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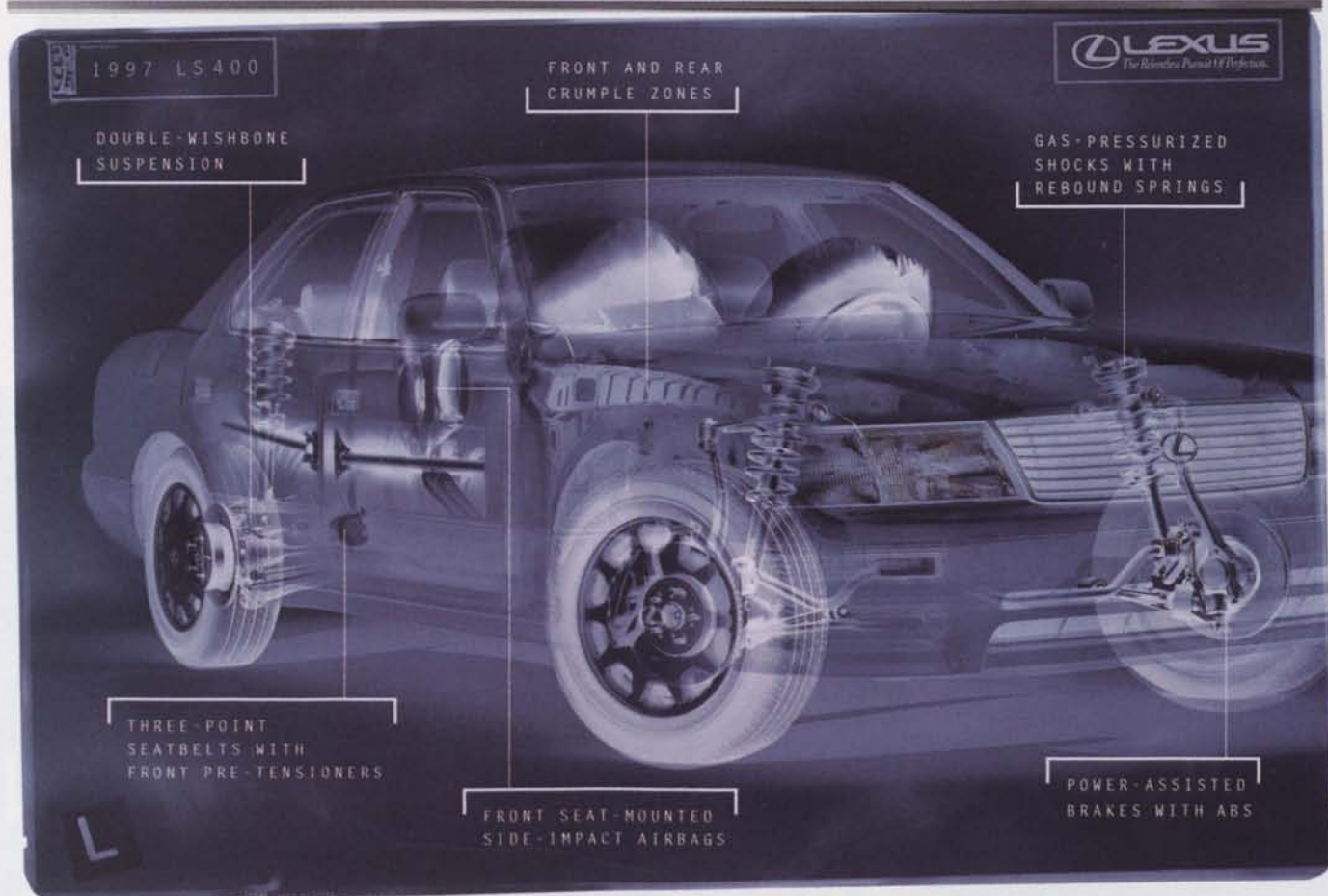
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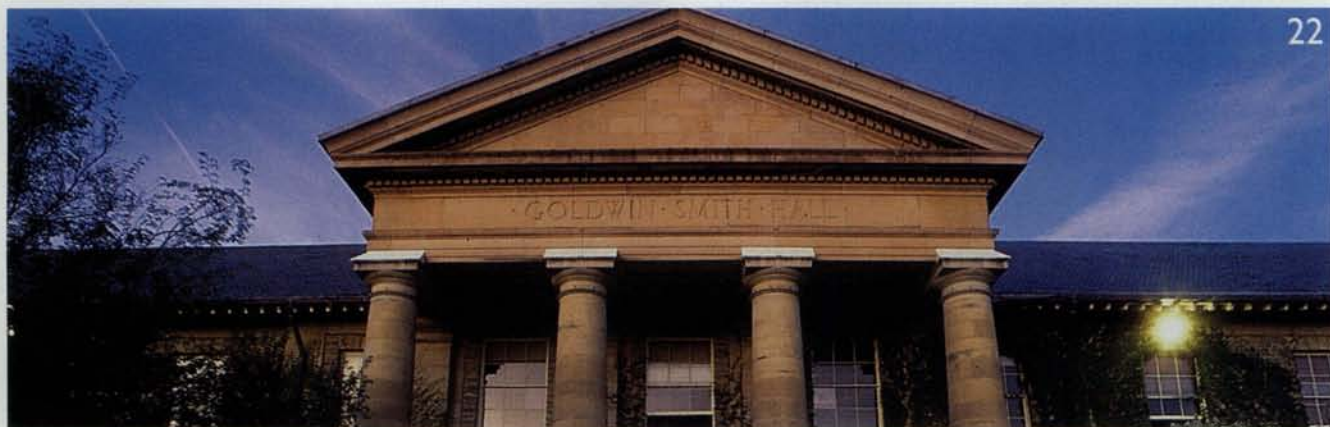
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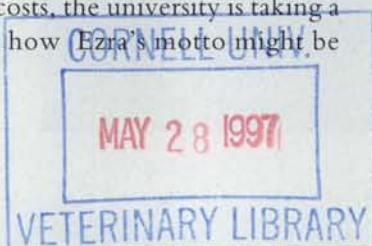
Ezra Cornell founded an institution where anyone could find instruction in any study. But he didn't live in the 1990s. With reduced government funding and ever-increasing costs, the university is taking a hard look at how it does business—and how Ezra's motto might be adapted to the economics of a new age.

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BETH SAULNIER

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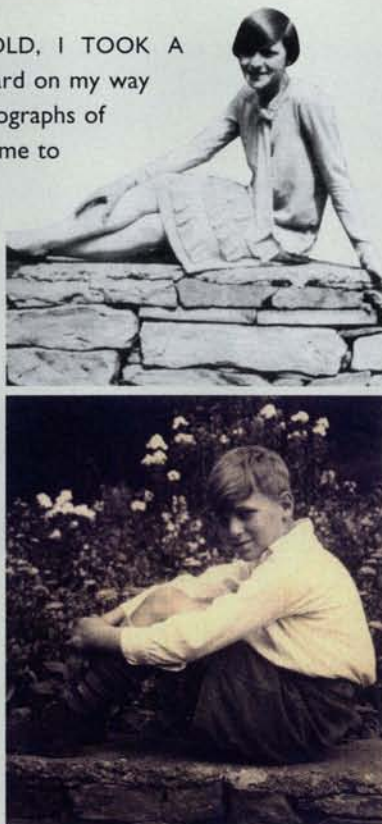
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PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY

WHEN I WAS NINE YEARS OLD, I TOOK A shortcut through a professor's yard on my way home. A woman was taking photographs of the flower garden and she asked me to sit on the wall. She took my photo, then asked me to get behind the large camera, and when she indicated, snap a picture of her sitting in the same position. Thus, I took the picture that appears on page 34 of the January magazine ("The Soft-Focus School"). My father, the late Louis C. Boochever '12, for many years Cornell's director of public relations, had befriended Margaret Bourke-White. When she found out that I was his son, she sent copies of my picture to us.

Robert Boochever '39, JD '41
Pasadena, California



wife and I decided we no longer needed the kind of money I had earned to enjoy a satisfactory lifestyle.

I am now on tenure track at the community college and still adjunct at Rutgers. We earn a decent living—not as good as we once did, but the free time, extended vacations, and lack of stress more than make up for the loss in income. Frankly, if someone offered me three times what I used to earn, to do what I used to do, I wouldn't accept. We were lucky. I found something I really enjoy and have traded income for lifestyle.

Richard I. Klein '63
Edison, New Jersey

SAGE ADVICE

"THE BUILDING THAT WOULD NOT Die" (March/April 1997) brought back fond memories of my sophomore year (1956-57) living in what was then a women's dorm. I found the description of the current controversy interesting, but wondered why the author did not interview the architect of the renovation. His views might enlighten readers at least as much as those voiced by proponents and opponents of the renovation. Luckily, I will not be kept in the dark—the architect is my brother.

Ruth Chimacoff Macklin '59
Riverdale, New York

WORK DETAIL

YOUR ARTICLE ABOUT "DOWNSIZED" Cornellians ("Out of Work," January/February 1997) helped destigmatize a painful experience. However, the tone saddened me: "After decades of professional perks, you find yourself waiting in long, painfully democratic lines [. . .] Managers are seen as a reducible cost of doing business—just like unskilled labor [and] office chairs." Perhaps unintentionally, this implies that unemployment is even more unfair when it befalls Ivy Leaguers. Is it somehow normal to relegate unskilled laborers to the office-chair category?

Having studied at Cornell, we can never lose our knowledge, nor the pride earned in learning. Don't we owe that much more solidarity to those who may have never had the pride of learning to read, earning a salary, or even seeing their parents employed? Families where no one has been employed for generations, but where all have worked hard every day to ensure their children's sur-

vival, are also embarrassed in unemployment offices, being interrogated about intimate details of their lives or asked to fill in forms they have no opportunity to understand.

Might the spread of downsizing to the Ivy League become an opportunity for all the unemployed, whatever their educational background, to stand together?

Diana Skelton Faujour '86
New York, New York

"OUT OF WORK" REALLY STRUCK home. After fifteen years in engineering and a stint in marketing, I became a security analyst/portfolio manager at Prudential. Then, in 1990 I lost my job. For two years I vainly tried to find a similar position, but being fifty when Wall Street was dumping 90,000 people was not a good time to look. To fill time and earn a few dollars I taught math at our local county college and at Rutgers University. I felt I was doing something useful for the first time in many years. My

ON THE SHELVES

"SEX IN THE ARCHIVES" (MARCH/APRIL 1997) mentions the Cornell University Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association (CUGALA) and its efforts to build an endowment to buy gay and lesbian books for Cornell libraries, but doesn't complete the story. When CUGALA first approached the library about setting up a book fund (in response to a suggestion from the on-campus lesbian/gay student group, which had done a study documenting the lack of pertinent holdings in the library), we were rebuffed. Persistent efforts produced a meeting in New York City between then University Librarian Louis Martin and CUGALA board members, at which an agreement was reached.

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account, and once a \$5,000 balance was reached the annual interest could be spent on library acquisitions concerning lesbian and gay issues. The \$5,000 balance was achieved a few years ago and the fund became operational. Anyone may contribute to the principal of the fund, which increases the amount of interest for acquisitions each year, by sending donations earmarked "CUGALA Book Fund" to the Human Sexuality Archivist, Brenda Marston, 2b60 Kroch Library.

*Arthur S. Leonard '74
New York, New York*

OUTSIDE READING

"WHAT I LEARNED IN SCHOOL TODAY" (January/February 1997) by Brad Herzog was most interesting and enjoyable. I would recommend to Brad that he read (if he has not already done so) *Great Books* by David Denby. Denby, also a journalist, undertook a similar but far more extensive project at Columbia.

*Leslie Z. Plump '55
Glen Cove, New York*

A NICE TOUCH

I ENJOYED "THE EZRA COLLECTION" in the December issue; it was a nice touch of levity. To those who were offended and dismayed, lighten up! It was just one piece, it was Cornell-oriented, and there are other people served by the magazine who enjoy some humor once in a while. Not everyone abandons enjoyment of irreverent fun when they graduate.

*Sue Ford '75
Flushing, New York*

SPECIAL REQUESTS

AS A HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR AND PROJECT director of Intergenerational Healing in Holocaust Families at the University of Massachusetts, I seek Cornellians for correspondence about their experiences in families affected by the Holocaust. I am particularly interested in students and recent graduates willing to share the stories of their grandparents and the effect of the Holocaust on their own experiences.

*Eva Metzger Brown '60
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PATRICIA HOAGLAND BLOODGOOD '47, Ted Heine '54, Jim Rather '61, Mark Smith '74, and I met in cyberspace after we had been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease, formally known as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). Only later did we become aware of the Cornell connection. This terminal, untreatable disease has already claimed the lives of Pat in October 1994 and Mark in November 1994. Jim is wheelchair-bound and his respiration is supported by mechanical ventilation but he still engages in the practice of law. I am reasonably mobile but recently quit teaching because it is physically exhausting. I am now into my second clinical trial seeking a drug that is effective against ALS. I would like to know if there are more Cornellians suffering from this disease.

*Ted Heine '54
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*Carolyn Campbell, PhD '86
Professor Michael Latham
Savage Hall, Cornell University*

DUE CREDIT

The photographs that accompanied "The Soft-Focus School," January's feature article about Margaret Bourke-White, should have included the following credits: "Baker Dormitories" and "Lake Cayuga from Campus Window," gift of Margaret Bourke-White and Life magazine; "Sun Dial," gift of Melita Taddiken '28; and "A Misty View of Andrew Dickson White Statue" and "The North Door of Baker Chemistry Building," gift of Rachael Childrey Gross '26.—Ed.

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TALK OF THE TOWNIE

It's said there are two seasons in Ithaca: winter and whatever you want to call the other three months. Here's another spin: there is the Time of No Students and the Time of Students. The Time of No Students is a short season occurring between graduation and the arrival of the summer-school bunnies. It used to be a longer interval, but in-

creased summer sessions have ruined everything. The town just doesn't clear out like it used to.

Students, of which there are more than ever, are pretty much a year-round presence now, their ubiquity commensurate with an unparalleled surge in hardy all-season rhinoviruses. With the loss of our summer break from student-borne ailments, townies are pretty much sick all

the time.

Even so, there is a short heady period that follows graduation, punctuated by Reunion Weekend, when townies park cars at will, find empty bar stools and open pool tables, and rekindle lost relations with proprietors of various establishments they've been squeezed out of since the year before.

Christmas break offers another short

spell of civility, but you can keep it. The more warm bodies during this bleak stretch the better, and it's the one time I wish students would stick around. Collegetown on the holidays is just plain creepy and the Cornell campus more brooding than tranquil. Stranded international students can be seen making brief forays to lay in provisions only to disappear as if during a siege. The McGraw Tower bells toll and I think of dead relatives and other skull-and-crossbones things.

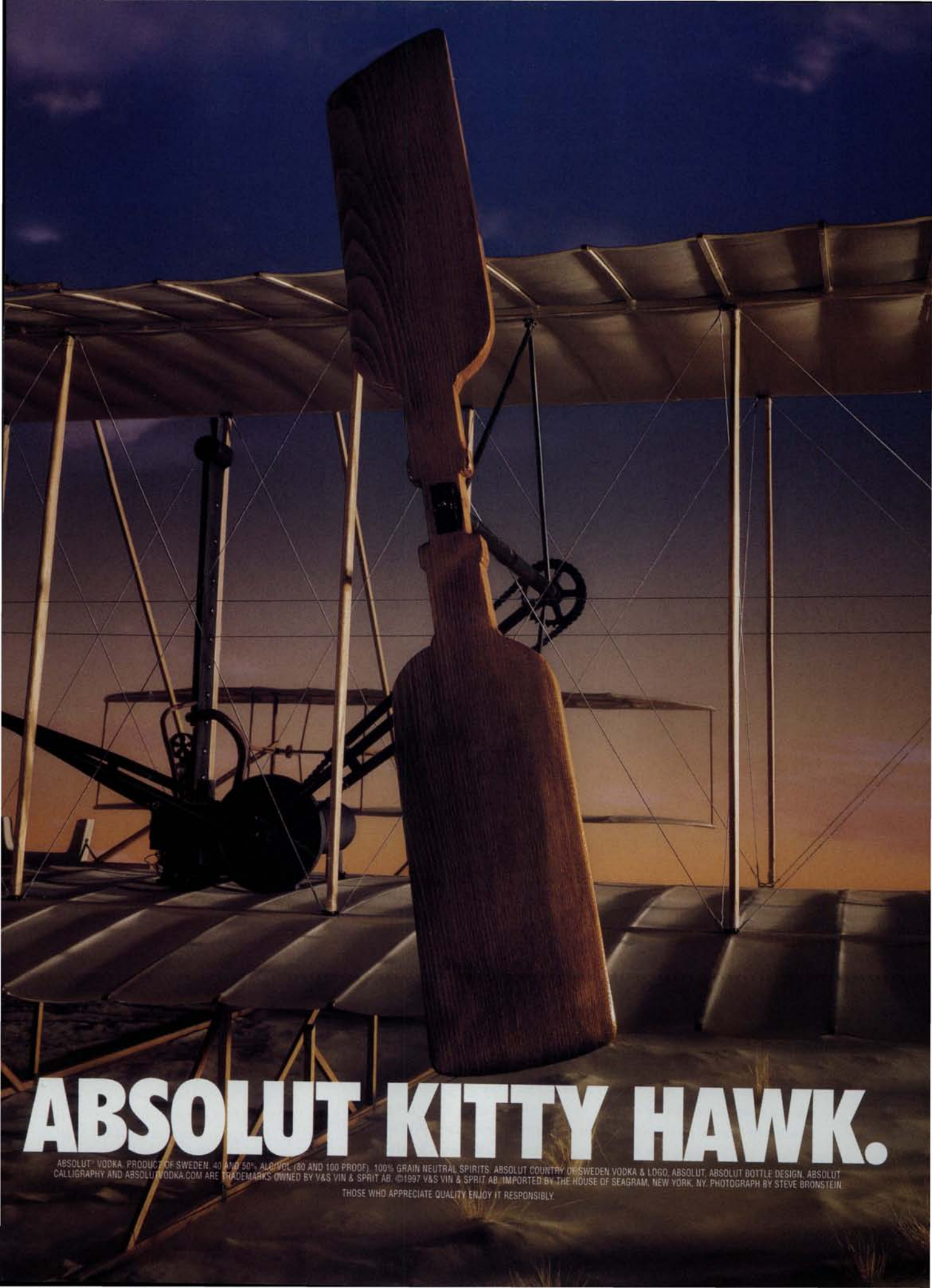
So I seek those sudden, stunning green days following the Great Student Exodus, that endless vehicular conga-line of high-end refugees returning home. Tremors of witness-glee ripple over the flood plain and an enormous relief settles over Tiny Town—nothing like the Allied Liberation of Paris, I suppose, but the pressure is off and everybody feels it. Once the exhaust fumes dissipate, the temptation to get cocky is strong. But seasoned townies know they are just lucky: one, they survived winter, and two, THE STUDENTS ARE GONE! The town is ours again at the best time of the year.

Pride of ownership returns and the campus is a lovely place to visit. Touring the empty Arts Quad I can still conjure a sweet vicarious gut pang that says, "School's out, summer's coming," as if I too just ran a gauntlet of finals to freedom.

I head toward the piano rooms in Lincoln Hall to celebrate. This is a real treat. In the Time of Students, it is a cacophonous beehive that would give Charles Ives a skin rash. In summer, it is eerily quiet. I empty my bag of alien townie tunes, fumigating the academic noosphere of those basement practice



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THOSE WHO APPRECIATE QUALITY ENJOY IT RESPONSIBLY.

rooms with strange noise, exorcising the furrowed-browed ghosts of stressed-out students past as my fingers cast a little levity over the keyboards, unleashing the pent-up dogs of stifled expression in the abused Hamiltons and Steinways.

Though I whine about the summer session, there are far fewer students than in the fall. This is actually a favorable time for town-gown relations, this fleeting period when both are matched about one-to-one. By August, summer session is wrapping up and townies start

to experience "False Autumn"—the time when the first U-Haul and Hertz-Penske scholar-ships lumber into town, laying the groundwork for the coming influx. Most of us have grown used to going crosstown on our own terms by this time, and interruption of traffic flow is a rude reminder of our true place in the scheme of things.

Just shy of zero hour, "False Autumn" marks the final phase of the Time of No Students. One last chance to rage on the baby grands, to sit undisturbed by Fall

Creek, to slip through the Eight Items or Less check-out line in under five minutes.

You think you can't handle another invasion, that living in a college town long after adulthood has set in must be a sign of serious dysfunction, a negative feedback loop of self-defeating behavior that only Prozac and a ticket south can derail. But suddenly, the adaptive townies shift into another gear, grow expansive. In reality, we know the score, know that we form the periphery, the bulwarks of the greater Cornell community: servants, in other words. We shed our petty this-is-our-turf attitudes. We pitch in, give directions, recommend scenic landmarks, and offer savvy advice on dining out—just like little hospitality vassals.

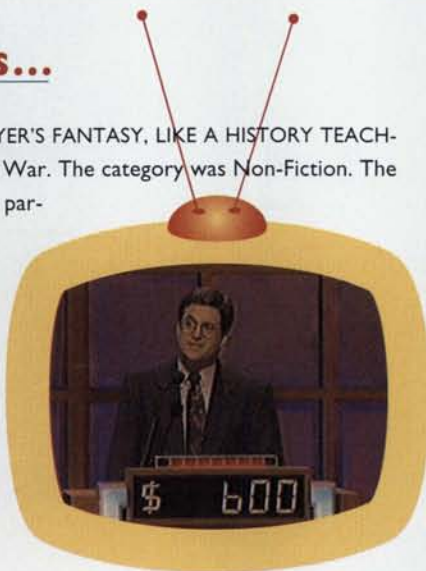
"How do I get to Cornell?" I'm asked again and again during that frenetic time, usually by bright-eyed, well-fed folks in late-model cars going opposite our One Way signs. "Well, that will take a little planning and a lot of money, an application, and a competitive SAT score," I say.

Always glad to help, you see.

—Franklin Crawford

AND THE ANSWER IS...

IT WAS EVERY "JEOPARDY" PLAYER'S FANTASY, LIKE A HISTORY TEACHER getting a question on the Civil War. The category was Non-Fiction. The question (or, in the game show's parlance, the answer): "In *The Demon-Haunted World*, this astronomer examines the evidence for unexplainable phenomena." The contestant was a Cornellian, Mark Mironer '89. And the correct response, of course, was Cornell's very own Carl Sagan. Mironer rang in first, and cleaned up \$300.



The engineer from Waltham, Massachusetts, made a thoroughly respectable showing on the brainiac game show, which was taped in November and aired in late February. "It was fun," he says, "because I had all this useless knowledge for years and years, and I finally ended up on 'Jeopardy.'" Despite losing \$1,000 on a daily double in the first round, Mironer and his hair-trigger thumb were leading at half-time with a cool \$2,600. In Double Jeopardy, he picked up \$1,000 for knowing that President Martin Van Buren was unseated by William Henry Harrison—then lost it, ironically enough, for mixing up cosmology and astrophysics. Mironer had \$5,000 when the sartorially splendid Alex Trebek read the Final Jeopardy question in the category of Famous Authors: "Queen Victoria called his death 'a very great loss. He had the strongest sympathy with the poorer classes.'"

Mironer knew the answer was Charles Dickens. Unfortunately, so did the returning champion, a pediatric oncologist from Grand Rapids, Michigan. The Cornellian finished second with \$8,000, beating out a stamp dealer from Rhode Island. But only the winner keeps the cash, so Mironer didn't actually pocket the eight grand. He did, however, get a four-night golf vacation in Florida, electronic versions of the "Jeopardy" and "Wheel of Fortune" home games, eye drops, Easy-Off kitchen cleaner, a bottle of Geritol, and \$25 worth of eggs. But although Mironer is still waiting for the eggs to show up, he went home satisfied. "My biggest goal," he says, "was not to make an idiot of myself."

—Beth Saulnier

PALEO-PUNKOLOGIST

IT'S A MID-SEPTEMBER NIGHT at Syracuse's Lost Horizon dance club. The rain outside makes the humidity nearly unbearable, but that doesn't stop several hundred fans from moshing to punk rock band Bad Religion. Stabbing the air with his fist, lead singer Greg Graffin delivers the lyrics over the group's jackhammer rhythms. *Call me threat to your children, call me socially unglued, call me master of insanity.*

The mostly teenage crowd is jammed against the stage, shirtless boys crowd-surfing, band and audience soaked in sweat. "Next stop, Ithaca," Graffin wails at the end of the hour-long set, and the fans go wild. There's no encore.

Over the next few months, Bad Religion plays in Boston, Seattle, Japan, Australia. Graffin does eventually come to Ithaca—not to perform, but to pick up the reins of his other life. On top of being one of the premier punk icons of his gener-



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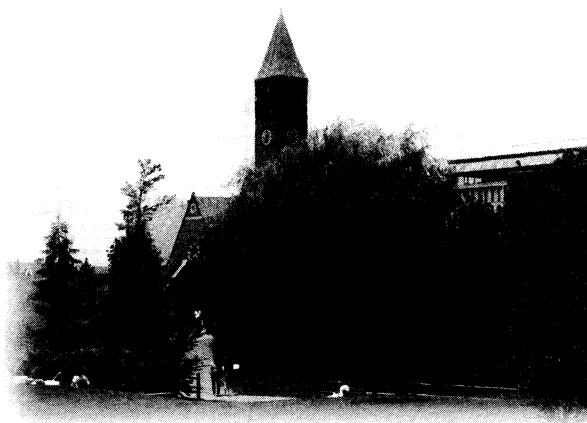
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ation, Graffin is a Cornell PhD candidate in evolutionary biology.

With his earnest gaze, deliberate speech, and gray creeping in at the temples, Graffin is no one's idea of Sid Vicious. He drives a Chevy Suburban and shops at the mall. He dresses in sweatshirts and jeans, looking for all the world like the grad student he sometimes is. But Graffin, who's on leave from Cornell, sees little irony in the juxtaposition of his two worlds. "A professor is not that much different from a punk rock singer—at least, my model of a punk singer," he says. "What do professors do? They entertain students and provoke them to think. It's the same thing I do with Bad Religion, except I do it in different cities and from different podiums. The people I entertain by and large are just as eager to learn and are just as provoked by what I have to say."

What's a thirty-two-year-old Ivy League grad student doing in a punk band? Actually, it's not that odd; doctoral candidates are members of at least two other successful acts, the Offspring and the Descendants. But Graffin stands out because he's been dedicated to both punk and academia for so long—since 1980, when he helped found Bad Religion as a high school sophomore in Los Angeles's San Fernando Valley.

Graffin had moved to L.A. from Wisconsin after his parents' divorce, a young teen dropped from the heartland into southern California's potting country-rock scene. He was a kid looking for an identity, and punk gave it to him. Rock's scruffy stepchild had emerged from the clubs of Manhattan and London in the mid-1970s. Rarely heard on the radio, punk was populated by Johnny Rotten and other spiky-haired characters. For many bands, musicianship came a distant second to self-expression; the result was gloriously sloppy.

But in the Nineties, punk is big business. Bands sell millions of albums to a

largely teenage audience that has adopted many of the genre's symbols, from tattoos and colored hair to drug habits. While Bad Religion hasn't achieved massive commercial success, it's never been more popular. The band's music is squarely in the punk tradition, though Graffin's polysyllabic lyrics have led some ways to dub it "thesaurus rock." There's a Website devoted to explaining arcane choices like "moiety" and "inharmonious," and one of the band's higher-profile admirers is MIT linguist Noam Chomsky. "This genre is a long way from dead," Graffin says. "There's always going to be ebbs and flows, but it's established itself among the youth of America."

During his first four years at Cornell, Graffin pursued biology and music simultaneously, working with the band during school breaks. By 1993, Bad

Religion had released ten albums on its own Epitaph label. The following year, it scored a major deal with Atlantic

Records and released "Stranger Than Fiction," which sold more than 800,000 copies worldwide. (The band's newest CD, "Tested," hits stores this spring.) A relentless touring schedule has forced Graffin to put his studies on hold; however, he vows to get his doctorate by the end of the century.

"I really want to finish, but let's face it,


Bad Religion is a career and has been for a long time," he says. "I found ways early to balance that career with academia, but when we started a family five years ago [he and his wife, Greta, have two children, Graham, five, and Ella, three] those three huge elements in my life started to weigh on my ability to do any of them. I'm emotionally attached to my research and I know I can contribute to the science, but I have to maintain my sanity."

Before coming to Cornell, Graffin earned an undergraduate degree in physical anthropology and a master's in geology from UCLA. "In high school, I became interested in the origin of



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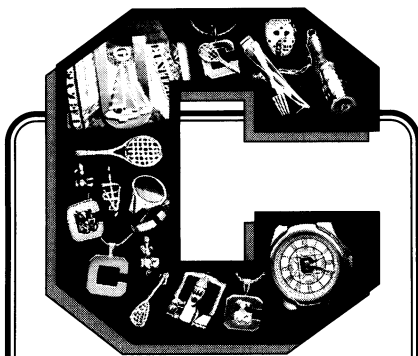
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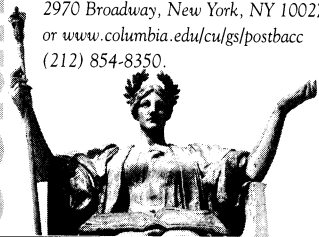
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human civilization, probably because I needed some kind of a calling," he says. "I never was religious, but I felt the desire to pursue some of the deeper questions of existence."

In keeping with his other life in academia, one of Graffin's most popular songwriting themes is man's struggle against evolutionary inevitability. For instance, "10 in 2010" addresses Earth's booming population, which may reach 10 billion in thirteen years: "Parched cracked mouths, empty swollen guts/Sun-baked pavement encroaches on us/Haves and have-nots together at last/Brutally engaged in mortal combat."

Graffin's post-Cornell plans are uncertain. He hopes to establish a research foundation, but he has no intention of giving up music. "Even if I'm not within academia, I'm still going to be making contributions to it," he says. Under his advisor, Ecology and Systematics professor Amy McCune, Graffin is writing his dissertation on the genetic comparisons between acellular bone of modern fish and samples found in 480-million-year-old fragments. "Just to show that there is linearity in my life to what I do, I chose to research a topic that very few people work on," he says. "In fact, it's somewhat scoffed at by people who are in the establishment, so it's a good punk topic."

—Jim Catalano

CHASING AURORA

AT FORTY DEGREES BELOW zero, the air is so cold it burns. At fifty below, things fall apart. Car tires freeze overnight, fan belts snap, door handles break off in your hands. And at sixty below, just going outside can be dangerous.

Electrical engineering professor Paul Kintner can tell the difference between thirty and forty below just by the sound of the snow beneath his boots. It's a particularly handy talent when you're 100 miles south of the Arctic Circle, studying the elusive phenomenon known as the Aurora Borealis. "When you're chasing the Aurora, you have to have everything ready at just the right moment," Kintner says. "You're not sure when that moment is going to come, and when it does, you have to act very quickly, because you only get one chance."

Kintner is in his office in Rhodes Hall, shaking off a case of post-Alaskan jet lag and sifting through the first of 375,000 pages of data. His partners, post-doc John Bonnell, PhD '97, grad student Jason Franz '94, and senior project engineer Steve Powell '82, are sitting around the conference table, glad to be back home, to be going to sleep at night, and waking up again in the morning.

For the past three weeks they've been in central Alaska, waiting for the right moment to fire a rocket through the middle of the Aurora Borealis. When that moment came, they shot off their six-ton, two-million dollar experiment, and tracked it from the ground with a series of receivers. The flight lasted about eighteen minutes, passing through three arcs and sending back reams of data that will take the next few months to analyze. So far, they've barely had enough time to scan the paperwork for what Kintner calls "something so obvious, it tells me I've got the answer to my problem." If it's in there, they'll be able to explain the mysteries of the Aurora, the blue-green curtains of light that appear in the sky at high latitudes.

They already know the source of the Aurora. The sun's thermonuclear fusion causes electrons to break away from the surface and stream through space on a high-speed solar wind. When they hit the Earth's magnetic field, the electrons rapidly decelerate, releasing energy into the atmosphere, which we see as the Northern Lights. Kintner compares the Aurora to a television set: both are vacuums where electrons are suddenly accelerated, and the results visible in brightly colored light. But the analogy only goes so far. Kintner knows exactly what's exciting the phosphor on a television screen—it's an electron gun that's built into the back of the set. Up in space, he's not so sure, so he keeps searching for "the electron gun upstairs."

It's a riddle Kintner has been trying to solve for the last twenty-seven years, looking for an answer that could ultimately increase the lifespans of the communications satellites that link our ever-shrinking global village. Along with scientists in a dozen countries, Kintner and Roger Arnoldy of the University of New Hampshire have tackled the problem by coming up with increasingly precise ways to measure radio waves in the

ionosphere. Launching a rocket from Alaska in 1992, they discovered electrical tornadoes in the upper atmosphere; launching from Norway in 1995, they discovered canyons bored through the ionosphere by the Aurora's superheated electrons.

"How do things suddenly get heated up by a factor of ten to the fourth—a 10,000-degree increase in temperature?" Kintner asks. "It's a tough problem, and it's an interesting one, because it says a lot about how the universe operates. I don't expect to make a better oven out of this process, but I do expect to understand how the sun works. By understanding these processes in our backyard, we can extrapolate to other phenomena, to places where we can't put these toys."

Built by NASA, the Cornell rocket is equipped with instruments to measure changing electromagnetic fields as it passes through the Aurora, and feed back millisecond-by-millisecond data to engineers working on the ground. They

launch from Alaska because the conditions are perfect for watching the Aurora—long nights, clear, moonless skies, and calm, frigid weather.

Arriving in mid-January, Bonnell and

four a.m. and waking up at noon. Their launch window was only two weeks long, starting every night at eight and ending with the first hints of daylight.

After a few days, they fell into a routine: waking up, grabbing a meal at a Fairbanks diner, then driving thirty miles to the rocket range, where they checked their instruments—and waited. There was an Aurora almost every other day, but most were less than perfect: they were too unpredictable, or too small, or too far north or south; the days were too warm, the winds too strong, the skies too cloudy. By the time they fired the rocket on February 9, all systems were go. They'd just come back from dinner, and across Canada the magnetometers were

tracking a powerful, fast-moving Aurora. At five minutes before liftoff, Franz could see the Aurora brightening in the east, and could read the data that was pouring in: the Earth's magnetic field was being stretched out like a



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Powell began work by unpacking the rocket, reassembling it to its full sixty-six-foot height, and testing their equipment. Kintner and Franz arrived at the beginning of February, and the team shifted to a nighttime schedule, going to sleep at

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'CHARMED WITH THE PLACE ITSELF'

TO MISS MABEL LOWELL, June 14, 1869

I have just got back from Ithaca—a little surprised at the ten years' persistency of Ulysses in trying to get back thither, and yet charmed with the place itself, which is one of the prettiest I have ever seen. The town lies on the broad level deposited by the main feeders of Cayuga Lake, at its head and embosomed in trees. All around it lie hills rounded like those we see across the marshes at Brighton, but higher than they, chequered to the top with alternate fields of young wheat or pasture and patches of woodland, the whole as boisterously green as anything you will see in England. If you climb one of these, you see the same landscape wallowing away to the horizon. This great stretch of verdure is based on endless depths of clayslate, now lying in sheets well-nigh as thin as paper, now in harder layers from three inches to as many feet in thickness. The soil, a tough clay, slippery as soap after a rain, hoards all the moisture, which gathers itself into rills, then brooks, and at last large streams in every hollow, eating their way to the lake as the rock will let them by a succession of waterfalls through ravines as lovely as I ever saw. The nature of the rock gives to these gorges a look of architecture in ruins. Here you see a crumbling buttress, there the half of a broken arch, and sometimes you fancy feudal towers along the edge of a cliff above you. These ravines, where you are high enough for a wide

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view, you see run crinkling from the lake like the cracks in a pane of glass round a pistol-shot, crooked streaks darkened with evergreen. The waterfalls are of all heights, sizes, and characters. There are several of

more than a hundred feet, and one falls sheer two hundred and twenty-five. They tumble now this way, now that, now leaping clear, now covering a sloping semicircle of black rock with a wavering lace-work of thinnest water-snow, according to the whim of the stone as that is more or less collusive with the feminine wiles of the stream and yields to or resists its fluent persistence. At Enfield, the prettiest fall I saw, the last leap of the water crumbling from ledge to ledge, with endless change of fancy, for about a hundred feet, had hollowed a kind of amphitheatre, round which were cliffs of fifty fathom, their fringe of birches and hemlocks leaning over between us and the sky and seeming to cling with roots all clutching desperately backward as they looked down and listened . . .

— James Russell Lowell

rubber band, and was about to snap.

"It was getting very bright up on the northern slope, the conditions were just perfect," says Franz. "I remember seeing the Aurora right before we launched; it looks like little fingers coming down, and they dance around, back and forth. They're mostly greens, blue-greens, but at the bottom of the arcs you can see a red tint. They just go crazy sometimes."

— Kenny Berkowitz '81

NET LOSS

ON RUSSELL BROWN'S LAST business trip, the seas rolled by in undulating gray caps. The February winds cut a frothy path across his ship's bow, biting through the fishermen's parkas. Some days were so foul that the crew of the 187-foot *Albatross IV* had to retreat to their bunks. "The winter cruises are not very fun," says Brown, a federal fisheries biologist who graduated from Cornell with a natural resources major in

1986. "It's rough, it's cold, and you just get them over with." Winter voyages may be far from pleasant, but they are crucial to determining the health of the North Atlantic's once-great schools of fish. Brown is at work on the front lines of a coastal crisis.

From the northern reaches of Newfoundland to the southern New England shore, vast schools of coldwater fish are gone, run down to scarcity by a commercial fishing binge. The collapse has led to sweeping changes in traditional coastal life and forced governments to enact a spate of new fishery regulations. Biologists like Brown are now gathering and analyzing the data needed to shepherd a recovery.

In a series of twelve-day surveys, the *Albatross IV* and its thirty-seven-member crew of fishermen and scientists ply the waters from Nova Scotia to Cape Hatteras, sampling fish populations with a wide net. The vessel's catch data is combined with an array of other fishery information, including reports from ob-

servers aboard fishing boats, landing statistics from fish dealers, and the work of other scientists, including Brown's counterparts in the Canadian Department of Fisheries. All of this is compared to a pool of data the federal government has amassed since its first survey, which began in 1963. The latest results are not encouraging. "There's a huge difference in abundance between what the surveys show from 1963 and what we see now," Brown says. "There's just very much less fish, especially cod and haddock."

How this came to pass is a story of an environmental blunder on par with the destruction of the Amazon. Off the eastern shores of New England and Canada sit what were once the richest fishing grounds the world had ever known. Here a fortuitous collision of currents swirl the shallow ecosystem into a soup of life, and at the top of the resulting food web sit the cod and its commercial cousins: haddock, flounder, pollock, halibut, and redfish. For centuries these banks were thought to be inexhaustible. Indeed, the

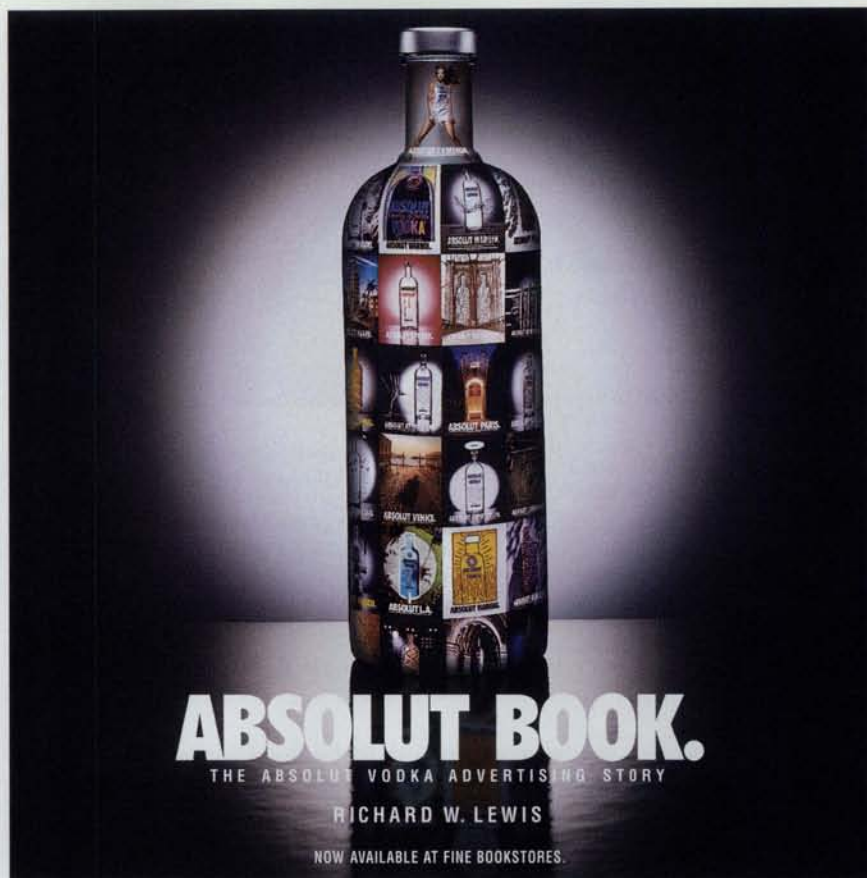
coastal residents of New England, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland timed their lives to seasonal rhythms of the sea. Then, during the late 1980s, fishermen's nets began to come up empty. The fish were gone. But Brown sees a human failure. "There's really an unfortunate history here," he says.

The details of that history are all too familiar to the Atlantic's latest generation of fishing families. In 1976 both the U.S. and Canada enacted what were thought to be tough new fishery restrictions. The laws were supposed to push foreign vessels away from our coasts and place the nations' prime fishing banks under local stewardship. Half the plan worked. Foreign fleets *were* more closely regulated. But a massive expansion of commercial fishing began along the North American coast, undermining the gains of keeping the foreign boats away. More and bigger U.S. and Canadian boats were built, regulations remained lax, and in less than ten years the schools were all but wiped out. Remember stuffed sole? Inexpensive scrod? These were the fish of choice in the 1980s. Now they can be hard to find, having been replaced in the U.S. by hatchery-raised salmon and catfish—and in rural Canada, where families fished for subsistence, by welfare checks.

The social costs have been staggering. More than 39,000 fishery jobs have vanished in Canada, where the government shut down fishing and earmarked \$1.9 billion for coastal aid and job retraining. Similar troubles have fallen on New England; a 1992 study found the region has lost 14,000 jobs and \$350 million in annual income. In response to the decline, last year the New England Fishery Management Council enacted the toughest fishery laws in the region's history. The new rules slashed the days fishermen are allowed at sea, and cut daily catch limits. They expanded on 1994 rules that set aside protected areas, where vessels are no longer allowed to drag their nets.

"Newfoundlanders have lived off the sea for hundreds of years. It's who we are," laments idled fisherman Jack Troake, skipper of a fifty-three-foot family fishing boat that sailed from iceberg-cluttered Twillingate, Newfoundland. "The cod used to come right into these coves. Now the sea is empty. You go out there, and you don't find a damned thing."

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LIKE A FAITH HEALER, DR. Karen Gellman can't explain exactly what's going on physiologically as she lays her hands on Dee's lame right shoulder. But the 1,300-pound mare melts under Gellman's gentle touch, dropping her head and blinking slowly. Sighing and chewing, she drools on owner Ginny Schreter's hand. "I call it zapping, for lack of a more professional term," Gellman says of the brief touch therapy, which she combines with more extensive acupuncture and chiropractic adjustment to treat the ailing horse.

With nearly a dozen needles protruding from her legs, shoulders, and back, Dee could pass as the world's largest pin cushion. The acupuncture treatment includes Chinese incense and small doses of liquid vitamin B-12. After she removes the needles, the five-foot-four Gellman hops atop a hay bale stacked on a plastic crate and manipulates Dee's massive spine. "I may not be bigger than a horse but I'm bigger than a single joint," says Gellman, thrusting down on the mare's pelvis. "We rely on the basics of physics."

While some still think of alternative medicine as quackery that has yet to be backed up with hard evidence, more veterinarians are turning to acupuncture, chiropractic, massage, and even homeopathy and herbs as healing tools. "This is complementary to what we do in traditional medicine," says Gellman '79, DVM '95, who is certified by the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association.

About 600 vets belong to the American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association, and 375 are certified by the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society. At Cornell, Gellman and two other veterinarians use acupuncture, an ancient Chinese method of relieving pain and treating a variety of diseases by inserting needles into specific places on the body.

Alternative medicine isn't part of the Cornell curriculum yet, but a faculty committee is examining it. And since 1995, holistic animal health guru Allen M. Schoen, DVM '78, has taught a mini-course on acupuncture at Cornell. This year the class drew nearly 100 students, interns, residents, and local veterinarians. Schoen, who practices in Connecticut

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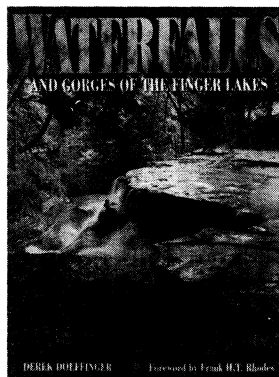
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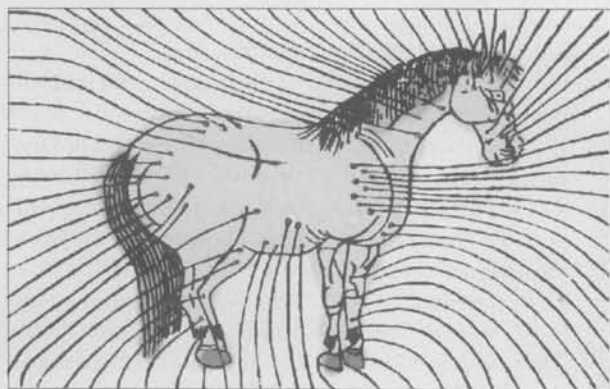
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The few vets at Cornell who have used acupuncture swear by it. Dr. Andrea Looney, DVM '89, a resident in anesthesiology, is currently treating a Jack Russell terrier named Waldo for an unusual congenital digestive problem known as megasophagus. Waldo's esoph-



agus never developed normally, making it almost impossible for the dog to hold down meals. Through acupuncture Looney tries to tap into the dog's channels of energy, in the hope of controlling some of his vomiting. She has used the technique on cats, turtles, lizards, even a bald eagle recovering from a broken wing and leg. But how acupuncture actually works remains a mystery to many who use it. "There's a lot of doubt behind why it should work," she says. "And that's one of the biggest problems in my explaining it to people who are skeptical."

body's channels can help restore balance and allow the body to heal. Cosmic forces aside, conventional research has shown that the treatments can increase production of natural painkillers called endorphins, and stimulate the nervous, immune, and endocrine systems.

Veterinarians who use alternative medicine say they experiment with it because conventional treatments sometimes don't work, especially in cases of chronic pain, allergies, or arthritis. For example,

no drugs exist to treat Waldo's problem, Looney says. Schoen remembers seeing case after case of animals who had to be sent home in pain or put to sleep because he could do little for them. "I didn't feel I was fulfilling my highest purpose as a veterinarian," he says.

Dee, an eleven-year-old Trakehner-Thoroughbred mix that competes in dressage events, was limping so badly that Schreter, a manager at Cornell's Equestrian Center, could no longer ride her. For more than two months she wouldn't gallop. She got better for a few weeks, but when the symptoms recurred, her owner sought out Gellman. After only two treatments, Dee was feeling so well that Schreter could ride her again. "I didn't think that it could cure every problem," says Schreter, "but I thought it could help."

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FOR MORE THAN A century, Ezra Cornell's letter waited in the dark. Sealed in the cornerstone of Sage Hall, the Hill's first women's dorm, the missive contained the founder's musings on the future of co-education—or so historians thought. After five generations in a heavy lead box, Ezra's letter has emerged. As it turns out, the elegantly scripted page concentrates on the importance of remaining free from religious and political bias.

"To the Coming man & woman," Cornell writes. "On the occasion of laying the corner stone of the Sage College for women of Cornell University, I desire to say that the principle [sic] danger, and I say almost the only danger I see in the future to be encountered by the friends of education, and by all lovers of true liberty is that which may arise from sectarian strife.

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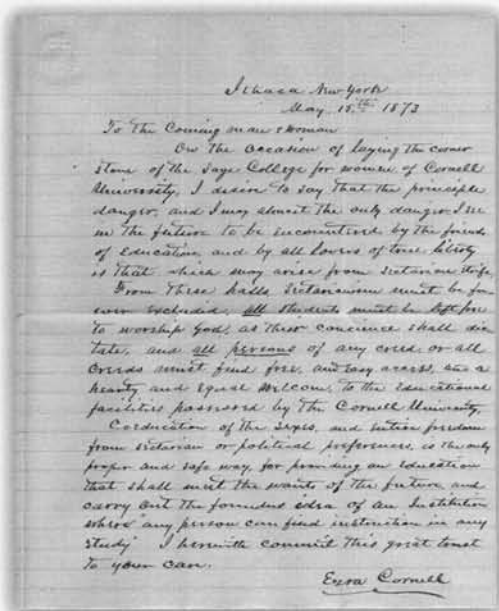
all creeds must find free and easy access, and a hearty and equal welcome, to the educational facilities possessed by the Cornell University.

"Coeducation of the sexes

March trustee meeting—bears the date of Sage College's dedication: May 15, 1873. In addition to Ezra's words, the time capsule contained photos of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sage,

copies of the university laws and course register, a weekly *Cornell Era*, and three newspapers: the *Ithaca Journal*, the now-defunct *Ithaca Daily Democrat*, and the *New York Times*. The newspapers, dated the day before the dedication, are as white as if they'd rolled off the presses this morning.

While the university hadn't planned to unearth the box during the Sage renovations, the temptation to know Ezra's long-buried thoughts proved too great. The box and its contents will be on display in one of the university libraries, and the Sage cornerstone has been refilled with current memorabilia. "I have always seen the Ezra Cornell papers as a tremendous resource for learning about nineteenth-century American history," says University Archivist Elaine Engst. "He was an incredible man, and his views at the time were extremely radical."



and entire freedom from sectarian or political preferences is the only proper and safe way for providing an education that shall meet the wants of the future and carry out the founders' idea of an Institution where 'any person can find instruction in any study.' I herewith commit this great trust to your care."

The letter—read by fifth-generation descendant Ezra Cornell '70, BS Ag '71, at a

JOHNSON DEAN

A FORMER ACCOUNTING professor at Yale, Stanford, and Cornell has been named dean of the Johnson School of Management. Robert Swieringa succeeds Alan Merten, who left in 1996 to become president of George Mason University. "Robert Swieringa's diverse background, which ranges from running a family-owned business to a respected career as an educator and scholar . . . makes him especially well suited to lead the Johnson School," says President Rawlings.



