmp229@cornell.edu; **Siva Iyer**, si74@cornell.edu. Online news form, http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/.

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Arjun Potter is in year four of a PhD program in ecology and evolutionary biology at Princeton U. When he is not thinking about what elephants eat or traveling to Mozambique, you can find him mixing cocktails and hosting trivia nights.

Olivia Boyd lives in Los Angeles and is an integrations producer at Telepictures Productions, the syndication arm for Warner Bros. She works to sell and execute brand partnerships and integrations for the nationally syndicated talk show "The Real." In her free time, she balances her passions for eating too many desserts and working out, frequenting L.A.'s finest: B Sweet, Susie Cakes, the Big Chill, and Equinox's rooftop Playground Experience circuit class. She will be making trips home to Boston more frequently to visit her new niece, Parker. ❖ **Peggy Ramin**, mar335@cornell.edu. Online news form, http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/.

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We have a few updates from our classmates this month. First up is **Charlie Clausner**, who reports that he continues to teach elementary school in rural Hawaii after completing his commitment with Teach For America and his master's in educational studies from Johns Hopkins U. As part of his job, Charlie has traveled with a group of high school students to Costa Rica during summer break; this year they are going to Vietnam. Charlie's ultimate career goal is to transition into administration, earn a PhD, or perhaps get into the education technology space.

In more recent news, Charlie's brother got married in Louisville, KY, and he traveled to Antarctica, completing his seven-continent tour. If Charlie had one day to spend in Ithaca, he says that he would stop by the Sprint Football offices and chat with the coaches, players, and managers. Then he would do some hiking, visit ILR, and finish off his visit at the Botanic Gardens. When asked who was the first person he met at Cornell, Charlie named **Cam Nickels**, who he is still in touch with to this day.

A bunch of our classmates have started new jobs. **Lucia Rafanelli** will be an assistant professor of political science and international affairs at George Washington U. **Angela Lu** will be moving to Boston this fall to start a new job and looks forward to connecting with alumni there. **Chelsea Gallup** was recently hired by Associates of Glens Falls Insurance & Loomis & LaPann Inc. in Glens Falls, NY. Chelsea lives in Saratoga Springs with her fiancé and two dogs, Gunther and Esther. Send your news to: ❖ **Rachael Schuman**, RASchuman@gmail.com.

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Hello, 2014 classmates! In June we welcomed a record-breaking 964 classmates back to campus for our 5th Reunion. The weekend started out with receiving our official 2014 class banner from the Class of 1944, represented by **Howard Evans '44**, PhD '50, during the "Spirit of '31" ceremony. 2014 was represented by Reunion chairs **Julie Ewing**, **Kristen Ewing**, **Aylin Gucalp**, and **Julia Buffinton**.

Highlights of the weekend included dinners catered by Agava and Dinosaur BBQ, a wine tour to Cayuga Lake wineries, late-night food from class favorites D.P. Dough, Wings Over Ithaca, and Shortstop Deli, as well as two nights of dancing at the Arts Quad tent parties with the other Reunion classes.

In the year leading up to Reunion, 456 classmates gave to Cornell, resulting in a record-breaking $128,842 given to the university as part of the 5th Reunion campaign. These efforts were led by **Dana Lerner** and **Rob Callahan**. We want to thank all of those who gave for their generosity in supporting Cornell and encourage everyone to consider making a gift in the next year.

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During our class meeting, we approved the slate of new class officers who will hold a five-year term through our 10th Reunion in June 2024. Our council officers are: class president Julia Buffinton; membership chair **Justin Shamoun**; secretary **Tejal Thakkar**; treasurer Aylin Gucalp; social media chair Dana Lerner; class correspondent **Samantha Lapehn**; Annual Fund representatives **Kelly Parness** and Dana Lerner; and heads of regional events **Kayla DeLeon** and **Aliana Heffernan**. In addition to the officers listed above, we also have a team of council members at-large and will select our 10th Reunion chairs at a future date. We are excited to serve the class for the next five years and look forward to increasing our class's engagement with the Cornell alumni community.