Swieringa, who takes office in July, has an MBA from the University of Denver and a PhD in accounting from the University of Illinois. He taught at the Johnson School from 1974 to 1985. With an annual budget of \$21 million, the school has 530 students and forty-five full-time faculty.

OLIVE TJADEN, 92

OLIVE TJADEN, A PIONEERING architect and namesake of Tjaden Hall on the Arts Quad, died March 15 at ninety-two. Tjaden was fifteen when she came to study architecture at Cornell, graduating in 1925. She went on to design more than 400 homes in Garden City, Long Island, including many of the city's mansions.

Tjaden was the widow of Roswell Van Sickle '23. Tjaden Hall houses part of the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning and was named in her honor in 1981.





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ONE MORE AND IT'S A HAT TRICK

IT WAS LIKE DÉJÀ VU ALL OVER AGAIN. FIRST THE CORNELL MEN'S HOCKEY team finished at the top of the Ivy League for the second year in a row. Then the Big Red repeated its 1995-96 ECAC championship win—thanks to a 2-1 nailbiter in Lake Placid. And once again, tournament MVP honors went to goalie Jason Elliott '98.

It was another banner season for second-year coach Mike Schafer '86. After defeating Clarkson in the ECAC finals, ending the Golden Knights' eleven-game winning streak, the Red went on to the NCAA West Regional in Michigan, where the team upset Miami of Ohio in the first round. Advancing to the quarterfinals for the first time since 1972, Cornell lost to North Dakota, the number-two seed and eventual national champion, and finished the season with a 21-9-5 record.

FRATERNITY PLEDGE

STRATEGIC PLAN TACKLES PROBLEMS, PERCEPTIONS

FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES have long been beset by stereotypes. Early on, Greek organizations were seen as bastions of class-consciousness, where the crème de la crème mingled in luxurious living rooms. Later came the *Animal House* years, when frats became synonymous with Bacchanalian excess and broken furniture.

Randy Stevens would like the truth to be somewhere in the middle. The associate dean of students lauds modern Greek houses for their inclusiveness, but laments a certain lack of civility and philanthropic spirit. And while fraternities and sororities can be an immensely positive experience for the students who participate—3,800 did last year—the specters of drinking, drugs, hazing, eating disorders, and deteriorating houses must be dealt with, says Stevens, MPA '95. "I am worried," he says, "that unless we address our shortcomings, the system will weaken

and we will eventually destroy ourselves."

In a comprehensive effort to grapple with the system's ills while capitalizing on its assets, the university has formulated a strategic plan. Developed by a group of about 350 undergraduates, alumni, and faculty, the plan spells out requirements for Cornell's sixty-four fraternities and sororities in areas ranging from self-governance to facilities management to social responsibility. The "perceptions" section of the plan, for instance, requires one article a month be sent to the *Ithaca Journal* and *Daily Sun* "in an effort to improve and sustain the public image of the Greek system."

Under the new plan, each house will be reviewed every three years, and organizations that fail to comply with the standards could lose their recognition. "The Greek system has played such a vital part in the undergraduate experience here," Stevens says. "It would be really foolish to dismiss it and let it die on the vine."

GIVE MY REGARDS TO . . .

THESE CORNELLIANS
IN THE NEWS

John '51 and Janet Morand Marqusee '52, publishers of a 1978 biography of Steven Biko by Donald Woods. Woods was the first to name the murderers of the South African anti-apartheid leader. Last February, five of the named suspects finally confessed—nineteen years later—corroborating Woods's allegations.

Leslie Ann Lum, JD '96, of Honolulu, named Miss Hawaii. When the reigning Miss Hawaii was crowned Miss America, Lum, first runner-up to Miss Hawaii, took on the title.

Rob Dyson, MBA '74, Cornell trustee, owner of Dyson, Kissner, Moran Corporation of New York City, and winner of the World Sports Car class of the 24 Hours of Daytona.

Mary Musgrave '76, BA '77, of the Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station, selected by NASA to collaborate with Ukrainian cosmonauts researching plant reproduction in space.

Robert E. Kushell '50, founder and president of Kushell Associates Inc. and winner of the International Franchise Association's 1996 Free Enterprise Award, and **James W. McLamore '47**, posthumously inducted into the association's Hall of Fame.

Bruce N. Ames '50, professor of biochemistry and molecular biology at the University of California, Berkeley, co-winner of the 1997 Japan prize, created by The Science and Technology Foundation of Japan, for his research on the causes of cancer.

William R. Sears, founder of Cornell's Graduate School of Aeronautical Engineering and the Center for Applied Mathematics, who won the Guggenheim medal for work in aviation.

COMPUTING LOSS

WHEN OFFICIALS AT Cornell's Theory Center learned in March that they had lost more than \$10 million a year in government funding, they weren't surprised. Months earlier, the National Science Foundation had warned them the university would likely lose its designation as a national supercomputing center. But while officials were prepared for the news, they had no idea it would come with so much melodrama.

Cornell had been told that

the National Science Board would decide the issue at its March meeting. But when the vote was postponed, Theory Center Director Malvin Kalos canceled his trip to Washington—only to learn the next day that the matter had been settled. At the Clinton administration's behest, the NSB executive board voted 4-0 to drop the Ithaca and Pittsburgh supercomputing sites, and renew funding for centers in San Diego and Illinois. "The procedure was like nothing I've heard of before," Kalos says. "I don't quite understand the need for that kind of haste."

The decision leaves the

center, which pioneered the field of parallel processing, scrambling for funding. Kalos says he'll look to the energy and defense departments to help make up the gap in the center's \$25 million annual budget. In the meantime, decisions about a planned tripling of its computing power have been put on hold. Since the NSF will contribute only \$3 million in transitional funding, says center spokeswoman Linda Callahan '73, employees have already been told that a third of them will be laid off in

September, and more cuts might follow. Cornell's designation as a national center ends in April 1998.



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"The university is still interested in having a high-performance computing resource," Callahan says. "We'll most likely continue to exist, but we'll be much smaller."



'A VIVIFYING PRESENCE'

IN AN AGE OF SPECIALISTS, PETER Kahn did it all. He was a renowned artist, cook, musician, farmer, filmmaker, amateur mushroom hunter. A professor of fine arts and art history at Cornell for more than thirty-five years, Kahn died February 16 at seventy-five.

As many noted in remembering the immensely popular professor, Kahn died as he lived. A Trumansburg volunteer firefighter for twenty years, Kahn suffered a heart attack while directing traffic at the scene of an accident. Sixty fire and police vehicles made up his funeral procession, and his memorial service overflowed the Anabel Taylor Hall auditorium. "He was an accomplished artist, and a deeply and widely learned man," says a colleague, art Professor Emeritus Stan O'Connor '51. "He had a vivifying presence."

Hans Peter Kahn was born in Leipzig

in 1921, and emigrated to New York City in 1937. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, working as a translator during the Nuremberg trials—and receiving a field promotion after painting two stars on General George Patton's tank. He earned a master's in philosophy from New York University in 1951, coming to Cornell in 1957. Although he retired in 1985, he continued to teach typography, watercolor, and printmaking. He was a favorite among Cornell Adult University summer students and conducted two art history tours of Europe.

Kahn is survived by his wife of fifty years, Ruth Stiles Gannett Kahn, seven daughters, and eight grandchildren. A book fund in his memory has been established through the University Library, Cornell University, Gift Records, 55 Brown Road, Ithaca, New York, 14850.

GINSENG POWER

CHINESE HEALERS HAVE BEEN using ginseng as an herbal medicine for 4,000 years. Today, the wonder root is mixed into everything from health teas to sports drinks—and it's big business. That could be a boon to landowners in New York, where an American version of the plant grows wild.

With a three-year, \$45,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Cornell researchers are trying to find the best ways to optimize ginseng's benefits and protect it from the fungal diseases that decimated the plants early this century. "Essentially, it's forest farming," says Louise Buck, Grad '89-'90, a senior extension associate in the Department of Natural Resources.

Artificially cultivated ginseng costs about \$25 a pound. But grown in the wild, the gnarly roots can garner as much as \$450. The main attraction of wild plants over their bed-planted cousins is cosmetic: aficionados prize the dark, man-shaped roots of naturally occurring ginseng. Some fans also claim that the wild version is more potent—and that New York's climate makes for some of the best ginseng in North America. Cornell researchers will study the plants' levels of the complex carbohydrates, called ginsenosides, that are reputed to aid the central nervous system, balance metabolism, decrease blood sugar, and maintain hormone levels.

R&D

BETTER THAN NOTHING

Five minutes of daily exercise can increase strength and flexibility, says Toni McBride, director of the Wellness Program. Researchers found that after twelve weeks, participants also reported positive self-images.

TOY STORY

By focusing children's attention on toys during play, parents can help them develop coping skills. Cybele Raver, assistant professor of human development and family studies, says these skills are particularly important for children in low-income families.

BRAIN DRAIN

New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center surgeons have developed a new way to treat childhood hydrocephalus, or excess brain fluid. By making a passage in the brain to drain fluid, doctors avoid the complications of using shunts to the abdomen.

CHEMICAL REACTION

Human personalities may be shaped by biochemistry more than previously thought, says Richard Depue, director of the Laboratory of Neurobiology of Personality and Emotion. Depue demonstrated the influence of the neurotransmitter dopamine on traits such as optimism.

MAGIC PILL?

Dietary supplements of selenium, a trace metal, reduced the incidence of cancer by 41 percent over ten years in a study by researchers at Cornell and the University of Arizona. Dietary sources of selenium include meat, fish, cereals, and eggs.

YOU LOSE

The appetite suppressant Redux may cause hypertension, sleep problems, and depression. David Levitsky, professor of nutritional sciences and psychology, concluded that the drug's average weight loss of 5.5 pounds a year does not outweigh the risks.

HILLEL DONOR BACKS OUT

BUT ANABEL TAYLOR EXPANSION STILL VIABLE

PLANS FOR A NEW HILLEL CENTER on campus suffered a setback in February when the project's major donor withdrew his \$2 million contribution. Martin Granoff, a New York-based apparel manufacturer, backed out of the project, claiming the university was dragging its feet. "Basically, they didn't want it," Granoff says. "They didn't have the good sense to tell me months ago."

But Susan Murphy, vice president for student and academic services, says Cornell is committed to the project and is looking for other donors. "Why would we waste the energy if we didn't want it?" says Murphy '73, PhD '94. "It's important not to have people believe that the project is dead, because it's not."

Granoff, who helped fund a Hillel facility at Tufts, had planned to endow Cornell's project in memory of Darcy Weiner '90 and Glenn Weiner '93, cousins who died in a 1995 plane crash. Granoff walked away from the project after more than a year of planning, partially due to a disagreement over the selection of

an architect. Granoff claims Cornell always knew he wanted to hire Fred Babcock, a Salt Lake City architect who had designed several other Hillel centers. But university officials say no particular architect can be made a stipulation of a gift and that selection is done through a national search. And though Granoff calls the fifteen months of planning excessive, Murphy says it's standard procedure.

Hillel, devoted to promoting Jewish student life, is presently housed in about 1,000 square feet of space in Anabel Taylor Hall. "The program has grown, and Anabel Taylor is getting crowded," says Rabbi Larry Edwards, director of Cornell's Hillel program. The new facility, a roughly 16,000-foot addition to Anabel Taylor, is planned to cost \$8-10 million. With new facilities under construction at Columbia and Dartmouth, Edwards says, Cornell will soon be the only Ivy League school without a dedicated Hillel center. There are about 3,000 Jewish students at Cornell, 20 percent of the student body.

HAPPY TRAIL

LAST AUGUST, CORNELL PLANTATIONS Director Don Rakow, PhD '87, took State Assemblyman Martin Luster and U.S. Representative Maurice Hinchey on a tour of Cascadilla Gorge. Though the day was sunny, the hour-long hike was more than a pleasure walk. Cornell had asked its representatives for help obtaining funds to repair flood damage to the gorge trail, and the sneakered legislators were there to inspect the glen firsthand.

Seven months later, the money came through—at least some of it. In March, the New York State Emergency Management Office and the Federal Emergency Management Agency offered \$63,000 to help repair damaged stone pathways, steps, and bridges dating back to the Civilian Conservation Corps. Rakow says he's grateful, but notes repair costs have been estimated at \$150,000 to \$200,000. "We're trying to determine how

much damage we can repair with the funds that have been made available," he says.

Rising 400 feet over a third of a mile, the Cascadilla Gorge Path is a popular commuter route from campus to downtown. It's so popular that efforts to close off the trail, which campus officials call unsafe, have been soundly rebuffed. Chain-link fences were ripped down the day after they were installed, and the university has taken to putting up a low barrier and praying no one gets hurt.

Rakow says he's trying to determine if there are any other funds available on campus to aid the repairs. At this point, he says, it looks as though the work may not be finished until fall; the trail may be officially "re-opened" only to be shut for the winter shortly thereafter. "We're hoping," he says, "there will be a few shards of sunlight between opening and closing."



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UNIVERSITIES ARE NOTORIOUS

BUT IN THE NINETIES, SAY

CORNELL MUST BE

HARD CH

BY MICAH FINK &
BETH SAULNIER

ON AN UNSEASONABLY HOT DAY IN OCTOBER 1995, amid the pomp and circumstance of an Ivy League inauguration, Hunter Rawlings III became Cornell's tenth and tallest president. Wearing a red gown with black trim, Rawlings was invested with the great seal of the university, a brass medallion with Ezra Cornell's famous phrase rising from its surface: *I would found an institution where any person can find instruction in any study*. Sharing the Barton Hall stage with four of his predecessors, the new president accepted the seal from trustee Chairman Stephen Weiss '57. "May these words," Weiss said, "be kept forever in your heart."

As every Cornellian knows, Ezra's founding motto has served as the university's guidepost for the past

LOW TO CHANGE.

RESIDENT RAWLINGS,

QUICK, LEAN, AND AGILE.

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129 years—imprinted on the mind of each incoming freshman, as well as on countless T-shirts, backpacks, and spiral notebooks. But in accepting the badges of his office—seal, mace, and university charter—Rawlings was taking up the reins of an institution in the throes of change. The glory days of ever-increasing federal and state funding were gone, and financial realities were forcing a painful reexamination of Cornell's academic mission. Of the five presidents on the dais that inauguration day, Rawlings would be the first to tackle the unsettling proposition that Ezra's vision might not survive in the economic climate of the 1990s. "The old strategy of growing our way to excellence is no longer viable," Rawlings told the trustees in October 1996. "We must become



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quick, lean, and agile and discard ways of doing things that are now obsolete . . . We are probing many of our time-tested ways of doing things. It makes for what one might euphemistically call 'interesting times.'

The phrase, with its roots in the ancient Chinese saying, is an apt description for an era in which the university is facing the unpleasant business of cutting faculty positions, laying off clerical workers, and closing departments. A university of Cornell's stature—one of the wealthiest and most prestigious in the world—now finds itself in a serious bind.

"Ezra Cornell sort of put a curse on the university," says Ron Ehrenberg, vice president for academic programs, planning, and budgeting. "He's been taken too literally. We don't have the resources to do as many things as we currently do. We need to look at what businesses we can get out of."

Today, in an era of declining revenues, the university has to cut back to remain financially sound. This means making hard decisions about what departments and programs it will continue to support, and which ones it will eliminate. But when Cornell decides to close an academic department it means something more than GE or AT&T spinning off an unprofitable division; it's often perceived as a larger statement about what it means to be educated in America. So when the dean of the Arts college moved in February to close the five-member Department of Russian Literature, no less than the son of Vladimir Nabokov weighed in with a protest directed "to all those who are concerned with Cornell's survival as an institution of the first rank."

"I am stunned by what I hear," Dmitri Nabokov wrote in a letter printed in the *Cornell Daily Sun*. "Can't Cornell economize on something else to keep from going under?"

While few on campus believe the university is "going under," Nabokov's question—what stays and what goes—is at the heart of the university's dilemma. This is a soul-searching time for the institution. Faculty and administrators have to evaluate academic programs not for their intrinsic worth—who would say that Dostoyevski is less deserving than Diderot, or nuclear physics less worthy of study than nanotechnology?—but rather for their overall value in the academic

marketplace, where prestige, world rank, and faculty renown are the coins of the realm. "We have to make actual choices," says Michael Whalen '69, Cornell's director of financial planning. "It is like working in an orchard. We are trying to improve growth by pruning, even if that is painful to the limbs that are lopped off."

Like so many colleges and universities facing similar choices, Cornell is an institution unaccustomed—and in many ways opposed—to evaluating academic programs by financial standards such as profit, loss, and market appeal. But higher education is, ultimately, a business with a bottom line, and like companies across America, Cornell is being forced to take a hard look at the way it operates.

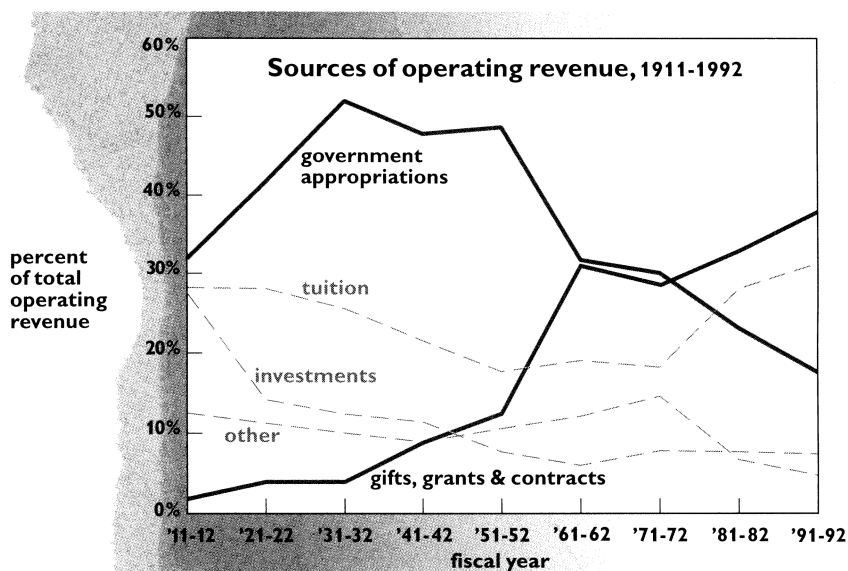
NUTS & BOLTS

EXPENSES ARE RISING,
INCOME IS NOT

FRED ROGERS, THE UNIVERSITY'S chief financial officer, has a set of charts and graphs that he's eager to show to anyone willing to listen. The two-dimensional images illustrate why Cornell is having money

President Rawlings stresses that the capital campaign didn't make Cornell rich. If it weren't for the campaign, he says, "Cornell would be in big trouble." About \$1 billion of the new money went directly into the endowment, which can't be used for operating expenses—except in the form of interest, which is paid out at a rate of about 4.5 percent each year. Another portion of the campaign money is committed to endowing particular academic chairs or building new buildings, and also can't be used for operating expenses. But running the university is expensive; Cornell's annual budget is nearly \$1.4 billion, and costs are rising faster than income.

"This is a tough period for the university," Rogers says. "We are not broke, but we have to have a balanced budget, and we'll have to cut some things to get it." A budget gap first appeared for the endowed colleges in 1993-94, and each dean was asked to economize. But what was believed to be a temporary inconvenience was actually a chronic problem. "The 1980s was a period of growth. In the early 1990s, the question was how to deal with a temporary reduction in growth," Rogers says. "Now, the question is, how do we adopt a set of strategies that will succeed in a peri-



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problems. Rogers has gotten used to the inevitable questions: Didn't the university just raise \$1.5 billion? Isn't Cornell still putting up new buildings? Where does all that tuition money go?

od that will not have growth?"

The problems must be resolved soon. There is a \$4.5 million gap in the endowed colleges' budget for the 1997-98 school year. This has been offset by an in-

crease in the payout from the endowment—essentially a one-time gift from the trustees after a bull year on the stock market. Without extensive cuts, this gap will grow to \$20.3 million in 2000-01.

"There is only one source of funding that is up—private donations. All the rest are flat or down," Rawlings says. "Student aid—down. Federal aid—down. State aid—down. Grants—flat. State support—down. Tuition—flat." These financial realities are having profound effects on the way the university does business. Cornell prides itself on its needs-blind admissions policy, which guarantees aid to all students who need it. But reduced state and federal support means the university has to come up with more money itself—which means a greater drain on its resources. "We have been making up in student charges what the government didn't provide," says Rogers. "However, the days of tuition increases outpacing inflation are gone." For each of the last two years, Cornell has increased tuition 4.5 percent, the lowest hikes since 1965-66. But next year, tuition in the endowed colleges will cost \$21,840—already beyond the reach of many middle-class families. Raising tuition only creates a vicious circle: each time the cost of a Cornell education increases, the demand for financial aid goes up as well.

Financial aid is just one of the university's ever-expanding expenses; there's also the cost of faculty. If a university is a business, then people are its human capital—and its fastest-growing expense. Salaries and benefits must keep pace with Cornell's competitors, or faculty will be lured away. But faculty wages at the statutory colleges are set by New York State and have been frozen for four of the last six years. The real value of these salaries has actually dropped 5 percent since 1969-70, according to a report published last January by Cornell's Office of Financial Planning and Budget Management. Salaries for faculty in the endowed colleges have also stalled, and are decreasing relative to similar institutions around the country. "Salaries at the endowed colleges used to rank thirteenth in the list of twenty-seven research universities that are our peers," says Ron Ehrenberg, reciting the numbers from memory. "Now we are number twenty-two or twenty-three. This definitely affects our ability to attract and retain the best faculty."

CLASS STRUGGLES

WHEN DO CUTS AFFECT QUALITY?

EVEN AT GOLDWIN SMITH Hall, where the ivy grows thickest at the heart of the Arts college, there are changes afoot. Dramatic changes, if you ask Gavriel Shapiro, chairman of the Department of Russian Literature, who occupies an office on the same floor where his idol, Vladimir Nabokov,

reduced to a program with only two faculty, we will dwindle to nothing. Cutting our literature department because of declining enrollments is treating Cornell like some third-rate factory."

The debate that erupted in the Arts college over the following weeks, and which continues today, offers a glimpse into the practical difficulties of making choices about academic priorities. Shapiro, fearing that his department was doomed, sent a panicked e-mail to colleagues around the country and denounced Cornell's administration for making decisions without consulting



AT ARTS & SCIENCES, THE BUDGET GAP COULD REACH \$20.3 MILLION BY 2000-01

dreamed up a girl named Lolita.

In mid-February, Shapiro met with Phil Lewis, the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, who told him that his two graduate fellowships for incoming students were being canceled. Citing the budgetary shortfall and declining enrollments in the department, Lewis suggested that three of its five faculty members should retire, and that the remaining two, including Shapiro, be reassigned to the Department of Comparative Literature. "The Russian literature department will be eliminated if they are allowed to carry out their plans," says Shapiro. "It's very shortsighted. Russia has one of the richest cultures in European history. If we are

the faculty. He struck a nerve.

Within days, Lewis was inundated with letters and e-mail protesting a decision that he denies he ever made. The letter from Dmitri Nabokov is just the latest symptom of what Lewis says is a misunderstanding. "We're not abolishing anything," says Lewis, who is no stranger to faculty concerns, having taught French literature for twenty-one years before being named associate dean in 1989. "We simply made a proposal that they consider a merger. We will continue teaching Russian literature."

But a fire had been lit under the faculty. An ad hoc committee of twelve academics arrived at the next Arts faculty

meeting with a signed petition demanding that “no existing programs or departments . . . be abolished, merged, or altered” unless the faculty had a chance to vote on the subject. Most of the signatories were members of small programs or departments, like classics, Romance studies, and Asian studies, who feel threatened by the fiscal climate on campus. Danuta Shanzer, director of the medieval studies program, believes that closing the Russian literature department “is just the start of a slow slide into mediocrity.” Says Shanzer: “A lot of us are very concerned about Cornell’s standing as a university.”

The bottom line, according to linguistics Professor E. Wayles Browne, is that a good university needs a Department of Russian Literature. “There ought to be a group of professors on campus who can tell you about *War and Peace* and Pushkin,” he says. On the other hand, counters government Professor Isaac Kramnick, “Ezra Cornell never said he would found an institution where any student could find instruction in any subject in *its own separate department*.” As long as classes are still being taught in Russian literature, he argues, it doesn’t really matter if

there is a department or not.

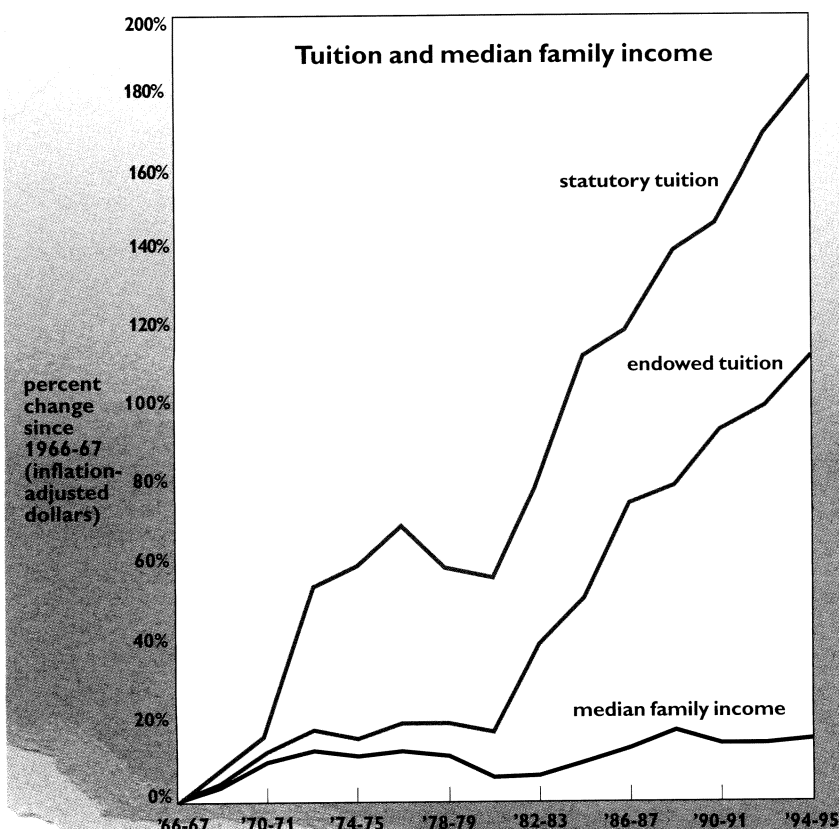
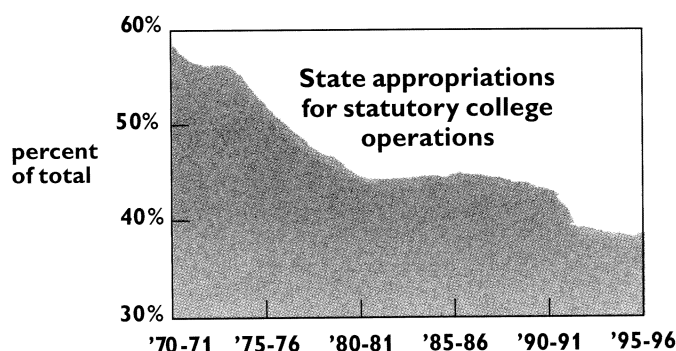
But Walter Cohen, dean of the Graduate School, warns there are hidden costs to merging small departments—particularly the effect on faculty morale. “You can’t run a top research university effectively by running roughshod over the faculty,” he says. “Perhaps in some future era you will be able to do it, and reduce them to cringing employees, but not now. Your main resource is your faculty’s creativity. We have only one product, and it is produced by the faculty.”

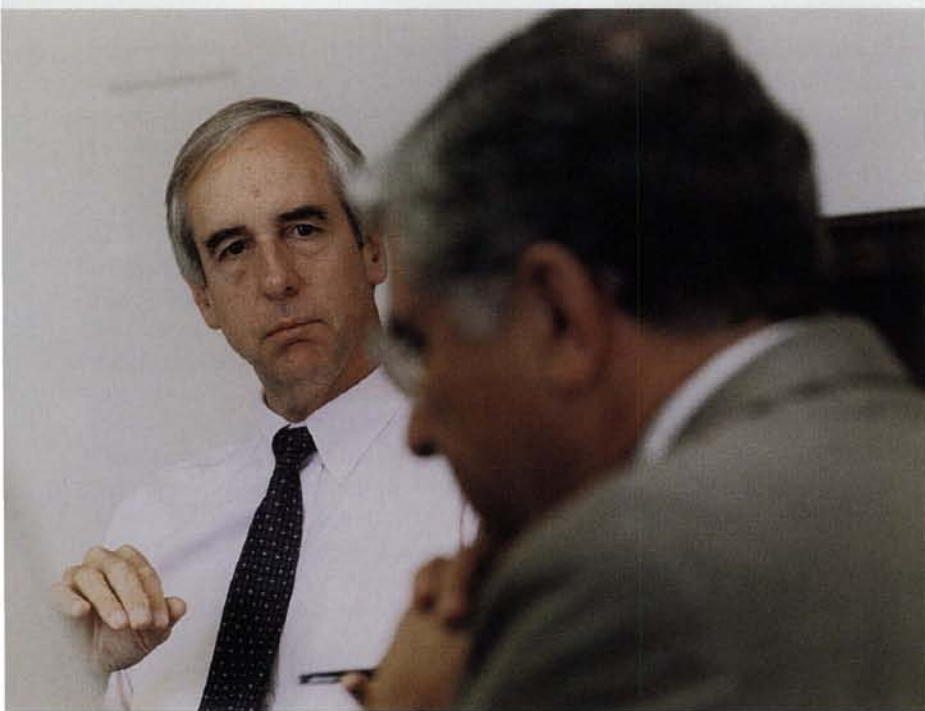
Although Lewis pledges to “go the extra mile” to involve faculty in any reorganization, some academics feel they have already been cut out of the loop. “This place is run in a pretty secretive way,” says Jeremy Rabkin ’74, a professor in the government department. “This is all done behind closed doors, and we hear about it afterwards. I understand that change has got to happen, but it bothers me that it’s being done in an almost conspiratorial way.”

Some faculty also fear that decisions are not being made for good academic reasons, but rather because they present the path of least resistance. “I think they’re picking on the people they think will cause them the least grief,” says Peter Kuniholm, a professor of archaeology. “The people at the mercy of the deans are in the humanities and social sciences, and they’re running scared.” For Kuniholm, Cornell’s academic power structure was neatly summed up in an offhand comment by one of the university’s leading scientists. “If they tried to cut my department,” the scientist said, “I’d pick up and move the whole thing to Princeton.”

Lewis occupies the difficult position of a man in the middle—between the administration, which is calling for reductions, and the faculty, which is fiercely defensive of any encroachment on its academic turf. Hard choices will have to be made, he says, because the Arts college can no longer afford so many small, autonomous departments. “It is clear we will have to do some fairly significant ‘downsizing,’ to use that infelicitous term,” Lewis says. “You have to be seriously deluded not to accept the reality when you look at the budget projections.”

“Hard choices” has been the order of the day at the College of Engineer-





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RAWLINGS WITH RANDEL, WHOSE TENURE VETO "CAUGHT EVERYONE'S ATTENTION"

ing, where Dean John Hopcroft has reduced the number of faculty by more than 10 percent, from 230 to 205. "We took our cuts three years ago," Hopcroft says. "I didn't want to hang on when it was obvious that sooner or later we would have to make the decisions." Those decisions included closing nuclear engineering, a small department with five faculty members. "We realized we would never be world-class in that area, so we decided it would be better to put these resources into strengthening the other departments," he says. The college has decided to concentrate on three areas: information technology, advanced materials, and biotechnology. "We made a conscious decision to go for a smaller faculty and go for excellence. Of course, we will put some resources into other areas, but this is what we feel is going to be most important in the future."

Identifying academic priorities was just Hopcroft's first step in streamlining the college. "I've also let the departments decide how best to allocate their resources," he says. "Decentralization is where our strength comes from. Our department chairs are very bright. Given the chance, they will optimize the system. And faculty, left on their own, will do what's right."

LOUD & CLEAR

NEW SIGNALS FROM DAY HALL

BEHIND THE PRESIDENT'S desk on the third floor of Day Hall, large windows look out on the shell of Sage Hall, in the midst of a total renovation. From the first time Rawlings took in the view from his new office, he was seeing a landscape that was overdue for change. His predecessor, Frank Rhodes, had been in office for eighteen years, one of the longest runs in Cornell history. But toward the end of his tenure he'd spent much of his time off campus, personally spearheading one of the most successful fundraising campaigns higher education had ever seen. Rhodes brought in \$1.5 billion, nearly doubling the university's endowment, and drawing thousands of new alumni into the giving networks. This outward-looking focus, however, had a downside: it deflected attention from the university's internal difficulties at a time when the public and private colleges were entering periods of retrenchment.

Like Rhodes, Rawlings is a charismatic figure. A lanky fifty-two-year-old classicist with a crest of silver hair, Rawlings arrived at Cornell in July 1995 with

a reputation for forcefulness, openness, and experience dealing with hard times. His last job was a seven-year stint as president of the University of Iowa, a land-grant institution with graduate schools of business, law, and medicine. During his tenure, Rawlings managed to make friends in the statehouse and steer the university through a devastating farm crisis that had reduced enrollments and cut state support.

The new president had risen rapidly through the academic ranks. After graduating from Haverford College in 1966, he earned his PhD from Princeton in 1970 and joined the classics faculty at the University of Colorado. An authority on the Greek historian Thucydides, Rawlings became a full professor in 1980 and later served as a vice president and dean of the graduate school. In 1988, eight years after he became active in academic politics, Iowa tapped him for its presidency. "I still find it surprising that I've ended up a president," he says, reflecting on the fact that his father never completed college. "When I began my graduate studies, I almost felt like I was undertaking a vow of poverty. But each time I took on some new responsibility as a faculty member, I learned more and wanted to broaden my knowledge further—one thing led to another without a plan. Some people know exactly where they are going, but that was never the case with me."

Rawlings, in making the move from Iowa to Ithaca, was taking on a whole new level of institutional challenges. Cornell is infamous as a decentralized behemoth, a sprawling combination of public and private colleges with a particularly strong history of academic independence. On the Hill, as in so many groves of academe, the faculty often perceive the central administration as either a joke or a threat. "Centralization is a scare word in academia," says Lawrence Williams, a professor in the School of Industrial and Labor Relations. "I'm old enough to remember Hans Bethe standing up in a faculty meeting in the Sixties or early Seventies, shaking his fist, and saying in his thick accent, 'I will not be managed.'"

Several months into Rawlings's presidency, the faculty was jolted by a rumor around campus. The provost, it was said, had turned back a request for

tenure that had been approved by the faculty. In fact, Don Randel had turned back two requests, and outright rejected a third. "It was definitely seen as an attack," says Williams. It was the first time in nearly a decade that a tenure decision had been stopped by Day Hall, and the first time in living memory that it was done semi-publicly.

There were several reasons the rejection was done "loudly," according to Ehrenberg. Day Hall wanted to counter what it considered a decline in tenure standards. "The percentage of assistant professors getting tenure had risen from half to around two-thirds over the preceding five to ten years," he says, adding that faculty are remaining longer since a 1984 anti-discrimination law banned age-mandatory retirement.

"Hunter made no bones about it that we will have the highest standards," says

Therefore each appointment is more important and a longer time commitment." By denying the request for tenure, he says, "we intended to make an announcement that we will be looking at these things more carefully from now on."

ALTERED STATE

ALBANY'S CUTS JUST KEEP COMING

PROFESSOR LAWRENCE WILLIAMS is sixty-seven years old and he just learned how to type. He had no choice. His department has lost three of its five secretaries, a consequence of the state budget cuts that have struck the statutory colleges over the past eight years. Williams,

since 1988, as Governor George Pataki and his predecessor have steadily whittled away public funds for higher education. In real dollars, the cuts have cost Cornell \$24.3 million this year alone—20 percent of its state appropriation of \$120.4 million for 1996-97.

The effect has been significant. The statutory colleges were forced to cut 103 faculty positions, a 15 percent reduction over the past eight years. Over the same period, 203 clerical workers and support staff were eliminated, a cut of nearly 20 percent. "This has had an impact on academic programs," says Nathan Fawcett, director of statutory affairs. "We have cut back on the number of specialized courses, and class sections are larger. But we can only do this for so long; then you run into problems of quality, which we are trying to avoid."

Each time Albany cuts the budget for higher education the statutory colleges must scramble to cut expenses. Currently, the state contributes 34.4 percent of the statutory colleges' total budget of \$350 million, a steep decline from the 44 percent it provided in 1988-89. The reductions are being felt sharply on the upper campus. "More and more students are well into their junior year before they get into a class where they get to know their professors," says Williams. "Class sizes have increased because we have not reduced the number of students. That changes the character of the place. Most of us compare ourselves to our past, and that is a painful comparison for us to make."

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, the largest of the four statutory colleges, has been particularly hard hit. Some of its strongest programs were weakened in the first years of the reductions, says Dean Daryl Lund, because "losses were absorbed haphazardly." Lund took charge of the college in August 1995, seven weeks after Rawlings moved into Day Hall. The situation, he recalls, was "more severe than I had expected."

"The reductions were not programmatically justified," Lund says. Although one department, poultry science, was closed in 1991, clear priorities were not established. Departments with older faculty fared the worst. "It was just happenstance that certain people reached an age and retired," he says. "They didn't correspond to areas that



ON THE UPPER CAMPUS, THE HITS HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY HARD

Daryl Lund, dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. "When the provost turned back the request for tenure, the message was clear: 'Your standards aren't high enough,' he was saying. It certainly caught everyone's attention."

But the most important factor, Ehrenberg says, is that tight budgets had greatly reduced the number of new faculty. "There have been tremendous cuts in the statutory and private colleges," Ehrenberg says. "Less hiring is going on overall.

director of graduate studies for the ILR school, occupies a corner office in Ives Hall, where he keeps a maxim tacked up behind his desk: *When sheer stupidity is a reasonable explanation, do not seek additional causes.* Morale is down around campus, he says. "You can see it in the faces of the people you pass in the hallways. It's been very difficult watching staff disappear."

They've disappeared by the hundreds. Cornell's statutory colleges have undergone eighteen unilateral budget cuts

we would want to downsize."

Lund is an experienced hand at downsizing. For five years he was dean of the Cook College of Agriculture at Rutgers University, a land-grant college with a history similar to Cornell's Ag school. The college was downsized by 35 percent during his tenure. "The best year I had," he notes with a certain ironic pride, "was a flat budget." At Cornell, Lund centralized control of faculty lines at the college level and began rebuilding programs. But resources are scarce, and faculty hiring remains severely limited. Only twelve new faculty were brought in by all four of the statutory colleges in 1996-97, less than a quarter of the fifty-eight faculty members hired in 1988-89, the year the reductions began.

"We have had to make very hard choices to correct the imbalances that occurred," says Lund. "We are asking the faculty to characterize what they do and how well they do it, using concrete measures of productivity and demand. We are not going to make the kinds of savings that we need by simply restructuring the organization. We are making some hard choices about what businesses we will be in as we continue to downsize."

JOB SECURITY

AT WATERCOOLERS,
AN ANXIOUS MOOD

WHILE TENURED FACULTY may fear for their departments, their jobs are protected. Similarly, employees at the opposite end of the university's economic scale, like dining hall workers and custodians—although they have been contemplating a strike over what they call 'poverty-level' wages—are protected by union contracts.

It's the employees in the middle, the secretaries, clerks, and computer technicians, who are most vulnerable. President Rawlings, unlike a corporate CEO, can't directly order cuts in academic operations. He doesn't have the authority to tell the deans how to spend their money; he can only make strong suggestions. He does, however, have the authority to cut back on administrative and technical staff. Sheltered by neither tenure nor

contracts, they are the first to go—and they know it.

While professors might complain the loudest, Cornell's 5,700 clerical, technical, and administrative workers play an equally important role in setting the mood on campus. Lately, that mood has been anxious, and last year's layoffs at the development office were a hot topic around watercoolers and photocopy machines. In early 1996, development had a party to celebrate the conclusion of the \$1.5 billion capital campaign. But kudos and commemorative pens were followed by a universal pink slip. Development gave notice to its entire staff, then reorganized and told employees they could reapply for their old jobs—if they still existed. "We figured we were all fired," says one longtime employee. "It didn't seem like a very nice thing to do to us." About 85 percent were even-

out, unfortunately, created bad feelings. A lot of people were made nervous who needn't have been."

While development was being cut back, Cornell Information Technologies also reduced its workforce. According to CIT Administrator Judy Hart '73, fifteen employees were laid off in a reorganization in which departments were streamlined. But anxiety was heightened around campus by reports that some workers were fired at noon on Friday and escorted to the door with their computer passwords changed. "They called me in, they told me I was through, and twenty minutes later I was out," says one former analyst-programmer. "I worked there thirty-one years. It wasn't what you'd call a class act."

While Hart says the short notice was necessary because of the workers' high-level access to the university computer



WITHOUT TENURE OR CONTRACTS, MID-LEVEL STAFFERS ARE MOST VULNERABLE

tually rehired, but the way it was handled continues to weigh on some remaining staff. "I think a lot of people are looking to move on," the employee adds. "People are still resentful."

The fire-rehire approach isn't likely to be used again on campus, says Provost Randel. "When the development department was scaled up seven years ago, it was planned that the extra staff would be released when the capital campaign was over," he says. "But the way it was carried

system, she acknowledges its unsettling effect on employee morale. "Some people might take exception with the decision we made, but you have to think about how much risk you're willing to take," Hart says. "We did it as thoughtfully, carefully, and respectfully as we could."

Many campus workers fear that the layoffs are just beginning, and their concerns are not entirely unjustified. According to Ron Ehrenberg, the administration is looking at all non-aca-

demographic expenses, and asking if they're worth the money. "The Cornell University Press is a good example," he says. "The provost is a firm believer in the importance of it. But it loses money every year, just like every other academic press. We have to ask, does it warrant the size of the subsidy we are giving it? If it needs an extra \$60,000, do we give it to the press, or do we use that money to hire a new linguist or a new professor in statistics? It's really a question of the university's overall priorities."

In March 1996, amid much fanfare, the university announced a comprehensive overhaul of its computer and administrative systems designed to save \$20 million a year by 2001. The \$50 million initiative, called Project 2000, will rewire the campus with the aim of cutting paperwork at an institution known for its glacial bureaucracy. "Truth be told, there are a lot of people in the administrative sector doing fairly tedious, repetitive tasks," says Rogers. "It's not clear that we can pay people to do the same thing more than once."

While Project 2000 may be needed to bring Cornell fully into the information age, some employees see it as a way to sugarcoat a bitter pill. Al Davidoff '80, the former head of Cornell's service and maintenance union who now serves as New York state director for the AFL-CIO, says it's just a fancy name for business as usual. "It's all very Dilbertesque," Davidoff says, "to come up with these springs and hooks for what's fundamental corporate behavior that's been going on forever."

From his perspective, the administration's attempt to draw employees into the process through informational meetings is just a ploy to beg sympathy from the people whose lives are going to be most severely affected. "When it's time for belt-tightening, it's much more difficult for a secretary making \$20,000 or a food service worker making \$14,000," Davidoff says. "For them, there's not a lot of belt left to be tightened. When they look up at the ivory tower and see administrators making \$200,000 a year, they don't have a lot of sympathy."

COMMON GOALS

LOOKING TO THE NEXT CENTURY

CORNELL'S DILEMMAS ARE not unique. Universities around the country are struggling with reduced government funding, and other Ivies, like Yale, Brown, and Penn, are also being downsized. Yale, in a "restructuring exercise" that began in 1992, closed



"KNITTING TOGETHER" THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

its Department of Operations Research and reduced its arts and sciences faculty by 7 percent. The result, says Deputy Provost Charles Long, is that after five years of deficits, Yale expects to balance its budget by next year.

As Cornell deals with its immediate problems, it's also looking ahead to the long term. The university is about to undertake the first-ever comprehensive review of its academic programs, a process that will take place over the next seven years. "We will look at every department, every center and graduate field," says Peter Stein, dean of the faculty and chairman of the committee overseeing the review. "There are about 100 academic programs at Cornell. Two-thirds of these programs are reviewed on a regular basis, but the remaining third have never been reviewed before."

The process will begin with each

department reviewing itself before outside experts examine those reports and make suggestions. In the final stage of the process, academic programs will be grouped according to subject. The review of the physical sciences, for example, will explore possible relationships among departments in different colleges, ranging from materials science to chemical engineering and astronomy. "The university's weaknesses are the other side of its strengths," says Rawlings. "We have a great many programs that cross a broad spectrum of fields and disciplines. The great variety is wonderful, but the other side is a certain amount of overlap—and a certain diffusion of strength."

The first tangible result of this consolidation is a new "virtual department" of statistics, based in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Set to open on July 1, it was formed by combining four smaller groups of statisticians from departments around the university. "The real benefits will accrue to students," says Ehrenberg, who led negotiations to unite the departments. "Having a single department means that all the courses will be listed in one place, and they'll be interchangeable in terms of meeting college requirements."

By concentrating on its strengths, Rawlings says, the university will do more than survive in difficult financial times—it will thrive. And while some on the Hill say the restructuring process is at odds with the founder's motto, others say that Ezra himself—a man with an inventive spirit and a flinty eye on the next century—would be the first to roll up his sleeves and get the job done. "Knitting together the university is a good metaphor," says Rawlings. "We are looking for greater coordination and a greater sense that we are an academic community all involved in a common enterprise. We want to build an awareness that the whole is greater than the sum of the parts."

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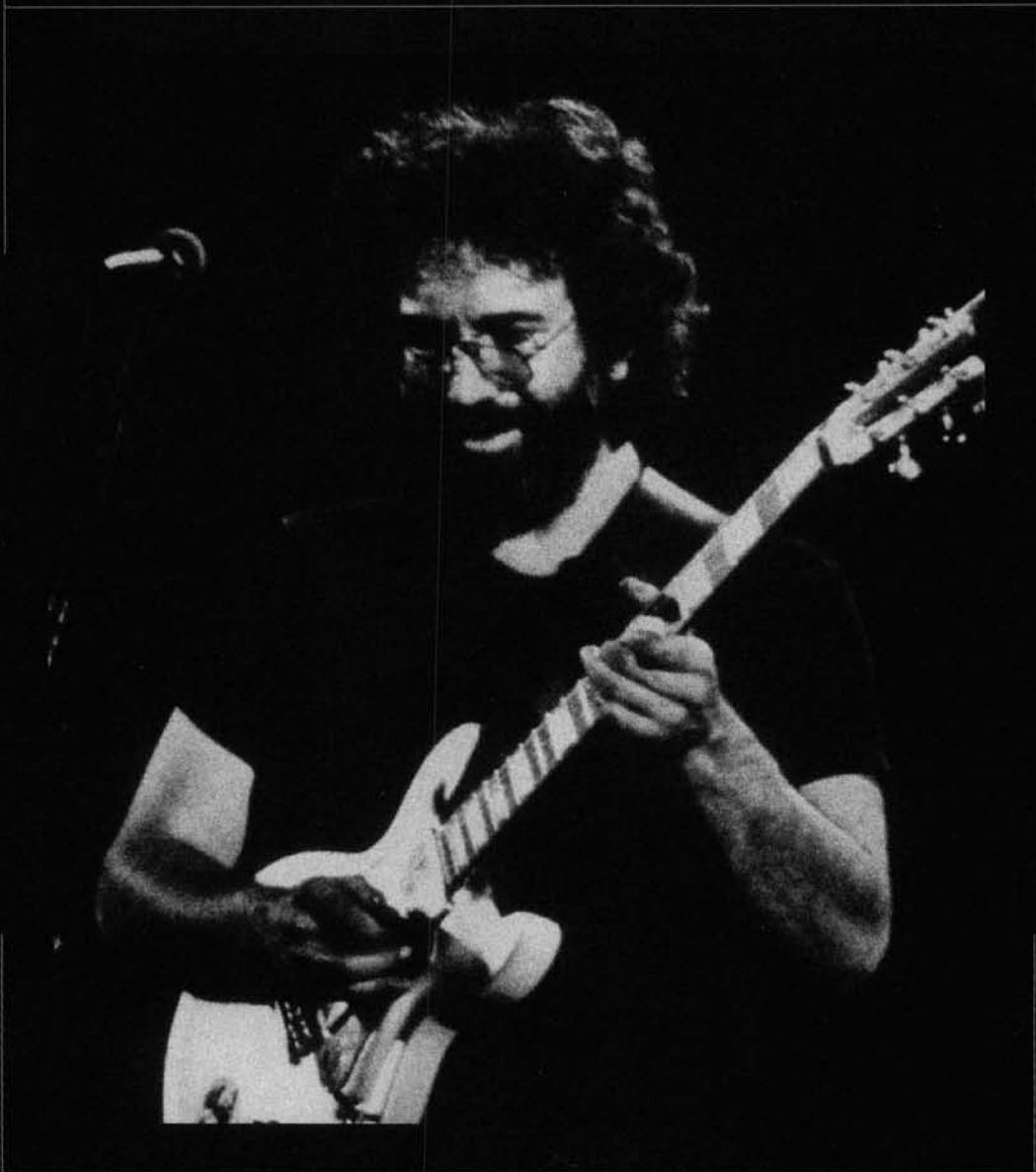
THE LEGEND OF

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BY BRAD HERZOG

FOR THE WORLD'S MOST RABID MUSIC FANS, IT WAS
THE SHOW OF SHOWS: BARTON HALL, MAY 8, 1977.

Call it a recipe for harmonic convergence, the ingredients for a blue-ribbon counterculture stew. Start with a nine-fingered guitarist and a former jug



band, throw in a subculture spawned by a social revolution, stir it up in an ROTC hangout during the disco era, place it on a Hallmark holiday, season it

with a dusting of snow in May, and top it with a dose of LSD. Let it simmer for a couple of decades, and then uncover it. What's left is the legend of 5-8-77.

For those unfamiliar with the legend, some analogies may be in order. Say you're a New York Yankees fan. Would you like to have seen Don Larsen pitch his perfect game? Consider yourself a Beatlemaniac? How about a front-row seat at The Ed Sullivan Show?

These are the who, what, where, and when: the Grateful Dead, a band famous for its maniacally devoted following, performed at Barton Hall, the cavernous gym posing as a concert hall, on May 8, 1977, Mother's Day. The big question is *why*. Not why the band played there—the band played everywhere, from the Meadowlands to the Great Pyramid, some 2,500 shows in all over its three-decade history; the Dead even played the Hill two more times—but why, of all the shows at all the arenas in all those years, is this one so special?

THE REVIEWS ARE NOTHING SHORT OF rave. From Connecticut, Kevin Hays, who's spent nearly a year of his life at Dead shows—364 in all: "Exceptional. It's one of the most well-known and well-respected Grateful Dead concerts of all time." From San Francisco, Dennis McNally, the band's publicist and biographer, who knows more about the Dead than they do themselves: "Simply classic. It makes the hairs on the back of your neck stand up." And from the desk of Gary Lambert, editor of the *Grateful Dead Almanac*: "For a Deadhead, a show like that is like being there when Babe Ruth called his shot. There's just something about it that takes on a mythic quality."

Why, in the eyes of many who have devoted their lives to knowing such things, does this particular concert rank at the top? Perhaps more important, why should we care? The answers are out there somewhere, but it is a long, strange trip to understanding.

The story begins at the end: August 9, 1995, the day Jerry Garcia died. He was overweight, bespectacled, relentlessly middle-aged. He was a lead vocalist with a cracking voice and a lead guitarist missing half a finger, a man who saw more drugs over the years than your local pharmacist. But he was also the soul of the Grateful Dead, worshipped by many as a musical genius and spiritual guru. His demise, from a heart attack at age fifty-three, was greeted by his fans with the

same sorrow and confusion tinged with inevitability that followed the deaths of Elvis and Hendrix and Lennon.

It was the end of a social institution, albeit a convoluted contradiction in terms. The Dead were a band, a subculture, a musical melange with a spiritual following. They were rock stars and folk heroes, artists and businessmen, throwbacks and visionaries. They were acid rock, R&B, folk, country, disco, bluegrass, jazz. They were music in its purest form and its most diluted. They were anti-commercial yet commercially successful, one of the most popular (hundreds of millions in tour earnings) and least popular (only one Top Ten hit) supergroups of all time.

The band's beginning is harder to pin down. It may have been when Garcia joined up with Robert Hunter, who would become the band's long-time lyricist, to play blues in the San Francisco Bay Area in the early 1960s. They soon added a few players and formed a series of folk and bluegrass bands—first the Wildwood Boys, then the Hart Valley Drifters, finally Mother McRee's Uptown Jug Champions. In 1965, they refashioned themselves as an electric band, the Warlocks. A year later, they became the Grateful Dead.

But the real beginning came with the emergence of the San Francisco scene and lysergic acid diethylamide—hippies and LSD. Owsley Stanley, the Dead's early financial benefactor, also doubled as its resident sound engineer and chemist. The "King of LSD," he was to hallucinogens what Ray Kroc was to hamburgers. When Ken Kesey put on his infamous Acid Tests—public LSD parties before the drug was outlawed in October 1966—the Dead became the house band. Their collective experimentation with drugs translated into musical experimentation. The band's communal house at 710 Ashbury Street became a focal point of the California counter-culture, and the Grateful Dead became a phenomenon.

Though the Dead would release more than two dozen studio and live albums over the next twenty-nine years, not until 1987 did they have a Top Ten LP (*In the Dark*) and a Top Ten single ("Touch of Grey"). The lifeblood of the Grateful Dead was always live perform-

ance. If they went into the studio almost out of obligation, they performed in sold-out arenas out of habit. The Dead played the Monterey Pop Festival in 1967 and Woodstock in 1969. They played for half a million people in Watkins Glen

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in 1973. Over the years, they played with musicians as disparate as Bruce Hornsby, Branford Marsalis, and the Blues Brothers. In all, they performed about a hundred shows a year for nearly thirty years.

Most of the shows were quickly forgotten, but not May 8, 1977. There are Deadheads out there who think Ezra Cornell is a breakfast cereal and Libe Slope is a rapper. But they think Barton Hall is magic.

OBSESSION CAN BE A SLIPPERY SLOPE. THAT CRAZY UNCLE who goes to Green Bay Packers games with a block of cheese on his head has made that abundantly clear. But Deadheads have a lot in common with other subcultures blurring the line between fan and fanatic—Packerbackers, Airstreamers, Trekkies, Dungeons and Dragons players, Tupperware partygoers, Harley owners, that friend who saw *Star Wars* sixty times and has all the action figures. In fact, some of the subcultures even overlap. Consider the following offering from one of thousands of Deadhead websites on the Internet:

Kirk: "Mr. Spock, I notice that you have applied for shore leave on Terra in a few weeks."

Spock: "Affirmative, Captain. There are certain human activities I wish to observe."

Kirk: "What?"

Spock: "I believe the traditional procedure is to don brightly colored garb, ingest various psychoactive substances and then move rhythmically to the frequency and amplitude modulated acoustic vibrations created by at least six well-known musical personages..."

Didn't know your favorite Vulcan was a Deadhead? They're everywhere. The Dead may be an acquired taste, but they have acquired a massive following. There are Deadhead doctors, Deadhead accountants, Deadheads who drive BMWs, Deadheads who wouldn't know Maryjane from Mary Hartman. Chicago Bulls coach Phil Jackson is a Deadhead. The governor of Massachusetts is a Deadhead. Tipper Gore is a Deadhead.

The headiest of Deadheads are quite scholarly, though they may have too much time on their hands. They have time to submit historical analyses of the word Deadhead—dating back to at least the sixteenth century, it was originally an alchemy term for a worthless substance—and to offer detailed explanations of the hidden meanings in Dead lyrics. They also apparently have time to produce a manual, called *Deadbase*, which provides extensive set lists, statistics, and reviews of every recorded concert the Dead has ever played.

And therein lies the key to the Barton Hall legend. You know you're a Deadhead, according to a widely-circulated bit of Deadhumor, when you spend more money on blank tapes than you do on rent. Live shows may have brought fame and

fortune to the Grateful Dead, but recorded shows are the band's gateway to immortality. The Dead were the first band to allow their fans to tape concerts and, beginning in 1984, the first to actually endorse it, roping off a special section for tapers just behind the soundboard.

With as many as 100 titles at their fingertips, the band never played the same songs in the same order, and never played them the same way. "The shows are never the same, ever," Garcia once said. "And when we're done with it, they can have it."

Once a concert was recorded, it entered the collaborative, harmonious world of tape traders. Originals spawned copies, and copies of copies. There's another giveaway that you're a Deadhead: none of your tapes has a name on it, just a date. That show at the Carousel Ballroom on Valentine's Day? That's 2-14-68. That monster New Year's Eve concert at Winterland? That's 12-31-78. The Madison Square Garden performance where they played "Dark Star"? 9-20-90.

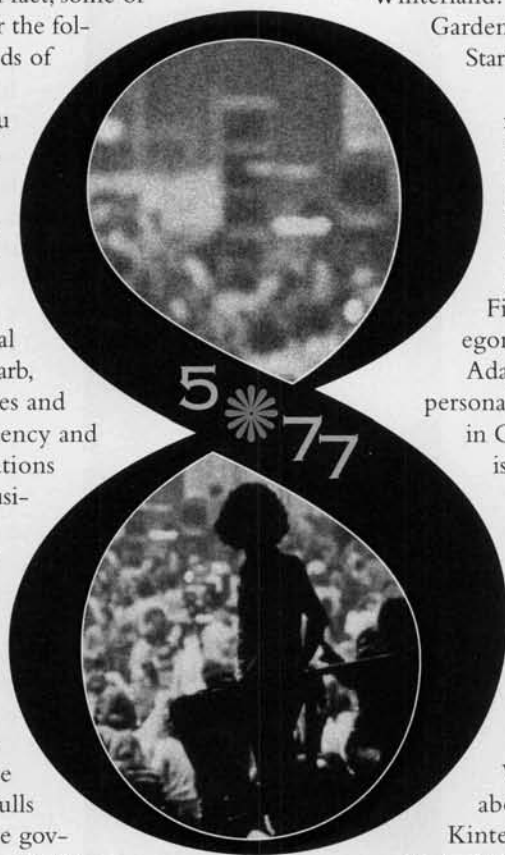
With the ability to pick and choose recorded Dead performances comes the inclination to evaluate them. *Deadbase* asked its thousands of readers to do just that and then compiled a Top Ten list from the responses. There, at the top of the list, just ahead of 2-13-70 at Fillmore East and 8-27-72 in Veneta, Oregon, is 5-8-77 at Barton Hall.

Adam Riback, a twenty-eight-year-old personal injury lawyer and practicing Deadhead in Chicago, is as familiar with the band as he is with the law. "You'll always hear people saying, 'Man, if I was there ...,'" he says of the Barton show. "Everybody wants to climb into a time machine and go back to Ithaca in 1977 on Mother's Day."

Twenty years ago, Jimmy Carter had just finished the first hundred days of his presidency. *Annie Hall* had just won the Oscar. Cincinnati's Big Red Machine had taken two straight World Series. Everybody was talking about Darth Vader, Seattle Slew, Kunta Kinte, Debby Boone, the Fonz. Everybody looked like Dorothy Hamill or Doctor J.

On the first day of the second week of May, George Wallace was in the news, officially declaring his candidacy for the U.S. Senate. One of the nation's largest birth-control device manufacturers had announced a recall of 86,000 diaphragms (possible holes in them, they said). And the U.S. Navy announced it was leaning toward returning to the sailor's traditional uniform of "bell-bottom trousers, jumpers, and little white hats."

The Ithaca area was teeming with possibilities that weekend. There was the Ringling Brothers circus in Binghamton. There was a piano recital at Barnes Hall. For a real walk on the wild side, there was the Wool Day event hosted by the Black Sheep Handspinners Guild at Stewart Park. Or one could simply combine it all—the circus, the music, possibly a



sheep or two—and attend a Grateful Dead concert.

Of course, it wasn't uncommon for a rock 'n' roll juggernaut to visit Cornell in the mid-Seventies. Bruce Springsteen did. So did Stevie Wonder, Elton John, Billy Joel, Aretha Franklin, the Beach Boys, and the Doobie Brothers. But a Dead show—once described as a “traveling Sixties road show of gypsy hippies”—was a different animal altogether. It was a *scene*, in the most wondrous, confounding, and otherworldly sense of the word.

The mind's eye pictures a parking lot resembling a VW bus convention and an improvised tent city serving as a virtual head shop outlet. There are skeleton decals and wizard candles for sale, dancing-bear T-shirts and woven bracelets, rolling papers and veggie burgers. There is a bug-eyed vendor in a buckskin coat selling dog-eared paperbacks. Next to him is a sleepy couple sitting behind a hibachi, offering bratwurst and acid. While a gaggle of sorority sisters in store-bought tie-dyes examine bumper stickers on display—EAT, DRINK AND SEE JERRY—a frowsy old hippie in a star-spangled top hat twirls feverishly to the tunes in his head. The sweet, druggy air blurs it all into an incongruous collection of colors and sounds—bings and bangs and especially bongs—suggesting that perhaps, amid the accoutrements of the scene, the music is almost an afterthought.

On the 49th day of spring in 1977, however, it was snowing. Pouring rain had turned to freezing rain; freezing rain became flurries. Two inches of snow would fall through the night, just short of the local record for May. The wintry weather meant no tent city, no vendors, no outdoor sensory explosion. It meant the music in the concert hall was everything, which is what the legend is about in the first place.

If the legend is to be believed, the people who were there—the Cornellians who served as a backdrop to Grateful Dead history—should remember it like it was yesterday.

First, the alumnus. An in-house lawyer for the National Football League who teaches a sports law class at the Cornell Law School each spring, Buck Briggs '76 drove in from Washington, D.C., to catch the show his first year out of college. He would become a certifiable Deadhead as a result, hitting one or two concerts a year for the next eighteen years and even purchasing a three-CD European-made bootleg of the 5-8-77 show.

“In my case, it was special because it was my first Dead show.

I mean, when I think about my favorite major league baseball game—and I've been to hundreds—I think back to the first time that I walked into the Polo Grounds,” he says. “It was quite an event, but I had no way to realize that, twenty years later, it was going to be one of the most talked-about concerts that the Dead have ever done.”

Nice, but not quite the breathless endorsement befitting a legend. Perhaps the freshman collected more vivid memories. Luran Jacoby '80 was attending her first Grateful Dead show that night in 1977 during her first spring on the Hill. Like Briggs, she would experience several dozen more Dead concerts over the next decade. But again, like Briggs, it wasn't so much the show that captured her imagination as the setting.

“For me, it was more of an exciting event because a lot of my friends came to Ithaca to attend this thing. There was a big festival atmosphere. It was like our home court,” says Jacoby, now a labor relations specialist in human resources at Cornell. “I have since listened to the tape of that Cornell show and realized, after becoming familiar with the band, what a great show it was. But I couldn't appreciate it at the time.”

Strike two. Maybe it's because they were Grateful Dead rookies back then; perhaps they hadn't yet honed their music appreciation skills. Time to turn to the senior, a Dead veteran even before the band came to Ithaca, a woman so inspired by them that she eventually carved out a career in the music industry.

Jayne Lipman '78 wrote the concert preview of 5-8-77 for the *Cornell Daily Sun*, the first lines of which read, “I have a confession to make. I am an extreme Grateful Dead loyalist, I have traveled many hours, many times to see them perform, and will continue to do so as long as they do.” Surely Lipman will reveal what it was like to be there the night planets aligned in Barton Hall, the night a sweaty, old gym in upstate New York became the setting for musical history:

“Hmmm, let me think . . . that was a long time ago,” she says. “All I can remember is that it snowed . . .”

The magic, then, must be in the recording, not the recall. After all, it's not the concert itself that has earned royal status in the Deadhead kingdom, it's the *tape*

of the concert. Besides, Barton is no Carnegie Hall. Great for storing airplanes, maybe, but not for acoustics. The best sound that night went not to the ears of the 9,000 fans crowded into the building but to the soundboard, and thus to the tapes.

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But where to find a copy of 5-8-77? One half expects a secret hideaway hidden behind an overgrowth of hemp, eerie passageways lit by roach-clip torches, an ancient-rune password amid psychedelic cobwebs, a locked vault and a lone cassette resting atop a multi-hued pillow—something out of *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Shroom*.

Instead, a friend of a friend pulls the tape of the concert's first set from his cluttered collection, retrieves the second set from his car, and says, "Sure, take it," suggesting that much of the legend of 5-8-77 derives from its accessibility. With as many as 100,000 copies of the Barton show floating around, it is in ample supply, like a bulk section of Holy Grails at Sam's Club.

Twelve songs and some ninety minutes after putting the cassette into the tape deck, as the band closes the first half of the concert with an extended cover of "Dancin' in the Streets," the review in *Deadbase* appears on target: "Each song is solid, with a couple that are truly exceptional." But the first set is just the appetizer. The second set is supposed to be the main course.

It begins with a request by the band for the crowd to move back. "Take a step back," says rhythm guitarist and vocalist Bob Weir. "Now take another step back." Drum "rim shots" ring out with each request, as Garcia adds, only slightly exaggerating, "All these people in front are getting horribly smashed here." Pretty standard stuff, and yet *Deadbase* calls it, without a trace of self-satire, "arguably the finest 'Take A Step Back' ever done."

"Then," the review continues, "the Dead get down to business." The rest of the evening is a lesson in Grateful Dead musical freedom. Often, for instance, the band would merge two songs seamlessly with one long jam, which it does with the first two of the set, "Scarlet Begonias" and "Fire on the Mountain," the latter being three-and-a-half minutes long in its studio version but fifteen at Barton Hall. Occasionally, too, if the mood struck them, the Dead would merge one song into another and then go back to the first, as they do with "St. Stephen" into Buddy Holly's "Not Fade Away" and then back again.

ALL OF THE ABOVE ARE CONSIDERED A-LIST DEAD SONGS, but it's the band's final entry (before the encore, "One More Saturday Night") that is, according to *Deadbase*, "a religious experience—certainly one of the finest moments in Grateful Dead history."

Dead publicist Dennis McNally offers an explanation: "The classic song to end a Dead concert is 'Morning Dew.' It's apocalyptic. It's exciting. In Deadhead lore, it was always assumed that they would only play it at the end of a good show. At the end of the song, there's a passage where extreme tension is released when Garcia strums a final tonic chord and says, 'I guess it

doesn't matter anyway.' Usually, that last bit takes maybe ten seconds. At this Cornell performance, it was as though they couldn't stop, and it went on for minutes. It was stunning, a unique performance, radically different from any other they ever did."

Having sampled what the fuss is all about, we can wonder if the last line of "Morning Dew" is trying to tell us something. Maybe it really doesn't matter anyway. So a very good band put on a great show at a grand old armory. So what?

We can wonder, too: Does fate have a sense of humor? A Bay Area band in the Finger Lakes. Anti-establishment icons in the buttoned-down Ivy League. A shock of snow in May. A smattering of psychedelia on a day conceived as a tribute to mothers. And Barton Hall, a military science building, all discipline and precision—the antithesis of a Grateful Dead show.

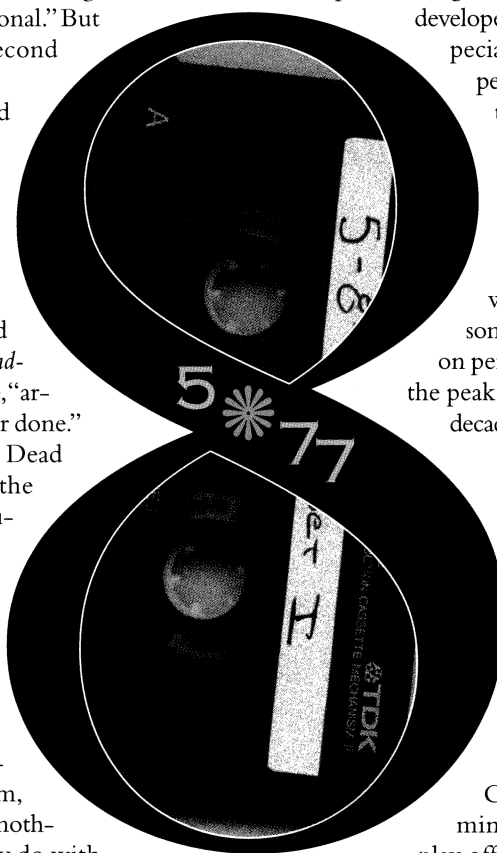
But maybe it was, in fact, a happy coincidence of time and place. Though they were San Francisco-born, the Dead had developed a strong bond with Eastern audiences, especially college crowds. And though it was the peak of the disco era, 1977 is widely considered to be among the Dead's two or three best years. The East Coast tour of April-May 1977 is especially storied—in particular, the weekend of May 7-9, when the band sandwiched the Barton Hall concert between shows in Boston and Buffalo. So here they were, at a college arena in the East, playing some of their best songs and playing them well, on perhaps the peak day of the peak weekend of the peak tour of the peak year of their nearly three decades together.

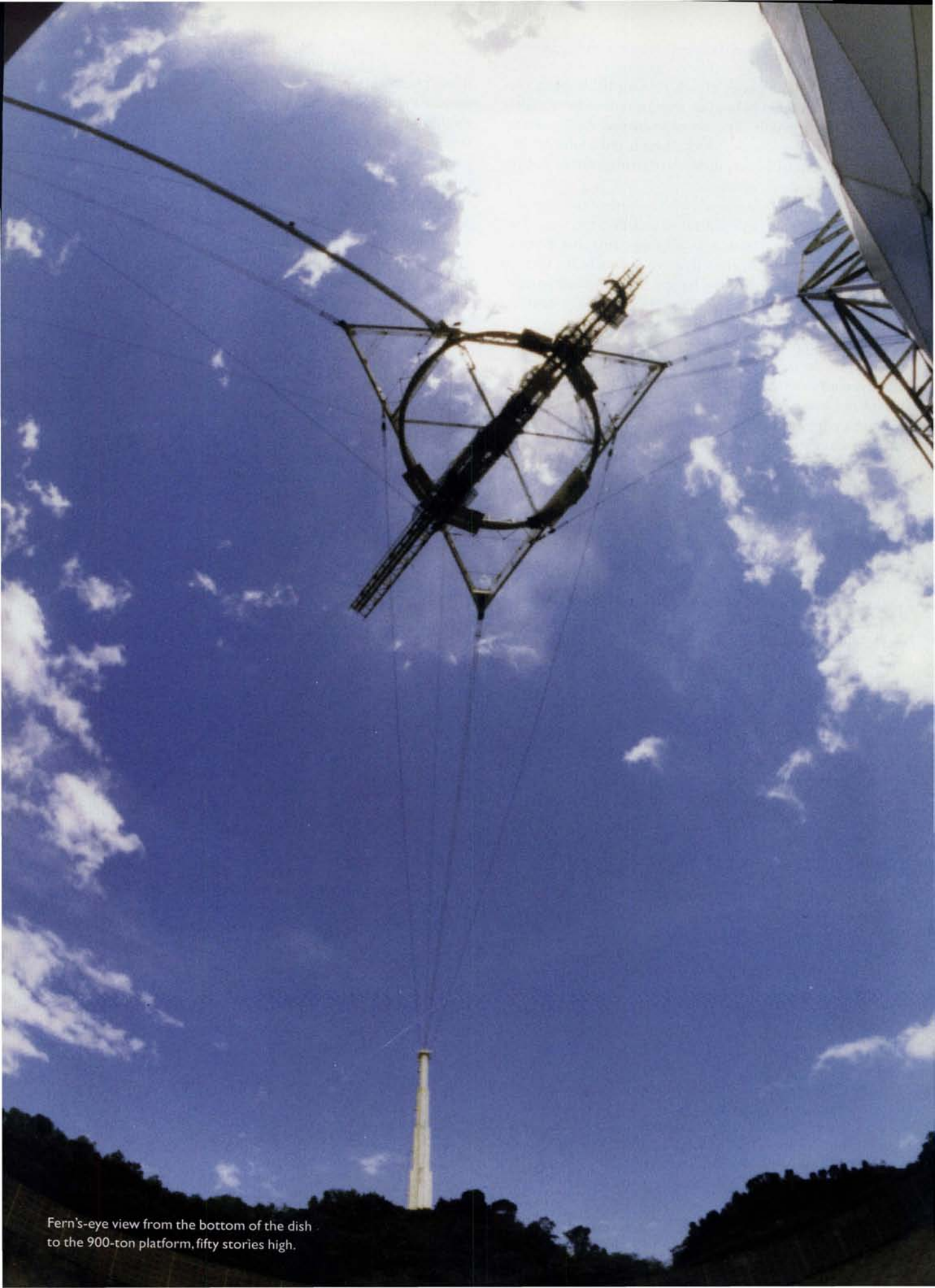
And Cornell may have had something to do with it. "The Dead always played off the energy of the crowd. When they were at their best, they were trying to create some sort of magic. And it was a two-way transaction for the band," says Andy Denemark '78, then the Deadhead program director of WVBR and now the Deadhead program director of United Stations Radio Networks in New York. "The Cornell crowd was probably in a frame of mind that was very exciting for the band to play off of, and it affected their performance."

So maybe it's all academic—the sociology of the subculture, the history of the band, the psychology of the music, the chemistry of the concert—and maybe that matters. Maybe, in fact, the words of the first song in the famed second set that evening were eerily prescient:

*Well, I ain't always right but I've never been wrong.
Seldom turns out the way it does in a song.
Once in a while you get shown the light
In the strangest of places if you look at it right.*

At the one and only Grateful Dead show he attended (Alpine Valley, 7-20-88), BRAD HERZOG '90 was supposed to meet friends at their white Volkswagen van. Whoops. He enjoyed the show anyway.





Fern's-eye view from the bottom of the dish
to the 900-ton platform, fifty stories high.

aS DARKNESS FELL ON THE PUERTO RICAN HINTERLANDS, TWO astronomers gazed at a speck in the southern sky. It must be Fomalhaut, they thought, the star that makes up the mouth of the constellation *Piscis Austrinus*, the Southern Fish. “No,” said a third voice. “It’s Canopis.” And with a pajama-clad arm pointed at the brightest star in the Ship’s Keel, two-year-old Pia Salter-Ghosh toddled off to bed. Her babysitters both have PhDs in astronomy. But they were still pretty impressed.

Then again, the doe-eyed child’s knack for star-gazing is probably as inevitable as the rising moon. Pia has spent her life at the Arecibo observatory, where her parents are staff scientists studying the cosmos with the world’s most powerful radio telescope. Isolated in its mountain paradise in northwestern Puerto Rico, the observatory is to astronomers what a good particle accelerator is to a high-energy physicist—or maybe what Stonehenge was for your average Druid. “Here, you’re breathing astronomy all the time,” says University of Michigan graduate student José Francisco Salgado. “Breathing, but not suffocating.”

Operated by Cornell under an agreement with the National Science Foundation, Arecibo is home to the biggest single-dish radio telescope on the planet, a monstrous aluminum punchbowl 1,000 feet wide. It works like a backyard satellite dish, reflecting signals off its curved surface to a central point. But at Arecibo, that central point is a 900-ton platform, suspended nearly fifty stories off the ground by three

massive cement towers. You could fit the Astrodome in here and still have plenty of room for parking. “When I go out there and look at it, I’m still impressed,” says senior research associate John Harmon, who’s been doing radar astronomy at Arecibo for the past nineteen years. “You never get tired of the size of the thing. You never get jaded.”

Arecibo was the first of its kind when it was built more than three decades ago under the direction of a Cornell electrical engineering professor. And with a long-awaited \$30 million upgrade scheduled to be completed within the next few months, the telescope will be able to see farther, and in much better detail, than ever before. “It really is getting a new lease on life,” says Arecibo director Daniel Altschuler. “We expect it to be one of the best instruments in the world. Way into the next century, we’ll be finding ways of using the new power we’ve got. We hope to enter the next millennium with the keenest eye on the universe.”

In the observatory gift shop, across from the astronaut ice cream and the glow-in-the-dark constellations, there’s a wall of cotton-poly T-shirts bearing the Arecibo logo. It’s a circle divided into three slices—clouds, planets, a spiraling galaxy—representing Arecibo’s tripartite mission to study atmospheric science, radar astronomy, and radio astronomy. The observatory was originally designed to explore the ionosphere, the upper part of the atmosphere that filters out harmful solar and cosmic radiation. In 1958, while egos were crashing all over the western world in the wake of the Sputnik launch, Cornell’s William Gordon realized that a radar beam could be used to study electrons in the ionosphere—if, that is, you could manage to build a big enough antenna. “In the beginning,” says chief telescope operator Reinaldo Velez, “it was one big experiment.”

And in radio astronomy, bigger really is better. The more surface area you have, the more radiation you can gather; like a larger camera lens, a bigger dish can see the universe in better detail. To minimize building costs, the observatory’s designers looked to geography. Flyovers found several sinkholes in Puerto Rico’s Karst region, a lunar landscape of valleys and jutting mountains covered in shaggy vegetation. The island had several advantages: it was a U.S. territory, and it was located close enough to the equator to allow for the study of planets passing overhead and for a partial glimpse of the southern hemisphere. Construction was completed in 1963 at a cost of \$8 million, funded by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency. “Society was a little different in those days,” says Paul Goldsmith, director of the National Astronomy and Ionosphere Center (NAIC), the observatory’s parent organization. “If you had a good idea, somehow the government was able to find the money and

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BY BETH SAULNIER **universe**

Arecibo, one of the world’s best observatories, just got better.

get it done very quickly."

Times have changed—and costs have skyrocketed. The recent replacement of one of the platform suspension wires, for example, cost \$800,000. If Arecibo were destroyed tomorrow, it would cost more than \$100 million to replace. "The Arecibo venture," says transmitter engineer Robert Zimmerman, "was a bargain of the Space Age." With a \$10 million annual budget,

Arecibo is open

you can see Chicago. But when you look at the telescope, you can't even see the whole thing at one time. Photos never really reflect the grandeur."

If Arecibo looks like something out of a movie, that's probably because it is. The latest James Bond film, *GoldenEye*, was shot here, with the telescope passing as the secret headquarters for a high-tech weapon. (Hollywood took liberal dramatic license: in real life, the dish is neither hidden underwater nor powered by what

er's going by—and that's a perfectly good way to work. The blind search still has a pretty big role in astronomy."

With Puerto Rico's flat-roofed architecture and dominant Spanish, it can be jarring to remember that you're actually in the United States. Similarly, it's rather surreal to think that the observatory, with its lush greenery and outdoor swimming pool, is an outpost of the Cornell campus. To get from the scientific offices to the visitors' quarters, you walk down a gravel



'It is getting a new lease on life,' says observatory director Daniel Altschuler. 'Way into the next century we'll be finding ways to use the new POWER we've got.'

to scientists around the world, who apply for telescope time through a rigorous peer-review process. The facility, funded by NASA and the NSF, employs 140 people. And all of them, from the resident astronomers to the electronics technicians to the guards at the gate, are Cornell employees. "They don't have to pay parking fees," Goldsmith says. "That's just about the only difference."

From the air, the telescope looks like a solid bowl sitting directly on the ground. It's not. The dish is actually suspended two stories in the air by pillars underneath, and its eighteen-acre surface is a huge, surprisingly fragile screen. During the first Arecibo upgrade in 1975, the original wire mesh, whose half-inch holes were interfering with the telescope's resolution, were replaced by nearly 40,000 panels made of perforated aluminum. Since the telescope has to be precisely located and balanced, erosion would be a disaster, so the dish was designed to allow enough sunlight through to support vegetation. The shade and humidity added up to an enormous fairy-tale fern garden dotted with wild orchids and begonias; all that's missing is the gnomes. "The terrain around here is as wild as anything you see in the world," says Zimmerman, an avid ham radio buff whom everybody calls Zimmo. "It has to be seen to be comprehended. I'm from Illinois, where things are flat. If you stand on the hood of the car,

the astronomers deride as "a big bicycle chain.") In February, scenes were filmed here for the upcoming film version of Carl Sagan's 1985 bestseller *Contact*, starring Jodie Foster as an intrepid astronomer who detects a message from outer space.

Chemists talk about running reactions. Physicists smash atoms. But the operative verb in "observatory" is "observe." Astronomers, in large part, still just watch. And they're a very patient breed. "What actually rotates the dish is the movement of the earth," Velez says. "It might be sometimes a couple of years before you can study a particular object." That patience has been tried by the upgrading process, which was supposed to be finished last year but has lingered on well into 1997. "It was frustrating for a while," says Altschuler, "because it seemed progress was always slower than what we expected." Last year, the project's Texas-based contractor sued the NAIC for an additional \$7 million, claiming the upgrade was a bigger job than it bargained for. Although the suit is still pending, construction work continues.

So does research, at least on a limited basis. The telescope's original antenna—a ninety-six-foot dinosaur tail called the "line feed"—has been operational throughout most of the upgrade. And even when construction has hobbled the positioning system, researchers have been using the dish through a scientific method known as "wherever the contractor left it." Says Goldsmith: "You can look at whatever

path beneath thick vines. In the depths of February, while most Cornellians are swaddled in wool and polar fleece, folks at Arecibo are eating lunch outdoors. Still, there are some similarities. Both places get a lot of rain—although in Arecibo the sun actually comes out afterward—and hiking up Libe Slope is fine training for the observatory's nearly vertical hills.

The night is alive here, and it's loud. The tree frogs are called *coquis*, for the sound they make—and they make it all night long. It's a good thing that radio astronomy doesn't actually involve listening to anything, or UFO hunters would be writing about the invasion of the Budweiser mascots. And unlike the conventional peek-through-a-telescope approach, radio astronomy doesn't involve looking at anything either. Think back to Physics 101. Visible light is only one kind of electromagnetic radiation. There's also infrared, ultraviolet, X-rays—and radio waves. The same kind of energy that brings you Garrison Keillor and Howard Stern allows scientists to study galaxies far, far away.

Radio astronomy was born in 1931, when Karl Jansky, a researcher for Bell Labs, was trying to reduce interference in transatlantic phone calls, then transmitted by radio. After building an aerial the size and shape of a merry-go-round, he discovered that the interference was coming not from Earth but from the center of our galaxy; it was the radio waves naturally

emitted by astronomical objects. Scientists had always studied the skies with optical telescopes, which pick up the same light waves as human eyes. Now, astronomers could use radio waves as well. It was like the addition of a celestial sixth sense.

Jansky's serendipity led to an immensely powerful astronomical tool. You can only use an optical telescope on a clear night. But radio astronomers can survey the cosmos all day, every day—and search much farther than their relatively myopic

astronomers can learn about the history of the universe, get glimpses back to the Big Bang. "If something is really far away from you, it's really far back in time," Xilouri says, "and it's close to the original explosion."

Xilouri, a native of Crete who lives forty-six seconds outside the observatory gate with her faithful German shepherd, has spent the past two years at Arecibo studying pulsars. The superdense neutron stars are so named because as they spin, they emit a radio signal whose pulse is so

Joseph Taylor used the Arecibo telescope to discover the first binary pulsar. The work, which provided evidence to support Einstein's theory of General Relativity, earned the pair the 1993 Nobel Prize in Physics. Other notable Arecibo accomplishments in radio astronomy include the discovery, in 1992, of the first extra-solar planetary system, orbiting a pulsar 1,400 light years away. But though the observatory has had its share of firsts, its focus is the less glamorous bread and butter of basic re-



Far from a major city, Arecibo is an intense place that gets a lot of rain and is surrounded by near-vertical hills. Sound familiar?

cousins. "With optical telescopes," says research associate Kiriaki Xilouri, "you can only see up to a certain distance, up to a certain age of the universe."

When astronomers talk about looking back in time, they're not being metaphorical. Keep in mind that when you're looking at a star that's 100,000 light years away, you're really seeing light that left the star 100,000 years ago. So by studying far-away galaxies,

regular it's even more accurate than an atomic clock. "Imagine something bigger than the city of Ithaca, that rotates faster than your kitchen blender—much faster," says Xilouri. "The conditions there are extraordinary. No other physical laboratory, no matter how much money you spend on it, could replicate these conditions for scientists to study."

In 1974, physicists Russell Hulse and

search. "Not all the research that people do here leads to great discoveries," Altschuler says. "Most of it is just one tiny bit of information about one field."

Xilouri has been able to continue her pulsar studies during the upgrade using the telescope's original line-feed antenna. Once the contractor is finished for the day, she leans over a cobalt-blue computer screen with the heading "VERTEX



Hector Arce '95, a visiting astronomy student, on his way down from the platform via the catwalk, left.

ANTENNENTECHNIK”—a German firm designed the software—and notes where the antenna is pointed; in case she comes across a pulsar, she has to know where to find it again. “What’s happening is the sky is drifting by, and we’re just taking data,” she says. “I’m just letting the sky drift through my beam.”

Once the upgrade is completed, radio astronomers will be able to study the universe at a far wider range of frequencies, essentially being able to tune into many more stations on the cosmic dial. “We’re not limited anymore,” says research associate JoAnn Eder. “We can look at every frequency the receiver is able to get with equal sensitivity.” The most dramatic change to the Arecibo landscape was the installation of two subreflectors inside a 100-foot-wide aerodynamic shield, called the Gregorian dome. The structure, which resembles the golf-ball-shaped sphere at Disney’s Epcot Center, both reduces interference and protects the secondary and tertiary dishes from the brutal winds of Puerto Rico’s hurricane season.

Eder will use the upgraded equipment to study “these little itty bitty galaxies you can barely even see,” learning a galaxy’s weight, velocity, and size in a five-minute

glimpse. Like Xilouri, she is taking a far-away peek at our own past. “We’re looking at galaxies like ours, only a long time ago,” she says. “It’s just like geologists looking at layers of soil.” Astronomy before radio telescopes, she says, “was like an ant trying to describe the world.”

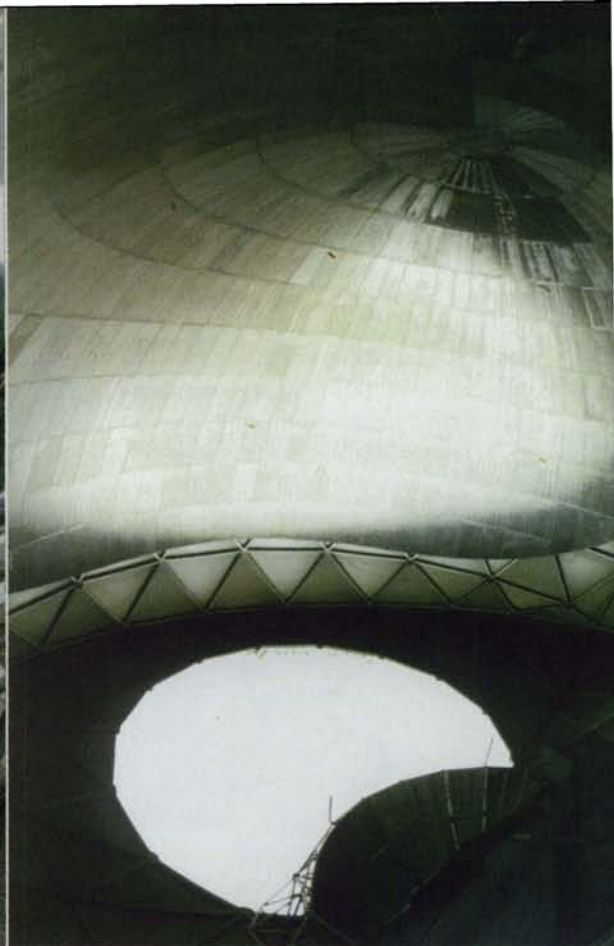
“In the past twenty years, science has just boomed, blossomed,” Eder says, “because we can study the same things, but in so many other ways.” Eder first came to Arecibo to attend its highly selective summer student program, while she was earning her astronomy PhD from Yale after raising a family. “I was really starry-eyed,” she says of coming to the observatory. “It was the most exciting thing that ever happened to me.”

Radio astronomy is consummately passive; researchers just aim their telescopes at the sky. Radar astronomy, by contrast, is a kind of cosmic yodeling in which scientists bounce radio waves off objects in our solar system and analyze the faint echoes. Using this technique, Arecibo astronomers studied the moon’s surface to help the Apollo astronauts figure out where to park. They established the rotation rate of Mercury and helped confirm the presence of ice at the fiery planet’s poles. Radio as-

tronomers have peered through Venus’s dense cloud cover to study its peaks and valleys, measured the moons of Jupiter, and toured the ancient lake basins of Mars.

The upgrade will not only double Arecibo’s radar power to one million watts, but make the equipment between three and twenty times as sensitive, depending on what you’re using it for. The new “S-band” transmitter is scheduled to be up and running this summer, and astronomers are licking their chops. “The radar gets the biggest improvement,” says senior research associate John Harmon. “It was already the most powerful radar in the world. In terms of sensitivity, it will be an order of magnitude stronger, and we’ll be able to go about twice as far as we used to.”

So what do astronomers expect to find? What will they get for all the time and money that went into the Arecibo upgrade? In fine astronomical tradition, they have no idea; the field has a long and glorious history of serendipitous discovery. There are a few obvious advantages, though. For instance, one of Arecibo’s notable accomplishments has been the intricate mapping of asteroids. With the old system, researchers only came across a new asteroid about once a year; with the im-



Platform construction, center, and "Darth Vader's helmet," right, the secondary dish inside the Gregorian dome.

proved radar, they might see one every week. But for the most part, predicting the concrete benefits of the upgrade is a job for an astrologer, not an astronomer. "The things you can describe are things you already know about," Goldsmith says. "We've essentially extended our reach into the universe, and when your view of the universe expands, you almost always find new things. The universe is stranger than we can imagine."

the aliens, of course, have been here. The dish is a perfect landing pad for their flying saucers—when it's not being used as a beam-down point for the *chupacabras*, the drooling vampires who roam the night, sucking the blood out of hapless goats and the occasional chicken. And by the way, the telescope is really a secret military installation where the government... But if we told you that, we'd have to kill you.

Such are the myths that crop up when you build something so enormous—so visually stunning, so simple yet so hard to actually understand—smack in the middle of nowhere. Altschuler is occasionally but-tholed by tabloid journalists and con-

spiracy buffs, essentially seeking confirmation that the observatory is, in fact, Luke Skywalker's cell phone. Denying it does him about as much good as waving a copy of the Warren Report. "They say, 'I told you he would say that,'" Altschuler sighs. "You can't win." And though the facility was handed over to the NSF back in 1969, its early connection to the defense department still dogs it; rumors persist that the observatory is up to something much more sinister than watching the sky. "That's a misconception that we work very hard at debunking," Altschuler says, "because we don't want to be seen as being involved with military work."

While Arecibo has yet to pick up signals from other worlds, it does have an ear to the skies as part of the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence, or SETI. Although the search for life on other planets is far from the telescope's main purpose, it's certainly its most glamorous—after all, no one is making movies about millisecond pulsars—and when most people think of Arecibo, they think of SETI.

SETI's modern age began in 1959, when Cornell physicists Giuseppe Cocconi and Philip Morrison published an article in *Nature* about using microwave radio for in-

terstellar communication. About seventy such projects have been undertaken since, scanning the skies for such signs of intelligent life as repeating signals or transmissions using a very narrow band width. "The biggest misconception is that it's easy," says senior research associate Michael Davis. "But we don't know the frequency, and we don't know where to look."

Contrary to rumor, Arecibo has sent a message to the stars only once. In November 1974, a greeting including a simple picture of our solar system, the structure of DNA, and the shape of a human being was beamed toward a star cluster about 25,000 light years away. "It was supposed to be a message that any civilization with the technology to receive the radio transmission could figure out," Goldsmith says. "That message has been traveling along for twenty-three years, and it's almost certain that no one has picked it up yet."

In the effort to make the public understand what really goes on at Arecibo—not to mention what does *not* go on here—the observatory recently opened a \$2.6 million education center. It was inaugurated at a gala ceremony in March, attended by luminaries like President Emeritus Frank Rhodes and Charles Rodriguez '76,

majority leader of the Puerto Rican senate. "By making people understand what we do at Arecibo observatory, we're also helping ourselves," Altschuler says. "We're not just aloof scientists. We owe it to the public to tell the world what we really do." The new facility is expected to draw upwards of 80,000 visitors a year. And though that might sound ambitious for such a remote locale, consider that 40,000 people a year

school field trips and teacher enrichment courses, and most of the neatly uniformed masses who'll come here have never seen anything like it. "We're setting an example of what a national research center can and should do in terms of educational outreach," Altschuler says. "If we touch one in a thousand kids, and they decide on a career in science, that's progress."

In fact, one of Altschuler's protégés—Salgado, the University of Michigan graduate student—grew up in San Juan

The observatory itself is an intense, isolated place, an hour and a half away from San Juan. To get there, you first take the *autopista*, which is rather like the Garden State Parkway in its predilection for toll booths every ten or twenty yards. Off the highway, you drive past tiny sherbet-colored houses on a windy mountain road that's two-way mostly due to the dogged determination of local drivers. Outside the Arecibo gate, a ramshackle building offers a taste of faraway Collegetown. It's



Kiriaki Xilouri studies **PULSARS**. 'Imagine something **bigger** than Ithaca that rotates faster than your kitchen blender. No other lab could replicate these conditions.'

were showing up when there was nothing to see but the dish. "Before, they came in, they looked, they watched a homemade tape, and they went home," Altschuler says. "It really was a shame for a national research facility which had visitors from around the world."

Now, astronomy buffs can roam 3,500 square feet of exhibition space in a sleek, modern building. Visitors are greeted by statues of Jansky and atmospheric science founder Sydney Chapman, who chat in English or Spanish at the push of a button. "I like the idea that they're here, reincarnated," says Altschuler, a Douglas Adams fan who came up with the exhibit's name, "The Cafe at the End of the Universe." Behind the Jansky-Chapman kaffeeklatch is a mock-up of famous scientists hanging out together in an imaginary bistro, where Madame Curie is nursing a 7-Up, Galileo a Snapple, and Isaac Newton a Mott's apple juice. (A beverage company was one of the center's major sponsors.)

In addition to a fantastic view of the dish, the center offers dozens of interactive exhibits, from a cloud machine to a model of the radio telescope platform you can move with a joystick. It's all fairly prosaic stuff for audiences jaded on gee-whiz attractions like the Boston Museum of Science or San Francisco's Exploratorium. But this is Puerto Rico's first and only science center, slated to be a magnet for

and first saw Arecibo as a twelve-year-old on a school trip. "I was definitely impressed," he remembers. "To learn that this big instrument was on your little island was really amazing." He's been an astronomy fanatic since the third grade, when he got his hands on a gas station giveaway book on the lunar landing. In high school, Salgado worked in various mall stores—bookstore, surf shop—to earn the money for a \$900, 100-pound telescope, which he got just in time to watch Halley's Comet. "I would take it up to the roof," he says, "and invite my neighbors and explain the skies."

Salgado started working at Arecibo as a student at the University of Puerto Rico at Rio Piedras, where Altschuler was his advisor. The courtly Salgado has come back periodically ever since, finishing the data-crunching he started as an undergraduate and doing some of his own research. "Although you're only a grad student working on your thesis, they treat you like a researcher," he says of the observatory's resident scientists. "They show concern and interest in what you're doing. You're a researcher just like them, even though you don't have your degree yet." He's also maintained a relationship with Altschuler that's so close, Salgado thinks of him as a second father. Up in Michigan, Salgado likes to go by his formal name, José Francisco. Here, everybody still calls him Paquito. "Basically, they're seeing me grow," he says. "Every time I come back, they make me feel like I really belong."

called the Cornell Bar—and it's the sum total of nearby nightlife. "There's no student union, no cafes," says Salgado. "It's a different atmosphere. It definitely forces you to be focused. At night, you work until you get tired. Then you go to bed and the cycle begins again."

Renting a movie means driving down to the town of Arecibo; getting there and back takes almost as long as the film itself. And this is no place for couch potatoes. The home of the world's largest radio telescope lost its satellite TV dish in a lightning storm, and with all energies focused on the upgrade and the visitor center opening, no one has gotten around to fixing it. "I was expecting a big campus, college-like place," says David Goldbrenner, a former Cornell physics student who transferred to Harvard his sophomore year, earning an engineering degree in December. "Here, it feels very removed, partly because of the climate and the landscape, and partly because it's so remote. It's a good forty minutes just to get to the mall."

Goldbrenner returned to Arecibo in February to finish the work he'd begun as a summer student the previous year, creating a back-up system for the atomic clock that serves as the observatory's official timekeeper. "It was like summer camp, except you had to do work," he grins. "It sort of combined a lot of my interests—engineering, astronomy, Puerto Rico. But I wouldn't like to be here for more than a few weeks, because

I'm used to the city. I'd get bored."

But though Arecibo is no Cambridge, the observatory has an appeal all its own. Like Ithaca, it's *somewhere* that just happens to be located in the middle of nowhere. "Being here and seeing the dish and the work that goes on is very inspiring," Goldbrenner says. "It's very tangible science. You get a sense of what's cutting edge in exploring the universe." The sense of isolation has been particularly acute during construction, when much of the

In this land of balmy nights and natural vistas, stargazing remains a favorite pastime. Jogging is also popular, with distance measured not in miles but in laps around the dish. And astronomy is hardly a nine-to-five, leave-it-at-the-office job. "I think of it as kind of a royal endeavor," Zimmerman says. "It's a noble endeavor to look at the stars." Zimmo is showing off a newly built ham radio transmitter, gleaming white and nestled in the back of his car like a toddler, that he'll use to bounce messages off the moon.

tronomy, it turns out, can be hard on any relationship, since astronomers have to go where the telescopes are. Chris Salter and Tapasi Ghosh—parents of Pia, the young stargazer—met when they were both doing research in India. Eventually, she went to work in Europe, he in the U.S. "When we got married," Salter says, "we had the Atlantic Ocean between us."

Finding jobs in the same place is difficult for any academic couple; for a pair of astronomers, the odds are, well, astronomi-



Beneath the dish, shade and humidity have nurtured one of the world's biggest fern gardens, complete with wild orchids and begonias.

equipment has been off-line and there have been few visitors; that will change once the upgrade is completed. "What's really exciting is all the scientists coming through, getting to talk to them about their research," says Eder. "You're in the middle of all this breaking science. And you can just jump into this marvelous culture of Puerto Rico. Every weekend, there are fiestas somewhere."

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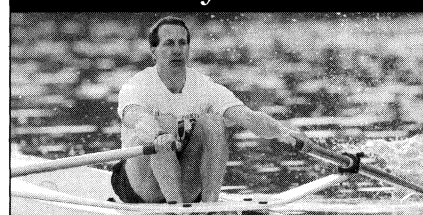
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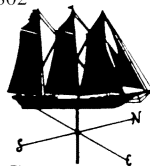
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A twenty-mile-per-hour wind off Cayuga Lake greets the men's ultimate Frisbee team as it begins its first outdoor practice of the season at Cass Park. It's an afternoon in late March, but the calendar could just as well read mid-December. An all-day rain, only a few degrees from snow, has soaked the field and the sun can't

puncture the stony clouds. Until now, the team practiced inside Barton Hall, and their faces are tanned from a spring break trip to a North Carolina tournament. Yet there are no complaints about the cold. The practice is crisp and purposeful, although several throws get caught up in the chilly gusts and the Frisbees smack hard against numb hands.

"I always think we're like the Green Bay Packers, because whenever somebody comes to play us in this weather, we're used to it," says Sam McHugh, a sophomore on the club squad that calls itself the Buds. Sanjay Arwade, a graduate student in civil engineering, makes the highlight catch of the scrimmage, snagging a forty-five-yard bomb while nearly planting his face into the soggy turf. It's the kind of grab that's become commonplace, but Arwade hears mocking shouts of "gratuitous" from his teammates, who know a reporter and photographer are watching.

The Buds rarely get such attention, despite their distinction as the university's most consistently successful athletic squad over the past twenty years. They've earned a berth in the national collegiate tournament ten times since 1977, a feat unparalleled by any Cornell varsity team. Last year, the Buds—one of 200 college teams around the country—made the national semi-finals for the seventh time. And although they've never been national champions, they were runners-up in 1978 and 1992. Still, if you ask five undergraduates about the Buds, two would say they didn't know Cornell had a team, and the other three would ask, "What's ultimate?"

The short answer: it's a game you play with a Frisbee—although calling it "ultimate Frisbee," rather than "ultimate," is considered gauche. In the game, seven players on a side square off against each

other on a field seventy yards long by forty yards wide. The team on offense tries to score by advancing a Frisbee the length of the field without dropping it. The player holding the disc can't run with it and must get rid of it within ten seconds. Meanwhile, the defense aims to keep the disc out of its end zone, but can't intentionally make contact with the offensive player. If the offense drops the Frisbee, catches it out of bounds, or fails to complete a pass,



Gratuitous?

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the other team picks up the disc where it lands and works to score in the other direction. The game is fast paced and requires endurance because players can't sub in until a point is scored. "It's soccer, basketball, and football all rolled into one," says Dave Brown, who is launching the first international ultimate magazine.