Lastly, I would like to say thank you to our wonderful Reunion chairs for planning such a memorable and fun weekend and to Tejal Thakkar for faithfully serving as class correspondent for the last five years! If you would like to share any Reunion memories or other life news in this column, please reach out to me! ❖ **Samantha Lapehn**, SRL76@cornell.edu.

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Happy autumn, Class of 2015! As our 5th Reunion (which will be June 4-7, 2020) is quickly approaching, we want to keep up with our classmates. Share your news with us so we can include it in a future column. ❖ **Haley Velasco**, hav9@cornell.edu; **Ariel Cooper**, ALC258@cornell.edu.

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Hello, Class of 2016! Since graduation, our classmates have continued to excel personally and professionally. Recently, we heard from two Human Ecology grads who have exciting news from around the world.

Taylor McGuire wrote in from the U. of Michigan child psychiatry department, where she is working as the lab manager for the Youth Depression and Suicide Prevention research lab. Taylor is busy in Ann Arbor as she manages three (!) research projects funded by the NIH, supervises research assistants, writes manuscripts, and works nightly as a licensed pharmacy technician. When she is not at work in one of her many professional roles, Taylor is still busy: "In my spare time, I can be found trying out new recipes at home, growing a book collection of primarily African American literature (and other modern books), venturing into traveling when I have the time, attending research conferences, picking up shifts with the Text Crisis Line, or studying for the GRE." Taylor's next step includes applications to clinical psychology PhD programs.

Alexandra Holmes writes from the beaches of Koh Chang, Thailand, where she is currently completing a TEFL certification. She will be teaching fifth grade English in a town outside of Bangkok starting in May, and hopes to help students improve their language skills while seeing the world. Previously, Alexandra worked as a recruiter in Boston with many fellow Cornell alumni. However, a desire to try her hand at teaching and to experience other cultures led her on this faraway journey! In addition to her recent career transition, Alexandra writes, "While I'm far away from my home (which I consider to be in both Rochester and Ithaca, NY) right now, I'd love to meet some fellow Cornellians as I live and travel in Asia. In the next couple of years, I'd like to be back in the Northeast, where I hope to reconnect with fellow alums and, of course, attend the quickly approaching 5th Reunion for the Class of 2016!" ❖ **Meghan McCormick**, mcm324@cornell.edu. Online news form, http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/.

ALUMNI DEATHS

1940s

'40, BS HE '41—Priscilla Coffin Baxter,
Mystic, CT, February 13, 2019
'41 BS Ag, MEd '66—Jean Duddleston Baines,
Ithaca, NY, April 6, 2019
'42 BS Ag—Evelyn Kassman Greenspan,
Columbus, OH, March 6, 2019
'44—Robert A. Reidy,
Somers, NY, October 10, 2018
'45—Mary Louise Snellenburg Harris,
Spinnerstown, PA, March 10, 2019
'45 BS HE—Janet Eagle Peeler,
Atlantic Beach, FL, March 17, 2019
'45, BEE '44—Burton H. Smith,
Lexington, MA, March 17, 2019
'45, BEE '44, MEE '47—Robert B. Trousdale,
Laguna Woods, CA, February 3, 2017
'45, BEE '44—H. Carl Whitman,
Idyllwild, CA, April 10, 2019
'46, BA '45—Nita Thorner Goldstein,
Dedham, MA, July 14, 2018
'46 BS Nurs—Fay Belt Ireland,
Birmingham, AL, April 18, 2019
'47 BA—John W. Carrier,
Sarasota, FL, February 28, 2019
'47 BS HE—Constance Foley Ferris,
Rock Hall, MD, December 13, 2018
'47 BS Ag, PhD '56—Raymond T. Fox,
Ithaca, NY, March 31, 2019
'47 BME—John B. Stewart,
Saratoga, CA, March 2, 2019
'47 BS Ag—Ralph C. Ware,
San Antonio, TX, March 24, 2019
'47, BME '46—Frederic L. Yarrington Jr.,
Naples, FL, February 26, 2019
'48-49 SP Ag—Marian Duncan Adams,
Monroe, GA, December 27, 2015
'48—Sarah Bowen Charnley,
Rockford, MI, February 8, 2019
'48 BEE—Harold Glasser,
Centennial, CO, January 10, 2019
'48 BS Hotel—Barbara Rapp Hamilton,
Port Saint Lucie, FL, October 12, 2018
'48 BS ILR—John E. Lillich,
Charleston, SC, February 14, 2019
'49 BCE—Willard R. Bliss,
Concord, NH, June 6, 2018
'49 BS HE—Elizabeth Allison Cameron,
Baton Rouge, LA, April 7, 2019
'49—Alfredo Larin,
San Diego, CA, February 15, 2019
'49 BA—Joan Dreger Nix,
Basking Ridge, NJ, February 25, 2019
'49 BA—Everett P. Sherwood,
Boynton Beach, FL, November 17, 2018