UNLIKE THOSE SPORTS, however, ultimate is officiated by the players. No refs, no whistles. Players call their own fouls, trusting each other under an honor code that no self-respecting Frisbee fan would break. That gentlemen's agreement may be one reason the game, although popular among many jocks, still sits on the fringes of the American win-at-all-costs sports world. Yet it also helps explain why an estimated

100,000 Americans play. "I never remember coming away from a basketball game feeling that the refs got things right," says Jason Haas '89. At the most competitive levels, observers help settle disputes.

Ultimate was invented by a group of New Jersey high school students in 1968. Five years later, one of those students, Jon Cohn '76, introduced it to Ithaca. Cornellians have been playing ever since—the university also has a successful women's team, called the Roses—and Ithaca has become a mecca for the sport. Only Princeton and Rutgers have older squads, but both have had gaps in fielding a team, making Cornell's the oldest continuous program in the country.

"It's never been more than a year or two that we haven't been toward the top of the national rankings," says Paul Brenner '78, associate director for corporate relations at Cornell and adviser to the Buds. "It's been an incubator for developing good ultimate players. And it's amazing because there isn't really anything institutional here."

Gaining respect has never been easy, though. The sport is plagued by a slacker image, reinforced last year when ESPN showed highlights of a national club game—not for the action, but because one of the teams played in women's lingerie. Still, the Buds attract great athletes: the current team includes an Olympic kayaker and a former pro soccer player. And they haven't been completely obscure. President Frank Rhodes was quoted in a 1978 *Time* article as saying Cornell might not have a great football team, but its ultimate team was doing well. Brenner used that to leverage more funding for their trip to the national finals.

The team's most famous alumnus is Bill Nye '77, better known as The Science Guy. "We used to call him Bill Nye, Rambling Guy," says Brenner. Every Thursday, alums scrimmage with the club, which has helped the team stay strong. This year, with five freshmen, they'll need all the experience the alumni can provide. "I'm already looking forward to my senior year when all five of us will have played together for a while," says freshman Ian Stephenson. "I spend more time on ultimate than on any one of my classes."

—Jay Tokasz

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UPDATE



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WINTER WRAP-UP

For first-year coach Scott Thompson and his Cornell men's basketball team, it's the beginning of a winning tradition. For seniors John McCord and Alex Compton, it was how they wanted to end their careers. Their 15-11 performance, only the second winning season in the last nine, was a warm welcome for Thompson. "I'm determined to build an outstanding program here at Cornell that can be competitive year after year," Thompson says. "We are in the process of building a foundation and it may take a few years, but I'm confident."

Compton and McCord played a large role in laying that foundation. McCord, a 6-foot-6-inch forward, led the team in scoring (18.1 points per game) and rebounding (9.0 per game) while earning first-team All-Ivy honors. Compton, a 5-11 guard, averaged 11.9 points per game and hit 85 percent from the free-throw line while earning honorable mention All-Ivy.

Throw in senior point guard Michael Roberts (4.7 assists per game) and the Big Red has some holes to fill next season. But McCord is optimistic. "They'll have a year with Coach Thompson under their belts," he says.

"Everyone will know what to expect from each other." The Big Red opened the season with three straight wins and stood at 7-3 before Ivy play began in January. "Everyone was on the same page from the beginning," McCord says. "Coach Thompson made it easier because everything he asked of us was reasonable. We knew he wanted to start a winning tradition and we wanted to be a part of that and leave our mark."

They did that and more. Cornell finished

fourth in the Ivy League and posted its first win over Penn since 1991, beating the Quakers 61-53. Cornell also did well on the road, notching its first Ivy weekend road sweep in four years.

The Big Red will have several experienced players coming back next season, led by DeShawn Standard '98, Bo Buettenback '98, Jeffrion Aubry '99, and Brent Fisher '98. "We had a good first step this season," Thompson says. "Hopefully we can add another chapter to this program."



One coach who understands the challenge of topping an outstanding rookie season is Mike Schafer '86. His icers had a tough act to follow after the storybook 1995-96 season producing the first ECAC title in ten years and a trip to the NCAA Tournament. But top it they did, with Ivy and ECAC championships and a winning game in the NCAA Tournament.

"A lot of programs would have become complacent after winning a conference title," Schafer says. "But these guys wouldn't allow that to happen." When the Big Red beat Miami (Ohio) 4-2 in the NCAA first

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round, it marked Cornell's first NCAA playoff win since 1991 and the first time a Cornell team advanced past the first round since the 1972 team reached the championship game. "We brought Cornell hockey back to being one of the top programs in the country," says captain Matt Cooney '97.



To reach the NAAs again, the Big Red (21-9-5) won its second-straight ECAC title, downing regular season winner Clarkson 2-1 in the championship game. Goalie Jason Elliott '98 made thirty-one saves in the title game, earning the tournament's Most Valuable Player award for the second straight season. The only other player to earn back-to-back ECAC MVP honors was goalie Ken Dryden '69. Even a 6-2 loss to North Dakota in the NCAA quarterfinals couldn't take the shine off another outstanding season. "Hopefully next year we can make that final step and get to the Final Four," Schafer says.

Another coach coming off a successful debut was Marnie Dacko, the 1995-96 Ivy League women's basketball Coach of the Year, who led the Big Red to a second 12-14 season this winter. The record moved them into the upper half of the Ivy League, finishing fourth with a 7-7 league mark—and they did it in dramatic style.

The Big Red won its final two games by a total of three points, rallying from a seven-point deficit with just over a minute left to beat Penn 65-63 before sealing fourth with a 58-57 win over Princeton. "Coach Dacko told us it comes down to heart and pride," senior guard Kacee English says. "Even though we were down by seven, we knew we could win. Everyone just pulled to-

gether and we hit our shots."

That confidence carried the Big Red through a seven-game losing streak, which didn't snap until the win over Penn. The losses had followed on the heels of a six-game winning streak which saw the Big Red up its record to 10-7.

"They could have easily rolled over against Penn," Dacko says. "But the great teams come back and they showed that character and will to win."

English was certainly one of the driving forces behind the Big Red's desire, averaging 9.7 points, 5.4 assists, and 5.0 rebounds per game while playing nearly every minute of every game. A second team All-Ivy pick, English leaves with the school's assist records for a single game (11) and season (140). "She did it all for us," Dacko says. "I think she's the best point guard in the Ivy League and one of the best in the nation. I'd love to have her here for three more years."

But English will be gone next season, along with fellow seniors Cheran Cordell and Julie Lincoln. Strong returning players include second-team all-Ivy selection Kim Ruck '98, who led the team in scoring (17.2 points per game) and Kelly Jackson '98, who led the team in rebounding (5.6 per game). Add in Sarah Maggi '98, Carolyn Janiak '99, and Jen Froelich '98, and Dacko has plenty to work with in 1997-98.

Also continually improving, the women's gymnastics team broke almost every team mark while posting nine wins and seven losses, a tremendous improvement over last year's 1-15 season. "You can't ask for more than that," coach Paul

Beckwith says. "The attitude has been fantastic and everyone has worked as hard as they can."

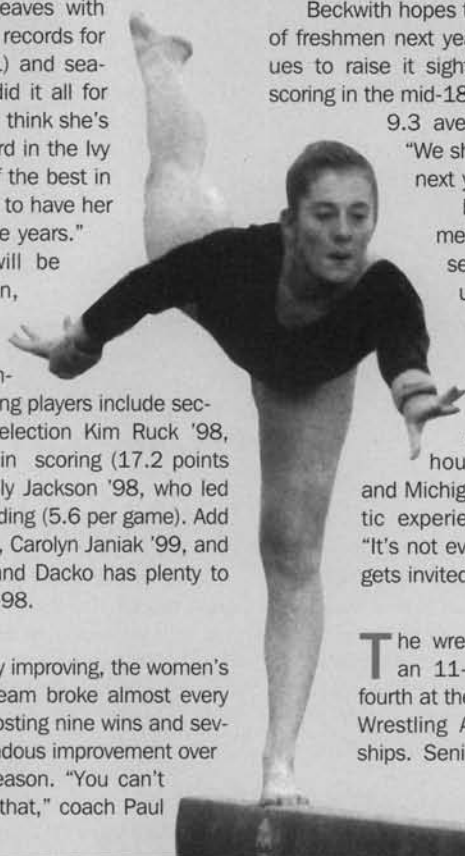
The Big Red bettered their overall scoring record four times and set new team records in every event. "We have a lot of new personnel this year, and having greater numbers has made a big difference," Beckwith says. Freshman Jen Little was one of the strongest additions. The first Big Red gymnast to win the Ivy League all-around title since 1982, she posted a 37.50 total for the four events—vault, bars, beam, and floor exercise. Kristin Guenther '00 matched the school's floor exercise record with 9.5 in the Best Western/Big Red Invitational.

Beckwith hopes to bring in another crop of freshmen next year as the team continues to raise its sights. "I'd like to see us scoring in the mid-180s which means a 9.2-9.3 average," Beckwith says.

"We should be able to do that next year."

Even with that improvement, the Big Red may still see its record fall with an upgraded schedule next year. Among the additions will be a trip to Los Angeles where Cornell will compete against NCAA powerhouses UCLA, Stanford, and Michigan. "It will be a fantastic experience," Beckwith says. "It's not every day a Cornell team gets invited to compete at UCLA."

The wrestling team completed an 11-5 season by finishing fourth at the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association championships. Senior Carl Keske became



Looking Back 60/40/30/25



60 YEARS AGO—IN 1937—THE CORNELL POLO TEAM OF C. C. COMBS, DVM '39, THOMAS LAWRENCE '38, AND S. J. "DOC" ROBERTS '38 WINS THE INTERCOLLEGIATE TITLE BY BEATING A TEAM FROM WEST POINT. ARMY HAD GONE UNDEFEATED IN THIRTY-TWO STRAIGHT GAMES OVER THREE YEARS AND HAD WON TWO STRAIGHT INTERCOLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

40 YEARS AGO—IN 1957—THE BIG RED HEAVYWEIGHT CREW, COACHED BY R. HARRISON "STORK" SANFORD, WINS THE INTERCOLLEGIATE ROWING ASSOCIATION REGATTA FOR THE THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR. CORNELL WILL WIN IT AGAIN IN 1958, TYING THE RECORD OF FOUR STRAIGHT CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD BY—WHO ELSE?—THE CORNELL CREWS OF 1909-1912.



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the first Cornell wrestler since 1994 to earn All-America honors, taking seventh place at 134 pounds in the NCAA tournament. Keske also won the 134-pound title at the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association championships and won nineteen straight bouts before losing in the second round of the NCAA tournament. He posted a season record of 38-4 and leaves Cornell as the Big Red's fifth in career wins with an 87-22 record.

Joel Holman '98 and Aaron Taylor '00 also posted podium finishes at the EIWA tournament with third places. Monty Cheff '97 was fourth, earning an alternate spot in the NCAA tournament as a wild card. The Big Red claimed the New York State title and went 3-2 in the Ivy League, including a 19-0 blanking of Princeton.

Women's hockey also demonstrated continued improvement, putting a scare into perennial power Providence College before losing to the Friars 3-1 in the ECAC quarterfinals. The Big Red tied for second in the Ivy League in defense of their 1995-96 title, posting an 11-10-1 ECAC record and earning the seventh seed in the tournament.

The Big Red positioned itself for a playoff spot with an 8-1-1 stretch through most of January and February. Alanna Hayes '99 was in the nets for all of the wins, allowing just eight goals in eight games. Plenty of youth returns next season, including leading scorer Dana Antil '99 (21 goals, 12 assists).

Big Red track also enjoyed its share of success. The distance medley relay team of Becky Dennison '97, Kristy Shreve '99,

Jessica Shaw '99, and Kate Walker '97 finished fourth at the NCAA Division I Indoor Championships, earning All-America honors while setting a school record with a time of 11:15.76. Marc Duquella '97 earned All-America honors at the same meet, finishing tenth in the 35-pound weight throw with a distance of 63 feet, 1 inch.

The squash teams, under coach Richard Millman, considered the best squash coach in the country, had outstanding seasons. Enjoying their first year of varsity status, the women won the C Division at the Howe Cup National Championships. Mary Beth Horn '98 earned a spot on the USWISRA scholar athlete award team with a GPA of 3.71. Not to be outdone, the men's team posted its first winning season since 1991-92, with a 14-12 record. They also won their first Ivy League match since the 1990-91 season, with a 5-4 victory over Brown. Andreas Lofquist '99 was named to the first team All-Ivy and second team All-American squads. Brian Colton '97 will be a member of the Academic All-American team, with a 3.51 GPA.

Women's fencing, coached by Al Peters, enjoyed its first season in the new state of the art Stifel Fencing Salle. They posted a 6-8 record, tying Princeton 16-16 on bouts, but lost on touches. Nancy Allen '99 was named to the second team All-Ivy, the first fencer to garner All-Ivy status since the 1992-93 season. Capping off the season, the women hosted the NCAA Northeast Regional Championship in Newman Arena, with fifteen schools participating in front of a sold-out crowd.

Women's swimming posted a season-high 208 points in an opening win over Penn, closing with a 6-5 record; the men's team finished with a 5-5 mark.

Big Red Profile

JOE LUCIA

Position: Men's swim team head coach

College attended: SUNY Cortland

Undergrad sports: Football, lacrosse

Total years coaching: Twenty-three

Time at Cornell: Ten years

Best coaching advice ever received:
Be yourself. Listen.

Athletes I most admire:
Pablo Morales, Arnold Palmer

Biggest sports thrill:
Mets winning it all in '69; Pablo taking the gold in Barcelona

If I headed the Olympics, I would:
conduct random and frequent drug testing on every potential athlete two years prior to competition and continue until the Olympic Games.

My coaching style: Honest, caring, and fun

Favorite movies: *The Man Who Would Be King* and *Once Upon a Time in the West*

Favorite books: *Confederacy of Dunces*, *American Tabloid*, and *Lonesome Dove*.

Secret talent: I play great air guitar.

If I could go back in time, I'd visit: the dinosaurs or Woodstock.

Favorite aspect of my job: Interaction and relationships with athletes, and freedom.



30 YEARS AGO—IN 1967—DAN WALKER '68 SETS A SCHOOL RECORD WHICH STILL STANDS BY RETURNING A PUNT 90 YARDS FOR A TOUCHDOWN AGAINST PENN. THE BIG RED BEAT THE QUAKERS 33-14 TO CAP OFF A 6-2-1 SEASON.



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25 YEARS AGO—IN 1972—HOCKEY STANDOUT DAVE ELENBAAS '73 IS DRAFTED BY THE MONTREAL CANADIENS IN THE FOURTH ROUND (62ND OVERALL) OF THE NHL DRAFT, BECOMING THE FIRST CORNELLIAN EVER DRAFTED. GEORGE KUZMICH '74 WILL GO IN THE NINTH ROUND (138TH), AND MORE THAN TWO DOZEN BIG RED PLAYERS WILL BE DRAFTED OVER THE NEXT QUARTER-CENTURY.



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Good Sports



Team Spirit

This is the last in our series of "Big Red Sports Updates" in *Cornell Magazine*. We're moving on to a more comprehensive coverage of physical and outdoor education, fitness, wellness, and athletics in our new *SPIRIT!!!* publication.

As athletic director at Cornell, I love my daily contact with student athletes, coaches, staff, and administrators. Still, it's not enough. There is so much more to our story. . . so much more to tell and so many people we want to tell it to.

The idea of an all-sports publication is not new. What is new is the vastly reordered profile of the Department of Physical Education and Athletics at Cornell. Further, we are excited about the renewed student interest in wellness and physical fitness, in lifetime sports ability, and in a shared enthusiasm for an increased school spirit. Cornell students, led by the Student Assembly, the Student-Athlete Advisory Council, the Red Key Society, and others, have set the stage for a new ground swell. . . *The Spirit of the Red!* Our job is to let the story be told.

Starting this fall, *SPIRIT!!!* will be sent to all qualifying members of *The Spirit of the Red!*, our new program to recognize annual gifts to Cornell athletics. Recognition levels range from \$350 to \$5,000 with special lower rates for young alumni and current Cornell students.

In *SPIRIT!!!*, coaches and staff will tell

**"It's interesting that
after forty years those
feelings of warm
affection and respect
stand out when we
think of those teams."**

— Harvey Sampson '51



their own stories. Varsity athletes, members of the fitness staff, Cornell Outdoor Education personnel, and players in the Big Red Band will contribute their ideas, opinions, and accomplishments. Alumni and parents will share their views, on both the past and the

present. We'll draw on the great traditions of Cornell and the people who've created them. We'll focus on the future, and the students who will set new records and standards that will make us all proud to be Cornellians. We're counting on "letters to the editor" to keep us in line; alumni news to keep us informed; and pictures to keep us honest. We're creating a new mouthpiece for Cornell sports—one we make ourselves—with a new staff, a new focus, and a new *SPIRIT!!!*

I, personally, have had many Cornell mentors and even more Cornell heroes. I have only to turn to Romeyn Berry's *Behind the Ivy*, Morris Bishop's *A History of Cornell*, and Bob Kane's *Good Sports*, or to the encouraging remarks of our past and present presidents to find inspiration and encouragement. Kane's compendium of what Cornell athletics has already accomplished gets me through losing competitions, other frustrations, and Ithaca's gray winters.

I would like to think that our new *SPIRIT!!!* will start a new chronicle of Cornell Sports for all constituents.

— Charles H. Moore '51

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Patriot Games

FOR FIFTY YEARS, THE WORLD knew Armand Hammer as a model citizen: billionaire industrialist, patriot, patron of the arts, advisor to American presidents and Russian leaders alike. But in *Dossier: The Secret History of Armand Hammer*, biographer Edward Jay Epstein '57 uncovers the real Hammer—philanderer, money launderer, junk art dealer, business tyrant, and Russian agent. Diagnosed with terminal cancer in 1990 and given only weeks to live, the ninety-two-year-old Hammer scrambled to protect his image. “Nothing focuses the mind like a death sentence,” Epstein writes.

**Dossier:
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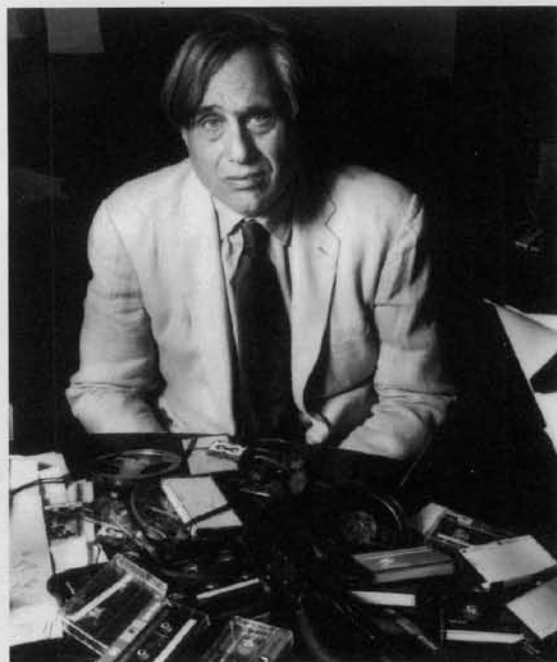
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Dossier documents Hammer's final cover-ups, from disinheriting an illegitimate daughter and putting three former mistresses on his company payroll to trying to destroy records linking him with communist Russia. Upon his death, however, it came apart. “Within a year,”

Epstein says, “one hundred charities, museums, family members, and other individuals would make claims [against his estate]. These reflected the bitter legacy of Armand Hammer's life.”

Much of Hammer's story could be told only after his death and the fall of the Soviet Union. Epstein examined thousands of pages of government reports, family diaries and letters, divorce proceedings, and Hammer's papers. “I could see how he had carefully constructed a fiction for himself,” says Epstein, who spent six months with Hammer for a 1981 *New York Times Magazine* story. “What he didn't anticipate was that it would all come unraveled with the Soviet documents.”

The book is Epstein's twelfth. No stranger to investigative reporting, he wrote his 1966 Cornell master's thesis,



DMITRI KASTERINE

THE AUTHOR WITH SOME TOOLS OF HIS TRADE

Inquest, on the inner workings of the Warren Commission. Since then, he's written extensively on the JFK assassination, the drug war, and the subterfuges of the CIA and KGB. “*Dossier* really taught me how to write a biography,” Epstein says, “You construct a person, and when you've done that, you've done the job.”

—Sharon Tregaskis

RECENTLY PUBLISHED

Fiction

AN EXPLANATION OF CHAOS by Julie Schumacher, MFA '86 (Soho Press). Schumacher's collection of stories captures the intense dynamics of family, the bonds of siblings, and the dangers and mysteries of adolescence.

Non-Fiction

FORBES GREATEST BUSINESS STORIES FOR ALL TIME: TWENTY INSPIRING TALES OF ENTREPRENEURS WHO CHANGED THE WAY WE LIVE AND DO BUSINESS by Daniel Gross '89 and the editors of *Forbes* magazine (John Wiley and Sons). The stories of Americans whose ingenuity and entrepreneurial spirit helped create the country's most successful companies.

OFFENHAUSER, THE LEGENDARY AMERICAN RACING ENGINE AND THE MEN WHO BUILT IT by Gordon E. White '55 (Classic Motorbooks Inc.). The story of the most successful auto racing engine at the Indianapolis 500.

EMILE ZOLA, THE DREYFUS AFFAIR: "J'ACCUSE" AND OTHER WRITINGS translated by Eleanor Ross Levieux '59 (Yale University Press). The first English translation of Zola's complete campaign (1897–1900) to defend Captain Dreyfus.

TAKE YOUR PET ALONG: 1001 PLACES TO STAY WITH YOUR PET by Heather MacLean Walters '81 (MCE). A guidebook covering the U.S. and Canada which lists major lodging sites that understand when you just can't leave home without your pet.

EXPERT INVESTING ON THE NET: MAKING MORE MONEY ONLINE and **MUTUAL FUNDS ON THE NET** by Paul B. Farrell, MRP '64, (Wiley). Step-by-step lessons for online investing.

THE EXOTIC ANIMAL DRUG COMPENDIUM: AN INTERNATIONAL FORMULARY by Keith Marx and Margaret A. Roston '75, BS Nurs '78 (Veterinary Learning Systems). Information about drug therapy for hundreds of exotic animals.

THE LANDSCAPE OF BELIEF: ENCOUNTERING THE HOLY LAND IN NINETEENTH-CENTURY AMERICAN ART AND CULTURE by John Davis '83 (Princeton University Press). An examination of the American artists who looked to Ottoman Palestine as a source of their national identity.

MANAGING THE REINVENTED WORKPLACE by Cornell professors William Sims and Franklin Becker, with Michael Joroff '60 (International Development Research Council). Suggestions for successful office practices from more than twenty-five innovative companies.

CLASS NOTES

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A number of classmates have mailed in class dues for this year, but only one, Maj. Gen. **Albert Pierson**, of Washington, DC, included news as well. He reported having celebrated his 97th birthday, but says his traveling days are behind him as he is confined to a wheelchair. His wife passed away, he writes, but his daughter, Sallie P. Cauchon, lives nearby. Pierson reports a "score for grandchildren and great-grandchildren of 15—no Cornellians, however." He retired as the inspector general of the Army after 40 years of active duty.

Duespayers from whom we would welcome news include **Joseph E. Doan Jr.**, Lansdowne, PA, **Morton P. Woodward**, Cincinnati, OH, **Maurice F. Smith**, Naples, FL, and, for the women of '20, **Ruth B. Abbott** of New York City and **Lois Webster Utter** of Stanley, NY.

Please send news for this column. ♦ Class of '20, c/o *Cornell Magazine*, 55 Brown Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850-1247.

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Grace H. Smith was ready to celebrate her 100th birthday—on April 21, '97—when her nephew wrote with her news in March. She lives alone, he reports, "and has her helpers read the *Cornell Magazine* to her. Her memory and comprehension are very sharp. Other than her eyesight, she is in remarkably good health." Letters should be addressed to her at 34 Washington St., Conway, NH 03818-0292; telephone, (603) 447-5806.

Please send news of other such celebrations for publication in this column. ♦ Class of '21, c/o *Cornell Magazine*, 55 Brown Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850-1247.

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Cornell and the Class of '24 have lost a notable alumnus and one of the university's greatest football stars: **George Pfann**. As recorded in college athletic annals, Captain George and his '24 teammates **Elias Buckley**, **Charles Cassidy**, **Floyd Ramsey**, **Richard Raymond**, **Frank Sundstrom** (and other '24 letter-men, plus some stellar players from '25 and '26) compiled the amazing record of 24 successive victories without a single loss, by decisive scores, many against some very stiff competition. In our senior year alone, these totaled an amazing 320 points to our opponents' 33.

After graduation and two years at Cornell Law, George went on to Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar, where he introduced the forward pass. During World War II he served as secretary of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Seventh and Third Armies, and was thrice decorated. Back in America, George was one of the youngest alumni (up to his time) to be elected a university trustee.

Ithaca Journal sports columnist Ken Van Sickle told this story about George, who was also a substitute on Cornell's champion basketball team of 1923-24: "One night, when Coach **Howie Ortner '19** called him to go into the game, George jumped up, stepped into a water bucket, and fell full-length onto the floor." Had this been on the football field, I'm sure Captain George would have managed to crawl another ten yards—perhaps for a touchdown.

As this is being written, our peripatetic **John P. Wood** is back in Thomasville, GA, but he will soon be on the way to Acton, MA. Since last summer, John has been blessed with a great-grandson, and two of his grandsons have been married. He writes: "Enjoyed your handsome Class of '24 Christmas card. Tell me, do you have a pull with the local PO that they will actually hand-cancel your pile of mail instead of sending the bundle to Portland for central-processing?" No, John, we just have a lot of nice people in Maine.

Ott Jaeger, spending his first full winter in Vermont, makes this cogent comment: "I can't believe that here it is mid-December and the thermometer on my open porch reads 60 degrees!" Well, as the natives would say, "Just wait a bit, Mr. Jaeger; it'll change." On another tack, Ott continues: "The other day I saw a car with the initials AXP on the license plate. I asked the owner if he belonged to Alpha Chi Rho. He said: 'No, the license bureau just sent the plate that way.' Do you think I can get an injunction for my fraternity against the license bureau?" Sorry, Ott, I had only one term of law!

Now for the distaff segment of the '24 family! **Lillian Rabe McNeill** keeps in touch with **Don Wickham** and me with occasional telephone calls. Like others of our class, she has to contend with a few physical ailments, but is as ardent and loyal a '24ite as ever. Her big news is the recent birth of her first great-grandchild—a boy, and a potential member of the Class of '17. **Katherine Serio** Friend of Orchard Park, NY, (where the Buffalo Bills hold forth) tells us succinctly, "Except for my



"ENTHUSIASM FOR REUNION IS HIGH. REMEMBER IT

lameness, I check very well."

Dorothea Johannsen Crook, a resident of the Collington Retirement Community in Mitchellville, MD, recounts some interesting bits of Maryland history: "Last year, Prince George's County celebrated its 300th anniversary as a county, and Collington participated in many of the various celebrations. Perhaps the most important for us was our joining the Prince George Community College in hosting an Elderhostel—the first time a retirement community has done so. The emphasis was on three areas in which the county is notable: architecture (many fine historical mansions); avi-



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1 JUNE? CALL YOUR FORMER ROOMMATES AND THE PERSON WHO SAT NEXT TO YOU IN ENGLISH 101." — GEORGE & GAYLE RAYMOND KENNEDY '52

ation (the first, and still functional, commercial airport); agriculture (the basis of early wealth and the U. of Maryland—originally solely an agricultural institution). The Elderhostlers, who came from as far west as Colorado, approved of Collington and its amenities—especially our food."

Mary Johnson Ault, who now lives in Engadine, MI, close to one of her sons and his cattle farm, is "not as busy as she would like to be," but she was very good about keeping in touch with her college roommate **Flo Daly**, in whose memory she has just made a generous contribution to the

Class of '24 Scholarship Fund.

Eleanor Bayuk Green has a very good friend in Abington, PA—a personable young woman, and a good student—who is interested in going to Cornell and Ellie is trying to help pave the way for her. She is also an avid reader of *The New York Times*, and sent us a page from a recent issue featuring **Charles Feeney '56** and **David Duffield '62**—both of whom have had fabulous business careers and have shared their tremendous wealth generously with Cornell. ♦ **Max Schmitt**, RR 5, Box 2498, Brunswick, ME 04011-9632.

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Things being how they are, the response to last December's News and Dues letter ("First Notice") was very good. Our first two items perhaps include records of one kind or another. **Ruth H. Kennedy** wrote from Red Bank, NJ: "Attended two Elderhostels in summer of 1996—in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton Island. Celebrated 97th birthday in November with two days in a New York City hotel to attend Metropolitan Opera performance of *Carmen*." No, that birthday number is not a misprint; Ruth was older than most of us, according to the

tells—all 1925 *Cornellian*, and she still is; but right now she surely gets around more than most of us do. Then there's Dr. **Walter Eells** of Walton, NY, who wrote: "Retired in 1993, six weeks before I was 91, after 63 years as general practitioner. Have birth certificate stubs for 2,135 babies!" In this part of the world, GPs seem to retire after 35 years or so, and as for delivering babies, forget it. I wonder

go back to 1764, including preparation, in the case of the county commission, of a computerized data base of 32 towns. He's also query editor and book reviewer for the quarterly publication of the county genealogical society. In his spare time, he claims, "I do the housework and the yard work."

Martha Applebaum Congress lives in La Jolla, CA. She no longer drives or paints, but

have left his winter home in Fort Myers by now for the summer life in Pensacola, FL. **Robert L. Uhry** writes, "Wife Helen and I are nearing our 68th wedding anniversary." The Uhrys have moved from Pound Ridge, NY, to a retirement community in Millbrook, NY. "Beautiful countryside," writes Bob, "horses, cows, sheep, donkeys, wild turkeys, deer. I still go each week to Bedford Hills Prison, where I have a volunteer program focusing on domestic violence. This is my 29th year as a volunteer there."

Also celebrating a 68th wedding anniversary were **Helen (Bettis) '25** and **Philip I. Higley**. At their party, Philip's brother **Ralph '30** celebrated his 90th birthday. After reunion a year ago, the Higleys drove to Mt. Prospect, IL, to visit their son, then to Madison, WI, to reunite with friends from Philip's days with the American Breeders Service. "Last July," Philip writes, "Helen and I gave some stock to Cornell's Ag college to be used by the Mann Library. We had thought they would buy books or some equipment with it. Instead, darned if they didn't set it up as a fund which, of course, we agreed to. So now there is, to our surprise, a Philip '26 and Helen Higley '25 Mann Library Fund. We told them it was to honor long-time Dean of Agriculture **David Call '54**, a Batavia, NY, hometown boy. Can't forget our roots."

"Getting to feel like a survivor," comments **John A. Bates** also of Sarasota, FL. **Walter R. Miller**, of Mamaroneck, NY, would probably agree. The three-time great-grandfather writes, "I'm too old to get involved; it's quite a job to keep breathing." Walter is hoping those great-grands make it to Cornell in a few more years. **Edwin Harder** writes from Pittsburgh of how much he enjoyed the 70th Reunion. "Thanks to all who helped to make it so," he adds.

On the West Coast, **Harwood Warriner** writes that he has been at the same address in Saratoga, CA, for the past 60 years. "Married (second) to Ruth Long last year! Doc says I have 'quite a lot of mileage left!'" Congratulations, Harwood. Also sharing good news from the doctor, **Donald B. Whitney** writes, "Except for cane, see my doctor every two months. Blood pressure 128 over 84."

William H. Jones lives in Kendal at Longwood, a Quaker retirement community near Kennett Square, PA. "We attend Friends Meeting most every Sunday, which is held in the library here. There are usually more than 100 in attendance. Would be glad to hear from any alumni—near or far." **William V. Kelley** is still practicing law with Witheshoon, Kelley, et al. and keeps busy with travel and golf. When he wrote, he had just returned from steam-boating on the Mississippi.

Please send more news for this column. ♦ Class of '26, c/o *Cornell Magazine*, 55 Brown Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850-1247.

The annual news and dues forms have arrived and the Class of '26 women have been busy. **Laura Pedersen** Henninger writes, "I am living in a lovely retirement home not too far from where I lived for 50 years here in Seattle. I have the same bank, church, and stores, and

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— WALTER EELLS '25

when Dr. Eells stopped making house calls, or did he stop?

Irwin Weill, our treasurer, reports a "thrilling" cruise last October, to the Panama Canal and through the first lock. He and Grace flew to Ft. Lauderdale, then had ten days on a ship, celebrating their 66th wedding anniversary on the voyage to Gatun Lake and return. "The other 1,500 passengers on the *Regal Princess* gave us a royal party. Grace and I are having our various aging illnesses, but are very much 'with it' as we get closer to our 89th and 94th birthdays." Some five years ago Irwin also reported a thrilling trip—across the Atlantic in a Concorde; "1,350 mph—three hours, 20 minutes ground to ground—beat the sun by almost 1-1/2 hours!" Other times, other thrills.

Helen Bettis Higley and **Phil '26** celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary with a party in Ormond Beach, FL, which also celebrated the 90th birthday of Phil's brother **Ralph Higley '30**. Helen and Phil continue to do volunteer work in their hospital auxiliary in Fort Walton Beach, FL. **William Louchheim** continues his habit of arriving in time for lunch at the 90-year-old family corporation for which he now acts as a consultant; his grandson, **Mark S. Louchheim '77**, is now CEO of the outfit, whose commercial plumbing operation has grown 60-fold since grandpa first got into it. Apparently he isn't among the fortunate ones who are still counting wedding anniversaries, but he notes that **Jim Pol-lak '27**, with whom he manages to "roll along and enjoy life," will reach his 70th this year.

Kenneth Van Wynen says, "we are still hanging on and hanging out in the house we built in Ramsey, NJ, in 1937. Once in a while we turn the pages in a little album of snapshots made during the 70th Reunion—a notable event in many ways." **Dave Punzelt** says his activities have been "curtailed a bit" [not class news], but he is still living in his own apartment in Hamden, CT. In Pittsfield, MA, Lt. Col. **J. Bradley Cooper** is church historian and a member of the Berkshire County Historical Commission; in both jobs he is involved in conserving records, some of which

keeps up her interest in art, swims in her apartment's heated pool, walks frequently to view the nearby Pacific Ocean, and enjoys a weekly bridge game. Last birthday she took her "really beautiful" granddaughter to see Washington, DC, in cherry blossom time and visit old friends. Not like doing the house and yard work, but a significant undertaking. **Louisa "Tomnie" Ridgway** Davis lives in Boise, ID, in a retirement community which plans trips and various other activities for its residents, besides which she has lots of projects of her own. She's very thankful that her health is good. **Ruleph Johnson** and wife Elizabeth live year 'round in Sarasota, FL, both in "modest" (guess that means pretty good) health. He notes that he has enjoyed *Cornell Magazine* these many years, and commends its current editor, "who has maintained its high readability." **Lucille Severance** Nettleship is still living in Woodstock, VT, and writes, "I enjoy reading, puzzles, and attending the many various community activities in this quaint town."

Returning dues but no news with the "First Notice" were **Howard P.** and **Florence Blostein Abrahams**, NYC; **James Coleman**, Essex, CT; **Dorothea Bradt** Connell, Niagara Falls, NY; **Lawrence Day**, Bridgeport, CT; **Fred Dorner**, Myrtle Beach, SC; Col. **Wilber Gaige Jr.**, Falls Church, VA; **Frank Pagliaro**, Mt. Kisco, NY; **Alton Raynor**, New Hartford, NY; **Charles Stainton**, Lake Forest, IL; **Madeleine Amato** Stewart, Falmouth, MA; and **Herman Werber**, Westfield, NJ. Whether or not you find yourself among these distinguished characters, we've plenty more room opening up shortly, so obey that impulse and drop us a line forthwith. ♦ **Walter Southworth**, 744 Lawton St., McLean, VA 22101; e-mail, walters669@aol.com.

John M. Breckenridge writes from Sarasota, FL, "I manage to keep carrying on after a rather severe illness last winter, and am now in great shape." John hopes to return to Ithaca for a "long-delayed visit after graduating." Another Southerner, **Morris D. Farr**, should

even the same phone number." Of the 70th Reunion she writes, "A real highlight to be back to the most favorite place in my life, to the place that I have remembered more times than any other." Laura reminisces, "We weren't really appreciated by the men—some wouldn't even date us. But we were useful to get them into the hop—more than one, if we weren't caught. I was always caught."

Isabel "Bets" MacBain Barrett remains in her Florham Park, NJ, home, where she has lived since 1932. Older son Anthony runs a farm only 35 miles from Ithaca. Sad news from **Beatrice Bayuk** Berg, who writes that husband Max, a U. of Pennsylvania grad, died of Parkinson's last September, and added, "We had 63 wonderful years together."

Margot Hicks Maher, in Scarsdale, NY, keeps going with the help of a walker. Spending last Thanksgiving and Christmas with niece **Betty Keller** Cullen '43 leads Margot to write, "I'm very fortunate to have such devoted nieces and nephews. Two years ago we went to France for two weeks." **Sara Rubin** Baron also sends news of family and resides still in New York City. **Louise Russell** writes that during 1996 she had "continued as a hobby my professional work of studying insects. Now I am obliged to discontinue that as I have diminished sight and can no longer use a microscope. Otherwise I am very well and continue with yard work at my house."

Beatrice Benedicks Wille, of Rio Rancho, NM, writes, "I am still grieving over not being with you for our 70th." Bea had airline problems due to short runways. "I had tickets and received vouchers—but it doesn't make up for my disappointment." Bea is busy teaching Spanish and creative writing at the senior center, and her friends says she is like the Energizer bunny. ♦ Class of '26, c/o *Cornell Magazine*, 55 Brown Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850-1247.

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Barbara Cone Berlinghof, **Becky Martin** Starr, and **Ellen McPherson** Barnett have opted for retirement

homes sans stairs. So many of us have written about good times in the past "gone with the wind." **Agnes "Coppie" Collier** Short recalled the thrill of the toboggan slide and whizzing across Beebe Lake on a starlit night.

Aline Jordan Jenkins amused her three great-grands with tales of our olden days riding the bleacher train that followed the shells racing on Lake Cayuga and from which you watched the progress. "Their conception of travel is by air if it's too far to go by car." If you can make the 70th Reunion, please let me or the Alumni Office know by the end of April, so it can be in the May newsletter, which will hopefully not be as delayed as the January one. The May newsletter will have a report of the fine record **Heather Mitchell** '97, our scholarship student, has made. She graduates this May. ♦ **Sid Hanson** Reeve, 1563 Dean St., Schenectady, NY 12309.

We've had news from quite a good number of the men of '27, and dues, but no news from many more. Not all of those who sent their

checks and News and Dues forms back in January can be acknowledged in this issue, but you can be sure all will be mentioned eventually. **Eugene "Teck" Tonkonogy**, New York City, jokingly responded for the plea for news, "I dunno! What's the question?" and then refers his classmates to the class column in September 1996. (This was the column containing his poem about having been the grateful recipient of a heart valve from a pig.)

Edgar F. Sachs, also of NYC, reports, "Hilda and I are still hanging in there. Unfortunately, she's had to give it up, but I'm still teaching, and enjoying, English as a second language at the English Speaking Union. That and museums and galleryvanting are our major activities." He, like most duespayers, included an "additional contribution" for the class treasury, scholarships, etc. All gratefully received!

Louis L. Seaman of Sykesville, MD, says 1996 was "definitely a year to remember!" He enjoyed a "fantastic celebration of my 90th birthday in Waynesboro, VA, with our whole family of 13, including myself and two sparkling young ladies now truly family members through marriage later in the year to Evelyn's and my grandsons." **James E. Pollak** writes, "Still staggering along, one step at a time. I'm not too steady on my feet. Will be 92 this wee(a)k [in December 1996]. Have two great-grandsons."

Herman Redden, who lives in W. Lebanon, NH, with a couple of the cold months spent in Vero Beach, FL, has this to say: "I do little or nothing, my family is wife Marge, I don't work, have no activities, don't travel, I'm on permanent vacation, have given up hobbies, received no honors, had no celebrations, and seen no fellow Cornellians in this forgotten backwater." He seems to exercise his sense of humor regularly, though. **Philip Schuyler Lyon** of Overland Park, KS, sends word: "My daughter, Laura, to my surprise, is now a published writer of romance novels for Harlequin under the pen name 'Laura Abbot,' following a career in secondary education. Two of her novels, *Mating for Life* and *This Christmas* are out and she's under contract for three more. My seams are bursting."

Classmate **Stu Knauss** has publishing news, too. "Barnes and Noble, publishers, have informed me that my poetic masterpiece *Desert Gulch*, will be released for publication in March or April 1997. Look for it! Also note that July 26, '97 will be my 90th birthday and that I still fall in love with every woman I meet, whether she's 9 or 90, but think of divorce only as a good Scrabble word." There was no comment from his wife, Suzanne, with whom he lives in Los Angeles, CA. Dr. **Whit Reynolds** writes, "Regards to my fellow classmates. My wife, Phebe, and I continue to live in our own home. I enjoy my Cornell memories and mowing the lawn and snow plowing on my tractor! It's a small world. This year (1996) I had visits from both my New Zealand grandsons."

There'll be lots more news in the next issue. Please send late-breaking news to the following address. ♦ Class of '27 Men, c/o *Cornell Magazine*, 55 Brown Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850-1247.

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My thanks go to **Ruth Carpenter** Bailey '54 for sending me a newsy letter as follows:

"We noticed that the '28 column was a bit short in December, so my dad and I want to send you a little material. My parents both were graduated from Cornell in 1928. Mother, **Helen (Worden)** loved Cornell and dear friends made there. My father, **Alvin Carpenter**, MD '31, lives on a small lake near Binghamton, NY, most of the year. He visits us in northern Minnesota during the winter to get some really cold weather.

In January 1996, as he turned 90, he began a year of celebrating. He survived a brutal winter here, including an all-time low for the state of Minnesota of 60 below—and that was real temperature, not wind chill! (On our lake it reached only 59 below.)

His son, **Charlie Carpenter** '59, MD '63, planned a family windjammer cruise out of Camden, ME, in June. Alvin was greeted and congratulated by the governors of Maine and New Hampshire at a special rafting of all the Maine windjammers. In October Charlie took him to Jackson Hole to visit a grandson. He also talked Alvin into riding down the Snake River on a biyak (a two-person kayak): now Alvin holds the world record for the oldest person to have done that!

Concluding his big year he came to Minnesota last November, was to visit two great-grandchildren in Iowa before Christmas, and see another great in Washington, DC, in January.

Alvin sends greetings to all of his classmates and friends. Mail will reach him if addressed to PO Box 74, SVS, Binghamton, NY 13903-0074. Good luck with the column, Ted. Sincerely, Ruth Carpenter Bailey '54."

From **Kay Altemeier** Yahn came a letter full of news of women classmates: **Dorothy Searles** Muchmeyer writes that she is alive and slowing in Whiting, NJ. A gift to the Plantations from Jessie L. O'Connor of Jackson Hgts., NY, honors the memory of **Dorothy Knapton Stebbins** '28 and husband **Alfred** '24.

Ruth M. Lyon, New Port Richey, FL, keeps herself busy with Millie, a pet dog. And **Kay Geyer** Butterfield, still going strong, wrote a paper on "Language," is teaching third and fourth graders in church school, and rejoices with Wesleyan in its fine new president and wife. **Madelyn Reynolds** Caskey lives in Boca Raton, FL, in winter, spends summers in Harrisburg, PA.

Kay Yohn concludes with this information, "These are the '28 gals I heard from at Christmas time (December 1996). Wish there were more. Also heard from **J. B. "Bud" Mordock**, whose wife passed away in November 1996. Keep up the good work. Hope you are all better by now." ♦ **Ted Adler**, 2 Garden Rd., Scarsdale, NY 10583.

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Class dues are filtering in, together with tidbits of news. **Wilfred Hoffmann** reports that he has stayed healthy all these years (probably due to playing basketball in the Old Armory), and has raised nine

smart children.

Frank Newburger did not qualify for the marathon in the Olympics, but gets around pretty well nowadays with a cane. Several of us have managed to live near our children. For example, **Ed Stiefel** is residing with his daughter in Ridge, NY. **Marvin Smith** likes living in Portland, OR, within a short distance of his descendants.

Al Hostek's daughter has a place on the river in Jeffersonville, PA, where Al can enjoy watching eight-man crews practice and observing waterbirds—blue herons, geese, ducks, etc. My own son and daughter live within sound of the dinner bell here on South Hill and often help with the washing up. ♦ **Don Layton**, 1029 Danby Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850.

When writing about **Dorothy Smith** Marsland, JD '31, for the November 1996 issue, I quoted her as saying that to have lived to be 90 was news enough. A letter from **Jerry Lowenberg**, JD '31, now gives news of her death on January 6. She led a very active, caring life and is remembered for her concern for her 24 grandchildren and 20 great-grands and her teaching in Sunday school and vacation bible school.

Judith Glassman Simon sends greetings to those who remember her. I'm sure many do. As her "good doctors" say, she is doing just fine with the help of modern technology. Having given up volunteer work she now spends her time with weekly mah jong games, lectures at the leisure group at her synagogue, movies, plays, etc.

Mary Pratt Schavier, formerly of Herkimer, NY, now lives at 40 Wilcox Lane, Canandaigua, NY 14424, a retirement home near her daughter. How pleasing it is to read, "I am in very good health." She plays bridge every week, enjoys visiting with friends, and reads a lot. She celebrated her 90th birthday at a large party given by her daughter with 33 family members. She has two grands and three greats.

Word from Barbara Geiger tells of another of our losses, her aunt, **Adele DeGoff** Seidman, back in December 1995.

Virginia Allen Sibley continues to live on a big farm and likes having lots of space. Living about 15 miles from Ithaca, NY, she gets to Cornell occasionally. Another of our very-well-in-health '29ers, she has four grands and seven greats plus many good friends and neighbors.

A cause for rejoicing was the 65th wedding anniversary of two classmates, **L. Sanford** and **Jo Mills Reis**. Daughter **Dale Reis Johnson** '58 and husband **Dick** '57 gave a dinner party for them on January 15, also the date of Jo's birthday. If there are any other '29 65th anniversaries I'd be happy to write of them, especially if any one of the couples plays tennis three times a week as San still does. ♦ **Ethel Corwin** Ritter, 4532 Ocean Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34242.

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As I write this on February 17, Ithaca is having its deepest snow of this mockery of a winter, about five inches. And it will soon melt in the bright sun.

Sad news first, this time . . . It was a shock to

hear of the sudden death of **Hazel Reed**, who had had less than a month of living in the brand-new Kendal at Ithaca. She had been enjoying making new friends among the many Cornell-connected residents, while adjusting to new surroundings. Since she retired from being professor and assistant director of Cooperative Extension, she had been a diligent volunteer with the county hospital and Friends of the Library, and was always ready to help and advise me on any class matters. She will be missed by all.

Pamela Sullivan, who was one of the young ones who enlivened Reunion 1995 for us, writes that her father, Dr. **William Sullivan**, MD '33, died, "at home with his head-set on, listening to Benny Goodman, on December 30. He would rather have died with his boots on!" (I'll leave it to **Ben Cottone** to tell you more about him.)

Now, re News and Dues. There has been a very gratifying response to my letter, but still so many of you merely sign your name. Just because you sent some news last year doesn't excuse you from sending more now. There must be some little thing that has happened in these many years. Several people have described interesting incidents, which I'll pass on to you in future columns.

Helen Lipschitz Glick tells of their grand 60th wedding anniversary in late August 1996, which I was unable to attend. Thirteen guests crossed the Atlantic, several crossed the continent to join the festivities—145 guests in all. Since then, some illness has occurred for both Fred and Helen, but they are recovered enough to think of coming to Adult University (CAU) in July. Helen keeps trying to write a memoir of her life, but is so busy with children and grandchildren, friends and relatives, that she has no time to spend on it. Do keep trying, Helen.

All the rest of you: I hope you all write down your memories, especially of your *first* 20 years. Just think of how different our lives were from what modern youth experiences.

Jane Barker Pringle writes from Florida, "There are four other couples here at Waterman Village in Mt. Dora who have lived in Ithaca or have been connected with Cornell. It is good to talk with neighbors who speak the same language!" **Reine Grace Bobrowe** Blakeslee and husband are wintering in Port Aransas, a fishing village in Texas, instead of Florida this year. And they find it almost as cold as the New York City temperatures they'd hoped to escape. However, a spectacular beach and an exciting view of the Gulf of Mexico help to make it interesting. (There might be some good bird-viewing, too, Grace.) She has good memories of reunion and sends best wishes to all classmates. As do I. ♦ **Joyce Porter** Layton, 1029 Danby Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850.

The '30 men's columns in the last three issues were, deservedly, devoted entirely to a narration of news submitted by former Class President **George Emeny Sr.** about his fascinating, inventive, and adventurous experiences.

By coincidence, there was no news from other classmates worthy of inclusion except word of the death of Dr. **William J. Sullivan**

sent by his daughter Pamela to **Joyce Porter** Layton, which Joyce graciously forwarded to me and which I received only yesterday. Since time has not permitted a write-up of Dr. Bill's great lifetime achievements for this issue, you will read about them in the next issue, but I am sure we all want to extend now to Pamela, Bill's son Stephen, and Bill's grandchildren Kari, Kimberly, and Christopher, our sympathy and condolences. Pamela is, in true spirit, a Cornelian by virtue of being, with her father, a reunioneer at the 65th Reunion of our class and her attendance with him at many other Cornell functions. More later.

There has been, since the last issue, what may be deemed a climactic postscript relating to George's passion for feeding birds, squirrels, and bears. I received a letter from a Cornelian who has the same passion, but only for birds, not squirrels or bears. No, he is not a classmate but a member of the Class of '49, **Ned Trethaway**, who wanted to write to George and asked me for his address, which I gave him in a pleasant phone conversation. The next episode was a letter from Ned to George, with a copy to me of the entire eleven pages, including attachments. I will not try to tell you what Ned said to George except that he had licked the problem of squirrel raids on his bird seeds and described an apparatus which had been successful, a "ground-mounted PVC feeder" featuring a "plastic baffle." (Don't ask me what any of this means but I'm sure George knows, by now.) Ned found out that he was wrongly told that squirrels could not climb to a plastic baffle when in fact they tried to climb over the baffle, and "they slide down as though it were a fireman's pole."

If I try to go on to explain Ned's instruction, I will be up the creek without a paddle, so I will defer to George, and to Ned's own classmate, i.e., my fellow correspondent for Ned's class, for any description and comments they may have. While I compliment Ned for his bird and squirrel handling skill (particularly his ability to summon chickadees to fly to his palm to eat there the birdseed Ned feeds them daily), I suspect that George's comment will be that it's no big deal to protect bird feeders where there are no bears, as on Cape Cod where Ned lives, but it's something else to protect them where bears abound, as in New Hampshire where George lives. ♦ **Benedict P. Cottone**, Bay Plaza #802, 1255 N. Gulfstream Ave., Sarasota, FL 34236; tel., (941) 366-2989.

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The World—and Cornell—is a better place for their having passed through . . . One was a classmate whose activity lines in the 1931 *Cornellian* consisted of the high school from which he graduated and the college at Cornell in which he was enrolled. The other was a transfer student not even listed in our yearbook, who was in the hotel business. One earned his EE degree in 1932, was a sometime duespayer but not a reunion attendant. The other's name does not appear on 1931's records of active classmates in any capacity—duespayer, donor, or reunioneer.

Neither ever gave any indication that would

have put him on any class Cornell Fund representative's list of prospects for "Special Gifts." Surely, neither was on any Development Office list of prime prospects for major gifts to the university. Neither had returned to our gala 60th Reunion in 1991 to be inspired by the beauty of the place, or by President Rhodes, or by all that he had accomplished. Just a couple of "nice guys" who got a good education at Cornell and went on their own way? Right?

WRONG! Each of them remembered what Cornell had done for him in his will! And by so doing the "Total Giving" by the Class of '31 for our 65th Reunion in 1996 was increased by over \$350,000 from the estates of each of these "nice guys." What a legacy! The Class of 1931 must be grateful to them for their foresight and generosity. It enabled the class to attain a position of respectability in the list of "Total Giving" in our decade of the 1930s. Though the university has doubtless adequately expressed its appreciation to their survivors, nowhere yet have we seen the recognition and honor they deserve from their classmates.

This belated note is to honor the memory of: **Edgar Van Rosen**, EE '32, who died Oct. 5, '92, and **William Downie Wood**, who died March 29, '95. (It would be nice if we knew more about the lives and works of these men who have left the world and Cornell a better place. Please send any personal recollections to the undersigned for future "Notes" and the University Archives.)

Nice note from **Emily Gorman** (4701 Willard Ave., Apt. 608, Chevy Chase, MD 20815-4615) back in December 1996, deploring our loss of **Helen Nuffort** Saunders, but rejoicing in her memories of their life-long friendship, and enclosing a check in her memory.

Next Christmas I hope you will remember the suggestion in the 1997-98 class dues letter that you send in a copy of any holiday newsletter written for family and friends. Credit **Roy Wardner** (Dr. LeRoy H., 12205 Cathedral Dr., Westminster at Lake Ridge, VA 22192-2227) with the idea. Last November he sent me a copy of his and Carol's letter announcing their new address. "After 47 wonderful years in Hartford, CT, we made a dramatic move to Dixie Land. We found a superb retirement community just south of Washington, DC. Three of our five daughters live in the capital region, and it is great to be near them and their families. . . . But this was an awesome move for us all. Our family roots lie deep in Connecticut, and we all cherish the abundant memories of life in (W. Hartford) . . . Now we are launched on a new venture . . . We love our spacious five-room "cottage" . . . We are making many new friends and are adapting to this new lifestyle with ease! There are so many new and exciting opportunities, it is hardly retirement living." ♦ **Bill Vanneman**, Thirwood Pl., #250, 237 N. Main St., S. Yarmouth, MA 02664-2079.

REUNION

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This is my last crack at you before our 65th Reunion; the next time we communicate, we'll be shaking hands and smiling. You will all have received several let-

ters from **W. E. Mullestein** and **Bernard L. Falk** with every detail you need to arrange for attendance. If, however, you want professional advice, call **Cathy L. Hogan '96**, alumni officer, who has a handle on EVERYTHING. She is available at (607) 255-3053 and her address is: Alumni House, 626 Thurston Ave., Ithaca, NY 14850.

There seem not to be many genuine bargains offered these days, but here's one: our registration fee of \$60 covers all meals, cocktail parties, and such things as lecture programs, campus tours, and on-campus transportation. We challenge the competition to equal this opportunity. For years we had a class "uniform" consisting of a distinctive hat of some sort, a jacket, and, of course, name tag . . . with very large lettering. I still have my jacket from previous reunions because it's hard to wear out a garment one wears only three days in five years.

Once again, the dates for reunion are June 5 through June 8.

I had been brooding because **William R. Bagby**, who has been a wonderful source of entertaining anecdotes, didn't provide me with anything for over a year. Just as I was getting desperate, he sent me a note and a newspaper clipping headlined, "The Spicy Secret Life of Colonel Sanders." It seems that Bill, an attorney, represented Colonel Sanders when the fried-chicken king had a few franchises around the country. The Colonel, it seems, was a very salty character, and the newspaper story reviews a book entitled *The Colonel's Secret: Eleven Herbs and a Spicy Daughter*, but Bill adds a personal item:

"One Saturday late afternoon (Sanders) made his second visit to my office, but he was alone. Mary, my wife, and I were dressed to go to a party and she was sitting in Miss Deitrich's chair in the reception room . . . the Colonel reached over and rubbed one edge of the beautiful jacket Mary was wearing and said (thinking she was my secretary), 'Boy, he sure does take care of his secretary.'" For further

Her companion is a Burmese cat (sable) who loves to sit in Jane's Cornell director's chair on her patio. Jane pointed out that the name of **John Delmar VanGeem '31**, EE '32, is not listed in our current directory. I checked my '32 *Cornellian* and his name and bio are there. "Del" was an active member of our class, especially in track events. He also lived in Erie.

Norma Phillips Putnam wrote that husband **Charles "Camp"** died from a heart attack June 28, '96. They had been married "64 happy years" and have two sons, a daughter, and six grandchildren. I think they must have been a part of almost every reunion of our class.

I'll be looking for you at our 65th. ♦ **Martha Travis Houck**, 421 Monroe St., Bridgewater, NJ 08807.

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In December 1996, **Bea Alexander Weingart** (BS Ag) was preparing to leave for Burma. Her son Jerry was working at the United Nations, and her daughter was celebrating with her husband the first anniversary of their wedding. **Betty "Ticky" Klock Bierds** and husband **Larry '34** are enjoying their retirement home, Covenant Village in Plantation, FL, with entertainment, health care, and delicious meals. **Helen Kilquist** wrote on the occasion of the first snowfall in Hartford, CT, after helping at Hartford Hospital Auxiliary's Christmas plant sale. Our Class President **Marion Ford Fraser** (Hum Ec) and husband **David, JD '37**, were planning to make their first Florida visit this winter. When David was in college, they visited Geneva, Switzerland, and Paris. Class Vice President **Nathaniel Apter** and wife Valerie changed location in New London, NH, to #55 The Seasons, still with PO Box 907. **William Norton Hall** (EE) sent a clipping from a Bristol, England, newspaper while he was in Nice, France—a lengthy obituary of **Bruce Boyce**, BA '34. Bill knew Bruce when he was teaching voice in London after he was recruited by Sir Thomas Arm-

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— JAMES W. OPPENHEIMER '32

details, buy the book. ♦ **James W. Oppenheimer**, 140 Chapin Pkwy., Buffalo, NY 14209-1104.

As you all know, it's almost time for our 65th Reunion celebration. If you suddenly realize that you *will* be able to join us, just read Jim's column for the information you need. We'll all be so glad to see you.

Since **Jane Finney** Herbert married a Penn State man, and lives in Erie, PA, her children and two granddaughters are also Penn State people. There is, however, one other Cornellian living in the same senior retirement community so she is not completely isolated.

strong, head of the Royal Academy of Music. A condensed version of the obit is at the end of this column. Bruce was on varsity crew squad and in Glee Club, sophomore, junior, and senior years, in Red Key, president of Quill & Dagger, Kappa Beta Phi, and Chi Phi at Cornell.

Treasurer **Charles S. Tracy** and **William N. Hall** were way ahead of the rest of us. Bill sent his check for dues October 5 from France and Ted sent his October 29. **Paul N. Lazarus's** highlight of 1996 was his 60th wedding anniversary with **Ellie (Tolins) '32**, returning to their Bermuda honeymoon site but in much better style. On return to New York, they greeted their

first great-grandson and now have a second in San Francisco. Paul teaches as the local "Mr. Chips" at the U. of California, Berkeley. Trying to leave them laughing, he's lightening his workload. Playing geriatric golf, he wonders why balls don't stay up in the air so long now. Quality declining, but not losing so many, at least. **Margaret "Peg" Schillke** Williams brags she holds

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Ralph Wilkes and Evelyn toured Jordan and Israel last spring. He writes that it was "an enjoyable learning experience." **Julian and Ruth Blake Wright**, Sun City, AZ, are moving into a home (under construction) in a new retirement community. Both are active volunteers in hospital and church and stay fit by walking a lot and partic-

spent three weeks in the English Lake Country last May. He was greatly impressed by their Forestry Enterprise (his field as practitioner and university professor). Also delved into family genealogy, dating before ca. 1539 in the village Dereham on the Irish Sea.

Dr. **Karl V. Krombein**, McLean, VA, entomologist, was recently honored by the publication of a Festschrift entitled "Contributions on Hymenoptera and Associated Insects Dedicated to Karl V. Kronmeim" that appeared as Number 17 of the *Memoirs of the Entomological Society of Washington* and contained 25 contributions. His plans for this year call for field research of three months in Sri Lanka and three weeks in India. This will be his 14th trip to Sri Lanka in three decades.

A pleasant summer to all. ♦ **Karl F. Schmidt**, 4780 Mount Rose Way, Roseville, CA 95747-8279.

Among our classmates are many who subscribe to *Cornell Magazine* but really very few who tell anything about their lives. So even if it isn't "news" time, when you have some special event in your life, please send it on to me so that next time we can all enjoy your news.

Caroline "Louise" Bissell Capper travels to England and Scotland and endorses the Elderhostel plan. She volunteers at a hospice and with the Alzheimer's Assn. **Mary McCarthy** Emslie, BA '51, married early but returned for her degree 17 years later! Good for her! Some of us are still well enough to travel and **Mary Terry** Goff does a lot of it!

Estelle Markin Greenhill is now in a retirement home and thinks community living is better than okay. Try to send a card to **Cleo Angell** Hill, Rte. 7, Box 681F, Ellijay, GA 30540. **May Bjornsson** Neel is another of our class in a retirement home. **Betty Buck** Reynolds is busy writing a Reynolds family cookbook and science fiction short stories, plus singing and playing folk harp and vibra harp. Wow!

Winnie Loeb Saltzman didn't say so, but I'm betting she's thinking of our next reunion! **Elsie Starks** Shreeve and I grew up in the same town on Long Island so memories come pouring back when she writes! **Mary Jewell** Willoughby now lives in a retirement home in Massachusetts but still owns and runs her family farm in Kansas. I assume computers have something to do with that.

I'm still putting in my four- or five-day hours of work at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. I am so grateful for being well enough to do the physical work. ♦ **Eleanor "Dickie" Mirsky** Bloom, 463 77th St., Brooklyn, NY 11209; tel., (718) 836-6344.

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Retirement communities are calling all seniors! Dr. **William C. Haynes**, PhD '46, and wife Dorothy moved in

December 1996 to Riverview at E. Peoria, IL, and send best wishes to classmates who are "going through that rigorous change." **Helen Berdick** Freedman (Mrs. Nathan), formerly of Walnut Creek, CA, and her husband (with Alzheimer's) moved into the "Charlestown"

“Are your children retiring already?”

— THOMAS G. MEACHEM '35

the record in our class for the most great-grandchildren—11. She also drove solo from Englewood, FL, to Buffalo, NY, last summer, and back. In Phoenixville, PA, she spent time with son **Robert O. Safford '56**, in Ithaca and Buffalo with relatives and friends, and in Springfield, VA, with her daughter and family; she had an enjoyable journey. Dues and no news came from **Edward W. Proctor Jr.**, 40 Creston Ave., Tenafly, NJ 07670.

Bruce Boyce was born Sept. 2, '10 in London, Ont., Canada; grew up in Superior, NE; and died May 15, '96 at age 85. His wife, Joy Edgerton, predeceased him. There were no children. When America entered World War II, he joined up and was posted to Britain. He claimed that his war effort consisted of sitting atop a roof near Marble Arch watching bombs explode and smoking a pipe. After the war ended he returned to London. He made his name with the New London Opera Co. with whom he sang a dashing *Don Giovanni* at the Cambridge Theater between 1946 and 1948. Tall and handsome, Boyce was ideal for the role. In 1952 he was engaged by Convent Garden to sing Count Almaviva in *Le Nozze di Figaro* under the baton of Erich Kleiber. His imposing personality and firm tone gave strength to the portrayal. He sang the role of "Jesus" all over Europe in Bach's "St. Matthew Passion" and the title part in Mendelssohn's "Elijah." After Cornell, he studied singing and interpretation in Germany with renowned Reinhold von Wahrlich. In the area of German lieder, he was renowned for Schubert's "Winterreise" and songs of Schumann, Brahms, and English works. His most telling moods were comedy and emotional ardor. Among his pupils were tenors Graham Clark, Phillip Langridge, and Bonaventura Bottone, all of whom enjoy successful careers today. He retired in 1985 to Provence after a final appearance to a packed house at Wigmore Hall in 1974. In 1992, he set up home in Bishop Auckland, County Durham. He left a legacy of recordings, including the title part in "Elijah" recorded under Joseph Krips, and the baritone solo in "Sea Drift" by Delius. Both reveal his strength of tone and intelligence as an interpreter. ♦ **Marjorie Chapman** Brown, HC 03, Box 420, Old Town, FL 32680-9685.

icipating in aerobic programs. **Ben Bradley** and wife Edythe, Pasadena, CA, have joined many classmates now residing in retirement facilities. Their son Bill, a Syracuse alumnus, teaches first grade in Los Angeles public schools.

Roger Butts and wife Dorothy now live "comfortably" in a home which they had designed and built about two years ago. They mentioned that the advancing years had curtailed their activities and travels. **Al Fleischer**, Hollywood, FL, reports "nothing exciting." Al travels North to visit with family and daughter **Karen Fleischer '67**. He recently renewed acquaintance with a cousin whom he had not seen in 56 years.

Don Hanford, Holiday, FL, successfully handled a three-way by-pass heart surgery in January 1996. Congratulations. He and Pauline spent a fine summer at their home on Cayuga Lake; returned to Florida via car train, anticipated a pleasant winter playing shuffleboard and tending their citrus trees. **Al Huntington** and Evelyn, Falls Church, VA, report on their lifestyle—overwhelming—in church, citizens' association, Arena Stage, Arlington Symphony, observation of all birthdays and anniversaries for relatives and friends. Co-edited a cook book for their church (sold for Christmas presents) and included their own recipes for "New England Boiled Dinner" and "Red Flannel Hash." Last summer they dug, separated, and replanted more than 25 varieties of day lilies. Next came raking leaves and fall clean-up. Wow!

Ed Marion reports that wife Marie had been called to her spiritual home. Class members express their heartfelt sympathy to Ed. He writes, "Feeling rather depressed and not in moods for sociability." He tries to attend meetings of the Retired Officers Assn., of which he is a charter member, and plans to resume attendance at the Cornell luncheons along with **John L. Murray '43**. He also enjoys contacts with roommate **John "Rick" Hazen**.

Herb Baum, Waverly, NY, needs help to maintain his 27-acre woodlot. Since the death of his beautiful wife in 1980 he has been trying to maintain both house and woods all alone, not as spry as he used to be but keeps trying.

Bridge players, beware. **Frank DeBeers**, Evanston, IL, participated in a "Goren" bridge cruise around the Mediterranean in September of last year. **Max Dercum**, Dillon, CO, teammate on the ski team, and wife Edna

community at Catonsville, MD. **Janet Weiermiller** Taylor, formerly of Massena, NY, moved last October to the "Lakewood Meridian" at Lakewood, CO, to be near her family and specialists in Denver who, we hope, may help with her deteriorating eyesight. **Rosaline Kunitz** Albert, of Sarasota, FL, a retired medical writer (Merck & Co.), summers in a life-care community (Foulkeways) in Gwynedd, PA. In Florida during the winter she enjoys golf and bridge and attending Cornell Club of Sarasota-Manatee events.

Are your children retiring already? **Thomas G. Meachem**, of Daytona, FL, says that his son has retired from the FBI and his daughter from the Canadian National Museum in Ottawa! Far from retiring, himself, **Reuben L. Kershaw**, of Mission Viejo, CA, serves as volunteer ombudsman in several retirement facilities, raises funds for a new library, and still finds time to play golf and duplicate bridge each week.

E. Allen Robinson, of Bellingham, WA, last September took an interesting Elderhostel tour in Switzerland, hiking and biking and staying with a Swiss family near Zurich. His 10-year-old granddaughter had a serious ski trip accident near Vancouver. Our best wishes for her recovery, Allen! Where will the cruising **Katzensteins** go next? To celebrate Marian's 80th birthday, she and **Dick** cruised on the *Seabourn Pride*, stopping and sightseeing from Tokyo to Hakodate, Vladivostok, Sakhalin, Petropavlovsk, the Aleutians, Seward, and Vancouver. Dick has had a lung operation (related to shipyard asbestos). After chemotherapy, he is now "Feeling much better" and is looking forward to our 65th Reunion! We're glad to hear that, Dick. More power! (and lots more trips) to you!

Sidney M. Walzer says, "Our gang is increasing with new grandchildren and new great-grandchildren." How many, Sid? He also said they have moved to Longwood, FL, to be nearer to their family. **Myron D. "Mike" Cantor**, JD '37, says most of our class has moved to Florida, but he's still playing guitar and singing in New York City (on Friday noon at San Martin restaurant, E. 49th St.). He also plays golf three to four times a week at Greenwich, CT.

Frederick G. Miller, of Venice, FL, spends his summers at his place at Chatham, MA, in winter attends Sarasota-Manatee Cornell Club activities, and is happy to play golf three to four times a week. **John Sullivan Jr.**, BArch '36, of Dayton, OH, sent an announcement of his exhibit in January at the historical society of his paintings, ceramics, drawings, and photographs. He added that he and Fred Miller are the only '35 Phi Delta Thetas left.

Mabel MacGregor Cladel (Mrs. **Charles E.** '29), wrote about her four grandchildren, one of whom, **C. Patrick Scholes '94** (Hotel), is assistant manager of the Grand Hyatt in NYC. Two of them are in the Peace Corps (Haiti and Chile). **Marie Shriver Manson** (Mrs. **Elmer**), of Lansing, MI, enjoyed reuniting with her northern New York roots by taking two trips, one of which was

with daughter Joyce M. Kelleher, of NYC, and son Fred, of London, England. The other trip was on a lake ship from Quebec to Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston, and Rochester.

George Fauerbach makes daily use of the Williamsburg, VA, recreation center and its library/arts center and he would welcome seeing any classmates passing by. Last May he attended a planned giving recognition program on campus, hosted by Dean Daryl Lund of the Ag college. His daughter and three sons all live close enough to keep in touch with them and his nine grandchildren. **David E. Stalter**, Seattle, WA, lost his "wonderful wife," Mary (Graves), in April 1996. He and son David were planning an R&R at his condo at The Whaler on Maui, HI. Our classmate David died a few months later, on Dec. 1, '96.

How are you on doggerel? **G. S. "Kurt" Gudernatch**, of Salisbury, CT, submitted the following to evidence his interest in surviving: "We were glad to survive in ninety-five; and we learned new tricks in ninety-six; to stay until Heaven in ninety-seven!" **George Hawley**, of Syracuse, NY, regrets not making our 60th Reunion, when he was "not well," but now he feels "quite good" again. Hope you make our 65th, George! **Wilfred Kelly**, of Middlebury, VT, was planning on being in Florida in January and taking the Cornell Panama cruise in February.

With so many fine news notes, I'm happy to say, I've had to save a number of them for our July/August column. Keep it up! ♦ **Ed Miller**, 10101 Grosvenor Pl., #1515, Rockville, MD 20852.

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Dr. John A. Ward, DVM, died in Melbourne, FL, in 1996 leaving his wife of 61 years, **Clare (Capewell) '37**, two daughters, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. When he graduated from Cornell in 1936 he was selected from 39 applicants to be the first veterinarian for the Staten Island Zoo. He also established his own practice on Staten Island, where he worked until 1982, treating animals from Brooklyn, Manhattan, and New Jersey.

Donald Monroe, Elmira, NY, also died in 1996, after serving 29 years as Chemung County judge and surrogate, and returning to private practice of law until 1994. According to his wishes, his ashes were taken to Paris, France, and scattered there on Thanksgiving Day 1996. His entire family was there for the memorial, conducted by his daughter and daughter-in-law, both of them ministers.

Others who have passed on are **Anthony Peppe** from Williamson, NY, **William M. Abbott** of Forest Hills, NY, **Ralph Thornton** of Clearwater, FL, and **Dorothea Ticknor** Van Ness's husband John, in Potsdam, NY. The Van Nesses had been married 55 years.

Katherine "Karen" Simmons Zelle, Albany, OR, always writes a Christmas letter defining her activities for the year. This year her husband, Jean, has been in a nursing home for ten years, where Karen reads books to him nearly every day. She lists the many books—best-sellers, always. **Evelyn Goetcheus**

Beiderbeck lives in Charlotte, NC. Husband **Joseph '34** died in 1996 after "57 wonderful years" of their marriage. Evelyn moved to a house where they had lived 30 years ago, and she still sees their three children often, and she does volunteer work at a nursing center and sings in a church choir. One grandson is in North Carolina School of Math and Science, and another is in North Carolina School of the Arts.

Thomas Dixon spends November to mid-May in Avon Park, FL, and mid-May to November in Norwich, NY. After 52 years of marriage he was widowed for a year and a half, and then in April 1996 married "a wonderful woman who was a good friend of the family for about 40 years, who had also lost her husband." Best wishes to them both. **Wendell Wheeler** was among the people who came to the 60th Reunion and wrote compliments about the affair. He called it "a most enjoyable occasion." Wendell and his wife have given up their condo in W. Des Moines, IA, and Leesburg, FL, is now their home. He mentioned attending a Cornell wine and punch party in November 1996 at the home of **Julia (Robb) '38** and **Paul Newman, PhD '37**, with several alumni from the Classes of the '30s, '40s, and '50s, but no others from the Class of '36.

Paul Van Nest and his wife moved into Crestwood Manor in Whiting, NJ, last year. They had lunch with **Jack** and **Peg Senesy** in September in Westchester, PA. Two of their grandsons have graduated from Engineering and are now studying for advanced degrees: **Paul Braun '93** at U. of Illinois, and **Peter Braun '95** at Cornell. Another '36er who loved the 60th Reunion was **Joseph Terry**, Corona, CA. He wrote that he and wife Lily had a wonderful time, and he complimented the committee in charge. He looks forward to the 65th. The couple expected to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in January this year, driving to Palm Beach to visit their daughter's shop there, then en route to spend a few days in New Orleans and stay at the same hotel where they spent part of their honeymoon in 1947.

Albert Tobey also enjoyed the 60th and looks forward to the 65th. He says he is still hale and hearty and leading a full and happy life in Stuart, FL. He and his two sons and fraternity brother **Chuck Egbert** met at the 60th. Dr. **Addison Scoville Jr.** wrote that his legal address is still Sanibel, FL. They maintain a home in Nashville, TN, so they can be with their family—sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren—all live in Tennessee, except for one step-grandson in the Peace Corps, somewhere in what was once called Siberia. Addison had a great time at the 60th, he said. "Of the 12 members of our class in Phi Delta Theta, only three are still living, and all were in Ithaca for reunion: **Bill Van Arsdale**, **Dwight Baum**, and yours truly."

Marshall Eldridge attended an Adult University (CAU) program, "Down to the Wire: The Campaign of 1996," in November 1996 at Mohonk Mountain House in New Paltz, NY. ♦ **Allegra Law** Ireland, 125 Grant Ave. Ext., Queensbury, NY 12804-2640.

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We are getting very close to our 60th Reunion. Our planning committees have been working very hard to make this an exceptional occasion!

Josephine Slougher Coggshall's granddaughter **Emily Coggshall Kahn '93** was married last July. Grandson **Daniel Coggshall '99** is on the Hill; granddaughter Jane is a junior at Princeton. Josephine's daughter Joanne Thibadeau teaches Suzuki violin in Ithaca at Ithaca Talent Education and Joanne's husband teaches at Ithaca High School; they have two sons in high school. Josephine's California son, **William '62**, is in computers. Three years ago Jo discovered that she had three relatives who celebrate Reunion years with her—son William, brother **William J. Slougher '42**, and sister-in-law **Lucile Coggshall Reed '32**.

Ellen Carnell Seaburg's son **William '70** is now 48. Grandson Chad is 17. Nell's travel included a long tour of California with her husband, son and wife, and grandson. Her retirement activities keep her busy with church, friends, walking, reading, and gardening. **Ruth Mason Phillips Jr.** had a seven-week trip circumnavigating South America during November and December 1995. She highly recommends this trip. Ruth still hikes actively in the nearby Blue Ridge areas, and participates in Senior Center activities and Elderhostels.

Marion Bean Parnell reports five children and 14 grandchildren. Bridge, crafts, and volunteering are her hobbies. Marion and **Norm, PhD '46**, spent a week in Silverdale, WA, visiting their daughter and family last August. They are now living in a delightful retirement community with individual ranch homes and a central building for activities of all kinds. Ohio Wesleyan is near them and they are able to enjoy music, drama, etc. **Marian Bellamy** Wedow traveled in 1995 to Nova Scotia, and in 1996 to Moscow and St. Petersburg. Her congregation (Unitarian-Universalist) is building a new enlarged church. Marian has been asked to head the decoration planning committee, which will select the pews, carpeting, upholstery, chairs, wall decorations, and color scheme. **Glenna Vreeland** Wilcox has four children, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Four went to Bucknell, Yale, Hobart, and Beaver. Other colleges attended: Lafayette, Dickinson, Colgate, and U. of Pennsylvania. Two are in pre-med, San Diego law school, etc. Her most recent trip to Costa Rica was her favorite. She enjoyed the water rafting and hiking through the rain forest. This was to be followed by a cruise. ♦ **Gertrude Kaplan** Fitzpatrick, PO Box 228, Cortland, NY 13045.

A 39-year association with Bayside Federal Savings Bank ended for **Joseph Mandel, JD '39**, when the bank merged into North Fork Bank two years ago. Joe had chaired the executive committee and was senior director. Although continuing his solo law practice, the merger did free up time for the Mandels to travel more—such as to the Italian Alps and Riviera, later to Rome, Sorrento, and Sicily. For a special 80th birthday celebration his son,

daughter-in-law, and grandchildren gathered in London, England, after which Joe and Ros visited in Scotland, Wales, and Yorkshire. Joe eagerly anticipates coming to our 60th Reunion in June.

Clayton M. Axtell Jr., JD '40, is active in his Binghamton law partnership and as president of the Conrad and Virginia Klee Foundation. He's pleased that **Amanda Stevenson '99**, one of his eight grandchildren, is a fourth-generation Cornellian. Three of the four Axtell children are Cornell graduates. Clayton and Margaret enjoyed an extended motor trip last summer to the Southwest including Grand Canyon and Santa Fe, NM, returning through the South via New Smyrna Beach, FL.

After touring China earlier last year, **John Machemer** and wife **Bianca Barbone '53** returned to the Far East to visit Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia in November. At home in Chapel Hill, NC, they are active in residence affairs of the Governor's Club community and, when in Florida, they enjoy visiting **C. Hubert** and **Charlotte Dredger Vail '35** at their winter place in Venice. Cornellians in the large Vail clan of four sons, ten grandchildren, and four great-grands include sons **Peter C. '60** and grandson **Peter C. Jr. '86**, as well as son-in-law **Steven La Rocca '69**.

James D. Andrews says the Adult University (CAU) tour and cruise in Egypt last January was truly outstanding, especially with President Emeritus Frank Rhodes as one of the resource leaders. Jim still maintains his Rochester-area law office but limits his practice to estate matters. In the "briefly noted" category are three classmates new to the column: **John G. Nutt**, Piedmont, CA, has served as a docent for 12 years in Oakland (museum unspecified); **Norman P. Dounce** of Waverly, NY, who is a Kappa Sigma chaparrone and whose daughter and two sons are all college grads; and **Charles R. Beltz** of Grosse Pointe, MI, who proudly acknowledges 21 grandchildren and seven great-grands. ♦ **Robert A. Rosevear**, 2714 Saratoga Rd., N., DeLand, FL 32720-1403.

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By this time, every '38er should have received the latest class newsletter, which includes major details of the mini-reunion planned for Lake Placid the weekend of Sept. 12, '97. If for some reason you need a copy, contact **Bill and Elsie Harrington Doolittle** at (860) 633-2705. And don't forget—use that same number right up to a few days before it all begins if you want to inquire whether there's still a vacancy. This is the nearest to campus a '38 "mini" has ever been held—the perfect warm-up for our Sizzling Sixtieth!

When the Ithaca High School class of '34's reunion committee gathers it's a Cornell '38 "mini" all by itself, at least a quorum, including **Jane Ridgway Lawrence**, **Peg Sullivan Davis**, **Marion Howe**, **George Schempp**, **W. Mason Lawrence**, and **Jack Stewart**.

Coley Asinof is one of Vermont's most mobile seniors. He and Marion were in the Rockies to help celebrate a son's marriage and

had their eyes on a mid-winter Florida trip plus Palm Desert, CA, and Denver, CO, golfing. **Dave Benjamin's** civic endeavors include symphony fundraising; travel included seeing **Wes Franklin** in Maryland and helping the **John Alberts** celebrate their 50th in Our Nation's Capital, which is, as you know, Washington, DC. **Kent Brown's** report on 11 grandchildren: "All surviving, all have good jobs, a few yet to go to college." **John Sly's** report on descendants: "We were blessed with a second grandchild—will wonders never cease?"

Nostalgia—when we were younger than the US president. Maturity—when we're older than the Pope. Which reminds us—**Phil Wolff** and **Bob Newman** and their wives "reuned" to celebrate those gentlemen's reaching the Big Eight Oh. In news held from an earlier column, Fearless Leader **Harry Martien** and Barb looked back with fond memories on an alumni trip, Waterways of Russia, which he labeled "fantastic." Ten days aboard ship (no packing/unpacking) and, Harry says, he'd never seen so much gold leaf in his life (ashore, of course).

Charlie Pratt's resigned after five years in county government work but continues other volunteer duties with Habitat for Humanity, his church, and elder transportation, and he's climbed four trail-less Adirondack mountains. **Bill Walter** hopes his New Year family newsletter'll be happier than 1996's.

We're reaching the end of now-elderly 1995 news notes, so the best we can do is acknowledge that **Hank Beuttell** enjoyed Maine summer weeks, **S. Harry Monson** endured a lengthy illness that seized his wife, **Irv Lanzner** had an Alaskan cruise in his travels and continues volunteer work with local police in crime analysis; and there are other greetings to all from **C. Orvis Sowerwine**, who's still into sax with other musicians in a 17-piece swing band, and **John Hooley**, who had "great trips" including Alaska and China—and that Erie Canal "mini." ♦ **Fred Hillegas**, 7625 E. Camelback Rd., Maya Apts. #220-A, Scottsdale, AZ 85251.

Williamsburg, VA, was the setting this past year for a mini-reunion celebrating "60 years of friendship"; the group included **Trudy Johnson** Thomas, **Martha Sweet Webb '40**, **Eunice Munger Ferguson '40**, and **Jean Rodger Condon '40**. Trudy and husband Everard are Phoenix, AZ, residents. **Mary Frances Kearns '96** is the granddaughter of **Jane Ridgway Lawrence** and **Mason**. Another granddaughter, **Elizabeth J. Kearns '99**, is a sophomore in Human Ecology. **Bill** and **Elsie Harrington Doolittle** enjoyed a cruise and travel in Greece last April, and in July, with other family members, cruised the Northern Channel of Lake Huron in two chartered sailboats. France was the destination for **Carol Thro Richardson's** annual Christmas visit with daughter Joan, who lives in Paris.

Peg Brown Coryell and **Chet '36** are full-time Florida residents, but have daughters scattered from Pennsylvania to Texas to California—great places to visit! One granddaugh-

ter is a recent graduate of Union College, another now an architect in Saranac, NY. **Mary Zink**, recuperating from hip surgery, says she'll soon be able to enjoy her hobbies of birding, tracking, etc. She's the proud owner of three champion Welsh corgi dogs, two of which are registered therapy dogs; they visit patients weekly at the Eastern Maine Medical Center. **Grace Johnson** Crosby—"Johnny"—to us—attended a watercolor workshop in Taos and Santa Fe, NM. The highlights included the opportunity to attend a spectacular Indian festival in Taos, and to watch the lift-off of more than 600 balloons in Albuquerque; an exhilarating sight!

Clara Rhodes Rosevear says "nothing new, but always busy." No wonder! She serves on the board of the local museum, is finance chair of the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Central Florida, parliamentarian of the DeLand Women's Club, a PEO member, and much more! **Pat Prescott** Hok also had a full schedule in 1996: many family get-togethers, including the graduation of a grandson from the U. of Nevada, followed shortly thereafter by his wedding, Elder-hostels in San Francisco and Seattle, and a "spa week" scheduled for January 1997. ♦ **Helen Reichert** Chadwick, 225 N. 2nd St., Lewiston, NY 14092.

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From **John Present**, my old high school classmate at Monroe High in Rochester, NY, comes word that his volunteer activities are limited to involvement in local and county recycling of solid waste materials. Cruises from Venice to Barcelona, and this year from Tahiti to Honolulu are making them pretty seaworthy.

Looking forward to our 60th in 1999 is **Ward Simonson**, who is heavily involved with Cornell activities, chairing the Greater Cleveland Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) committee.

In spite of having turned 80, **Jim White** is still water-skiing and playing tennis. He is active as the scientific adviser to the Center for Environmental Information, and in his spare time has just finished editing his eighth book, which is now on the Internet.

Now retired, after 26 years of chairing the animal science department at Ohio State U., **George R. Johnson** was honored last fall with the Meritorious Service Award by the OSU College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, formerly the College of Agriculture. This is the only award open to non-alumni of the university. George still maintains his residence in Columbus and hasn't come out of the clouds after that Rose Bowl win.

Salvatore Yannitelli gets out of Michigan for the winter months by going to Fort Myers Beach, FL. He makes the best of both climates with his favorite pastimes: golf, gardening, bridge, fishing, grandfathering, and partying, not necessarily in that order.

Highly recommended by **Edward A. "Ted" Zouck** and his wife is an alumni boat trip they took last fall on the Danube, Rhine,

and various canals going from Budapest to Amsterdam. A little golf, doing some exploring in Arizona, and visiting old friends takes up their spare time. Incidentally, your correspon-

had a great get-together last October. Since then, Peg has gone into community living at Pinehurst (#131), 1000 Pine Trail, Honeoye Falls, NY 14472.

“We were blessed with a second grandchild—will wonders never cease?”

—JOHN SLY '38

dent and wife Meg visited Ted's hometown of Bethlehem, PA, this past holiday season. A beautiful sight it was!

In spite of a church tour to Israel last spring at the time of the many bombings, **George "Whit" Irish** reports that they were never threatened and probably felt safer than they would have back home. Although very tiring, Whit said it was a good crash course in ancient and biblical history plus a quick look at modern Israel. He is still using his tonsorial talents with barbershoppers in both Florida and the North Country. After 28 years as commissioner and mayor of his hometown of Deal, NJ, **Stanley Katz** now devotes full time to the practice of law and is looking forward to the Big 60th. Most of his spare time is spent planning trips to visit his four sons and ten grandchildren scattered throughout the States.

James "Stan" Hall, your trip to Alaska, first part by bus and train with the latter part by cruise ship, sounded like the one your correspondent and his bride took on their honeymoon in 1995. Hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! Visiting daughters in Tulsa and Denver, activities with church and Lions, a bit of golf, and chairing the local tree committee in Attica, NY, keeps them occupied. The year 1978 marked their retirement from agricultural teaching and town clerk, he and she, respectively.

Tidbit: Age is not important unless you're a cheese. ♦ **Russ Martin**, 29 Janivar Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850; tel., (607) 257-1103.

Readers of this column will recall the many years of excellent reporting of our women's news by **Carolyn "Binx" Howland** Keefe, a devoted Cornellian. Binx has been ill and gradually getting worse since our 50th Reunion. She is now receiving round-the-clock care under the supervision of good friends in Binghamton, NY. She has no pain, but her memory has gone and she is very frail. All of us owe her a great debt of gratitude for her years of devotion to our class news.

Our Remembrance Garden Chair **Madeline Weil** Lowens has a new address for contributions to the Cornell Plantations. Send checks payable to Cornell U. to her at 116 Bellmore Ave., PO Box 297, Point Lookout, NY 11560-0297. **Betty Shaffer** Bosson, **Ruth Gold** Goodman, **Margaret "Peg" Schuman** Green, **Sarah "Sally" Steinman** Harms, **Barbara Babcock** Payne, **Mary "Doddie" Dodds** Phillips, **Sylvia Dean** Phillips, and **Betty "Luxie" Luxford** Webster

Kerttu (Gertrude) Pasto Bollinger, Ithaca, NY, reports that her husband had surgery in June 1996 for a tumor on his spinal cord, leaving him partially paralyzed. After two months in a rehabilitation hospital, he came home for out-patient therapy and exercises. He now uses a walker and wheelchair. Keri has been a busy 24-hour-a-day caregiver.

Mona Brierly Carvajal enjoys her new home in Boca Raton, FL. She swims and plays golf. She visited her son and grandson in McKinney, TX, and three daughters in New England—helped Vermont daughter **Nancy Carvajal** Lang '64 set up classroom for another year of teaching English. ♦ **Ella Thompson** Wright, 7212 Masonville Dr., Annandale, VA 22003; tel., (703) 573-5403.

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Bright sun here in February, as I write—for a bit. Hope it is where you are. **John** and **Patricia Maynard Downing** '42 have sold their home of 31 years and moved to an apartment, address: 110 Newbury Ct., 609, Concord, MA. John says they have found it a very pleasant place to live and he did not miss raking oak leaves all last fall! Another living change for **Robert C. Ray** during the last summer is to 12 Ridge Top Rd., Tryon, NC. He spends winters in Scottsdale, AZ. **Martha Atwood Cheney** and **Alexander** now make their home at 2831 Elmwood Lane, Mount Dora, FL, in a retirement community very different from 50 years in Ithaca, NY, she writes. Three of their four children are Cornellians; all are doing well. There are 17 grandchildren, ages 8-32; oldest is a Cornellian along with a granddaughter who is a freshman there. Their youngest lives near Tampa, FL. Welcome mat is out. Name of their "village"—?—couldn't read it!

In 1995 **Wallace Borker** hoped to move to a co-op. This year he and Bettie have moved from Scarsdale, NY, to 100 E. Hartsdale Ave., Hartsdale. They also moved his office, "closer to Grand Central" to 342 Madison Ave., NYC. Two more address changes: **Edward Ricker Jr.** is now at 908 W. Cedar Ridge Ct., 98-N, Mequon, WI. Not a big change for **Forrest Griffith** in Gibson Island, MD, but a new box, #47. Last year Griff and Betty sailed the Turkish coast and Greek isles for two weeks and toured the interior. They found Turkey to be a beautiful mountainous country and the people friendly and warm; they like Americans. Returning home, they sailed the Ches-

Green Giants

LEONARD PARKER '42

When Leonard Parker met his future wife at a beach party, it was love at first sight. It took longer to convince her father that the Cornell Agriculture student and ardent plant lover would earn enough to support Beatrice as well as the dentist she'd been dating could.

As it turns out, Bea's father had nothing to worry about. The young couple opened a small greenhouse in their home, expanding to pioneer the sale of cut flowers and potted plants in supermarkets. Half a century later, the business they once ran via homing pigeon to save on phone bills is one of the world's largest interior landscaping firms. New Jersey-based Parker Interior Plantscape has designed indoor greenery for New York's Trump Tower, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and numerous hotels. "Interior landscaping is about bringing the outdoors in," Leonard says. "It's about bringing warmth to the cold hard edge of the concrete jungle."



peaked to New England when **W. Dean** and **Hop Wallace** joined them for a week. Griff found that Dean is a good sailor, "considering how he likes to putt-putt around Lake George!" Weather and time prevented them from visiting **Curt Alliaume** on the Cape.

Finally, a note from **Dr. Francis S. Greenspan**, living at 350 Parnassus Ave., Ste. 609, San Francisco, CA. He is chief of thyroid clinic at U. of Northern California, San Francisco Medical Center, and in practice of endocrinology. In 1994 he was the clinical professor of medicine and radiology at U. of California, San Francisco. He has warm memories of wonderful days in Ithaca. It will be 60 years since those days for all us. Please come to reunion in 2000!

Don Nesbitt has spent years in investment consulting work, largely among NY State farmers. He phoned me to spread the word that he is reaching out now to young people who want to "get into the market." Don has a new program for young people interested in investing even small amounts. Many youngsters have taken advantage of his help. He is busy, but likes it that way. Anyone interested, contact him by phone at (716) 589-4542 or write him at 3196 Transit Rd., Albion, NY.

Mrs. **Edwin Semler** has let me know from Dansville, NY, that her husband has been in a nursing home over five years and knows not himself nor his surroundings. Sorry to hear this, but thank you for your note. **Julia Swenningsen Judson** still lives in Fort Collins, CO, with husband **Lowell**, '37-'39 **SpAg**. She has a continuing interest in Wom-

en's International League for Peace and Freedom. With church activities she is busy. **Carrie Hunt Knack** keeps her home in Virginia Beach, VA. She reports a new great-grandchild, the fourth. She and a daughter-in-law toured Iceland last July and Carrie also flew to Ft. Riley, KS, to spend Thanksgiving with her youngest son, Lt. David Knack.

Larry Gardner and his wife have passed their 50th wedding anniversary. They have five grandchildren, including twin granddaughters. They do a lot of "do-it-yourself" projects but took time out for a tour of New Mexico. **Clarice "Billie" Burke Meijer**, writing from Kendal at Ithaca, sends news of a mutual friend, **Betty Holdredge Smith**. I believe all three of us lived and worked at Risley the same year. Betty still has her home on Tully Lake, but as she has several children living in Florida, she may settle there. Another "Home Ec" girl just heard from is **Marian Baillie Eyerly**, who is still active in the travel agency she and her daughter operate. They have been involved in fundraising for Save the Children's NY Opera Guild, also Danbury Hospital and similar diversified organizations. Marian has been back to Ithaca often as a granddaughter earned her master's at Cornell, and is still there working on her doctorate. She writes, "My, how it has grown."

Grace Hoffman Fingerth has recently lost her husband. Send notes to her at 83 Baraud Rd., Scarsdale, NY. **Argate Polmer Hollander** sends a note this time. Her husband, **Gerard '39**, died in May 1965. She has three sons: **Bruce '65**, an attorney in Florida; **Todd**, DMD in Allentown, PA; and **John**,

DPM in Santa Rosa, CA. They have given her eight grandchildren. Argate married again in December 1989, gaining two more children and their two children, so she has a big family. She does not mention her present surname but tells of trips visiting those "spread out children," cruising, Elderhostels, golf, bridge, etc. She lives summers near Killington, VT, using PO Box #2210, RR 1. ♦ **Carol Clark Petrie**, 18 Calthrope Rd., Marblehead, MA 01945.

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I want to thank **Bill Hagar**, **Bill Shoemaker**, and **Jim Free** for sending news items without waiting for dues bill-

ing. At this time it is hard to fill our '41 column.

Bill Hagar lost his wife, Helen, in September 1996. They enjoyed 55 years of a happy marriage. He winters at 7300 20th St., Vero Beach, FL 32966. Bill asks if anyone remembers **Ted Smith's** lake inn from our days on campus.

Bill Shoemaker sent a card featuring him as a proud grandfather of Elizabeth Burke Fraca. Bill winters in Port Richey, FL.

Jim Free joined A&P after World War II. In 1966 he was transferred to a new processing plant in Horseheads, NY. He retired in 1982 and remains in the area he loves. He is an active Mason. I look forward to meeting Jim in June when in Elmira for my high school 60th reunion. Sixty is a lot of years. Don't feel that old!

Changing values. A classmate who has been married more than 50 years writes, "We are thankful our three children are all remarried." **Howard Schuck** kindly reminded me that my story of his speed skating lacks factual accuracy. His two-page correction will be included in a '41 extra. **Steve Close** would welcome classmates to visit him in Bel Air, MD. We were wrong in placing Bel Air in Florida. Sorry! ♦ **Ralph Antell**, 9924 Maplestead Lane, Richmond, VA 23235-2240.

A delightful two-page letter arrived from **Martha Perkins Melfi**. Martha is another Finger Laker touting the advantages of her retirement condominium—this one in Liverpool, NY, north of Syracuse and, "... although I feel my age, when I bicycle on the nearby trail along Onondaga Lake, my youth returns. I remember bicycling to Syracuse (from Ithaca) in the summer between high school graduation and college. Starting at dawn—it was chilly, misty, and beautiful. I rode up all hills." She familiarized herself with all the routes to her grandfather's cottage on the far shore of Oneida Lake, "stopping at farm houses for a drink of well water and a chat. Those were before the years of tractor-trailers ..." (and ten-speed bikes). Martha has been active in the Syracuse Cornell Women's Club for many years, serving as president for several terms, and also participating in the Cornell Club of Central New York.

From those of us who are still hitting the books: **Barbara Schnapp Eisen** and **Ruth Kessel** Buttery returned to Ithaca last summer for the second week of Adult University (CAU). Bobbie took an art appreciation course, and I trust "the feet held out while exploring the old haunts." Ruth immersed her-

self in political science and said, "it was a great week." She also continues her work as a volunteer at the New York City 42nd Street Library, which was a natural progression from retirement ten years ago as personnel director of a publishing company. Her present assignment involves cataloging menus which date from 1860. "The contrast between both foods and cost from 1900 till today is mind-boggling." She adds, "Yes, I do still find NYC a great place to live."

In July 1996 we received a memo from CAU that **Mildred Phillips Ramsdell** and Ben attended a weekend of study in Coopers-town, NY. Upon inquiring, Mildred replied that "indeed they had, in October 1995; they had registered for a study of Japan along with other Cornellians, many of whom had business connections in Japan. The weather was perfect and Cooperstown was charming."

Alice (Sanderson) and John Rivoire '42, MBA '48 have come to ground temporarily between two CAU trips. Last summer saw them on the North Sea Cruise; they are still recovering from their reaction to the "astounding open-air display of Vigeland's sculptures" in a park in Oslo. They give a glowing press release for the glories of Kendal at Ithaca in their yearly newsletter, and continue to say that they were soon to be admiring the ancient wonders of Egypt from a cruise on the Nile. President Emeritus Frank H. T. Rhodes and Near Eastern studies Prof. Gary A. Rendsburg were to conduct the study tour.

Eleanor Slack Randles, our alumni class president, **Bill Webber**, senior vice president, and I had the pleasure of convening in NYC for the mid-winter meeting of the Assn. of Class Officers (CACO), January 24 and 25. I was particularly concerned with meeting our new editor, David Gibson, and Assistant Editor **Sharon Tregaskis '95**, and also commiserating with other class correspondents. **Jean Syverson** Lewis, our former co-president, joined us from across the river. "Syvie" remarked on the January/February issue of *Cornell Magazine* featuring **Margaret Bourke-White '27** on the cover. She recalled what a thrill it was in her more than 30 years at *Time-Life-Fortune* offices when Bourke-White came in to deliver her work. ♦ **Dorothy Papish**, 192 Lancaster St., Albany, NY 12210-1941.

REUNION

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Have you registered for our 55th Reunion, June 5-8? It's now or never. Big Band authority Ken Jensen will lecture for all reunioning alumni of the '30s, '40s, and '50s. And that's only part of the fun! **Jim** and **Dotty Dodds Kraker** won't be satisfied unless everyone comes. Don't resist this chance to visit Ithaca. If you don't want anyone mad at you, be there.

Thanks to the following for assuring us they'll be on hand. **Donald '41** and **Thelma Drake Robinson** (Castile, NY). Thelma has retired from teaching home ec. They boast eight grands, two at Cornell. Good dancer **Bob L. Harris**, JD '47, (Denver, CO) registered for both reunions. **Richard** and Aileen **Hanson** (Corvallis, OR). Environmental ac-

tivist **Dick** has received awards from the World Poultry Science Assn., is a life member of the International Fly Fishing Federation, and chairs Preserve the Planet Earth Committee. **Elaine Seeger** Osborn (Moorestown, NJ) works with her local women's club and reunies often with **Julie Snell Wood**, **Ruth Dillenbeck Kilgas**, **Melva Wiedemann Ribe**, and **Phyllis Stevenson Uyeno**.

Love of Ithaca brings back **Louis Fishman** (Hightstown, NJ). A volunteer teacher at the RWS med school, he received the Golden Merit Award for 50 years' service to the New Jersey State Medical Society. He's still searching for golf's perfect swing, likes to ski, and attends opera, jazz, and swing concerts. **Ed** and **Marjorie Millison Ryder** (Chatham, MA) are active in their church. Ed works part-time at jewelry appraising and for the Council on Aging. They reunie yearly in Bermuda with **John Conroy** (Arlington, VA) and **Ed Holub** (Media, PA) and their wives. Ed attends meetings of the Cape Cod Cornellians as does **Ed Callis** (Harwich, MA) who traveled to Nova Scotia and to a big Callis family reunion.

John T. Jackson (Palm Beach, FL), still a company director, participates in the local civic association and keeps track of Zeta Psi's active and elder chapters. **Ed** and **Yoshiko Markham** (Kent, WA). Ed's into horticulture and political activities as a free-lance writer and photographer working on recycle programs, greenhouse conventions, and garden shows. **Charles and Alice Thompson Matten '43** (Denton, TX) visited the Bahamas and Virgin Islands. **Jim** and **Jean Pardee Cole** (Greenwich, CT), who spent last year selling their home and moving to a townhouse. **Burt** and **Ruth Witte** (Georgetown, SC), who enjoyed a great trip to Glen Eagle Golf in Scotland, London, Vienna, and Hamburg, visiting friends and relatives, will also attend. And, **Henry** and **Audrey Jones Smithers '44** (Stuart, FL), who volunteer with Habitat for Humanity and enjoyed a barge trip in France from Lyon to Dijon. Henry's hobby is building houses. Another barge voyager (Bruge to Amsterdam) is **Joe Weinberger** (Larchmont, NY), who still goes to the office part-time when not in Florida or Westhampton Beach. He and **Edith (Newman) '43** have a fourth-generation Cornell grandson—Class of '00. Joe sees **Joe Hofheimer '44** and **Lawrence "Terry" Lowenstein '43**.

We'll see **DeeDee Sumner** Gamard (Whitehall, PA), who always helps out, and **Madge Palmer Harper** (Albuquerque, NM). Also **Jim** and **Myrtie Bean** (Hustontown, PA) who keep busy visiting 15 grands, one a Cornellian. Now retired from US Dept. of Agriculture, **Jim** works on the local planning committee, enjoys hiking, and target shooting. Two sons are Cornellians. **Bob Snyder** (Newark, NY) enjoys golfing at the Newark Country Club and works at fundraising for the Newark Art Center, St. Michael School. He volunteers with the public schools.