1950s

'50 BA—Louis B. Grace,
Englewood, FL, March 17, 2019
'50 BS Nurs—Ellen L. Gregory,
Houston, TX, May 21, 2017
'50, BA '51—Robert R. Kane,
Pearisburg, VA, March 5, 2019
'50 PhD—Estelita L. Saldanha,
Harpswell, ME, March 22, 2019
'51 BEP, PhD '55—Kenneth L. Bowles,
Solana Beach, CA, August 15, 2018
'51-52 GR—Lester E. Bradford,
Mt. Vernon, WA, March 3, 2019
'51 B Chem E—Eugene England,
Aiken, SC, December 31, 2018
'51 BS Hotel—James R. Keiser,
State College, PA, April 23, 2019
'51, BA '55—Gerald N. Kline,
Windsor, CT, March 3, 2019
'51 JD—Felix G. Liebmann,
West Hartford, CT, March 29, 2019
'51 B Chem E—William B. Philipbar,
Stuart, FL, September 12, 2018
'52—Ralph E. Cleveland,
Syracuse, NY, February 15, 2019
'52, BCE '53—William A. Ingersoll,
Spring, TX, September 12, 2018
'52, BS Ag '53, MEd '62—John S. Mallery Jr.,
St. James City, FL, February 20, 2019
'52 BA—Charlene M. Moore,
Danbury, CT, February 19, 2019
'52, BME '53—Donald M. Ross,
Fulton, NY, March 12, 2019
'52 BS Ag—Stephen T. Takats,
Philadelphia, PA, March 31, 2019
'52, BME '53—Eric A. Teddlie,
Dallas, TX, January 6, 2019
'53 BA—Richard A. Blasband,
Sausalito, CA, March 23, 2019
'53—Carl D. Crane Jr.,
Gainesville, FL, May 4, 2015
'53 PhD—Graham H. Duncan,
Ithaca, NY, February 6, 2019
'53 BS HE—Lois Hoyer Jaggard,
Chillicothe, OH, October 17, 2018
'53 BA—Ann Murnane Kelly,
New Hartford, NY, December 27, 2018
'53, BS Ag '55—Robert S. Kinkel,
Williamsville, NY, March 18, 2018
'53 DVM—William L. Mitchell,
Davenport, FL, December 30, 2018
'53 BA—Beverly Fuller Parsons,
Wolfeboro, NH, October 2, 2018
'53 PhD—Julianne Heller Prager,
North Oaks, MN, February 9, 2019
'53 BS ILR—John Udris,
College Park, MD, October 2018
'53 BA—Jan B. Wahl,
Sylvania Township, OH, February 2, 2019
'53, BArch '55—Charles G. Webb,
Cambridge, MA, March 14, 2019
'54, BME '55—D. Stephen Deskey,
Bellingham, WA, February 26, 2019
'54 MD—J. Kenneth Herd,
Johnson City, TN, August 28, 2018
'54 PhD—Richard P. Longaker,
Pacific Palisades, CA, September 22, 2018
'55, BCE '57—George T. Brayman,
Annapolis, MD, November 23, 2018
'55-57 SP Ag—Bruce A. Maben,
Jewett, NY, March 4, 2019
'55 MRP—Bruce A. Watts,
Portage, MI, March 1, 2019
'56 MD—Ramon R. Joseph,
Sun City West, AZ, February 17, 2016
'56 LLB—Joseph L. Tauro,
Boston, MA, November 30, 2018
'56 BS Ag—Allan Weissglass,
Staten Island, NY, February 22, 2019
'56 MS HE—Janice E. Woodard,
Blacksburg, VA, March 24, 2019
'57—Joseph T. De Besse,
Milton, MA, January 24, 2015
'57 BA—Paul R. Kramer,
Denver, CO, November 28, 2018
'57—David T. Mage,
Newark, DE, March 15, 2018
'57 BA—Laurence C. Mansbach,
Santa Barbara, CA, October 28, 2018

'57 BA—Alan J. Marks,
West Palm Beach Farms, FL, February 26, 2019
'57—Louise Wechsler Medby,
Brighton, NY, February 9, 2019
'57—Ronald C. Schiff,
Dewey, IL, February 27, 2019
'58 BA—Ruth Lipson Brown,
Los Angeles, CA, January 28, 2019
'58 MS HE—Nien Liu Chang,
Singapore, February 15, 2014
'58 DVM—Elverd J. Frink,
Norwich, NY, September 30, 2018
'58 BS Hotel—Melvin Keleman,
Laguna Woods, CA, April 20, 2018
'58 PhD—Harry Kesten,
Ithaca, NY, March 29, 2019
'59, BME '60—Stevan J. Bosses,
White Plains, NY, October 8, 2018
'59, BCE '62, MPA '70—Alan Foose,
Mbabane, Swaziland, December 23, 2018
'59—Mangan M. Letts,
Myrtle Beach, SC, February 13, 2019
'59 MA—Kathleen Rhoads McIntyre,
Prescott, AZ, March 5, 2019

1960s

'60 BS Ag—Charles T. Burlingame,
Clayton, NY, April 8, 2019
'60 BA—Christopher S. Demtrak,
Vestal, NY, March 8, 2019
'60 BS Ag—Roy E. Flemming,
Trumansburg, NY, December 26, 2014
'60 BS Ag—Frank E. Oyler,
Denver, CO, January 18, 2019
'60 BS Ag, MS Ag '62—Darwin P. Snyder,
Ithaca, NY, March 18, 2019
'61, BME '62—Robert D. Evans,
San Antonio, TX, February 27, 2019
'61 BA—David A. Hemstreet,
La Canada, CA, June 1, 2018
'62, DVM '64—Robert E. Keller,
Edmeston, NY, December 16, 2015
'62—Timothy J. Lanahan,
Big Flats, NY, December 27, 2018
'62 LLB—Anthony F. Phillips,
Jupiter, FL, December 10, 2018
'62 BA—Alan B. Slawsby,
Wellesley, MA, February 14, 2019
'63 BS Ag, MS Ag '65—Hermon Saunders,
Bradenton, FL, April 24, 2018
'64 BS Ag—John H. Brahm III,
South Bristol, NY, March 5, 2019
'64 LLB—John B. Drenning Jr.,
Buffalo, NY, March 2, 2019
'64 MS, PhD '66—Hurlie G. Gray,
Newport, TN, March 19, 2019
'64 MS Ag, PhD '72—Max K. Lowdermilk,
Tempe, AZ, October 5, 2018
'64 BS HE—Miriam T. Nathan-Roberts,
Berkeley, CA, August 21, 2018
'65—James P. Brady,
Bryn Mawr, PA, August 1, 2018
'65, BS Ag '66—Denis B. Flynn,
San Marcos, CA, March 24, 2019
'65, BS Ag '66, PhD '71—Wayne A. Gillis,
Manlius, NY, April 4, 2019
'66 BS HE—Joanne Pakel Ikeda,
San Leandro, CA, November 27, 2018
'66 BA—Gilmore M. Sanes Jr.,
Goodlettsville, TN, October 13, 2018
'67 BS Ag, MS Ag '76—Thomas F. Guthrie,
Leavenworth, WA, April 5, 2019
'68 BA—Nikolai J. Dejevsky,
London, UK, December 31, 2017
'68 B Chem E, MS '70—Kerry McCabe Goldmeyer,
Mt. Pleasant, SC, March 8, 2019
'68 BS Ag—Vivian D. Lerner,
New York City, October 8, 2014
'68 BME—Newman M. Marsilius III,
Newtown, CT, February 19, 2019
'68 BS HE—Candyce Smith Russell,
Manhattan, KS, April 8, 2019
'69 BA—Lance W. Haus,
Leesburg, VA, February 20, 2019
'69 PhD—Donald H. Wolfe,
Winston-Salem, NC, March 1, 2019