We heard from **Bill** and **Peggy Paty** all the way from Haleiwa, HI. Bill's a busy trustee and vice chair of Pacific Fishery Management Council, and civilian aide to Secretary of the

Army. He plays golf with **Fred Schaefer**, surfs and hikes in Europe. **A. James Cochran** (Ripley, NY) still works on his farm, at the Community Food Pantry, and for the Presbyterian Church. He and **Dorothy (O'Meal) '43** have 15 grands and see many Alpha Gamma Rhos. Son is **Jack '69**, DVM '74.

Natalie Schulze Shapiro (Anderson, SC) reports that her marriage to **Bill Winchester '40** ended when he passed away in 1971. She raised their four daughters and later married Bernard Shapiro, whose son **Charles Shapiro '74** attended the Ag college. **Julia Papez Wood** (Omaha, NE) writes that her dad, the late Cornell Prof. James Papez, taught anatomy and neurology from 1921-50. He was curator of the Burt G. Wilder Brain Collection. Julia married **Harold H. Wood, PhD '50** during World War II. They boast nine children and 25 grands—is that a record or what! Two have attended Cornell.

Newly retired **John** and **Mary Lee Stroud Laird '44** (Little Silver, NJ) and **Joe** and Barbara **Littleton** (Hammondsport, NY). Joe participates in "every hobby known to man including a superb bird dog and several French horns." He attended the International Horn Society Symposium and went to Labrador for salmon fishing. **Dick** and **Ann Boone Pendleton '43**, (Ithaca, NY) wrote that Dick is on the board of directors and auxiliary board of Cayuga Medical Center, volunteering at the hospital satellite. They help at Cornell's Shoals Marine Lab, in the Gulf of Maine. **Raymond** and **Ruth Dague** (Muskego, WI). Ray is retired vice president, Allis-Chalmers. In Washington, DC, they attended the swearing in to practice before the US Supreme Court of one of two attorney sons. Ray likes computers and claims his new pacemaker enables him to jump tall buildings, go sailing, and enjoy fishing.

After a trip to China in May, **Raphael Ting** (Richmond, CA) expects to present Cornell a well-known Taiwanese artist's painting in celebration of the centennial of the first Chinese student's entrance to Cornell. **Ruth Gregory** Gregg (Alton, NY) will tell us about her second hole-in-one." Received word from **Carolee (Anderson)** and Clayton Rohrbach (Palm Beach, FL) that she is a Salvation Army volunteer and recently visited Guatemala and Italy. From Sun City Center, FL, we hear from **Harry Hoose** and **Chris Haller**. Harry retired from the National Weather Service in Juneau, AK. He married a Juneau gal, Clara, and they travel the Alaskan Highway every year. Chris volunteers with the ambulance as EMT on the SCC Emergency Squad. He golfs, bikes, and swims.

Cdr. **Frank Eldredge** (USNR, ret.) of Auburn, NY, is president of Cayuga County Boy Scouts and trustee of the First Presbyterian Church. He received the Silver Beaver Scout Award, and enjoys fishing, swimming, and boating on Owasco Lake. **Flora Mullin Briggs** (Liverpool, NY) drove to Florida last year and plays bridge with **Cora Thomas Parsons '43**. **Martha Perkins Melfi '41** is her neighbor.

Reading about "Cornell the Creator"

(December 1996 *Cornell Magazine*), I was surprised so many things came from Far Above. However, they didn't mention bittersweet ice cream, a fabulous creation. Oh, those delicious five-cent dishes at the Straight between classes. It's still my favorite flavor and something I'd hate to live without.

E-mail from **George "Bud" Orr** (Youngstown, NY) alerted me that he and **Bill Templeton** (Oceanside, CA) were pictured in the *Sports Illustrated* Swimsuit Issue of 1994. They were members of the 1938 DeVeaux High School basketball team that included the winningest college basketball coach up to that time. He'll relate more at reunion.

See you in June. Remember, we can't write about you if you don't first write to us. ♦ **Carolyn Evans** Finneran, 2933 76th SE, #13D, Mercer Island, WA 98040; tel., (206) 232-3092; e-mail, ceefinn@aol.com.

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Elected a trustee of Forbes Library in Northampton, MA, **John Detmold** is helping raise \$2 million to pay for the library's renovation "after more than a century," he writes, "of hard use." Even the carrels are dog-eared?

War stories. Here's an excerpt from **Warren Vogelstein's** long, long letter describing a five-week trip to Europe last summer: "Took a 2-1/2-hour train ride to Berlin, my native city. I didn't like it when I lived there from 1920-1932, except for the zoo around the corner from our house on the edge of the Tiergarten, and my feelings had not changed on a previous revisit during a three-day pass while I was stationed in Heidelberg as an MI, later CIC, officer in the US Army."

John Alden expects his book to be published this year by the US Naval Inst. It's a biography of Rear Adm. Edward Ellsberg, famous for salvaging sunken submarine S-51 in 1925. He went on to raise scuttled ships and floating drydocks in World War II and wrote extensively about salvage and diving during the 1930-60 period.

And another quote from a piece in the Hotel School *Bulletin* by **John Vonetes**, thanks to an aging letter from aging **Dave Estes**: "Joseph Persico's *Nuremberg Remembered* includes mention of my year-long involvement in the trial of major war criminal Nazis. This rewarding assignment topped off my five-year tour in the Army's Office of Strategic Services. David Estes served with me both at OSS, and in school and training headquarters in Washington, DC. Together we planned and supervised housing accommodations and food service for all participants and visitors at the trial, except for the defendants and the jail." Dave reports that he and Ginny, now that their three sons own and operate the Landfall restaurant he built some 50 years ago, live in Stuart, FL, next door to **Doug Blackburn '39**, onetime editor of *The Cornellian*.

Peggy (Clark) '44 and **George "Champ" Salisbury** celebrated their 50th anniversary last August. "Visited some of our early haunts in the Ithaca area. Most of them are now parking lots or condemned buildings.

Even the spot in Willard Straight where we first met was closed for the summer. Meanwhile we spend our time lawn bowling—like watching paint dry—and observing the water table fall in our new Sun City, AZ, home."

In December, *The Wall Street Journal* carried an op-ed article by **H. R. Shepherd** entitled "Still Needed: An AIDS Vaccine." Former chairman and CEO of Armstrong Pharmaceuticals and a world-recognized expert on aerosol medications, Shep today serves as president and chairman of the Albert B. Sabin Vaccine Foundation, dedicated to preventing deadly diseases through advances in vaccine development and delivery. He and wife **Carol Ruth (Shapiro) '44** have four children, four grandchildren.

Shigeo Kondo writes: "Oldest daughter, Linda (Rhode Island School of Design '81), and husband John Chapman made us grandparents last January. Second daughter, **Nina '82**, was married in September to **Don O'Connor '81**. Son Paul (Rutgers '86) is in computer business here in Maplewood, NJ, after years with AT&T. Third daughter, Mariko (Wittenberg '88), was married to Alvin Miyatake two years ago and now lives in Hawaii. I'm still with Union County medical examiners office since retiring from full-time pathology in 1988. Will move across town soon to a retirement community where **Jack Chance** will be a neighbor. ♦ **S. Miller Harris**, PO Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA 18968; e-mail, millerharris@attmail.com.

Mary Close Bean "beats" **Trevor Wright** in having the youngest grandchildren—twins!, born August 1996! **Margo Sturgess** Dietshe enjoyed a ten-day tour of Israel—"dry"—and Jordan—"small"—last November. **Sallie Atlas Hewett** broke both hips during a six-year period as a result of "stupid accidents." She is recovering.

Joe '42 and **Edy Newman Weinberger** have grandson **Michael Tofias '00** (on Tofias and Newman side). Edy chatted up **Roy Unger** last fall. He lives in Kendal at Ithaca; Nobel prize winners are his neighbors. She and Roy exchanged "hip" stories.

Barbara Styles Hagan lost **Bill '47** to cardiac arrest in March 1996. She lives in Litchfield, CT.

Last July **Mary Crowley** Rivin fell and dislocated her shoulder and damaged nerves controlling the hand. She is recovering slowly. She works with League of Women Voters in Santa Fe, NM.

Phil and Rosemary Williams Wilson spent their seventh summer at Oxford with Oxford professors on an art and architecture project, years 1430-1530. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 4, '96. Granddaughter **Carol Wilhelm '98** keeps them up to date on campus happenings.

Dottie Brown Murphy would like to hear from Cornell friends (any Tri Deltas, included). She summers in Canandaigua, NY, and winters in Venice, FL.

Many classmates sent dues but, hey, what about news? It's your column. To those who inquired, Hedy's grandsons have fully recov-

ered. ♦ **Helene "Hedy" Neutze** Alles, 15 Oak Ridge Dr., Haddonfield, NJ 08033.

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The Class of '44 was well represented at the Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) meeting in New York City on January 25. Seventeen classmates with seven spouses came to the Crown Plaza Hotel for discussions, suggestions, and lunch—**Margaret Pearce** Addicks, **Hubert Aronson** and Sylvia, **Alison King Barry**, **Virginia MacArthur** Claggett, **Louis and Janet Buhsen Daukas '46**, **Olga Senuk** Diamond, **Joseph File** and Dorothy, **Hugo Gelardin**, **Jerome Hoffman** and Joan, **Sigmund and Serena Ginsberg Hoffman '47**, **Art and Dotty Kay Kesten**, **Jerome Levitan**, MBA '48, and Helen, **Hilda Lozner** Milton, **M. Dan Morris**, **Robert Schmidt**, and **James and Janet Elwin Starr '46**. Only two missed the wrap-up class dinner at Hurley's restaurant. "A good time was had by all," says Dotty.

Recent retirements are being reported. Dr. **A. Louis Shor** retired as a consulting veterinarian to manufacturers of animal drugs. **Anne Bishop** McKusick retired in 1996 after 39 years of practice in rheumatology. Husband Victor is still working full-time, apparently worldwide. They have been to Italy twice, once touring Sardinia and having an audience with the Pope in Rome, taken a ship-board genetics course with trips to six Greek islands, made a long stay in Nova Scotia, and journeyed to Brazil, Switzerland, and Saudi Arabia. **S. Harvey Janowitz** says after he retired at the end of 1995 he volunteered to teach math and substitute wherever needed in the Englewood, NJ, school system. **Alfred Richley**, a retiree, helps son **Tim Richley '77** with his landscape business one day a week.

William Calvert of Clinton, CT, retired long ago but has been working with local and regional school boards involving special ed and multicultural magnet programs. **Alan Lederman** stays busy volunteering with the Washington Opera and Opera America, a trade association for professional opera companies and singers. He also travels—this year spending five weeks in Spain, plus a tour of the Galapagos Islands. **Don Crandall**, a widower since 1972, is a very active retiree. In Medina, NY, he's much involved in the work of the United Methodist Church, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Lions Club. He has three sons, four granddaughters, and one grandson and says "everyone is working so hard to pay for the new house, car, cordless phone, cable TV, home computer, etc., no one has time to visit . . . monthly phone bill averages \$125." His sister Helen has sons **Grant Perry '65** and **Allen Perry '67**. **John B. Cummings** reads, plays bridge, and serves as secretary of the Binghamton Rotary Club.

Helen Couch Darling has four children and four granddaughters who keep her busy in Odessa, NY. In winter she skis at Greek Peak with a group of seniors (some Cornellians). Some are speedy and others slow but they all have fun. Alison King Barry and Alan ski in winter, sail in summer. Alison reports "Same

husband, same house, same dog—busy!” **Helen Knapp** Ingerson of Rochester, NY, is a sailor. In October she received the Nathaniel G. Herreshoff Trophy, the US’s most prestigious award for outstanding contributions to the sport of sailing. Having spent much of her life promoting the sport through education, training, and judging, Helen is known worldwide. **Robert Garmezzy**’s sport is table tennis. He’s “still playing competitively but losing more!”

More 50th wedding anniversaries—**Gordon Clement** of Santa Rosa, CA, writes, “**Priscilla (Alden)** ’46 and I are just finishing up our anniversary year and it has really been a banner one with family reunions and trips and good health.” They’re looking forward to the class’s 50th Reunion. **Christine Sexauer** Simons says they celebrated for two weeks at Thousand Island Park, NY, with all their family together. Family came from Coimbatore, India; Mexico City, Mexico; Vancouver, BC, and Brockville, Ont., Canada; plus Oakland, CA, and St. Petersburg, FL (their home address). Marion and **E. William Kaegebein** honored the milestone with a two-week fling in Hawaii in early 1997. Last year they spent six weeks traveling from Polk City, FL, “like normal folks (having sold their RV) visiting kids, grandkids, other family, and friends in Ohio, New York, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Virginia, and Georgia.” This included attending the 85th Kaegebein reunion (he’s missed only two in his lifetime) and Marion’s 50th reunion at Buffalo State College.

The following are brand new news contributors (since September 1991 when **N.T.R.** became your scribe—I do keep track of names and dates of inclusion). **William G. Evans** of Camillus, NY, retired ten years ago after 40 years in science research with Bristol Myers Squibb. He mentions a family of eight—four boys and four girls, all Syracuse grads (“Sorry, Cornell”). **Seymour** “Sy” and **Carol Senft Reiman** ’45 visited son John and family in Corvallis, OR. John, a research professor at Western Oregon State U., “concentrates on research and support of children in this country who are deaf and blind.”

Correction: **Bob Ballard**’s wife is Renata, not **Roberta Woody** Ballard ’61 as was reported in the January/February ’97 column. [A mistake of the editors, alas.—Ed.] ♦ **Nancy Torlinski** Rundell, 20540 Falcons Landing Cir. #4404, Sterling, VA 20165.

45 Having just moved into our new residence and officially become Rebels, instead of the displaced Yanks we were during the Norfolk Navy years in the early 1950s, we’re enjoying the warm weather and looking back on leaving the Big Apple with mixed emotions (defined as watching your mother-in-law drive your new Mercedes off a cliff). After ten days of unpacking we’re heading for the beaches of Hawaii for some R&R time, but we don’t expect to match the feat **John Cousens** (Sarasota, FL) pulled off there last year when he landed a 120-pound blue marlin. John is still in the life insurance business

with Massachusetts Mutual after its merger with Connecticut Mutual, despite Sarasota’s reputation as a retirement oasis.

Also still working away, despite her professor emeritus title, is **Ruth Halpern** Gutt-

Received news from my old buddy **Charles Correll** (Orange, CT) whom I haven’t seen since he was commodore of the Milford Yacht Club 20-some years ago. Chuck recently remarried; he and Robin

“William G. Evans mentions a family of eight—four boys and four girls, all Syracuse grads (‘Sorry, Cornell’).”

— NANCY TORLINSKI RUNDELL ’44

man (Jerusalem, Israel), who teaches psychology at the Hebrew U. of Jerusalem and supervises theses of four would-be PhDs. She terms our 50th Reunion (her first) as marvelous in every way. So does **Anna Huttar** MacDonald (Ponte Verde Beach, FL), who feels so grateful to our hard-working committee that she volunteers to be on the next one. Hut-Hut’s son **Craig MacDonald**, a former resident professional with Cornell’s theater department, has been joined in Ithaca by her granddaughter and Craig’s niece, **Amanda MacDonald** ’99. Not to be outdone, **Phyllis Avery Olin** and **James** ’44 (Roanoke, VA) sold Cornell to their grandson **Marc Olin** ’99, who was on the freshman crew and is in the jazz band.

On the subject of these members of the century end’s classes, we received an update from **Bruce Choi** ’98 (who’s from Aurora, CO), one of our class Cornell Tradition fellows. Since his letter of thanks two years ago, Bruce has been carrying 18 credit hours in Engineering (materials science), working at the West Campus service center and tutoring a Lansing High School student. He’s also an orientation counselor and host of the Red Carpet Society and a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Summers find him working, too, recently as a utility plumber. Another 1945 fellow, **Emily Loriso** ’97 (Brooklyn, NY), entered as an educational psychology major but changed to human development and family studies in the College of Human Ecology (nee Home Economics) and plans to go on to graduate school. She’s also a Red Carpet host, an advisor to new Cornell Tradition Scholarship fellows, and historian of her sorority, Chi Omega. The third report comes from **Jennifer Testut** ’97 (Ithaca, NY), an economics major in her first year as a fellow. She has two working jobs, as receptionist at Noyes Language Center and as a training captain for Cornell Catering which led her to serving us at our 50th Reunion dinner. She’s a member of the color guard and treasurer of the Big Red Marching Band. All of these worthy recipients are appreciative and should make us proud to be able to help them. It appears that they don’t use Strunk any more at Cornell; all three follow the Academy Awards practice of “I would like to thank . . .” instead of just saying “I thank . . .”; to this dumb engineer it sounds as if they are telling us that “I would like to thank you but I won’t”—certainly they don’t mean it that way!

should be at the 55th. A welcome note from **Dan Hartley** (Summit, NJ) relating his travels wore me out; New Zealand, Australia, St. Maarten, French Riviera, Monte Carlo, California, and 25 days of skiing at Sugarbush, VT, where he and Phyllis have a second home. In his spare time Dan is president of the Exxon Financial Club and a member of the Mayor’s Alliance Committee in Summit. Hrtko is a gogo, but he always was! ♦ **Prentice Cushing Jr.**, 713 Fleet Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23454-7321; fax, (757) 716-2401.

46 More 50th Reunion comments: Reunion Co-Chair **Mavis Gillette** Sand (E. Aurora, NY), “It was great to see so many at our 50th. Thanks for the help of many classmates, too. Daughter **Natalie W. Sand** ’76 is home for three months from Ghana, Africa, where she is putting an unwritten language into writing, working with the Wycliffe Bible Translators. She expects to have the Gychode New Testament finished soon after 18 years of work.” **Meg Geiling** Grashof wrote, “Bob and I had a great time at reunion. If any class members who live in Florida or are ‘snowbirds’ want to get together I will be glad to organize. Address: 6374 Plantation Dr., Spring Hill, FL 34606; tel., (352) 688-4863.”

Kay Smith Mancini (Palm Coast, FL): “Wonderful time at reunion. Spent a lot of time with Kappa Kappa Gamma roommate **Jane Purdy** Cable. I am still active in real estate. Visit me; I am just off I-95, Exit 91C.” Jane (Naples, FL) writes, “I enjoyed the reunion very much but was disappointed with the picture (needed a magnifier). Also attending were five Kappa Kappa Gammas and several Tri Deltas. I am in touch with other Florida Cornellians: **Evelyn Knowlton** Lambert ’45, **Dorothy** “Bunny” **Iler** Sanders and **Carol Cleveland** Haughwout, both ’46, and **Jean Jephson** Schild ’47.” (Ed. note: sorry about omitting sorority members from the reunion report, but no one signed the paper at the desk—let me know if anyone else was forgotten. And, yes, I needed a magnifier, too—we should only have had ’46ers in photo and not Cornellian spouses.)

Kay Foote Shaw (Penfield) wrote, “Great reunion! Well planned; had a wonderful time renewing and continuing friendships.” **Naomi Colvin** Gellman (NYC)

wrote that she "loved" our 50th. Her children include **Jon Gellman '70** (New York U. law '77); **Rachel Gellman '72**; **Deborah Gellman '75**, MBA '82, plus David (SUNY, Albany, MBA '79). **Nancy Hubbard Perryman** (Webster, NY) could only attend on Saturday so missed our picture-taking, but "enjoyed being with **Rayma Carter Wilson** and **Carolyn Usher Franklin**. Even met **Margaret Monteith Edelman**, one of my former roommates, on a bus." ♦ **Elinor Baier Kennedy**, 503 Morris Pl., Reading, PA 19607.

Alumni House forwarded me two interesting pieces. The first was the reflections of **Jan Rus '49** on Cornell's 1946 football squad. He claims, "The 1946 Cornell football team was probably the most unusual team in the school's history. The war was over, and veterans were returning to school along with the usual number of entering freshman." Jan, a member of that squad, tells of Coach Ed McKeever's personal obsession with avenging a 59-0 shellacking by Army that his 1944 Notre Dame team absorbed. He prepared by recruiting some of the most talented players capable of making it through the admissions office from many sources, including such top military base teams as Iowa Pre-Flight, Maxwell Field, etc.

Jan writes, "From the first day of spring practice there was one message Coach McKeever emphasized—October 5 was the date Cornell would play Army at West Point. As it

turned out, Cornell was the first team to score a touchdown on a sustained drive against the legendary Army team, although we lost the game 21-46. Army went on to become the Number-One ranked team again in 1946."

Jan lists many of the Cornell squad members and many of their war experiences: **Walt Boychuck '49**, **Bernie Babula '50**, **Frank Stoviak '49**, **George Cronin '49**, and **L. P. "Pete" Dorset '50**, JD '53. He mentions some of the football field exploits of **Frank Wydo '50**, **Lou Daukas '44**, **Walter Kretz '48**, **Fred Westphal '48**, **Joe Distasio '48**, **Joe F. Quinn '49**, **Frank Pastuck '41**, and Cornell Hall of Fame inductees **Hillary Chollet '49**, **Norm Dawson**, **Bob T. Dean '49**, **Pete Dorset**, and **John B. "Jack" Rogers III '45**, MBA '50. Some of the storied athletes they opposed were Army's Glen Davis and Arnold Tucker, Penn's Chuck Bednarik, and Columbia's Bill Swiacki.

John E. Lowe, DVM '59, of Ithaca, sent in an article by Sara Cavanagh in the January/February 1997 edition of *The Horse of Delaware Valley* about Dr. **Robert C. Rost, DVM '46**. Cavanagh writes, "An all-around horseman whose input has influenced virtually every aspect of the sport of horse showing was honored with the Jimmy Williams Award during the American Horse Shows Assn. annual convention, Jan. 16-19, in San Diego, CA.

She continues, "... Doc has been an exhibitor, trainer, judge, steward, course designer, horse show manager, veterinarian, and drug tester..." She gives examples of his exploits and his very human qualities, as well as quoting tributes from some of his prominent colleagues.

If you'd like a copy of either article from which I've excerpted, please write me at the address below. When you do, send a blurb about yourself that I can pass along in this column.

See you on the Hill for our 55th—2001, An Ithacan Odyssey! Please send news. ♦ **Paul Levine**, 31 Chicory Lane, San Carlos, CA 94070; tel., (415) 592-7189; Fax, (415) 593-2572; e-mail, pblevine@juno.com.

REUNION

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If you, dear reader, have not committed to being on campus for our 50th Class Reunion in June, please hit the positive button in your head NOW and get in touch with Co-Chairs **Marv** or **Hannah Haas Wedeen**, RD4 Thawmont Rd., Sewickley, PA 15143, with telephone (412) 741-6012. Or, if they are unavailable for some odd reason, you can buzz Alumni House and reach **Margaret Gallo '81** at (607) 255-7085; she and other staffers have been energetic dynamos in getting so many details in order for us. The Wedeens have announced via February mailing a most attractive program with oodles to do for folks of all persuasions at most reasonable prices. What more can one do? Fantasize—the class officers on line doing the Macarena!

Turning to other issues before we get dizzy with body movement thoughts, how about **Melba Levine Silver** taking an Adult Univer-

sity (CAU) trip to Egypt? Did our vivacious Melba cause those tombs and ancient wall figures to shake? Other CAUers were **Murray** and **Enid Rosenblatt** at Mohonk Mountain House with **Bill '45** and **Isabel Mayer Berley**. Writing in those latter two, I think perhaps CAU campus office should plaque them for all the trips they have taken; must be a long list, bless 'em. Oh, the Berleys CAUed to Syria, as well. **Malcolm Steinberg**, a 40-year veteran with Texas Dept. of Transportation, has been reinstalled as a director of the American Society of Civil Engineering (ASCE)—the ceremony was held at ASCE's annual convention in Washington, DC. His professional accomplishments and roles leading upwards are impressive. **Steve Jeckovich**, BME, and wife Millie spent fall 1996 in Poland as Civilian Democracy Corps volunteers. Management consulting, advising on transition from communism to market economy, lecturing on management issues in Katowice. They add, "... got a very good insight into social, political, religious, and economic matters."

Marjorie Helgans Hughes indicates that somehow she failed to pay class dues promptly, indeed odd for her, but she'll be here for reunion! A neat January note from **Norm Kantor**—right after our graduation he hooked up with his father in New Jersey plumbing business, where Norm remains today. Norm's Dutch wife, Margareta Smulders, and he have two married children. A son left family plumbing business and has opened "The Screening Room" in Tribeca section of Manhattan—a restaurant with movie theater plus "I" (for interactive) rooms, these for private dining and viewing. *New York Magazine* has publicized advantageously, as well as *The New York Times* and *Variety*. Meanwhile, Norm as chairman and CEO keeps the 85-year-old plumbing business going. Says we write with a pleasing insouciance that reminds him of a young fellow with whom he was briefly acquainted in seventh and eighth terms named **Barlow Ware**. Hey, we're pleased Norm is his own rock-solid self.

Hotel manager **Jim Healy** has a son who owns a floating home made famous in *Sleepless In Seattle*. Jim and Kay have slept there. Watch for **Jim Hutchinson** at reunion; he carries on as president of sales association of the paper industry. **Tom Kiley**, and **Jerry** and **Barbara Bayer Silver** have been doing promo work for our 50th in the Northeast. Big-time effort last fall for Harvard-Cornell football game. Way back in May, **Carl Ferris** wrote a note while at campus Statler. Carl and **Constance (Foley)** have granddaughter **Robyn Meyer '97** graduating from the Ag college this May. Ooh, two close visits to Ithaca, we guess. Dare Carl and Connie miss reunion?

Floridians **Durand Fisher** and wife with family are still in nearby Spencer; good reason to see those people in June. **Jean Hough Wierum** and **Betty Miller Francis** get together occasionally; we're feeling that a local get together will occur within the month. **Karl** and **Marianne Michaelis Goldsmith '46** still have Cayuga Lake cottage, where they spend summers with children, many grandchildren,



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in-laws, assorted others—no wonder we never see them in Ithaca proper. Karl holds to business world through employee benefits arena. Others anticipated at 50th: **Lois Irene Haigh Mann**, **Elizabeth Bretz Carsley**, **Sawyer Thompson**, **Lucille Holden Smith**, **Dan Belknap**. Sign off line here. ♦ **Barlow Ware**, 55 Brown Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850-1247.

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Bart Holm, Wilmington, DE: "Fortunately, no significant family events. Three children and six grandchildren doing their normal hectic things. Enjoy three months every summer on Lake Champlain. Enjoyed a week of skiing at Aspen where, at age 70, I've earned free skiing! Traveled to Charleston, SC, with Adult University (CAU), Florida, Caribbean, Boston, and California. Traveling is fun but being at home is best." **Stan Gilbert**, Miami, FL: "Acupuncture tomorrow. Life is not always a bowl of cherries. Have recently learned that I have forgotten most of what I ever learned. Go with the Flo (whoever she may be)."

Richard Fletcher, Hartwick, NY: "Retired from food operations consulting. Now writing poetry. If it's pork barrel spending to which we object, then a kosher congress we must elect. 'Tis better we do community service than have the community serve us. If the golden rule were lived by everyone, living in the world would be a lot more fun." **Lynn Ellis**: "Retired, moved from Westport, CT, to Clearwater, FL. Go to condo association meeting tomorrow. Six grandchildren." **Al Eisenberg**, Hewlett, NY: "Sold my 'Mocrotran' electronic transformer company to a Japanese firm. Stayed on as consultant for one year, retired, and bought second home in Hypolucio, FL. Took up my ham radio hobby again and registered as student at Hofstra U."

Charles Downey, Dansville, NY: "We're on our way to Marysville, OH, where daughter is hosting my World War II shipmate reunion. Then on to Colorado to visit other daughter." **Norton Dodge**, Mechanicsville, MD: "Professor emeritus. Received honorary degree from Rutgers U. Lost 400 feet of dock and a section of seawall to hurricane. Confer with state officials on reconstruction tomorrow. I'm involved with the art museum at Rutgers, which inaugurated the exhibition of 12,000 pieces of non-conformist art, 1956 to 1986, released from the Soviet Union and donated by the Dodges. The catalogue is titled "From Gulag to Glasnost."

Martha Smith Sowell, Palos Verdes Estates, CA: "Oldest daughter and family moved back to California from Andover, MA. Looking forward to more family get-togethers. Last September we took the Carnival cruise up the Inside Passage to Seward, AK, with stops at Ketchikan, Skagway, Juneau, and Sitka. Took the Dome train to Denali National Park, where we had a rarely-experienced clear view of Mt. McKinley. Next was a salmon-fishing expedition by the husband. We are currently awaiting the arrival of our fish and expect to have a salmon barbecue."

Amy Clark Spear, Rydal, PA: "On La-

bor Day the girls, children, and I gathered in Ithaca to scatter the ashes of husband **Ed '45** on Lake Cayuga. While there, we sampled several of the ethnic eateries in Collegetown. Granddaughter **Lesley Oakes '00** was already on campus as an entering freshman. I'm still concentrating on gaining weight and, for a week now, trying to balance my checkbook. Life is never dull here in Rydal Park, but there are few momentous occasions. Have observed that more people want to lose weight than to gain weight. My solution to today's most pressing problem is to gain more weight!" **Matilda Norfleet Young**: "New address is 5415 Patriots Colony Dr., Williamsburg, VA 23188."

Harold Vroman, Cobleskill, NY: "Retired professor, business administration. Awarded 'Citizen of the Year in Schoharie County' by the *Cobleskill Journal*, Jan. 3, '96 issue." **Tom Trafzer**, El Dorado Hills, CA: "Wife **Jane (Bird)** and I are both retired. Enjoy life with four married children, 11 grandchildren. Trying to shoot my age in golf—should be given up as a lost cause. Spent Elderhostel month in Limerick, Ireland; Edinburgh, Scotland; and York, England. Great way to vacation." **Virginia Keeler Smith**: "Divide the year between State College, PA, and Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. Best of both worlds."

Win Shiras, Winnetka, IL: "Currently lecturing twice a year at the Johnson School of Management on 'Bankruptcy' and 'Turn-Arounds,' and acting as a judge to the students' annual business plans." **Bob Seidel**: "Moved to a villa at Waverly Heights in Gladwyne, PA (closer to Philly). New phone, (610) 645-8679. In 1995 traveled on the coast of Turkey viewing Greek sites of antiquities. Last week visited friends in New England. Yesterday went to a lecture on recent history of China."

Ray Schumacher, Milford, OH, "Enjoyed reception and dinner at Statler to honor **Dick Brown '49** and others for outstanding service to Cornell. The **W. Fred Hicklings**, **E. T. Moores**, and other Lambda Bids were on hand to cheer." **Dick Saur**, Farmingdale, NY: "Retired after 48.5 years at Hazeltine." **John Saunders**, Plandome, NY: "Retired president of Slattery Construction, largest heavy construction firm in Metro NYC area. We're always packing and unpacking, to spend four to five months at John's Island Club, Vero Beach, FL, a lot of summer in Westhampton Beach, and the rest in Plandome doing painting, plumbing, and electrical repairs. Did three-week golf trip last year in New Zealand and Australia, where 40 of us played 40 of them in six different cities. Also took three-week July cruise in Baltic, visiting ten cities. Great experience, wonderful trip!" ♦ **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050.

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Do you zap through this column looking for familiar names, or do you read about all your classmates so you'll be in-the-know at our 50th? Ummm?

Homes—**Barbara Way Hunter**, NYC, bought and is renovating a 20-room 1812

house in Walpole, NH. **Art** and **Terry Lowenthal's** house is on the historic register in Saratoga Springs, NY. During the summer, tour buses stop and people pour out to take photographs of their Victorian. For more than three years **James J. "Jim" Melead** and **Katherine** called home a custom van, traveling all over the US of A and parts of Canada. "Major travels by van have ended—we now fly. Confirmed Californians living in Modesto. Thanks for the memories and Bob Hope!" says a reminiscing Jim.

Mary Lou Seeley Reeves and **Stanley J. '48** headquarter in Syracuse, summer on the Finger Lakes, and spend November-April in Clearwater, FL. They enjoy bridge, church activities, and fishing. **Elaine "Toby" Tobkin** Pelavin and **Al** escape to their home away from home in Italy ("a joy, delight, and retreat") for three weeks, three times a year. Last year Toby visited Dr. Mollie Smart and her daughter, Dr. Ellen Smart, following the death of Dr. Russell Smart, retired professor of child development and family relationships. "Russ and Mollie were my friends and mentors, brilliant examples of humanity combined with academic excellence and distinction—the best part of Cornell for me!"

Here's a "home" we can all enjoy. **Frank Davis** and **Mary** have a 15-room bed-and-breakfast "Danish Chalet Inn" on St. Thomas, overlooking the beautiful Charlotte Amalie harbor. For more details contact them at PO Box 4319, St. Thomas, USVI 00803.

Now more great news—more prominent classmates! His former colleagues at Marshall U. School of Medicine, in Huntington, WV, recently honored Dr. **Albert "Al" G. Moat**, who chaired the microbiology, immunology, and molecular genetics department 1978-94, by unveiling his portrait to hang in those hallowed halls. He was wine, dined, and taken to a winning Marshall football game. Since the school colors are green and white, the artist took artistic license and dressed Al in green. Nevertheless, Al is still true-blue to the Big Red! He remembers fondly the Cornell-Harvard game in October 1995, when a group of Big Red gridders from '48, '49, '50 got together.

The School of Industrial and Labor Relations (ILR) has established the **Jack Sheinkman** professorship of collective bargaining in honor of the former president of the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union (ACTWU). Jack is now president emeritus of ACTWU, chairman of the Amalgamated Bank of NY and the Amalgamated Life Insurance Co., vice chair of Council on Competitiveness and of the Business Labor Community Coalition of NYC, and an emeritus member of the University Board of Trustees (1970-88). Congratulations to Al and Jack.

John S. Efrogmson, Toledo, OH, enjoys working too much to retire! He spent three weeks in China—fascinating! "Learned just enough Chinese to bargain a little and ask directions to the bathroom." **Joleen "Jo" Judge Martin**, Rumson, NJ, was appointed director of Valley National Bank in Wayne, NJ. Dr. **Maurie Semel**, Bucyrus, OH, says he went from the frying pan into the fire! Left

presidency of local community hospital and assumed leadership of Area Agency on Aging—administers state and federal funds for programs in nine counties. **Albert “Al” C. Condo Jr.**, Newtown Square, PA, has survived his 11th year of retirement from Atlantic Richfield, but is now in tenth year on the chemistry department faculty at Villanova U. Enjoys skiing with son and local vets of the 10th Mountain Div. (World War II) Ski Troops. **Robert “Bob” Dean**, Ithaca, sold DEANCO in 1994 and Bob Dean Inc. in 1995 and is spending more time in Park City, UT, “mostly on a mountain at Deer Valley or Park City ski areas.”

Stephen “Steve” B. Profilet, Temple Hills, MD, says, to verify his retirement as chief engineer, just stop on your way South at the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission’s Glass Tower on I-95 in Laurel, MD—his name is cast in bronze! **Stanley “Stan” M. Anderson**, Glens Falls, NY, after 16 years of retirement and driving across the scenic United States wouldn’t trade any place for beautiful Lake George and the Adirondack region! **Lawrence “Larry” S. Smith** retired in 1984 from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and is now doing the same work as a volunteer! He’s a representative and secretary for National Wildlife Refuge Assn., trustee and 1995 president of Whooping Crane Conservation Assn., and historian, 9th Bomber Group Assn. He and wife Virginia have traveled to Korea, New Zealand, England, South Africa, and China.

James W. “Jim” Short moved to Winter Park, FL, 11 years ago, after 32 years with Procter & Gamble. “Joined local University Club—700 members and only two Cornellians! Where are they all?” Also in Stag Club, which has weekly luncheons, volunteers at Cancer Care Center, and is active in Episcopal Church. Spent three years living in the Alpha Omicron Pi basement at Cornell. Fond and not-so-fond memories of shoveling coal and snow plus waiting tables. Senior year the sorority replaced the coal furnace with oil and the members waited on their own tables! News of **Albert G. Morra** came from his wife Angelica “Jane.” Albert retired from Met-Co in June 1989 as production manager. “Unfortunately his memory has declined with each year and college life, etc., have faded away.”

Winifred “Winnie” Parker Richards, N. Olmstead, OH, says her husband cat-sat again for her four spoiled felines while she tripped to the Gaspé last summer. **Elaine “Lainie” Rosenfeld Cines**, Columbus, NJ, went on an Elderhostel to Arizona “Southwest Textile Weaving,” reminiscent of a course many moons ago; also cruised the Mediterranean. **Mildred “Chris” Christopher** Bradshaw, Baldwinsville, NY, visited Savannah, GA, after reading a fascinating best-seller set in that city. **Marilyn Faith (Olsen)** and **Walter Baurle ’48**, Dryden NY, are retired and traveling—Australia and New Zealand Elderhostels, Alaska, Hawaii, Greece and the Islands, Turkey, and Bavaria. They’re “Grateful to be able! Greetings to classmates—see you in 1999!”

Paul E. Gillette, Punta Gorda, FL, must

be acing his opponents on the tennis courts by now, after receiving a pacemaker and “rotorooter” of an artery. He volunteers at the United Way and teaches a couple of courses for the Small Business Administration. The Gillettes have six daughters, two sons, and ten grandchildren! Belated apologies to **Donald “Don” C. Roberson**, Niagara Falls, NY, and his daughter Suzanne. Mentioned his two sons but not “Suz,” who works out of her home doing development research under contract to one or more colleges and is a research assistant to William Kennedy, author of *Ironweed*, etc. Don toured Scandinavia, commented, “Norwegian fjord country spectacular; loved Danish and Norwegian beer; beautiful bods (female and male)—very few overweights (mostly tourists)! Again enjoyed Continuing Reunion Club. More should join.”

Paul T. Carver, W. Hartford, CT, skis with a like-new rebuilt knee, is a double grandpa, a model railroader, and very active in the environmental field. He is chief environmental engineer and vice president at Maguire Group Inc, A/E doing waste water and water facility troubleshooting and quality assurance plus corporate safety officer.

How many familiar names did you find? Are your dues and news sent in? ♦ **Mary Heisler Allison**, 470 Chandlee Dr., Berwyn PA 19312; tel., (610) 640-1387.



Your class officers had a very successful day together back in January. We learned about the Internet and how Cornell uses it to communicate with alumni. Twenty-six of our classmates and spouses enjoyed a wonderful dinner at the Cornell Club—New York with **Dave Dingle** entertaining us with his piano keyboard. He hasn’t lost his touch. **Barrie Sommerfield**, president, reported to the group that 549 of us have paid dues this past year and so far 130 are in the Reunion ’00 Club. We’re all pleased! Among the news gathered from participants: **Jim Hazzard** is staying in Ithaca. Seattle was considered but since discarded. He spent several days in Key West, FL, with **Ralph “Cooly”** and **Mary “Patch” Adams Williams**, who were also with us for dinner and the Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) meeting in New York City.

Ken ’49 and **Sally Wallace Murray** are enjoying Elderhosteling. **Bob Fite** is still touting the beauty of Cape May, NJ, and invites all to come visit. **Marion Steinmann Joiner** and husband regularly leave Philadelphia, PA, to weekend at her home in NYC, while **Marge Leigh Hart** and husband leave NYC to weekend in Greenwich, CT. **Maria Iandolo** New is very active as a pediatric endocrinologist and was recently elected to the National Academy of Sciences. Congratulations from all of us, Maria. We are very proud of you. In other accolades, **Patricia “Eleanor” Fritz** Bowers was elected to chair the economics department, Brooklyn College/CUNY, where she teaches. **Jack and Lil McLellan Rose ’54**, **Jules and Mary Holcomb Haberman**, Class Vice President **Jo Kessel Buyske**, **Gabriel ’49** and **Louise Passerman Rosenfeld**, were also

among those who attended.

A note from **Allan Mitchell**, Seneca Falls, NY, reported that **Carson Geld** was featured in *Successful Farming*, March 1996, along with wife **Ellen (Bromfield) ’53**. Those who wish to know more about their Bromfield of Brazil farm might check it out. Allan and wife Joan had a delightful trip to Alaska and the Inside Passage in summer 1996. Allan says he is supposed to be retired but still helps out on the farm of son **George ’73**. The rocking chair hasn’t caught up with him yet. He is looking forward to the 50th Reunion.

It appears that many of you participated in 50-year reunions with your high school classmates. **Jean Michelini Partisch**, Sarasota, FL, traveled to Washington Irving High School in Tarrytown, NY. After traveling to Alaska last summer, she is back home, where she is active in the Sarasota-Manatee Cornell Club and urges anyone who is in the area to join in. Jean’s daughter who was in Japan for four years is now in England. Her other daughter lives close by. **Dan Chabot**, Palm City, FL, also attended the Tarrytown reunion. Dan lives at Harbor Ridge where he is outnumbered by Dartmouth graduates but **Bob E. Vogel ’52** and **Margery “Nicky” Schmid Wilson ’63** (Mrs. **Donald W., MD ’65**) help him cheer Cornell.

Aileen Enright Moore, Hemet, CA, journeyed sea to shining sea centering the trip around her high school reunion in Kenmore, NY, where **Betty Parsons Kirchner** joined her. Aileen and husband **Harry ’49** visited Aileen’s former roommate **Pat Gleason Kerwick**, and **Marty (Galvin) and Gordon “Skip” Inskip** and their son **Mike Inskip ’76**. They visited Florida for the first time, including a viewing of an awesome night-time launch at Melbourne Beach.

Another classmate, **James “Trig” Tregurtha**, San Diego, CA, writes that he saw enough of the world after 34 years in the Navy, so he too took a complete tour of the USA. He went first to Seattle and then to New York on Amtrak train, then to New England, where he visited **Dick Marble** in Ashburnham, MA, brother **Paul Tregurtha ’57** in Connecticut, a sister in New Jersey, and then went to Florida. He returned home by air, all in 30 days.

W. Peter Metz, Mountainside, NJ, sold his business in 1986 and retired in 1989. He started a Habitat for Humanity chapter in Plainfield, NJ, which has completed nine houses since 1990. He and wife Ruth travel, sail, and enjoy bridge. **Robert Swanson**, Hauppauge, NY, tells us he is fully retired for health reasons. We hope that this still allows you to enjoy the fruits of retirement, Robert. **David Inkeles**, Middle Island, NY, and his wife sailed to Martha’s Vineyard with **Stan ’48** and **Joan Cohen Halpern ’51** on their 31-foot sailboat in the summer of 1995, following a failed attempt the year before.

Roger and Myra Weber Wolcott ’51 have Elderhosteled to Israel and spent a month in Roswell, NM, working with an Hispanic Presbyterian church. They are now living in the Quaker retirement community in Sandy

Spring, MD. With two 40ish children, **Richard Gordon**, Northport, NY, had about given up on the prospect of grandchildren. Last summer produced two! Daughter Merle adopted newborn Ethan in Florida, while son Mike produced Isabella. Congratulations, Richard. Grandparenting is awesome!

Edith Novak Mashinter, Mechanicsville, VA, has joined the retirees and is world traveling and enjoying grandparenting four little ones. **Jane Wigsten** McGonigal, Ithaca, along with husband **Carl Crispell '60**, had a great reunion last summer with roommates and their spouses, **George and Bev Collins Adams**, **Fran Duncan Stowe**, **Jack '49** and **Katherine "Kitty" Rusack Adams**, and **Ellen Forbes** Andrews and husband Garth. **Ollie Myslichuk** McNamara, Phoenix, AZ, writes that she was divorced in 1988 and has recently celebrated 20 years of business with her retail store, Capreccio. It was recognized as one of the ten top specialty stores in the country. Her daughter Cindy lives in Colorado, is working on a master's degree, while son Jim lives in San Francisco. **Malette Pope** Matta, Paris, France, writes that the Paris Cornell Club was thrilled to receive the visit of **Tom Smith Tseng '87**, formerly of International Public Affairs. It revved up the whole club membership. Malette's children and grandchildren, totaling 14, visited her in Panarea for the summer all at the same time. She feels she should be awarded the title Laundress of the Month!

Eleanor Bailey McDowell says she is busier than ever in retirement. She plays nanny to a preschooler and several elementary-school age girls. She is also coordinator of volunteers (100-130) for her professional theater, The American Stage Festival. She travels, gardens, and visits with her children and families. She says there is no time to stagnate!

James Thomas, Charlestown, WV, and his wife traveled in Spain last fall and he remains busy serving several corporate boards and is active in community activities. **Greta Russell** Hackel has retired, sold her ranch, and purchased a motor home in order to see the country. **Ann Ellis** Reynolds, Boston, MA, is director of the outpatient clinic, child psychiatry department, Boston Medical Center. She retreats to her quiet apartment in Quechee, VT, where she says she would welcome Cornellians who care to rent from her.

Our class is planning an opportunity for all of you to enjoy CAU this summer. A '50 mini-reunion will be held this summer on campus. Sign up for the fourth week of 1997 CAU and join other classmates for a week of education and special Class of '50 events. You can register by mail using the forms in the 1997 CAU announcement or by telephone at (607) 255-6260. Include our class year with your name and write "Class of '50 Mini-Reunion Group" at the bottom of your form. If you have questions, contact **Ralph Janis '66** at Cornell at the above number or by e-mail at rj10@Cornell.edu or Jo Kessel Buyske (201) 335-2929 or jkbuyske@mtlakes.csn.net.

I have finally joined the current generation and have an e-mail address. I hope to hear from even more of you. We love your news.

♦ **Ruth Downey** Sprunk, 6110 Lorcom Ct., Springfield, VA 22152; e-mail, rubill@msn.com.



There was a class council meeting following the Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) meeting in New York City, January 25. President **Rip Haley**, Vice President **Margaret "Pepper" Dutcher** Fluke, **Sally Williamson** Williams, **Bill Reynolds**, and Class Correspondents **Jack** and **Betty Meng Howell** were in attendance. We voted

“Last year, Margaret ‘Pepper’ Dutcher Fluke survived both Hurricane Fran and co-chairing our 45th Reunion.”

— JACK AND BETTY MENG HOWELL '51

to extend a special thank you to **Joan Hartford Ferreira** for ten years of exceptional service to our class, as co-chair of our 40th Reunion in 1991 and as president, 1991-96. There will be a class meeting in Ithaca following the Homecoming game (Colgate, Sept. 27, '97). All class members are invited to attend. We have received \$5,070 for the **Richard Ramin** Fellowship Fund as a result of **Pete Bolanis's** marathon run. Thank you to Pete and to all contributors. **Clarice Brown** Willig Snitzer, Tonawanda, NY, was also in attendance at some of the CACO functions, as she was in NYC for a Human Ecology Alumni Assn. meeting.

Pepper and husband Don Fluke live in Durham, NC. Last year she survived both Hurricane Fran and co-chairing our 45th Reunion. She is also involved with the Carolina Theater. Bill Reynolds reports that he has not smoked a cigarette in more than five months. Good job, Bill, and long life to you. Joan Hartford Ferreira and husband **Manny '52** live near Atlanta, GA. They attended 14 of the Olympic events in a variety of venues.

Thanks to **Jack Ostrom** for sending us this paragraph. "**Bob** and Betty **Matyas** hosted a dinner gathering for a considerable number of classmates in the Ithaca area for 'very advanced' planning for our 50th Reunion for which Bob will be co-chair. Class President **Rip Haley** and wife Pat attended, as did **Harvey** and **Caroline Sampson**, and **Fran Anthony Ramin**, MA '52. Although he retired several years ago from the Johns Hopkins U., where he was vice president, Rip continues to consult with other colleges on development matters. The Sampsons spoke enthusiastically about their (then) upcoming trip to Egypt with the Adult University (CAU) group, program to be led by President Emeritus Frank Rhodes. **George** and **Ann Bantuvanis** plus **Jane Haskins Marcham** and husband **John '50** were part of the group, as well. George spends much of his time at the Hotel school as a volunteer running the Cornell Society of

Hotelmen. Jane was elected last fall to the Common Council of the City of Ithaca. Judith Moore, wife of **Charlie Moore**, joined us without her husband, who was off on another road trip in association with his duties as Cornell's athletic director. Finally, Jack and **Marybeth (Weaver) Ostrom** participated. Marybeth continues to volunteer as the consulting dietitian for Seneca County's Nutrition for the Elderly program while Jack is news editor for the Eastern Assn. of College and University Business Officers, a job that requires him to put together four newsletters each year

but also provides an opportunity for travel to association board meetings eight times each year. The Matyases are in the process of building a new home overlooking Cayuga Lake. Betty Matyas and Marybeth Ostrom do all the planning and arranging for a couples gourmet group that meets monthly, composed of Cornell faculty and staff." The Ostroms also reported seeing **Kitty Welch** Munn of Raleigh, NC, who was in Ithaca recently to help her 95-year-old mother sell her house and plan her future.

From Arlington, VA, **Sabra "Piper" Baker** Staley's holiday newsletter included this: "Restless to be in the saddle again, Sabra took her bicycle to Key Largo, FL, in September. Leaving her car there, she peddled west over keys, bridges, and causeways. The two high spans gave her the heebie-jeebies. She reveled in the tropical trees, birds, and the sun. Twelve-thousand motorcyclists also kept a date with Key West the same weekend. It was a 210-mile round trip." We are impressed, Piper, 210 miles is a long way on a bicycle, and thanks for sending your Christmas letter. Holiday newsletters are a great source of news for this column; we would be pleased to get a copy of yours.

While he lives in Orange, CA, **Bob Mealey** has not let that keep him from being active in Cornell activities. During the past year, he has chaired the committee of the Cornell Track Alumni Assn. that joined with the soccer alumni to raise funds for the **Robert J. Kane '34** Sports Complex.

We are sad to report that **Gertrude Woodruff** Marlowe died Oct. 26, '96 of breast cancer. She was associate professor of anthropology emeritus, who retired in 1992 after 22 years with Howard U. She did field research in medical anthropology and also had taught at American U. and U of Pennsylvania.

Sam Serata is a retired judge, does some legal work, and teaches at Widener U. law school. He is enjoying his six grandsons and one granddaughter. **Helen "Susy" Brown** Entenman was sorry to miss reunion but at the

time she was trying to sell her house so she could move to Fort Myers, FL. Speaking of reunion, 23 states were represented at our 45th last June, but no foreign attenders. There were 87 from NY State; 25 from New Jersey; Pennsylvania, 19; Massachusetts, California, and Connecticut, 16 each; Florida and Virginia, 10 each; North Carolina and Georgia, 9 each.

We are almost out of news. Please send us any news of yourselves or other classmates. ♦ **Jack and Betty Meng Howell**, 289 Ashford Ave., Tonawanda, NY 14150-8563; e-mail, jack-howell@msn.com.