1970s

'70 BS Ag—Eugene D. Johnson,
Braddock Heights, MD, April 5, 2019
'70, BA '71, MRP '74—Michael J. Martin,
Dallas, TX, March 14, 2016
'70, BA '71, PhD '76—Terrence S. Millar,
Madison, WI, March 9, 2019
'72 JD—Hughes Griffis,
New London, CT, August 7, 2018
'72—Carol Schneer Nickerson,
Ithaca, NY, February 14, 2019
'72 BS ORIE, MBA '73— Richard E. Peller,
Edwards, CO, February 18, 2019
'73 BS Hotel—Richard N. Charles,
Gaithersburg, MD, November 5, 2017
'75 BS Ag—Donna Haynes Caverly,
Clinton, ME, March 19, 2019
'75 BS HE—Christine A. Yankus-Eng,
Gaithersburg, MD, December 5, 2018
'77 BS Hotel—James H. Hofmann,
Arvada, CO, April 26, 2017
'79 MEE—Anant Agrawal,
Saratoga, CA, May 29, 2018

1980s

'81, BA '82—Paulette A. Gardner,
Sunrise, FL, November 2, 2017
'81, BS/BA '82, PhD '88—Louise H. Kellogg,
Vacaville, CA, April 15, 2019
'81 BS Hotel—Mark W. Lipschutz,
Westfield, NJ, March 12, 2019
'81 BA—Lisa Stern,
New York City, January 8, 2019
'83 BA—Julia Rudd Coulombe,
Spencer, NY, March 21, 2019
'83 BS ILR—Alan B. Krueger,
Princeton, NJ, March 16, 2019
'84 MFA—Edward D. Intemann,
Ithaca, NY, February 21, 2019
'86 BA—C. John M. Melissinos,
Los Angeles, CA, April 18, 2019
'86 BS Ag, DVM '89—David C. Van Metre,
Fort Collins, CO, April 1, 2019
'89 BA—Scott E. Passman,
Portland, OR, April 2, 2019

1990s

'90 BS Ag—Kristy L. Richards,
New York City, March 30, 2019
'93 JD—Tejshree Thapa,
New York City, March 26, 2019

2000s

'04 BS HE—Gerren J. Faustini,
Rockville Centre, NY, April 13, 2019
'07 JD—Joshua Edgemon,
Old Hickory, TN, March 10, 2019

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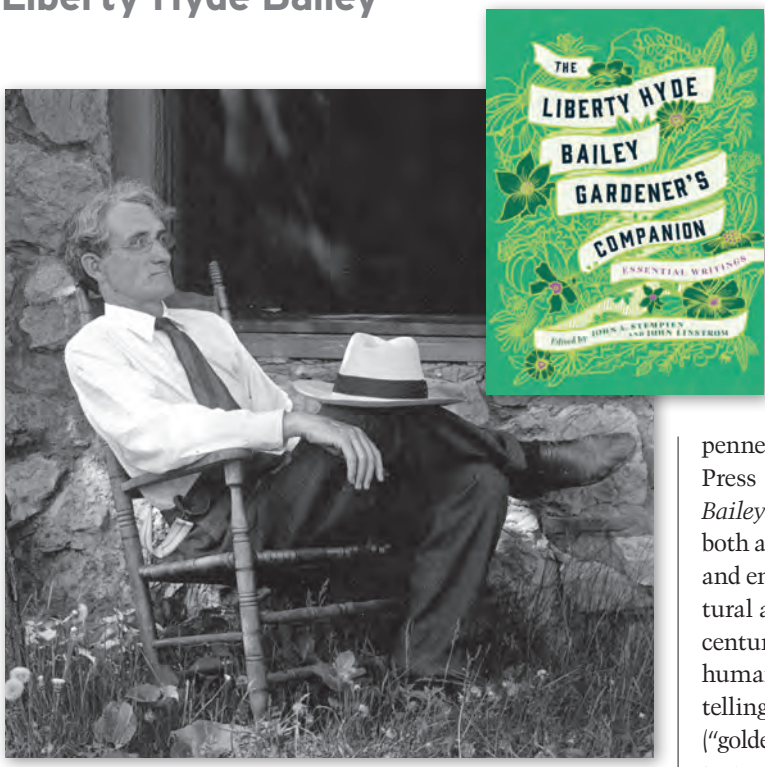

SALT OF THE EARTH (from far left): Bailey relaxing at Bailiwick, his cottage on Cayuga Lake; the new collection of his writings; a cyanotype of apples he took in 1901

Cornell alums well know that their alma mater was founded by Ezra and Andrew—but if you earned your degree from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, you owe just as much to another nineteenth-century luminary: Liberty Hyde Bailey.

Known as the father of modern horticulture, Bailey arrived in 1888 as the University's first professor in that field. Just thirty, he'd already established the country's first horticulture department at his alma mater, Michigan State University; he'd found another at Cornell a year later. "He elevated the study of decorative and agriculturally useful plants from a hobby to a science," says Karl Niklas, the Liberty Hyde Bailey Professor Emeritus in plant biology. "No matter where I travel in the world, people recognize his name. If you study plants, you know who Liberty Hyde Bailey is."

During his quarter-century on the Hill, Bailey introduced instruction in plant science, spearheaded initiatives that would lead to the development of cooperative extension programs nationwide, established the Liberty Hyde Bailey Hortorium (now containing more than 8 million specimens), and founded the College of Agriculture (now CALS), serving as its inaugural dean until his retirement in 1913. As Morris Bishop 1914, PhD 1926, wrote in *A History of Cornell*: "If we should ever be asked to name the supremely great among Cornell's teachers . . . no doubt [the] first candidate would be Liberty Hyde Bailey."

Bailey was also widely admired for his writing, which struck a balance between anecdotal and educational, technical and pithy. He authored more than 1,000 scientific papers; edited hundreds of texts on botany, agronomy, animal husbandry, and more; and penned upwards of seventy books. This fall, Cornell University Press (CUP) is publishing a new collection, *The Liberty Hyde Bailey Gardener's Companion*, aimed not only at gardeners—both actual and armchair—but readers interested in philosophy and environmentalism. "I was struck by how true his horticultural and scientific writings feel today, even though it's been a century," says CUP editor Kitty Liu '00. "He writes with such humanity. He's writing about pigweed, but you feel like he's telling you something about life." Topics range from dandelions ("golden coins scattered in the sun") to the flavor of an apple ("I taste of the wilds and the blowing rain / And I taste of the frost and the skies") to coping with rain. "The habit of grumbling at the weather," he observed, "is the most senseless and futile of all expenditures of human effort."

Bailey's enthusiasm for horticulture traces back to a modest flower patch outside his childhood home on a frontier farm in Michigan. Before his mother succumbed to diphtheria when he was just four, she'd tend the garden and let her youngest son plant the seeds of his favorite blooms: *Dianthus plimarius*, or "grass pinks." By the time Bailey was fifteen, he was delivering impassioned speeches to seasoned farmers—advising that they stop shooting songbirds, which consume crop-damaging insects. He remained an ardent conservationist into his nineties, regularly hosting dinners at his Ithaca home, where both students and the public were invited to tap his expertise. "Everyone should be put in contact with the mystery of life that stands stark before us but which we do not apprehend," Bailey wrote in an essay reprinted in the new book. "It is in every leaf, every growing thing, every pulse of life, every foot of earth on the planet." ■

— *Alexandra Bond '12*

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