REUNION

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Enthusiasm for our 45th Reunion is running high. If you have not yet made reservations, call **Paul Blanchard** at (203) 323-2060. Remember how beautiful Ithaca is in June? Call former roommates and the person who sat next to you in English 101 (**Redding Rufe**) and let's have a big turnout.

Three seminars have been added to the list of activities. Dr. Phyllis Moen of the Department of Human Development and Family Studies will lead an informal discussion during breakfast on Saturday on the topic, "Life Course Issues & New Passages." Classmates **M. Carr Ferguson** and **Sid Goldstein** will hold a seminar entitled "Health Care in the year 2000, Who Pays?" and **Jim Gibbs** has organized a seminar entitled "Race Relations from the 1950s to the Present." This will be co-sponsored by the Class of '52 and the Cornell Black Alumni Assn. and will be open to all alumni. See you the first weekend in June!

Until then, here's the latest news. **Bobbie Schlang Sonnenfeldt**, Port Washington, NY, still works part-time as director of public relations at Helen Keller National Center in Sands Point, NY. Last summer she and her husband sailed their boat along the west coast of Italy, and also visited Scotland and Germany. Eleven grandchildren keep her young enough "to return to an old love—tap dancing." Also still employed are **Edward Wilkens**, who has been with the US Food and Drug Administration for the past 39 years, and **Alan Sokolski**, who is still at his desk at the CIA after a total of 35 years with the US Government. Alan and wife **Carol (Stitt) '54** celebrated their 40th anniversary with their family at Greenbrier, WV, last July.

There is another way to work for the government. **Marylou Bussing** Morrow volunteers with the National Park Service at Assateague Island National Seashore and is facility coordinator for the Alternatives to Violence Project at Eastern Correctional Inst. in Westover, MD. For those looking for an interesting, challenging, and inexpensive change of pace, check out the National Parks Volunteer Service.

Betty La Grange says she is busier than ever, collecting for the S. Burlington, VT, food shelves, delivering Meals-on-Wheels, and figure skating in her spare time. **Paul H. Kennard**, San Juan Capistrano, CA, has an even more hazardous pasttime—he has returned to private flying in a Bonanza A-36TC—after a 33-year career with Hughes Aircraft.

Richard T. Groos has retired from active management of the Viking Corp. in Hastings, MI. When he took over the company, he "inherited a collection of partially owned sprinkler installers and built it into the third-largest sprinkler-installing company in North America." He also expanded Viking sales into foreign markets. There are now ten overseas sales locations. His son **Nicholas '84** is president of international operations and son **Thomas '78** has assumed the position of vice chairman of the board and CEO of Viking.

A sad note from **Lillian (Schneider)**. Her husband, **Hupert A. Gerstman '44**, died in March 1996 from cancer. A long-time chain smoker and cigar aficionado, he urged her to broadcast the anti-smoking lesson of his death. Lillian hopes to return to part-time teaching, as she misses the classroom and the students at Erie Community College. Lillian lives at 519 Cottonwood Dr., Buffalo, NY.

E. Terry and Dori Crozier Warren came home from Sussex and Cornwall last October in time to move to rural woods at 1436 Hidden Hemlock Dr., Austinburg, OH. They are very near Rt. 90 and Rt. 45, if you are driving between Erie, PA, and Cleveland. **Raymond F. Gallagher** retired in August 1996, but is on hand to help his son, who took over their small business selling fruits and flavors to the ice cream industry in the Midwest. Raymond and his wife had a great trip to the eastern Mediterranean with a alumni group last year. Dr. **Patricia Thornton Bradt** was appointed to the Donna and David Long professorship in environmental science at Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA. Pat is leaving research at Lehigh U. to return to full-time teaching and directing the new environmental science program at Muhlenberg. Husband **Jack** continues to direct the human services department of Northampton County. At a time of welfare reform and drastic budget cuts, his work is a real challenge.

It is known that the two happiest days for a sailor are the day of buying a boat, and the day it is sold. After cruising on their 40-foot sailboat from New Jersey to the Bahamas, **Stanley P.** and **Phyllis Berger Corwin** sold the boat. Now they are land cruising around the US in a 34-foot motor home. When not traveling, home is 40 Roberts Cir., Basking Ridge, NJ. Visitors to Norway were **Louise Braz** Kaminow and husband George. After 25 years in interior design work, Louise is now a docent at the Museum of American Folk Art in New York City. She also paints, does volunteer work, plays tennis, visits with six grandchildren, and is thankful to lead the good life. She keeps in touch with **Irwin** and **Arline Braverman Broida**.

Send news for our last column. ♦ **George and Gayle Raymond Kennedy**, 9 Maplewood Point, Ithaca, NY 14850; fax, (607) 272-3786.

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Central Park is right around the corner, at least for New Yorkers, or those who are passing through, or those who are inclined to go out of their way to attend

our decade-plus-old Picnic in the Park, on Sun., May 18. Fifties class members will meet once again at the feet of the statue of Alexander Hamilton, Columbia 1798, behind the Metropolitan Museum of Art, near 83rd Street. No reservations necessary. Surprise guests expected.

Then comes reunion, June 5-8. It is said that quite a few of us fall by every year. The annual party at the pool of **Clark** and Prez **Claire Moran Ford** in Westport, CT, is on for Sat., July 19. That should get us all warmed up for Homecoming, Sept. 26-28 in Ithaca. The '53 dinner, with friends from '52, '54, and '55, is planned for Leonardo's What's Your Beef restaurant again. There's added reason to homecome this year, other than to witness the quest for the 12th consecutive Homecoming football victory (vs. Colgate, this time). We'll want to help salute **Dottie Clark Free**, who'll be accepting her Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumnus award from the Alumni Federation. Dottie remains on call to volunteer for Cornell activities on the Left Coast and continues as docent for the San Francisco Fine Arts Museum. In the three years the award has been given, 18 have been honored. Three of them (**Rich Jahn** and **Mort Lowenthal** won the first year) have been '53 classmates. Let your glasses clink to all of the above.

Architect **Earl Flansburgh** is nearing the finish of Phase Two of his Boston College law school campus replacement and expansion project. A library was completed in December. Next: a 45,000-square-foot classroom and administration wing. There's enough ahead to keep him busy well after the millennium. **Murray** and **Enid Spangenberg Miles**, home from a Smithsonian Odyssey to France, still think "Paris is the most beautiful city in the world, but we love our Washington, DC, too." **Barry Merrill** (Westerly, RI) ruefully reports retiring from aerobatics in his Extra 300L, "a fabulous German airplane" (sold). Golf, grandkids, and travel ("now that we are totally on the East Coast") replace the bird. Kinda.

Retired clergyman **David Deppen** (Wellfleet, MA) occasionally does interim work, as in New Canaan, CT, and San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. Retired from the administration of North Carolina State U., **Michael Rulison** (Raleigh) remains prez of the North Carolina Consumers Council, is a board member with a local Web site, and does folk and contra dancing, like **Bernard Koser** (Valhalla, NY), who has returned to college joys (he recalls Old Armory dancing) since his divorce. Besides English and contra dancing, he still teaches chem, biology, and biochemistry at Westchester Community College. He's not sure whether Valhalla is really heaven, but he does enjoy the teaching, environmental committee work, and campus interactions. Mostly retired ag chem consultant **Rich Marrese** (Somerset, NJ) does "a little travel but am still looking for things to do. The penalty of not developing hobbies." He says his wife paints beautifully with oils. "Maybe I'll try something similar with words. No excuses

now. I have the time." And after four years' work, he has wrapped up a children's story for his grandchildren.

Retired dentist **Richard Angeloni** (Beach Haven Park, NJ) says he spends most of his time commuting between Jersey, Vermont, and Montana and speaks highly of Yellowstone in the snow. There are grandchildren in Vermontana (both states). **Ann Murnane** Kelly, retired librarian of Utica's St. Elizabeth nursing school has been a busy volunteer for the local libe and Red Cross besides keeping her garden green in the summer. "Our three kids are on their own," she says. Sheep rancher **Joan Otto** Daunt (Bandera, TX) checks in with "lots of grandchildren." She's senior warden and active with the vestry and choir as well as doing duties as Eucharistic lay minister at the local Episcopal church. She's a gardener, too, but has had time for trips to the UK, Australia, New Zealand, and Israel.

Victor Wintriss (San Diego, CA) is heading for the green with the virtual reality golf simulators his Wintriss Engineering Corp. purveys. **Dean Mergenthaler**, director of the intensive care unit at Jupiter (FL) Medical Center, contributed to last year's "Frontline Treatment of COPD." Retired as Albany County (NY) agricultural extension agent, **Joseph Huth** carries on, selling seed and supplies to veggie growers and greenhouse operators around Voorheesville. He keeps in touch with operators of farms in Tula, Russia, after visits there and seminars in Moscow. **Doug and Marlene Noden** are retired, but just keep rollin' along. They've moved their RV camper from East to West and South to North and back, seeing national parks, historic sites, Las Vegas, and, of course, grandkids, over the last four years. They're not sure whether they're finished yet, with RV-ing or accumulating scions and scionesses. **Dave Gatti** (Huntington, NY) "doesn't want to retire, ever." He hopes to keep his hand in, designing and lettering book covers with pen and pencil "as long as hand and eye have the acumen." But, he asks, "is that dread computer acumen in?"

Okay. Thirteen months to the 45th. ♦ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 1st Ave., NYC 10009.

54 There are times I feel I should pay to have this job. I am beginning to receive your messages via e-mail from all around the globe. Just the other day a message from **Lorraine "Lorrie" Niedeck** Gardner, Victoria, Australia, was on the screen. Lorrie has been back to the US only twice in the 38 years she has lived "down under" but is planning to visit this September. Ithaca being on her list, I have proposed she attend Homecoming, September 27 for the Cornell vs. Colgate game. Now if all of you planning to attend will e-mail, fax, or write me I can let Lorrie know who will be at the mini-reunion. Lorrie has been a puppeteer for the past 30 years and if you would like to see her and some of her friends just browse her web site at www.infoweb.com.au/gpt/. You'll love the dinosaur.

Another site I have visited is www.dontshootthedog.com by **Karen Wylie**

National Treasures

DOT (JEREMIAH) '53 AND
R. PETE JACKSON '54

After retiring in 1993, Dot and Pete Jackson started new careers as seasonal rangers in the National Park Service. For the past three summers, they've been rangers at Yellowstone National Park, in northwest Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho.

Two million acres of back country crisscrossed with 1,200 miles of hiking trails make up their backyard. There they lead walks through the Grand Canyon and discuss wildlife and preservation.

In their first careers, the Jacksons were university administrators at Cornell and the University of Pennsylvania, as well as in Texas, Colorado, and England. As rangers they live in park quarters—minus TV and with only limited radio reception. "Often we end the guided walks in view of a geyser," Dot says. "The children are just thrilled. They call it water fireworks, and clap at the end, as though the geyser were a show put on just for them."



Pryor. For years Karen has written about and been involved with animals and their behavior. I think you'll find her discussion on clicker training fascinating. I suspect many of you have used the method with your own dogs. It was new to me and I downloaded all the info possible. Karen has written several books, many of which you will find listed.

Mary Ann Smith Blik is a supervisor for the town of Williamson and for Wayne County, work she has more time for now that she and Ralph have turned over much of the farm work to son Jeff. Mary Ann says a couple of farmers' markets in the summer and her position on the Agricultural Farmland Protection Board keeps her hand in the soil. Mary Ann, **Amanda "Mandy" Goldsmith** Farrell, **Jacquelyn "Jackie" Leather** Mallery, and **Avis Pope** Payne manage to meet a couple of times a year, hopefully with some discussion of reuniting in 1999.

Nancy Moskowitz Wachs is doing a vital job for Cornell as a member of Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) in the Rochester area, along with working part-time for the Rochester AIA, doing a bit of cruising on Lake Ontario, and overseeing the construction of new guest quarters. This past year she visited the Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls, site of the first women's rights convention of 1848, as well as Susan B. Anthony House, in Rochester, as hostess to an actress from Seattle who plays Susan B. in an original play.

From Houston, **Tyler Todd** sends word he is not retiring but is assuming the presidency of the Greater Houston Builders Assn.

On Oct. 19, '96, Hurricane Lili blasted through Exuma, Bahamas, with a 15-foot surge and 120-miles-per-hour winds doing extensive damage to **Bailey Smith's** house and property. The recovery is slow but steady. Bailey wonders why he has seen few Cornell sailors passing by. We are fair weather sailors, Bailey, that's why. Freelancing last November in Italy, where he had lived for two years, **Ivan "Larry" LaFave** said he was glad to be back to the wines, breads, and fontina cheese that he enjoys so much.

Writing for the first time in 40 years **G. Michael "Mike" Hostage** shares the following. "This week (December 1996) **Dorothy (Noll)** and I go to Ithaca to watch one of our kids receive her BS Ag degree. Our youngest, **Beth '97**, will graduate from the Ag college with a communication degree; she is our tenth college graduate. Over the past 26 years, we've sent checks to 13 different colleges and universities; the last 12 years to Cornell. Feelings this week are happy and sad. Happy that I won't have to deal with those bills anymore. Sad that it's the end of an era. And yet, in a way we began a new era this fall because our oldest grandchild became a freshman at Boston College. With 21 grandchildren (as of yesterday, anyway) this era will probably last at least as long as the last one. Hope it's as much fun.

"On another note, in October we joined with six other Cornell couples for an annual 'mini-reunion' golf outing. We (**Lee and Mary Fitzgerald Morton '56**, **Peter and Lorraine 'Lorrie' Pietryka Plamondon '55**, **Joanne and Frank Dellecave**, **Marvin 'Marv' and Patricia 'Pat' Wehman Anderson**, **Gig**

and **Tom Fischer**, Pam and **John Mariani**) met at the Mission Inn Golf Resort near Orlando. Enjoyed some good golf and great friendship. Along with **Carmen Louvre '57** and **M. O. 'Bus' Ryan**, Sue and **William 'Bill' Tull '55**, **Clarence 'Clancy' and Barbara Gavin Fauntleroy '55**, the group gets together every year. We remark, each time, about the truth of the saying that old friends really are the best friends." Mike, please don't wait another 40 years.

Ann Maxwell Barnard continues to paint, exhibit, and teach both studio art and art history part-time at Bridgewater State College. She is also a freelance photo researcher. One of her more challenging assignments was securing a photo of a piece of art from a "township artist" in South Africa. Ann, like Mike, has a granddaughter entering college—Teri is a freshman at U. of Massachusetts.

Thank you all for helping **Bill Blake** with the class directory. And keep those Web site and e-mail addresses coming. Life just keeps getting better when you can communicate with Cornellians. ♦ **Leslie Papenfus** Reed, 17 Hillside Ave., Kentfield, CA 94904; fax, (415) 925-9404; tel., (415) 925-0727; e-mail, ljreed@aol.com.

55 Yesterday (Sat., Feb. 22) was a beautiful spring day here in the Northeast (69 degrees in Central Park!) but we're back to winter weather today. Yet it's good to realize that by the time this issue reaches you, winter will be a memory. A recent note from **Carroll "Duke" Dubuc**: "As many classmates know, I was hospitalized for major surgery in spring of 1995 and missed the 40th Reunion. I was very disappointed—but the good news is that I am substantially recovered." Duke reduced his litigations commitments, went "of counsel to" in January 1996, and formed Carroll Dubuc & Associates, focusing on aviation/aerospace product liability and labor issues. "If you can't settle your arguments, call me," he suggests. Duke's further news is that the 1954-55-56 Sigma Chis are again looking at the possible reopening of Theodore Zinck's in downtown Ithaca. "Stay tuned!"

Laura Weese, who lives in Seattle, finds

in Sedalia, MI. "Best of all," Laura adds, "I discovered long-lost relatives on a recent visit there." **Donn Resnick** reports that although he's living in Scottsdale, AZ, we're not to assume he's retired. "I'm still doing creative advertising for clients," and enjoying the company of wife Jennifer, "whom I have yet to figure out." Donn's also gone on the World Wide Web with a home page. **Peggy Blackburn Robinson** and husband **Dwight '53** now have 12 grandchildren. Their youngest daughter, **Holly Robinson Mitchell '89**, was married at the Rose Inn, just outside Ithaca, with her sisters, **Laurie Robinson '77** and **Heidi Robinson Seitz '85**, in attendance. Laurie's husband, the Rev. Dr. Douglas Green, who performed the ceremony, is minister at the First Congregational Church in Ithaca.

Year-round Cape Codders **Lorens and Virginia Johnston Persson**, of W. Yarmouth, MA, are involved in town government and serve as officers of the Cape Cod Cornellians. Larry also landed a 42-pound striped bass, which was cause for celebration. **Carl and Mary Lynne Waller Young** are "back home after four years abroad living in Sri Lanka, Ireland, and Ukraine." Carl's employed at Flight Safety International in Miami, but the Youngs are allocating time for the "hands-on restoration" of their house in Coral Gables. (It was so much fun catching up with you guys at reunion.)

Deborah Golub Leibowitz, who lists writing among her hobbies, said that writing helped channel her grief when her mother was dying of Alzheimer's. Deborah enclosed a poem about that searing experience. During the past year, Deborah spent a week "roughing it" on a rustic island in Maine, and then a more "luxurious" week expanding her knowledge at the U. of Arizona. Deb's plans for the future include steering her six grandsons in Cornell's direction. **Joan Fellerman Hartz** signed herself "still blooming" despite a harrowing year. Her husband underwent successful aortic-valve replacement surgery, "thanks to the remarkable thoracic-cardiac department at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center." According to Joan, Bill is better than ever, "but it was not as much fun as going to the periodontist." The Hartzes recu-

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Gail and I have just returned from our annual trip to Hawaii. We were pleased to be with **Caren and Roger Weiss '61, JD '64**, for the second week. Roger won the Pro-Am tournament at the Senior Skins Game at the Mauna Lani on the big island. Now that I am rested, we can proceed with a lot of news.

Charles L. Coulson has retired as executive director of the Harvard Varsity Club in Boston after 34 years at Harvard. (He formerly managed the Harvard Faculty Club.) He would love to hear from classmates at 115 Aberdeen Ave., Cambridge, MA. Dr. **Gerald Edelstein**, 15509 32nd Ave., SE, Mill Creek, WA, is enjoying his retirement. He recently took a Black Sea cruise and shortly thereafter visited campus. He was sorry not to have been at reunion.

Marlene "Pete" Jensen Eldridge and husband **Bill, MBA '55**, are also pretty much retired. Bill just had a hip replacement but they still manage to get to see their four married daughters and their grandchildren as much as possible. You can reach them at 33 Phillips Lane, Darien, CT. **Diane Newman** Fried writes from 516 Barbary Lane in New Windsor, NY, that she really enjoyed reunion and recently went to China and Hong Kong.

Eleanor Kamholz Levine is a teacher at my old alma mater, the Fox Meadow School in Scarsdale, NY. She has been there for 23 years and is also in a doctoral program at Columbia. She and husband **Robert '54** are recent grandparents and have also taken some terrific trips. Their address is 3 Brentwood Ave., White Plains. Another teacher is **Joan Hoyland Phaneuf**, who lives at RR2, Box 174 Upton Lake Rd., Clinton Corners, NY. She and her husband, also a teacher, will probably retire in June and pursue their love of golf.

From 5705 17th Ave., S., Gulfport, FL, **Barbara Grove** Purtee cannot understand how she had time to be employed all these years. Between quilting, bird club, her garden, hospice volunteering, and church activities, time goes by too quickly. Add to that two sons, seven step-children, 12 grandchildren, and four great-grandkids. You, too, would take a deep breath.

We apologize to Dr. **W. Eugene Sanders Jr.** for missing his letters over the years. If he will drop me another line from his home at T1004 Woodcliff, RR2, Fremont, NE, we will print it post haste.

Ray Sanford Jr. (1410 Leone Lane, Lady Lake, FL) is missing part of his stock market rally after retiring from Cowen and Co. after 28 years as a stock broker. He says he plays golf eight days a week and is still looking for his fifth hole-in-one. He recently attended a reunion for his submarine crew from the USS *Diablo*, on which he served over 44 years ago. He has eight grandchildren.

Barbara Palange Schudel lives in Richmond, VA, (2 S. 25th St., #200) and is head of The Governor's School for Government and International Studies (a regional school for gifted children). Three graduates of the school are at Cornell and more have applied this year.

“... Sigma Chis are again looking at the possible reopening of Theodore Zinck's in downtown Ithaca.”

— CARROLL “DUKE” DUBUC '55

that substitute teaching is keeping her caught up with what the younger generation is doing, since there are no grandchildren on the scene as yet. To update her history research skills, Laura took a year-long certificate class in genealogy and family history at the U. of Washington, and has researched her mother's early life

perated a year ago on a Seabourn cruise to Rio, where they met up with **Estavao 'Steve' Kranz** and his family. "Otherwise, life has been routine, whatever that means," concludes Joan.

And what's new in *your* life, classmates? ♦ **Nancy Savage** Morris, 110A Weaver St., Greenwich, CT 06831; tel., (203) 532-0287.

Walter Stillman is retired from the family New Jersey car dealership which is currently being run by his son, the fourth generation in the business. He enjoyed our 40th and goes to Bermuda about two times a year. His hide-away is at 16 Fairbanks Turn, PO Box 1286, Quechee, VT.

You remember how I praised **Bob Timberger** about his comments at reunion? I think he would enjoy hearing from attendees at his home at 20 Eastwoods Lane, Scarsdale, NY 10583. He is doing a lot of traveling with wife Marilyn.

C. Russell Wagner, 543 Lakeshore Dr., Carriere, MS, retired last year after 38 years with the US Geological Survey. He has a nice life in New Orleans managing some real estate and doing volunteer work. He has a summer cottage in Ontario, Canada. **Francis F. Welsh Jr.** is managing money at Merrill Lynch in Beverly Hills. He commutes from his home at 17267 Avenida de la Herradura, Pacific Palisades, CA.

Martin H. Wohl, 14185 Cross Trails Dr., St. Louis, MO, is into genealogy, art museum activities, and the Life-Long Learning Inst. sponsored by Washington U. **Henry A. Wadsworth Jr.**, PhD '62, (Ag) received the Ruby Award, the highest, most prestigious national distinguished service award presented by Epsilon Sigma Phi. He is director of the Indiana Cooperative Extension Service based at Purdue U. He has served in academic and administrative positions at Cornell, Oregon State, and Purdue.

Thanks to **Eli "Mink" Shuter**, MD, of 6240 McPherson Ave., St. Louis, for sending me the article on **Roy Curtis III**, who was named Inventor of the Year by the Bar Assn. of Metropolitan St. Louis. Roy has spent 40 years inventing ways of fighting bacteria. He is a biology professor at Washington U. His achievements are too numerous for mention in this column. Congratulations!

See you next month. ♦ **Stephen Kittenplan**, 1165 Park Ave., Apt. 2A, NYC 10128.

REUNION

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If you haven't made a reservation for reunion, it's not too late to join the more than 200 classmates, some with spouses, some on their own, who will share in our last reunion of the 20th century! And if you want to know who's coming and you're on the Internet check out our '57 Home Page: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1957/Class57.htm>. Yes, our class has its own home page thanks to **Bob Watts**.

Jerry Neuman Held will be coming up from Washington, DC, where she continues to work for AT&T and spends leisure time skiing, playing tennis, and visiting her sons, one of whom, **Andy '83**, BS Eng '84, lives in Seattle. Jerry led a group from the Cornell Club of Washington to a technical rehearsal of *La Traviata* last March—a fundraiser for Cornell scholarships.

Our 30th Reunion Co-Chair **Audrey Jones** Cauchois has been retired from General Foods for almost ten years and has found plenty to keep her busy. She is an active church

deacon in Greenwich, CT, and from May to October spends time at her home in Quogue, NY, pursuing her interest in roses, of which she has many, and in her vegetable garden. Hoping to be at reunion is **Ellen Derow Salovitz**, whose youngest son was married last June. In December Ellen and her husband took a trip to Egypt and now she's back running the office for the Wellesley Zoning Board of Appeals. **Thalia Nungezer** Gentzel and husband George continue to breed Welsh ponies with great success. Four of their homebreds qualified for the October horse shows in Harrisburg and Washington. Their Ithaca-bred stallion GlanNant Epic is, at 32, the oldest active Welsh stallion in both the US and UK. The Gentzels, living in Rockton, IL, have 14 grandchildren.

Adrienne McNair has had a Cornell connection since her father, Arthur J. McNair, brought the family to Ithaca in 1949 so he could become part of the Engineering faculty. Adrienne and husband, **Anthony Caputi**, PhD '56, retired English professor, spent a good deal of 1996 traveling in Europe. Each year Tony leads an Adult University (CAU) theater tour of London and last May the group was able to visit the reconstructed Globe Theatre. Throughout the year Adrienne visited with Cornell friends, among them **Carol Anderson** Brown, who is an artist living in New York City.

Sue Nash Malone won't be traveling from her San Rafael, CA, home to reunion this year. She used her vacation time last October to visit Nepal and China with her sons, **Scott '89** and Todd. Sue is still loving her job as ad director for Acoustic Guitar, although her co-workers seem to get younger and younger each year, an observation no doubt shared by those of us still in the work force. ♦ **Judith Reusswig**, 5401 Westbard Ave., #813, Bethesda, MD 20816.

My news cup runneth over. Thanks for all the responses. There is an aquatic theme to a few of them. **Roger Jones** and his boat *Allidoro* spent all of 1996 in Ft. Lauderdale, half the time in dry-dock (the boat), relaunching earlier this spring. He saw a lot of **Ted** and Arline **Raab**, who resumed an extensive voyage last December after a three-year layover in Ft. Lauderdale studying maps. **Don Williams** retired at the end of last year after 35 years with Seattle First, and will concentrate on his wood shop and cruising the "American San Juan Islands, north to Alaska" in his 34-foot trawler. (Hope he looks at the map, too.)

As reported some time ago, **John Maclay** retired from AT&T in 1989, but can't get away from that and the sea. He has spent considerable time on cable-laying projects, recently around India, Malaysia, and Thailand, enduring cookie-tossing 40-degree rolls during a typhoon. Marilyn waits on the shore during these forays, probably hoping that their next Maui vacation is on the horizon. They will try to juggle Ireland and reunion this year. Also retired and fighting the golf battle in Boca Raton, FL, is **Myron "Pinky" Green**, having retired in 1991 as director of adjudica-

tion services for the NY State Dept. of Labor. He continues to represent corporate clients at administrative labor hearings on rainy days.

Starting new jobs are **Charlie Feledy** (small electronics company in Sunnyvale, CA, as vice president, marketing and distribution), and **Mike De Nicola** (another computer company, also in California). Charlie attended the 1995 reunion and will be back this year.

At the same old stand is **P. Beach Kuhl**, who has seen his firm grow from 177 to 250 lawyers in his 35 years, and who is one of the three lawyers in California not to have represented O. J. This column is dedicated to **Gerald Coyne**, who is returning to his first-ever Cornell reunion. Looking forward to seeing Gerald and everybody else shortly.

I stopped to visit **Jack McCormick** recently. Jack has had a bout with Lyme disease for some time, but is firmly on the road back. If cigars are a cure, Jack will be in fighting trim in no time. The **Anton Tewes** dynasty lives—four new grandchildren in 1996. When I was in retailing, we always had to beat last year's figures. ♦ **John Seiler**, 221 St. Matthews Ave., Louisville, KY 40207; tel., (502) 895-1477.

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Seems we have a lot of news of retirees these days. Guess we are all approaching or have hit the 60 mark! **Dorinda**

Larkin McNamara has retired, sold her house in Flushing, and moved to Pinehurst, NC. **Don Reid** has retired as an aerospace physiologist from the US Navy and the Boeing Co., but now has a sole proprietorship aerospace physiology consulting business. He moved from Seattle to Tucson, but still has a cabin in the Cascade Mountains which he will visit during the Arizona summers.

R. Scott Wetstone has retired from the practice of anesthesia and spent a month touring Italy. **Irene Lazarus** Soskin has retired as a teacher, but finds herself busier than ever. She lives in Boynton Beach, FL, and is editor of the Palm Isles III newsletter, video editor of the television channel, sings with the Palm Isle singers and the local temple choir, and, in her spare time, takes piano lessons. **W. Don Tipton** now describes his occupation as "fun." He drove 6,500 miles in Europe last fall, visiting nine countries. He has nine grandchildren and enjoys golf, skiing, and partying!

Bob Endries recently married **Emily Lee** Pennell '62 and relocated to Newtown, PA. Together they have five children. He continues into his 31st year with Bristol Myers Squibb as counsel to the worldwide pharmaceutical manufacturing activities. **Don Gleklen** was recently elected chairman and CEO of Intelihealth, subsidiary of AETNA—US Healthcare, providing healthcare information to consumers. He owns three racehorses with mixed results, has much better results as a venture capital investor! **A. Cal Allen** and wife **Marsha (O'Kane) '59** now live in Sisters, OR, and truly enjoy the fantastic scenery and outdoor life. They enjoy hiking, canoeing, windsurfing at the Columbia River Gorge and also enjoy golf and tennis.

Bobbie Erde Epstein has moved to Las

Vegas where husband Mark has started a new business—Princess Trading Inc. They are doing some exporting (third world countries), liquidation, and close-out deals. Not a full-time deal, so still have lots of time for bridge and traveling. They have built a new house, “suicidal to do so from the East Coast!” They bought the land in 1993 and it took until September 1996 to move in. **Ronni Schulbaum** Strell is a development editor of law books, specializing in elder and corporate law. She met her former roommates, **Arlene Scharf** Kelvin and **Dottie Berens** Greenspan, for a day of relaxing and catching up and had a great time . . . She also went to the Cornell Women’s Symposium at the Cornell Club—New York which was terrific. She had a chance to see women in the classes that were on campus when we were students (1954–58).

Peter Stifel retired from teaching after 30 years at U. of Maryland and is now professor emeritus. Last year he served as president of the Geological Society of Washington and the Paleontological Society of Washington. He is enjoying more active involvement with Shoals Marine Lab and may join the Paleontology Research Inst. in Ithaca. He also dedicated the **Andrew P. Stifel ’91** fencing salle last spring in the Field House at Cornell. **Mal Johnston** retired from Draper Laboratory, but still does consulting for them. He has moved from Boston to S. Dartmouth, MA, a seacoast town about 70 miles from Boston. He is building a house which makes him wonder how he ever had time to work! His son Douglas, 7, also gets a lot of his time. He is on the board of Massachusetts Audubon (for the land conservation—says he doesn’t know one bird from another!).

Bev Blau Miller recently retired from the Onondaga County (NY) Health Dept. to begin a new career with an HMO to manage their medical case management utilization. She is still an active jogger and runs with an “early bird” group at 6:30 a.m. Her husband recently had back and hip surgery, but is recovering nicely. **Ron Lewis** still owns the family business, Morris’ Men’s Wear in Ithaca, where it has relocated to the Commons. **Norma Edsall** retired five years ago, but to do some counseling regarding retirement financial planning. She is in her second term as council member on the town board. She is active in the local historical society and can also be seen playing “bag lady” fulfilling her responsibilities in the “Adopt-A-Highway” program along two miles of Rte. 22 in Austerlitz, NY.

We have a few new addresses from moves in the last six months or so: **John Daniel** moved to 1415 Ashwood Cir., Myrtle Beach, SC 29575 from Alexandria, VA; **Bruce Herrington** is still in California, but now at 9938 Lanning Lane, Monongo Valley 92256. Dr. **Rachelle Remen** is also in California at 762 Sequoia Valley Rd., Mill Valley 94941. **Ben Bowker** stayed in Dallas but now resides at 9520 Springwater Dr.—75228, and **Don Alpaugh** moved within Massachusetts to Box 195, Marion—02738. No news from these movers on this round—maybe next time.

It is with a sad note I end this column with

the loss of two of our classmates. **Carol Hunter** Heidmann died last August and **Virginia Kerlin** Brossman died of cancer last October.

Chuck and I are off to do some traveling—a trip to Hong Kong and Viet Nam. Should be very interesting! Will report in my next column! ♦ **Jan Arps Jarvie**, 6524 Valley Brook, Dallas, TX 75240.



The lively group of classmates who gathered in New York City for the January meeting of the Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) was headed by Class President **Ron Demer** and included **Eleanor Applewhaite**, **Bill Day**, **Suzanne Rollins** Fried, **Fred Harwood**, **Pat Hurley**, **Marian Fay** Levitt, and **Harry Petchesky**. Pat, our treasurer, is coordinating suggestions for the next class project. Send your ideas to her at 46 Hartford Ave., Greenwich, CT 06830. **Gwen Woodson** Frazee of Amarillo, TX, has agreed to chair our 45th Reunion in 2004, and will serve an apprenticeship by assisting 40th Reunion Chair **Nancy Sterling** Brown. Looking ahead even further, to the “Big One:” for our 50th Reunion in 2009, we’ll see the return of The Dave and Harry Show, the smashing success organized by **Dave Dunlop** and Harry for our 25th Reunion.

Ron reminds everyone to respond promptly to the annual dues letter. “Our membership continues to increase, which is commendable since it typically slips between reunions,” he writes. Also, remember to please include news about yourself for this column!

And here’s a recommendation from Ron: “Those in or visiting the metropolitan New York City area will enjoy a wonderful dinner at Restaurant Etats Unis on E. 81st St., where Pat’s son, Jonathan, is owner/chef. Noted New York gourmet **Neil Janovic** says it’s the best restaurant in the city.” **Fred Harwood**, Morganville, NJ, reconnected with Cornell three years ago when son **Peter ’96** transferred from Sophia U. in Tokyo. “It has been wonderful for wife Nancy (a Northwestern alum) and me to relive Cornell through our son’s eyes and to learn about the awesome accomplishments of the Frank Rhodes era.”

Last year, Fred was elected president of the AIFC (Alumni Interfraternity Council). He’s been working hard as part of the team of undergraduates, alumni, administrators, and faculty to revitalize the Greek system at Cornell. “It’s been a rewarding experience, and I am privileged to be serving Cornell after all these years. I’m back, involved, and enjoying our fair Cornell in a most worthy cause. Anyone interested in the new strategic plan for fraternities and sororities can contact me at (908) 332-0091 or fharwood@sequent.com.”

Fred writes that he and Nancy have spent some great times with **Bob Higgins**, **John Teare**, and **Fred Andresen**. Last September the Harwoods joined Fred and wife **Carol (Shaw) ’62** and her sister, **Ann Shaw** Lang, at the memorable wedding of the Andresens’ daughter Nancy in Greensboro, NC.

Carol Clark Tatkon has elected to retire from Exxon after 32 years with the company.

Carol joined Exxon as a foreign economic analyst in 1964. Later positions included manager of corporate financial planning; treasurer of Exxon, USA; vice president and treasurer of Imperial Oil Ltd., Exxon’s affiliate in Canada; and, most recently, senior vice president of Exxon, USA. She is currently a member of the executive committee and vice chairman of the University Board of Trustees; she also serves as a trustee of the U. of St. Thomas and a member of the board of directors of the Houston Museum of Fine Arts.

Florida’s Lakeland Prowlers, owned by Leslie and **Barbara Hirsch** Kaplan and their children, finished Number One in the Southern Hockey League last season (its first season), but lost in the play-off semi-final game when the goalie went down with a broken collar bone. As I write, it’s that time of year for Bob and **Mary Arth** Thomasset, 147 Woodcrest Ave., White Plains, NY 10604. Tax time. “We have our own firm, Bomar Planners, which does financial planning and tax preparation,” says Mary. “We work crazily from January through April, then moderately the rest of the year—which enables us to travel, visit kids and grandchildren, etc.” **Ed Tavlin** and wife **Beth (Streisfeld) ’62**, 9901 E. Broadview Dr., Bay Harbor Islands, FL, became grandparents again when their daughter gave birth to twins Mikaela and Michael. That makes three young ’uns for the doting couple. Meanwhile, Ed, who has been mayor of Bar Harbor Islands for the last three years, was elected to another four-year term on the town council. **Richard ’58** and **Beverly Hall Severance**, 18251 Ranchera Rd., Redding, CA, also have three grandchildren, two in Maryland and the third in Seattle. “I keep busy remodeling our home and traveling to visit the children and grandchildren,” writes Beverly. **Margaret Chamberlain Beringer**, 260 Woodbridge Ave, Metuchen, NJ, and husband **Robert ’58**, welcomed their fourth grandchild into the world in March 1996.

When not working as an HMO regulator for the New Jersey Dept. of Insurance, **Jack Newman**, 125 Evergreen St., Mt. Holly, NJ, finds time to enjoy hiking, folk dancing, and writing letters to the editor on political topics. He’s also become a fan of e-mail, and would appreciate hearing from old friends (alijac@juno.com). He and wife Alice were recently in the Finger Lakes area, visiting her son, who is a student at New York Chiropractic College, and touring the Cayuga and Seneca Wine Trails. ♦ **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801-2643; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, 102433.3653@compuserve.com.



During the Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) meeting in Manhattan in late January, **Steve** and **Ruth Conn** generously hosted a party for the Class of ’60 at their recently acquired townhouse on the Upper West Side. The gathering was a great success—fittingly, the group numbered about 60. Many thanks to the Conns for their hospitality.

Most of the class officers were in attendance, including **Sue Phelps** Day, **Ken**

Ackley, Bill Fisher, Geoff Bullard, Gale Jackson, Ginny Seipt, Ray Skaddan, Phyllis Pugatch Schecter, and Irene Kleinsinger. Also attending were **Mike Abrams, Harry Blair, Carolyn Carlson Blake, John Burget, and Bob Cohen**, who treated the group to cabaret songs from his recent performances in New York and elsewhere. Also there were **Mary Di Gangi, Gloria Edis Schoenfeld, Joanne Isaacs Froelich, Alan and Ellie Ross Garfinkel, Jerry Gauland, Sam Gilbert, Margaret Gordon, Michael Greer, Lorraine Buzzutto Haley, Ben Hehn, Elizabeth Heine, Jean Lahey Johnson, Bobbie Spelman Josepher, Herb M. Kaplan, Allen Klein, Steve Kornreich, Sandy Leff, Abby Herzfeld Litt, Carrie Warnow Makover, Linda Wurtzman Rosenheim, Phyllis Yellin Schondorf, Elliot Seley, and Emily Frenkel Soell**, along with a number of spouses and guests.

John Burget reports that he started on a new phase of his career, having joined the investment banking firm Bentley Associates after many years at Goldman Sachs and Merrill Lynch and a period as a project finance advisor. In his limited spare time, John plays tennis, bicycles (in France, among other locales), and sails. Last summer he got certified to charter large sailboats and says, to those of you planning trips to the Caribbean or Greek Isles, "If you need a skipper, call me up." John can be reached on e-mail at: jburget@compuserve.com.

Richard J. Schwartz has been named chairman of the National Museum of American Art of the Smithsonian Inst. A resident of Scarborough, NY, Dick is president of a private investment corporation and head of the David Schwartz Foundation, as well as being a noted collector of American art. He is also vice chairman of the NY State Council on the Arts and a university trustee. Another recent appointment was **John Alfano**, named city court judge for the City of Rye. John has been an attorney in Rye for many years.

Howard "Skip" Picking, MBA '62, reports having sold his air-conditioning machinery company to York International and joining the firm himself. Skip and **Adelle (Case) '61**, a realtor in Johnstown, PA, are very active in their community, where they have lived for 30 years. He notes the advantages for corporations that choose to locate in smaller cities like Johnstown and points out that "electronics can put you anywhere now." A professional change of another sort was undertaken by **Henry Ronca**, who retired as a real estate broker to a 35-acre working apple farm in Highland, NY, which he also maintains as a bed and breakfast. The place "keeps me hopping," says Henry, who can be found at 43 Bailey's Gap Rd.

Keep the news coming! ♦ **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, 146 Allerton Rd., Newton, MA 02161; e-mail, jwittenberg@vmsvax.simmons.edu.

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ATTENTION: Print Mistress Seeking Web Master. If you are Web-wise, come be part of the class correspondence brigade and add the Class of '61 to the

Net. Contact **Dave Kessler** or me. Thanks to all of you who wrote with your dues, saving me from searching the thesaurus for adjectives! What an interesting class we have, at all stages of life. One note, from **Bill Kander**, Portland, OR, made me pause and take stock. One recent night, after he played violin with his local community band, a Jeep skidded out of con-

Volunteer Action Center board, division of United Way. (Thanks, Ann, for responding to one of my pleas for mail!) **Barbara Jacobs Mitnick**, Morristown, NJ, has for two years chaired a 27-member task force on New Jersey history. Appointed by Governor Christine Todd Whitman, task force members are charged with reviewing history education,

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— BILL KANDER '61

trol and totaled his Honda Civic. Saved by his seat belt and air bag, Bill says, "One moment I was transformed by Brahms, the next by the realization of the transience of life and my vulnerability." I'm sure we've all been touched by this realization . . . but it's good to hear from someone else, so that we remember to value every day. Bill now drives a Volvo with front AND side airbags!

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS. **Lola Cohen** Green will have another travel guide out at the end of the year about US romantic inns and hotels. She and her husband have just moved to La Jolla, CA, and she's hoping other southern Californians will contact her. **Debra Robbins** Wolf, Fort Lee, NJ, is seeking anecdotal material about the golf courses of Greater New York, including Long Island, Westchester, and into Sullivan County for the second book she is writing. Her first was *The Garden State Golf Guide*. E-mail stories to her at <dwoifsgg@aol.com>. **Judy Rensin Mandell**, N. Garden, VA, highlights Cornell in her two newest books. In *Magazine Editors Talk to Writers*, **Stephen Madden '86**, former editor and publisher of the *Cornell Alumni News* (now *Cornell Magazine*), is featured. The *News* gets another plug in *Writers Guide to Magazine Editors*. (Judy and **Jerry '58**, MD '62, also have a new granddaughter, thanks to son **Scott '93** and daughter-in-law **Kim Perzel, MS HE '94**. **Pat McElroy Carlson** reports that she will jaunt off on a ten-city book tour in Germany and Austria when her mystery novel "Bloodstream" is published this spring. That's far from Brooklyn, where she and husband **Marvin, PhD '61**, live. Marvin also has a new book, *Performance*, about performance art. They, too, have a Cornell child, **Richard, MA '96**.

And now, the volunteers! **Ann Bowman** Rueback Strong, Indianapolis, IN, writes a column for *The Indianapolis Register* called "Ann's Accolades," recognizing the accomplishments of area volunteers. She, herself, has "truly enjoyed my work sans pay for local, state, national, and international organizations and causes." Her resume includes (in an arm-long list) the presidencies of the Assn. for Major Symphony Orchestra Volunteers, and the

funding, cultural and heritage tourism to recommend improvements, especially in the economic management and stable funding sources. The final report is due in June.

Don Spero, Bethesda, MD, is busy at home with 14- and 16-year olds. In addition, he serves on boards of public, midstage, and entrepreneurial start-ups, providing guidance and sometimes seed capital for early-stage ventures. He still rows in some masters competitions and sings in a barbershop quartet, making up for the fact that he never got to be a Cayuga's Waiter or Sherwood. (Good to see some dreams fulfilled.)

Willis '60 and **Ginny Buchanan Clark** are still in Fort Wayne after 18 years, where they are ensconced in volunteer activities. Ginny coordinates a "Read to Me" campaign of various programs to encourage parents to read to their children and get books into the hands of more children. Will's projects involve inner-city problems. He's now forming a Community Development Corp. to resurrect an inner city neighborhood. **Ellie Browner** Greco, Forked River, NJ, has been very active in the Lacey Historical Society. The township celebrated its 125th anniversary in 1996 with events throughout the year, including the opening of a renovated Schoolhouse Museum with historical society members in 1860s costumes. She also works with the Friends of the Library, generating cultural events for the community. **Nelson Spencer**, Dallas, TX, wrote, in lovely architectural printing, that he was elected to the board of the U. of Texas school of architecture foundation. It's great that so many of us are busy giving to our communities. I'm still involved in First Night Montclair. We will celebrate our tenth anniversary this New Year's Eve! In addition, I participate in the Montclair Library's two-day Booktoberfest by running our international food tent. Just the right job for a Home Eccie!

Let us know about your volunteer activities or life-changing experiences. Calling all classmates with initials in the words SUMMER SCHOOL . . . please write. ♦ **Joyce Berger** Goldman, 5 Roosevelt Pl., Montclair, NJ 07042; tel, (201) 782-5196 (H), (201) 325-

8388 (O); fax, (201) 325-8488; **David S. Kessler**, 288 Lexington Ave., #7B, NYC 10016; tel., (718) 416-7600, X203 (O); fax (718) 418-3084; e-mail, casaoso@jdt.mail.net.

REUNION

62 It really won't be the same without you! If you're reading this and you've not yet made your plans to join classmates to renew with '62, June 5-8, put the magazine down, go make your reservations, and then come back to finish reading the magazine! A plethora of activities are planned, with something for everyone. For all of us, there's the joy of seeing longtime friends and making new ones—join us in Ithaca next month! You'll be glad you did.

Your class officers met at the annual Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) meeting in New York in January. Among the topics discussed was the class gift campaign, which is chaired by **Byron McCalmon** and **Jon Hinebauch**. With 20 percent of the class members participating, we have over \$2 million yet to raise to meet our goal of \$7 million and 30 percent participation. Expect a call! Phon-a-thon efforts will be underway this spring: any amount will be happily received. Our class set a record for 25th Reunion giving that still stands: over \$5-1/2 million from 738 donors. Large or small—they all count!

It was decided to continue funding of a Cornell Tradition fellowship as our class gift. Class membership is up by 40 percent, to 460. In the hopes that you'll plan to attend our 35th Reunion in June, a class directory was to be sent out this spring. If you've not received one by the time you're reading this, let me know (and send some news, while you're at it!). You should also have received a reunion schedule of events planned by the class—count on a busy, informative, renewing, and FUN experience! Festivities begin Thurs., June 5 with a pasta bar at our class headquarters, Cascadilla Hall. The class forum, "Renew with '62," moderated by ILR professor Fred Kahn, is not-to-be-missed on Friday morning. The Olin lecturer, Friday afternoon, will be former Governor Ann Richards of Texas. The Friday dinner will be at the Johnson Art Museum, which will feature a retrospective of the work of our late classmate **Vuko Tashkovich**, architect and master builder of Pound Ridge, NY. Of course there will be a variety of university-sponsored activities in addition to those organized by the class. It won't be the same without you, so be there! It's not too late to let **Char Jones** Collister know you'd like to help: call her at (614) 488-1438.

Among the attendees at the CACO meeting was Class Treasurer **John Neuman**. John has recently joined A.T. Kearney, an EDS corporation, as vice president. He and **Carolyn (Chauncey) '64** live in Rye, NY. **Neil Schilke** has been commuting from home in Michigan to his current assignment with General Motors in Toronto, Ont., Canada—it's not only our kids who are doing the commuter-marriage thing. **Alex Vollmer** has a construction consulting company in San Francisco. After the meeting, Alex was heading to Ithaca.

Pat Padgitt Wellington sent along a copy of a news story she received from **Karen Palmer Anderson** regarding classmate **David Duffield's** recent generous gift to Cornell. David is president, chief executive, and chairman of Peoplesoft of Pleasanton, CA, which he founded ten years ago. The company develops software for manufacturing, distribution, financial, and human resource management, and for higher education. David earned his BEE and MBA (in '64) from Cornell; his gift to the university is earmarked for labs and classrooms for science and engineering. Pat and Duke will be attending Reunion.

George Agle successfully returned the L.G. Balfour Co. to profitability, with the resulting recent merger with Artcarved to form a new company, Commemorative Brands. The new company becomes one of the largest manufacturers and sellers of class rings in the US, in addition to its business in consumer sports jewelry, championship rings, and fine paper products (your diploma, for example) for the scholastic market. George now chairs the board of Commemorative Brands, based in Austin, TX. His wife, Diane, a former world and Olympic ice skater and Canadian champion, has been coaching the sport for the past 20 years. Diane is currently coaching ranked US skater Shepherd Clark.

The *Albany Legislative Gazette* reports that **Marisel Oppenheimer** Donath has been chosen as president and CEO of the Community Bankers Assn. of NY State. She has been active with the banking group since 1979 and has served as CFO and director of federal relations. She lives in Scarsdale.

If you're looking for a home in Villa Park, CA, call **Leslie Avery Giacobbi** (Mrs. **Peter '61**). **Judy Alberts** Chinn is the director of Chinn Workshops in Lafayette, CA, which offers, among other classes, SAT I and SAT II. **Barnett "Buzz" Rukin** is also a railroad executive, with Short Line. He and **Donna (Proopis) '71** live in Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ.

John Carlson is a consultant with Utility Audit Group in Chadds Ford, PA. **Peter Nathan** is an attorney in W. Palm Beach, FL. **Wayne "Little Jake" Kelder** is a dairy farmer in Accord, NY. **Priscilla Snow** Algava is a graphic designer, painter, printmaker, and part-time art teacher in Princeton, NJ. Her firm is Art-Tech Associates.

What a wonderful variety we have among our classmates! Join them in June! ♦ **Jan McClayton** Crites, 2779 Dellwood Dr., Lake Oswego, OR 97034.

63 As I write this article, **Warren '62** and I have been back in the United States for about a month. We miss England, but are enjoying the transition back to life in Racine, WI, with lots of good friends and plenty of cold and snowy weather. Please note our new address at the end of this article. Before I left London, I talked with **Tom Wills-Sanford**, who is officially in the Class of '62, but had his picture in our *Cornellian*. Tom's credit card fraud business went public in April 1996 and merged in December with its nearest

competitor. Wife Heather is an artist. Daughter Katherine, 24, is an art dealer in London. Tom is active with the Cornell Club of London and is its past president. **Ira D. Ross** is in Bedford, MA, working at Mitre Corp. Son Colin is a senior at Furman U. and plays football. Daughter Lexie is a sophomore at Denison. Ira would like to communicate with classmates on e-mail, but unfortunately there isn't enough column space to list all e-mail contacts. I have an up-to-date address list—write me if you want information.

Mary Falvey writes from San Francisco that her step-daughter got married January 3 and she was a proud mother-of-the-bride. Mary plans to concentrate on her consulting practice in the new year. **Bob Filner** was re-elected to a third term in Congress from the 50th Congressional District in California (San Diego) with 62 percent of the vote. By e-mail came news from **Russ Stevenson**: he left private practice to become general counsel of CyberCash Inc., an Internet payment services company in Reston, VA. He and wife **Margie Axtell '66** are enjoying being emptynesters. Daughter **Amanda '99** is in Arts and Sciences and Lauren is a sophomore at Columbia. **Bob Bouton** is a software marketing executive with PSI International in Wilton, CT.

The U. of Southern California held an awards luncheon last October to honor three business leaders. **Lewis E. Platt**, chairman, president, and CEO of Hewlett-Packard Co. received the 1996 Award for Business Excellence. Lew also serves on the University Council and on the Wharton School's board of overseers. In 1995, President Clinton appointed Platt to the US advisory committee on trade policy negotiations.

Susan (Fidler) and husband **Loring Smith '61** are still living and working in Boston and are also happy grandparents since March 1995. In January 1996, **Mark Spitzer** became executive director of Environmental Works, Seattle's community design center. The group focuses on affordability for non-profit housing and human services agencies and on sustainability consulting to the profession in general. Paul and **Judy Branton** Wilkins are both semi-retired in the foothills below Lake Tahoe (Penn Valley, CA). Paul is a mediator of the American Arbitration Assn. and Judy recently joined the local piano club. Son Brian (U. of Southern California '95) is with National Geographic Feature Films and looking for full-time employment. Daughter Cathy is in her freshman year of college in California. Dr. **Francine Siegal** Zieverink is busy addressing international conferences and consulting to family-owned businesses on issues of communication and leadership. She has worked in Oregon and overseas these last 20 years as a psychiatrist/psychotherapist to CEOs and corporations. Husband Bill's passion as an MD is developing effective health-care delivery systems. Son Dan is a Brandeis graduate, and daughter **Christine Zieverink '97** is in Engineering.

Bill and **Frances "Frankie" Campbell** Tutt are still in Colorado Springs. Bill's com-

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*Admissions Ambassadors
Perform A Valuable Service
— And Have Fun Doing It*

BY DEANNE GITNER '66

MY FIRST ASSIGNMENT AS a Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) volunteer was twenty-four years ago in Stamford, Connecticut. As a new parent and a new homeowner, I remember there wasn't a stick of furniture in the living room, and my two-year-old (now getting ready for his 5th reunion with Cornell's Class of '92) was napping. One of my first local high school student interviewees walked quite a distance to my home on a snowy day. I had graduated six years earlier and we had a wonderful conversation about Cornell. I remember how much I enjoyed speaking with someone older than two.

In those days, CAAAN volunteers were not told whether or not their interviewees were ultimately accepted. About a year later I received a letter from that young woman saying how much she loved Cornell and thanking me for having talked to her. She was the first in her family to attend college (as I had been) and she was grateful for the opportunity. I will never forget that letter, nor meeting her. Cornell is one of the best things that ever happened to me and I was so happy to help someone else experience it



Orientation Week for freshmen. 6,000 alumni speak with more than 10,000 Cornell applicants each year.

that I've remained a CAAAN ambassador for nearly a quarter-century.

Some 6,000 dedicated Cornell volunteers are involved in CAAAN activities. As members of 305 committees in nine regions, we contact more than 10,000 applicants each year—and host send-off parties, college nights, and accepted-candidates receptions throughout the country.

Many CAAAN volunteers, when asked why they give time to this effort, say that talking about Cornell with prospective applicants and their families is just plain "fun." Eliese Fisher '88 volunteers for CAAAN and helps with minority recruitment because she was once "one of those students" and wants to give back to the university. Susan Phelps Day '60, MED '62, and her husband, Bill '59, BME '60, have volunteered since 1961. "We enjoy promoting Cornell and telling the Cornell story," says Susan. "CAAAN work also helps us stay current and in tune with the younger generation."

NEW YORK, NORTHEASTERN OHIO *Good Coverage*

NOT ALL CAAAN VOLUNTEERS receive training, although in areas of the country where it is feasible they are instructed by other alumni or admissions staffers from Ithaca. There are 540 CAAAN members in New York City, where Ken Nagin '74 gives updates to new members about university programs and admissions office standards. A few years ago he and other members

CALENDAR OF EVENTS / MAY 16-JULY 15

For updated information on Cornell Club events, call the Office of Alumni Affairs, (607) 255-3517.

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Alumni Affairs, June 5-8—Reunion. Call (607) 255-7085.

METRO NEW YORK

CC/Westchester, May 19—Lee Robinson '61 4th Annual Big Red Classic. Enjoy golf, tennis, or being a spectator at Old Oaks Country Club, Purchase, NY. Call Rick Leland '71, (212) 940-8700.

CC/Monmouth/Ocean Counties, May 21—Steven Worona '70, Assistant to the Vice President for Information Technologies, speaks on the Internet. Call Nancy Gustafson Toth '66, (908) 842-3094.

CC/Northern NJ, May 29—Annual dinner, Shanghai Jazz Restaurant. Thomas Eisner, the Jacob Gould Schurman professor of biology, speaks on "The Value of Nature." Charge. Call Rolf Frantz '66, (201) 539-9787.

CC/Rockland/Orange, May 30—Professor Thomas Eisner speaks on "The Value of Nature" at the Nyack Grande. Reception, cash bar, and dinner. Charge. Call Robert Levitan '54, (914) 638-0491.

CC/Fairfield, June 1—Luncheon. Professor Thomas Eisner speaks on "The Value of Nature." Call James F. Davis '67, (203) 327-6457.

NEW YORK/ONTARIO

CWC/Batavia, May 17—Annual business meeting, noon. Call Louise O'Donnell Brownell '33, (716) 798-1559.

CWC/Cortland County, May 20—Pam Bobins speaks on "Kitchens of the '90's," 6:30 p.m. Call Judy Riehlman '80, (607) 753-5021.

CWC/Syracuse, June 9—White elephant auction, plant sale, and dinner, home of Donna Degarmo Willis '74. Call Janet Brothers Fallon '76, (315) 696-0167.

CWC/Cortland County, June 17—Picnic and Cornell student send-off at the home of Esther Forbes Twentymann-Potter '45. Call Judy Riehlman '80, (607) 753-5021.

CWC/Batavia, June 21—Luncheon and program, noon. Call Louise O'Donnell Brownell '33, (716) 798-1559.

NORTHEAST

CC/Greater Hartford, July 9—Concert on the Trinity Quad. Call Sue Phelps Day '60, (860) 673-5958.

MID-ATLANTIC

CC/Lancaster, June 15—Father's Day raft and canoe trip including swimming and picnicking, 9 a.m. Call Julie Jones '79, (717) 898-8298.

CC/Washington, DC, June 15—Annual picnic, farm of Austin Kiplinger '39. Call Bonnie Eissner '94, (202) 362-7196.

NORTH CENTRAL

CC/Louisville, June 7—Clam/lobster bake and annual meeting at the home of Marty and Joan Steiner '53. Call Kalyani Chandra '95, (502) 425-9835.

CC/Michigan, May 17—Cheer on the Cornell Formula 1 SAE Team, hospitality tent at the Pontiac Silverdome lot. Call Bruce Gretz '85, (810) 360-6980.

CC/Northeastern Ohio, June 24—Cleveland Indians vs. Minnesota Twins, proceeds to benefit the Minority Summer Scholarship. Call Tom Williams '76, (216) 526-7218, or (216) 721-6000.

WESTERN

CC/Los Angeles, May 16—CAU weekend in Oxnard—"The American West as Fact & Fiction" with American Studies professor Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76, and professor of American history Dan Usner. Radisson Suite Hotel, Oxnard. Charge. Call Curtis Reis '56, (310) 410-9281.

SOUTHEAST

May 15—See Dr. Ed Lu '84 blast off from the Kennedy Space Center in a rare nighttime lift-off of the space shuttle *Atlantis*. Additional alumni events: a post-blast-off breakfast and a trip to Epcot Center. Call David Wiesner '84, (281) 855-8718.

CC/Jacksonville, May 22—Monthly luncheon, River City Brewing Company, noon. Call Eric Hoerdtorfer '88, 448-2570.

CC/Atlanta, May 27—Premier wine tasting at RJ's Uptown Wine Bar, 5 p.m. Charge. Call Kim Brown Bixler '91, (404) 892-3516.

CC/Atlanta, June 7—Family sports day, Atlanta Memorial Park, 1 p.m. Park clean-up, followed by a pot-luck dinner. Call Jon Gordon '93, (404) 359-7592.

CC/Atlanta, June 9—Meet at the Park Bench Restaurant in Buckhead for guest speakers and networking, 6:30 p.m. Call Kim Brown Bixler '91, (404) 892-6354.

of the CAAAN Advisory Committee—a group of twenty alumni who meet regularly with admissions staff on CAAAN issues—produced a training video which was sent to committees throughout the country to help educate new volunteers.

"I like being an ambassador for Cornell. It is a fun way of becoming involved. You get to meet young, prospective students and get to give your viewpoint of the message of Cornell. It is a tangible way of giving back to the univer-

admissions volunteer efforts in the greater Cleveland/Akron area for fifteen years. He coordinates activities for the west suburbs and is assisted by Chuck Skinner '63, BME '64 (northeast suburbs), John Burke, MS '74 (southeast suburbs), and Sue DeRosay Henninger '57 (Akron/Canton). Approximately eighty-five Northeastern Ohio volunteers meet with applicants and complete reports, which are then included in each student's application file. Last year 85 percent of the stu-

"CAAAN work involves more than just contacting applicants, although the volunteers say that speaking with applicants is the best part of the job."

sity. Even if a student is rejected, it is important to make sure he or she has a good experience with Cornell," Nagin says.

CAAAN work involves more than just contacting applicants, although most volunteers have said that speaking with the applicants either by phone or in person is the best part of the job. An interview usually takes an hour. Some volunteers meet prospective students in their homes, while others do so in their offices, in the students' homes, schools, or even the public library.

"Northeastern Ohio is typical of many regions where the CAAAN committee and the Cornell Club of Northeastern Ohio work closely together, and where the commitment to recruiting students is very strong," says Susan Miller, the director of Cornell's North Central Regional Office. A typical CAAAN organization has a committee chairperson who coordinates the volunteer efforts. In Northeastern Ohio J. Ward Simonson '39 has led the

dents applying from the area were contacted by alumni and had an official CAAAN form on file.

CHICAGO, NEW JERSEY *Ithaca Trips & More*

ADMISSIONS VOLUNTEERS DON'T just meet with applicants. They also help with recruitment, yield, and retention, and serve as role models for future alumni. While admissions officers from Cornell visit local high schools, CAAAN volunteers attend college nights and other prospective student programs throughout the year to meet applicants and their families and to provide a broader knowledge of Cornell. CAAAN alumni also make referrals of strong high school students and student athletes to Cornell and encourage prospective students to visit the campus.

Many Cornell alumni associations and CAAAN committees are chaired by people who concentrate on encouraging minority students to consider Cornell, and

assist with the application process. Eliese Fisher, who now lives in Chicago, began her CAAAN work in her hometown of Cleveland, where she and other volunteers targeted students in at-risk high schools. With the help of the schools' guidance departments they identified students who they thought would benefit from Cornell. In the fall, workshops were held for these students, where college life was discussed. Cornell volunteers then helped the students through the admissions process, even calling the guidance departments of the high schools to make sure that the transcripts were sent in on time. "The first year of this program, we took six students who were accepted to minority weekend. Five decided to attend, and I believe all have graduated," said Eliese, who is now working with the Cornell Club of Chicago to set up a similar program.

Another group, the Cornell Club of Northern New Jersey, sponsors a bus trip to Ithaca for prospective applicants. The two-day trip, chaired by Lou Nisiovocia '90 and Marissa Rago Hedengren '87, was sold out, with forty-four prospective applicants staying on campus, visiting classes, and learning whether or not Cornell was for them. This organization also increases awareness of Cornell by giving Cornell book awards to high school juniors in six New Jersey high schools.

To become a CAAAN volunteer, one needs only to have been an undergraduate or graduate student at Cornell. Volunteering for CAAAN "is a particularly good activity for recent graduates, since it is a no-cost activity and they have great expertise, having so recently been students themselves," says Susan Miller. There is no age limit for CAAAN volunteers. Older alumni often gain as much rapport with applicants as recent graduates do.

Many CAAAN volunteers get started as undergraduates by

participating as campus ambassadors in recruitment and admissions events or by helping at send-off parties or accepted-candidates nights in their home cities. For some CAAAN groups and alumni associations, another recruitment activity involves raising funds to send a local student

to the Cornell Summer College Program. In Northeastern Ohio, Tom Williams '76 chairs the Scholarship Committee. "Although this program may only affect one or two high school juniors each year, the program is well known by many high school counselors who recommend their top students to the program," Miller says.



Genesee-Orleans Cornell Club honors volunteers with the "Spirit of Cornell" Award. Top, from left: Maryanne Sovocool '52, and Alfred Richley '44, present the 1996 award to Mary Wright '45. Bottom: the Class of 2000.

Many alumni associations host receptions for accepted students and their parents, with discussion groups made up of recent graduates and parents of current undergraduates helping prospec-

the students and provide them with a list of other students from the area who attend Cornell. This helps them to network, to find familiar faces on campus, and to share rides to and from home.

Some CAAAN groups also host events for undergraduates in January when they are at home for winter recess. In Northeastern Ohio, an educational program followed by a social gathering gives students, parents, and alumni a chance to get to know one another. Northeastern Ohio also sponsors a Summer Job Net-

work for students, co-chaired by Betty Jacques Browne '52 and husband Mike '55, MBA '56, and Meg Mitchell '78. They contact alumni in the area and collect information on jobs and internships for students, communicated to students by e-mail.

Even in areas of the country where there is no Cornell club, there is often an active CAAAN committee. CAAAN groups provide the easiest and best way for young alumni to get involved, says Jim Mazza '88, director of student aid development. "It is amazing how many Cornell volunteers started that way and then branched out into other forms of helping Cornell. As alumni move around the country, CAAAN volunteering is a great way to keep in touch with the university, as there is always a CAAAN committee that needs volunteers."

Campus admissions people say that CAAAN reports help in the admissions process by giving it a human element. "CAAAN volunteers often help to explain the Cornell structure to an applicant or encourage an applicant to emphasize something he or she may have taken for granted. In addition, they often provide the university with a local context for student activities or provide an explanation for a major glitch in a student transcript," says Brenda Bricker, director of admissions for the College of Human Ecology.

"Often, the most important thing CAAAN volunteers do is to encourage students to take a closer look at Cornell by enabling them to speak with someone who really loves the university. Just getting students excited, so that they go home and read the information they have, is important. I am grateful to CAAAN volunteers for the work they do," Bricker says.

TO BE A CAAAN VOLUNTEER, or for more information, call the director of volunteer programs in the Admissions Office at 607-255-5020.

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pany, Tutco, is developing a property in Dallas to include a major full-service hotel. In 1995, Frankie was named to the President's Council of Cornell Women. She operates a travel company, a travel school, and writes for eight travel publications. Son **Ben, Grad** is earning his master's at the Hotel school. Bill and Frankie divide vacation time between homes in Vail and a fishing lodge in Eagle's Nest Wilderness Area.

Class President **Craig Peterson** announced the Cornell Class of 1963 Diversity Awareness Award, last September, to Water-margin Education Program. This program is an ongoing effort to promote understanding, respect, and amicable relations among students of different races, ethnic backgrounds, and cultures through formal and informal learning experiences. Congratulations!

Brief notes: Dr. **Walter Zent** is a veterinarian in Lexington, KY; **Christine Householder** Schneider is a librarian at Cape Vincent (NY) Elementary School; **Floyd Hummel Jr.** is a programmer and math teacher at Penn State U.; **Dorothy Samuel** is a designer with California Design in Los Angeles; **Allan Bergman** is director, state-federal relations for the United Cerebral Palsy Assn. in Washington, DC.

That's all for this month! News and dues requests will be out soon, so respond with both! ♦ **Nancy Bierds Icke**, 42 E. Campus Ct., Racine, WI 53402.

64 Spring has sprung! In fact, it's nearly half over. So to prepare for summer's sultry weather, here's some not-so-sultry news from your fellow classmates. For summertime reading, you might pick up **Steve Pieczenik's** latest techno-thriller, *Op Center: Act of War*, the fourth in a paperback series which he co-authored with Tom Clancy. His first joint effort with the king of the genre made it to Number Two on the paperback best-seller lists last spring. Steve also signed a five-year deal with Clancy and ABC to produce programming, specifically three four-hour miniseries and one hour-long drama. From 4731 Essex Ave., Chevy Chase, MD, he also reports

that his youngest daughter will go off to college this fall.

Also in top form is **Harold Evensky**, CFP of Evensky, Brown & Katz, who was cited last spring as one of but 15 members of the prestigious "Alpha Group," the nation's top financial advisers as determined by the International Assn. of Financial Planners. The group's principal activity is ongoing advice to mutual fund companies. Harold also has a new book out for his fellow professionals: *Wealth Management*.

On the other hand, **Alicia Vogt** Linzey seems to be seeking bottom. Or maybe several bottoms. That's because Alicia learned to scuba last year. Alicia is a biology professor at Indiana U. of Pennsylvania, where husband Neil Asting is a chemistry professor. They keep active. Last year, she returned to South Africa and Zimbabwe in connection with ongoing research there on mammal ecology. Then last summer, the two went white-water rafting in the Grand Canyon. When they do return home, it's to 420 Edgewood Ave., Indiana, PA. Also journeying far were biochemist **Ginny Mai Abrams** and her family, who accompanied husband Lloyd to Hawaii last summer, when he gave a talk before the Chemical Societies of the Pacific Basin. They especially loved the "Big Island." Younger daughter **Laura Abrams '97** will graduate this year with a major in biochemistry, and plans to attend the Vet college. The Abramses live at 555 Holly Knoll Rd., Hockessin, DE—not far from Ginny's workplace (Brown Lab, U. of Delaware).

In March 1996, **Ken Kupchak** left his Hawaiian home (well, briefly) for New Orleans, where he spoke before the annual meeting of Commercial Law Affiliates and led a session on arbitration. The organization is the world's largest international affiliation of independent business and commercial law firms. Ken, a senior partner in the Honolulu law firm of Damon Key Bocken Leong Kupchak, was also honored recently by his other alma mater, Penn State, where he earned a master's. Its college of earth and mineral sciences named him a Centennial Fellow as part of the 100th anniversary celebration of the college. Ken, wife **Patty (Geer) '67**, and their younger son spent three weeks last fall in Berlin, Prague, and points east; they found Prague to be "a marvelous city."

Still another far-flung traveler is **Andre Vanderzanden** (527 Salmon Falls Rd., Rochester, NH), who with wife Edwinna vacationed in Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, and Jamaica last year. Andre, a pediatrician, is director of Camp Carefree and is chief of pediatrics of the New Hampshire Diabetics Assn. And for truly exotic travel consider **William Frommer**, a patent and trademark attorney in NYC, who in 1995 vacationed in Bhutan and last year in Fiji. He lives on Charles Rd. in Mt. Kisko, NY.

George and Pat Lenihan Ayres's youngest son **Jeremy '96** graduated from the Ag college last June—and now works on the family farm with his father and brother-in-law **Jim Gray '87**. Daughter **Kris Ayres Gray '87** and Pat run the farm market and greenhouses. Altogether, the Ayers farm 1,400 acres in sweet corn, field corn, soybeans, wheat, and

vegetables. If you feel hungry and you're near their farm in Shortsville, NY, drop by 4920 Herenden Rd. for a visit. (Note: soybeans are awful raw.)

Architect **Joel Cantor** (354 Euclid Ave., San Francisco, CA) returned to Ithaca last October for the first time in 28 years, having come back east (New Jersey) for a high school reunion. He says of his visit: "Everything was breathtaking—the fall colors, the campus, the Libe Tower chimes—even seeing an old professor or two. It was the first time since I had left that I was able to feel the true bond that exists with the school and the area."

Obstetrician-gynecologist **Paul Kruger** (431 Harris Dr., Watertown, NY) each year offers an externship during winter break to Cornell students interested in obstetrics and gynecology. Through February 1996, four students had done it. Two of Paul's three sons are Cornellians: **Michael '94** and **Nathan '98**, both in the Arts college.

John Randall is a research engineer with the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, specializing in aerospace nuclear safety. John, wife Catherine, and their three children still live at 6318 Dry Stone Gate, Columbia, MD. His interests include aikido, judo, and camping, and he volunteers with Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN). **William and Gudrun Rule MacMillan** split their extracurricular activities: he's into woodworking, sports, biking, sculling, and soccer; she, gardening; both, square and round dancing. The MacMillans live at 5720 Brooklyn Rd., Jackson, MI. He is a senior engineer with Consumers Power Co. there, while Gudrun is a volunteer at Birthline Pregnancy Crisis Center.

Jody Hutchinson (121 Talleyrand Dr., Wilmington, DE) joined an Annapolis sailing club, and between the club and people she met through the club, has sailed around the Turks and Caicos Islands in the south, the coast of Newfoundland in the north, and lots of places in between. All on OPBs (other people's boats—the best way, in my opinion). Finally, a number of classmates participated in Adult University (CAU) off-campus programs last fall/winter: **Wistar Morris** went to Syria and Jordan in October, **Nadine Felton** went to Cape May, NJ, in October and to Costa Rica in January, and **Tom and Diann Goodman Mann '66** went to Egypt in January.

Please respond promptly to this year's dues plea—and take a few minutes to send some news about you, your family, your interests, etc. ♦ **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, 72760.2224@compuserve.com or BLamont@Tribune.com.

65 As the academic year comes to a close, I want to be certain all members of our class are aware that the Class of '65 Scholar for 1996-97 is **Eric Dalland '00**. Our congratulations to Eric, who is from Cocksackie, NY, and is a freshman in the College of Engineering. Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Donald A. Saleh wrote me, "Please share my sincere thanks for this generous support of Cornell's undergraduate students with

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your classmates."

Congratulations are also in order to several members of our own class. As reported in *The New York Times* of Feb. 7, '97, **Susan Daveny Wyner's** orchestral conducting debut with Andre Previn at Jordan Hall may have been "... the most significant and challenging performance of a lifetime that has been brushed with near tragedy." In 1983, in the midst of a successful career as a soloist, having performed leading roles with the New York City Opera and Metropolitan Opera, Susan was struck by a motorist while bicycle riding in Manhattan, and suffered severe damage to her face and vocal cords. Together with the support of her composer husband, Yehudi Wyner, she spent years recovering and then restructuring her interests into choral conducting, studying at the Los Angeles Philharmonic Inst. and Tanglewood Music Center. The couple moved to Boston four years ago, where Susan conducts choral music at Wellesley College and Yehudi teaches theory and composition at Brandeis U. Susan was associate professor of music and head of the voice department at Cornell at the time of our 25th Reunion.

Nancy Felthousen Ridenour was honored by the Science Teachers Assn. of NY State, having been named the state's best high school science teacher. In addition to her work at Ithaca High School, where she has been a teacher since 1972, her contributions to the profession on both the state and national level were noted. She has been president of the National Biology Teachers Assn. and project director for the Cornell Inst. for Regional Biology Mentors. She has written numerous activities such as "Biology on a Shoestring" for the National Assn. of Biology Teachers and directed the production of a laboratory activity manual with the Cornell Inst. Ridenour was also one of 100 teachers chosen by the National Science Teachers Assn. from 700 applicants to receive training in "Access Excellence," a program run by Genentech, a San Francisco biotechnology company. Nancy writes that daughter **Sheryl '91** is living in San Francisco.

Kudos as well to Class Co-President **Joseph E. Ryan** of Buffalo, NY, who was recently selected to join the governing board of Hospital Trustees of NY State. Among Joseph's other most recent honors are election to the board of directors of the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation, election as president of the Greater Buffalo Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, receipt of the 1995 Terry Anderson Courage to Come Back Award, selection to the board of directors of the National Spinal Cord Injury Assn., and chairperson of the Crossroads (Marine Midland Arena) Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Advisory Committee. Joseph, who resides in Buffalo with wife Eileen and their son Sean, has also achieved selection to the University Council.

Former Class Correspondent **John "Scot" MacEwan** informs us that he is still active in the local Cornell Club in Portland, OR, where he has a private engineering practice and a personal investment practice. "I do volunteer work for Kappa Sigma Fraternity, for

my church, and for American Society of Mechanical Engineers, working with college engineering students in the Pacific Northwest." As vice president for Esso Norge As, **Samuel M. Dell III** writes from Oslo, Norway, that he is "responsible for Esso's marketing, marine transportation, and refining in Norway ... where we enjoy sailing, skiing, and travel." He has grown children—David, an engineer with Cessna, and Katy. Another sailor, **Larry Richard Smith**, says that he now has two sailboats, a Cal 34 for local use, and a HansChristian 39, which he sailed from Charleston, SC, to Norfolk, VA, last July. Owner of an insurance company, Larry resides in Omaha, NE. Happy sailing and other summer activities to all and please remember to send us your news. ♦ **Florence Douglas Bank**, 6420 Goldleaf Dr., Bethesda, Md. 20817.



Hello, people! I hope that you still remember how wonderfully the reunion went last June. Why am I bringing it up, a year later, you wonder? It seems that I still have a series of notes that classmates shared during reunion year, and I just couldn't let them go unnoticed! Here are some items I want you all to know about ... More news of "how we've been spending the last five years" ...

Laura Bowman Gray, Santa Monica, CA, writes that she is with Right Associates, one of the world's largest human management consulting firms. **Bill Hawkins** is now executive editor of *The Herald-Sun* in Durham, NC., and **Tom Guise** is director of marketing with The Genie Co. in Alliance, OH.

Jerry Touger, with TERC, in Cambridge MA, noted that his daughter **Molly '97** had just finished a year as associate editor of the *Cornell Daily Sun*. **Bill Arnold** changed industries, from banking to international oil and gas, and is now with Shell in Houston, TX, as manager of international affairs. Bill chairs Amigos de las Americas, the youth leadership/public health program which has sent 18,000 young volunteers to Latin America. Also in Houston is **Seth Sharr**, president and CEO of Star Enterprises (joint venture between US affiliates of Saudi Aramco and Texaco).

Pete Salinger, MBA '68, resides in Bethesda, MD, where he and wife **Ruth (Dritch) '67** recently celebrated a 30th wedding anniversary. **John and Linda Blair Coulter** live in Scarsdale, NY. John is vice president of planning, technology, and capital program management at Long Island Railroad; Linda, with an MSW, is homeless coordinator, visual impairment services coordinator, and social skills training coordinator with the VA System. **Guy Campbell** sent news he's been "working hard, but enjoying watching my family grow up." Guy has daughter **Lindsay '99** on the Hill. **John Deasy** teaches agricultural education at W. B. Saul High School in Philadelphia, the "largest agricultural high school in the US." He is vice president for State Agricultural Teacher's Assn. and says he continues to fly "my old Beechcraft Bonanza airplane!" **John Duggar's** field is underwater construction, marine engineering and management in New Orleans. He

previously owned a 1,000-foot rated two-person mini-submarine and completed a four-year contract doing marine biology and geology in the Bahamas. Daughter Anna graduated from Emory in '96; Christina is at U. of Georgia, Athens, class of '99.

Rolf Frantz, vice president/membership for the Class of '66, is now president, Cornell Club of Northern New Jersey, and recently made a trip to Russia and the Crimea. **Joel Freedman** travels each June to Geneva, Switzerland for the International Labor Organization as part of the US Worker Delegation. Son **Eugene '96** was also in ILR. **Christopher Gunn** is "teaching, writing, traveling, and working on a 1905 arts and crafts house located north of the Cornell campus." **Gary and Anne Rockwell Haight** write from Loomis, CA, that son **Peter '95** graduated from Engineering. Anne is a computer instructor at Sierra College; Gary is long-term marketing manager with Hewlett Packard. **Dennis Lutz** is "very happily a Vermonter." He is public works director/town engineer in a community of 20,000, and now a full colonel in Vermont Army Guard, director of personnel. **John James Sullivan** is professor of history at Massachusetts Bay Community College, Wellesley. **Bill Marvin** has been establishing himself as the "most-booked speaker in the hospitality industry and writing four books!" In 1993, **Bruce Mansdorf**, still in Los Angeles, bought a company from the international insurer AIG, based in Washington, DC, with principal operations in Central Europe—"Lots of frequent flyer mileage!"

From their home in California, **Lee and Joan Buchsbaum Lindquist '68** travel around the world, heli-skiing, windsurfing, biking. **Norm Alvy** writes of his daughters: Rachel graduated from New York Law School in 1996 and Deborah attends U. of Wisconsin, Madison, class of '98. **David Baxter** lives in Acton, MA, where he is active in the Friends (Quaker) Meeting. As the local chairman for the Girl Scouts, **Barbara Allen Ariano** also works with Senior Citizen programs in Spring Valley, NY. **Bill Maxfield**, Stow, MA, along with **John Monroe**, has been raising funds to improve the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity house on the Hill. Bill's son **Peter '96** was in Engineering. John lives in Palo Alto, CA, and has been "traveling to Japan, Korea, India, and Ithaca." **Art Purcell** writes from Los Angeles that he "discovered Japan, started teaching again, and helped a new person get used to this world." He has started a new column, "The Green Traveler."

Andrea Fain Selig works for the Seattle Symphony while raising three children. **Neil Teague**, Fayette, NY, shares news that son **Scott, Grad** is now in the Vet college. In Nanuet, NY, **Sharon Family Greenblath** is a sales director for Mary Kay Cosmetics.

To one and all, from near and far, thank you for continuing to share your news. Somehow the older we get, the busier our lives keep getting! Stay in touch ... Next reunion: only 48 months away! ♦ **John G. Miers**, 5510 Huntington Pkwy, Bethesda, MD 20814; e-mail, miers@us.net.

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Now is the hour of decision, as Big Joe (who never quite hit five feet) used to intone on his "Happiness Exchange" radio show in Old New York—and while we won't follow his practice of acknowledging all contributions of two bits or more, we will surely take note of your presence on June 5-8, '97, at the '67 30th Reunion.

At the class officers' sign-off on a cold New York January weekend, we worked with the Alumni House worthies to keep the cost down, the fare simple, and the fun as extravagant as at the 25th, without the pressure of that grand occasion. We'll dine at the Plantations and Beebe and the Barn, with Hangovers and Sherwoods on hand and some surprises, including, we hope, some inside—insight, I meant—from class standouts inside the Beltway. Ask anyone who was at the 25th—and don't miss this one!

Now to the e-mail: Dr. **Patricia Putnam Keir** <KEIRPA@cdnet.cod.edu> was recently appointed executive vice president/provost of Lansing Community College in Lansing, MI. Daughter Wendy is in a pathology PhD program at U. of Chicago while daughter Jessica is also out for a PhD, in cognitive psychology, at U. of Massachusetts, Amherst. "The father of these two children is Dr. **Richard Keir '67**, from whom I am divorced, but who has remarried and is living happily in Brazil," concludes the message.

George Mendelson <GeorgeMendelson@msn.com> reports that he sees **Richard Margulies** regularly: "We shared office space when I was practicing law. I speak of that in the past tense because I finally decided to change careers after 25 years of trial work, primarily white collar criminal prosecution and defense. I just didn't want to spend the rest of my working life fighting over someone else's problems. So I hung up my six-shooter for good. I don't miss it for a minute. I guess I was fortunate enough to be able to do what all too many lawyers of our generation want to do, change our lives." George and wife **Merry (Runsdorf) '68** plan to relocate/retire to the Outer Banks of North Carolina—the shores of Albemarle Sound, where he's planning on being a buyer's broker, when Merry finishes up at American U. here, where she's in charge of the School of Communication's undergraduate office. Children Jessica and Michael "are grown" at 26 and 25. George and Merry, look to see you and "all long-lost but not forgotten souls" at reunion.

Melinda Broman <mbroman@idt.net> is finishing the rehab of "a 1909 Victorian cottage on Great Sacandaga Lake in the southern Adirondacks. Classmates who wander into the hamlet of Fish House, NY, are invited to stop by." (At 160 Congress St., Brooklyn, NY, she's <mbroman@haven.ios.com>.)

More news at and after reunion, but now: **Paul Schlenker**, 120 Sycamore Mills Rd., Media, PA, who "develops, supports, and markets specialized engineering software used mainly by refineries and chemical plants to improve safety and reduce emissions" says he "can't wait to get back!" **Kenneth Brecher**,

11400 Albata, Los Angeles, CA, is executive director of Sundance Inst. and saw **Steve Gelbart** in LA. **David Yewell** writes, "Having a ball at new start-up in Silicon Valley (Notify Corp., 1054 S. De Anza Blvd., San Jose, CA.). Son **Scott '98** is telling me about a few new tricks even I didn't pull."

Dr. **Noel Relyea**, 1243 Christobal Privada, Mountain View, CA, moved on to Becton Dickinson last August, "is very happy to be working with a large company devoted to medical products," sees **Roberta Pollack** Saxon regularly and "we've even attended a few northern California alumni events." Noel puts in "some long hours as program manager for two new products in development," but "still manages to find time for the Ultra Marathon trail running that I love." **Richard G. Moore**, 575 Auburn Rd., Groton, NY, is "teaching info systems at the Hotel school" and cryptically notes he sees classmates and Cornell friends "daily." **Liz Fein** is at 42-09 247 St., Little Neck, NY. Dr. **Jeffrey A. Chesky**, 700 S. Durkin Dr., Springfield, IL, is president of Sigma Phi Omega, the national academic honorary in gerontology. "He is still on the faculty at the U. of Illinois, Springfield and would love to hear from his classmates." And Adult University (CAU) reports that **Carole Zimny** Deitchman (BS Nurs.), 6625 Isle of Skye Dr., Highland, MD, attended the Cape May program last fall on Ecology in the Migration Season while **Susan Axelrod** Lemkin, 2501 Porter St., NW, Washington, DC, made it to Down to the Wire: The Campaign of 1996 at Mohonk up in New Paltz, NY, right before Election Day.

I regret to report the death of **Pamela R. Herriott**, late of Chapel Hill, NC, on Mar. 25, '94. ♦ **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St., NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

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I hope you had a good winter. A note from Adult University (CAU) reports that **Roger** and **Ruth Mandel Pincus** attended CAU's program at Cape May last year. Also at a CAU program were **Marshall Katzen** and wife **Bari Boyer '71**. **Ken S. Greenberg** is a professor of history at Suffolk U. in Boston and lives in Newton, MA. **Barbara Lichner** Ingram lives in Santa Monica, CA. **Eleanor Zenn** Zweibel lives in New York City and works in real estate management. **Jane Bennett** Moore lives in Newark, DE, and works at the U. of Delaware. **Bill Falik** lives in Berkeley, CA, plays golf with **Jon Ellman** and reports that he is "having the time of his life building a championship golf course with Johnny Miller."

Henry Shapiro is a doctor in Palm Beach Gardens, FL, and reports that after 17 years of private practice, a medical center has acquired his practice and he will become director of oncology at a facility affiliated with the U. of Florida. Henry's oldest son, David, has been accepted at the ILR school. **Susan Frankel** Hunter is an antiques dealer in Atlanta, GA. **David Weber** lives in Rochester, NY, and is retired.

Monica Bernheim is a psychoanalyst and

psychotherapist, practicing in New York City. Monica reports a past year of big highs and big lows. She started off with strong professional success with a paper she presented and a promotion at the post-graduate center of mental health where she completed her own training in 1981. However, the lows came when Monica was diagnosed with breast cancer and had to undergo a mastectomy. The good news is no spread into the lymph glands or elsewhere, and after six months of chemotherapy and reconstructive surgery, she is past the crisis and moving on. Monica reports she now has more appreciation for making time for the things that are truly important in life and she was lucky to receive the support of others.

Robert Arnold lives in Short Hills, NJ. **Carl Acebes** is an investment counselor with Rochdale Investment Management in NYC. **Jeffrey Burtch** is a sculptor working in Orangeburg, NY. **Kevin Bertrand** is a doctor in Pullman, WA. **Randy Bus** is a consulting engineer working in Winfield, IL. **Robert Cantor** is CEO of Insinger Machine Co. in Philadelphia. **Warren Chane** is a financial executive with Baxter International in Deerfield, IL. **Robert Cane** is a deputy sheriff with St. John's County in St. Augustine, FL. **Kristin Leigh Davis** David lives in Scarsdale. **Jonathan Schwartz** lives in Hopkinton, NH.

I look forward to hearing from you. Send some pictures from a recent vacation. I just returned from a wonderful trip skiing at Telluride, CO, where I stayed at The Peaks, which is run by **Ken Humes '81**, a graduate of the Hotel school. With me were my family and that of **Susan Lewis** Solomont '77. I highly recommend Telluride and The Peaks. ♦ **Gordon H. Silver**, Putnam Investments, 1 Post Office Sq., Boston, MA 02109.

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Summer is almost here, and vacations are being planned! Quite a few classmates live outside the continental US, a number of whom invite visiting classmates to stop by or call. **Al** and **Claire Scully De Lauro** live in London, England, where he is a management consultant for Towers Perrin. When he isn't working, they explore: English countryside, Holland in the spring, Zermatt for skiing in the winter, Italy, France, and Germany. Meanwhile, Claire organizes cooking classes for a large women's group and is brushing up on her French.

Rich and **Joy Nalevanko** also live in London, where he is responsible for Mobil's crude oil buying, selling, and trading activity in Europe and Russia. Two of their five children are on the Hill—**Megan '95**, who graduated from Ag, decided to start all over again in the Vet college; **Amanda '99** is in Arts. The Nalevankos are visited by classmates and fraternity brothers, especially during the Royal Henley Regatta. Rich is a member of the very active Cornell Club in London.

Michael and **Cheryl Cibulka** Gordon and their three children live in Moscow, where Mike is *The New York Times* correspondent. Cheryl invites any Cornellians "in need of help or companionship" to contact her.

They also find the time to travel—Paris, Provence, London, and Sri Lanka.

Chris Davidson last wrote from Australia, where he was employed by a Dutch fleet management and leasing company, and playing golf in his spare time. **Peter Kutner** is a visiting professor and Fulbright lecturer at Tohoku U. in Sendai, Japan. **Matt Kessler** is the director of the Caribbean Primate Research Center at the U. of Puerto Rico. Matt and wife Ava have sons David, 3, and Benjamin, 1. Matt is also one of the founders of the island's recycling companies and The Caribbean Recycling Foundation.

Wei Ching "Vincent" Chen lives in Singapore, where he is an investor and involved in civic activities. He and wife May have two sons. The oldest, **Wengyew "Ron" '99**, studies economics at Cornell. **Ron Watanabe** is a consultant with Hotel Partners in Honolulu, where he has "lots of travel and a lot of fun." He notes that the company has attracted a number of Hoteliers in the US, as well as in Tokyo and Singapore.

I have had the opportunity to visit with several classmates during the last month. I had dinner with Marilyn and **Peter Coors** while out in Denver. Last fall, Peter celebrated his 50th birthday (as have most of us) at a weekend of parties attended by a number of Cornellians: **Ingrid (Dieterle)** and **Steve Tyler**, **Steve Belkin**, **Gordon F. "Chub" Stofer**, **Ted Gill**, **Lloyd "Chip" and Linda Cushman Ruth '71**, and **George and Merle Ladd Silverman '72**. Ingrid sent the group picture and also reports that her youngest daughter, Diana, was accepted, early decision into Arts for the Class of '01.

Joyce Shorter Brown visited with me here in Florida, where we took family mediation training together. I have just finished my master's in dispute resolution, and Joyce is expanding her horizons, seeking new ways to apply her law degree. She is still working for the attorney general of New Jersey and lives in Montclair. Son Chad is graduating from Amherst, and daughter Elena is finishing her sophomore year at Boston College. ♦ **Suzy Sacks Zeide**, 6542 Contempo Lane, Boca Raton, FL 33433; e-mail, suzyzeid@icanet.net; fax, (561) 362-6135—Internet Communications of America Inc.

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G. Toby Marion has been transferred again! He, wife Eileen, son Guy, and daughter Louisa have moved from Killara, Australia, to Hong Kong (home: South Bay Towers 23C, 59 South Bay Rd., Hong Kong; work: Caltex Oil, GPO Box 147; fax, (852) 2802-8966; and e-mail: 100243.246@compuserve.com. The children are at the Hong Kong International School, Guy in 11th and Louisa in ninth grade. Toby is general manager of LPG and Bitumen Business Unit for China and is based at Caltex Oil Hong Kong. Caltex has an asphalt plant at Shanghai and they are building an underground storage facility for LPG at Shantou in Guangdong. He feels their time there should be exciting because future growth prospects

are good and, of course, will be reverting to China this year. **Elizabeth A. Magnusson** also has a new address: 1320 Cold Springs Rd., Walland, TN 37886. **Peter Chase** is working for Clark Construction of Bethesda, MD, which is one of the largest building contractors in the US. In 1996, he was promoted to project executive and continues to work on the new World Bank headquarters in downtown Washington, DC. Daughter Stephanie

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— MARSHA ACKERMANN '71

accepted her appointment to the US Military Academy at West Point and started her cadet training on July 1, '96.

Portia Parratt Kowolowski earned her BA in accounting in June 1996. She then took a four-month-long CPA exam review course and plans to work in accounting. Her address is 1710 SW Canyon Dr., Redmond, OR. **Barbara Lee** Jue has lived in the San Francisco Bay area since graduating from Cornell. She has earned a MA and a MBA and has worked in the human resources profession for over 20 years. She and husband Silas have children Nathaniel, 19, and Amanda, 16.

Harry '69 and Ruth Sauberman Wachob, who live and work in the San Jose, CA, area, took an 11-day, 16-park tour of Utah and Arizona in the summer of 1996. Ruth is a teacher/director of a state program for preschoolers from low-income families for the Cupertino Union School District, and she is working on a master's in child development. Their daughter Rebecca graduated from Santa Clara U. in June 1996; son Sean works for a small company writing network software. Harry is a managing engineer at Failure Analysis Associates, an engineering consulting firm. **Bruce**, MBA '77 and **Lynna Liu Donohue '72** still live in Lafayette but at a new address: 2045 Deer Run Rd. Bruce established his own CPA practice about three years ago. Lynna teaches fifth grade. They have great kids—Kellie, 15, is an awesome cross-country runner and Brian, 18, enjoys ski racing. Bruce still has his 1968 Triumph Bonneville, but has no time for riding! He plans to do the Reunion Run this June at Lynna's reunion. **Bill Stallworth** is at home at 5510 Camino De Bryant, Yorba Linda, CA. He is Dr. William Stallworth, a professor of law at Chapman U. law school, 1240 State College Blvd., Anaheim, CA; e-mail, stallwor@chapman.edu.

In July 1996, Dr. **Mina Dulcan** was named editor designate for the *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*. Her five-year term will begin in January 1998. Mina has a new address for our class directory: 536 W. Fullerton Pkwy., Chicago, IL. She is chief of the division of child and adolescent psychiatry at Northwestern U. medical school; the Margaret C. Osterman professor of child psychiatry and head of the child

and adolescent psychiatry department at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago, as well as head of the Warren Wright Adolescent Center of Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago! She earned her medical degree from Penn State and did her training in psychiatry at the U. of Pittsburgh, Western Psychiatric Inst. and Clinic. Mina has been an active child and adolescent psychiatrist since 1978 and has made significant contributions to

this field through work on many and varied boards, councils, and societies; through newsletters, articles, papers, and editorial work. Her areas of expertise include ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder), brief psychotherapy, psychiatric epidemiology, and psychiatric education and she is the first author of the *Concise Guide to Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*. Congratulations, I'm exhausted just writing about all of that!

Summer is here, have a good one. And remember, our 30th Reunion is only three short years away! ♦ **Connie Ferris** Meyer, 16 James Thomas Rd., Malvern, PA 19355.

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In this age of instant communication, it is still a delight to hear from people on paper. So I was thrilled when an e-mail to Manhattanite **Janett Edelberg** elicited her "almost yearly holiday note," complete with photos. Janett, a marketing executive at Seagram's, where she focused last year on consumer beverage trends, packed more travel, music, art, theater, movies, and craft fairs into 1996 than most of us will do in a lifetime. Let's put it this way: how many people that you know list their annual trips alphabetically?

Her "big trip," Janett reports, was three weeks via Hong Kong to Australia, where she visited family including a nephew, snorkeled at the Great Barrier Reef, toured the ruins of Australia's prison colony past at Port Arthur and Tasmania, and had baby kangaroos eating out of her hand. Christmas was spent "with Jewish friends in Oslo, Norway . . . I ate smoked salmon every day," she adds. For Janett, our 25th Reunion showed up seventh on her travel list. "I feel I have aged better than Donlon—dorms are certainly for the young," she writes, opinions with which I am sure we all heartily concur. Since reunion she has seen classmates **Leslie Popoff**, **Laurie Berke-Weiss**, **Dale Cohen**, and **Marcia Flicker**.

Back on the home front, **J. Michael Steele**, a professor of statistics at the U. of Pennsylvania's Wharton School, had his first book, *Probability Theory and Combinatorial Optimization*, published in January by the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics. "I also briefly held an expert rating from the US Chess Federation. Alas it faded," Mike added.

Richard G. Leland practices environmental law in New York City at Rosenman & Colin, where he works closely with classmate **Ken Lowenstein**. In memory of his late friend and partner **Lee Robinson '61**, Richard is chairing the Lee Robinson Memorial Big Red Classic, a "golf, tennis and 'schmoozing' outing for the benefit of Cornell Athletics." You will likely read this just before the golfers tee off May 19 at the Old Oaks Country Club in Purchase, NY. Cornellians interested in participating in this fourth annual event might still reach Richard at (212) 940-8700. He added that he remains in contact with classmates **Andrew Tisch**, Mayo "Mike" **Stuntz**, Dr. **Steven Gorfine**, and **Marty Marmor**.

At century's denouement, classmates can expect "Nineties" experiences in full measure. **David Stollow '71** is confronting the millennium on both the home front in S. Orange, NJ, and the work front across the river in

bor, MI 48103; e-mail, mackerma@umich.edu; **Joel Y. Moss**, 110 Barnard Pl., NW, Atlanta, GA 30328; e-mail, jmoss5849@aol.com; tel., (404) 255-2234; fax, (404) 255-0955.

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72 Erstwhile tree-stump orator and all-around revolutionary **C. David Burak '67** is organizing a panel discussion for this year's reunion, tentatively called "Cornell, Vietnam, the US, and Us." Dean of the Faculty Peter C. Stein, professor of physics, is slated to moderate. David, who now teaches at a community college in Santa Monica, CA, is aiming for a Saturday-afternoon time slot at a location not yet determined. Something tells me that Barton Hall and the Straight may be off limits, but what better draw could nostalgia buffs want?

Speaking of nostalgia, **Donna Brescia** and friends are singing the musical question: "Why don't we live in the past, like we used

volving shareholder interests, lost profits analysis, and business appraisal.

Dr. **Fredi Kronenberg** practices medicine in NYC at the Columbia U. College of Physicians and Surgeons. **Elaine Hui-Koo** is meteorologist at the Hong Kong Observatory. **John Sulzyski** is a publisher's representative for Harcourt Brace in Fort Worth, TX. Other recent sightings: **Alar** and **Jane Gunz Arras**, Manlius, NY; **Gerald** and **Elaine Canal Auerbach**, Rockville, MD; **Mark Bodden**, NYC; **Bonnie Brier**, Penn Valley, PA; **Whitman Brisky**, Glenview, IL; **Judy Chock**, NYC; **Linda Cole**, El Cajon, CA; Dr. **Margaret Coleman**, Winchester, MA; **David Commito**, Reading, MA; **Wayne Conrad**, Lancaster, PA; **Henry Coufos**, Grass Valley, CA; **Scott Dorsey**, Cockeysville, MD; **Warren Gager**, Southampton, NJ; **Bruce Gelber**, Bethesda, MD; **L. Michael Goldsmith**, Upper Montclair, NJ; **Mark Hornberger**, San Francisco, CA; **James Grotberg**, Wilmette, IL; **John Hill**, Purchase, NY; **Douglas Hulle**, Middletown, NY; **Mickey Kaiserman**, La Canada Flintridge, CA; **Judith Leonard**, Washington, DC; **H. Chesnel Llop**, Minneapolis, MN; **Philip Martin**, Eagle Bay, NY; **Sheldon** and **Alice Kopan Miller**, Wichita, KS; **James Ohargan**, Clarksville, MD; **Harry Pape**, Princeton, MA; **W. Lewis Perdue**, Sonoma, CA; **Jeffrey Phillips**, Ocean City, MD; **Sarah Roholt**, Raleigh, ND; **Alan Serotta**, Georgetown, TX; **Glenn Silverman**, Del Mar, CA; **R. Owen Snyder**, Atlanta, GA; **Stephanie Stern**, Mount Kisco, NY; **Rodney Sutton**, Saratoga Springs, NY; **William Walther**, Greensboro, NC; Dr. **Irene Weiss**, Scarsdale, NY.

We report, with regret, the death of **Fred Fries** of Trenton, NJ, on Feb. 9, '96. ♦ **Gary L. Rubin**, 512 Lenox Ave., Westfield, NJ 07090; tel., (908) 232-8468 (H), (212) 686-7700 (W).

73 How nice to receive bundles of news from all of you! The new format for news is easy to use. Please do remember, however, that we don't get to all of the news in the first column, but usually we do get there by August. I'll start with hellos from **Jon M. Kaplan**. He had a large Cornell contingent at his son's bar mitzvah. (Wasn't he just a babe in arms yesterday?). Attendees included **Paul Cashman**, **Rich Bower**, **Jeff Detwiler '75**, **David Harding '72**, **Wayne '73** and **Nancy Roistacher Merkelson '72**, **Ed Schechter**, **Jim Stone '74**, and **Dave '74** and **Sue Franklin Wofthal '76**. Folks came from all over the country to Saratoga, CA, for the event.

Robin Story Powers would love to hear from any Kappas who are in the neighborhood of W. Palm Beach. (This winter that should be easy.) Robin's children are very successful. Daughter Peggy is a sophomore in high school in the international baccalaureate program and has plans to go to Cornell in pre-med. Son Robert is equally gifted and attends the math/science/technology school for the gifted. Robin was recently promoted to trauma nurse

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—JEFFREY ERICKSON '72

Manhattan. Known as "Mr. Death" or "the ERISA nerd" at Dean Witter, where he's been a lawyer specializing in pension benefits the past seven years, David is facing one of the great crises of post-modern capitalism as his firm merges with Morgan Stanley to create the nation's largest financial firm. It's "very anxiety provoking if you're an employee somewhere in the middle of the food chain," he writes.

Meanwhile teen twins Molly and Jessica, children of David Stollow and **Liz Lacher '72**, came home one night to ask Dad to help them with a history assignment comparing the Vietnam War to the American Revolution. Unpacking his old George Kahin texts and dusting off some Walter LaFeber lecture notes, David conducted his own mini teach-in with good results. Today's teenagers, he says, are "suffering from both the woeful lack of good geography and economic education . . . and from a sense that the great battles of good vs. evil which marked the 1960s are over and they have no defining causes to stir their hearts." Rock and roll, however, continues to stir this baby-boomer's heart. Last February, reports "Guitar" Dave, "I actually got to play electric slide [guitar] in front of grownups" as he entertained a Jewish women's group dinner dance with such golden oldies as "Leopard Pill-Box Hat" and "Moon Dance." "Things went great," he added. "A hell of a lot more fun than being a lawyer."

Dues only from Dr. **Joseph R. O'Connor** of Brunswick, ME. We love your money, but we crave your news even more. ♦ **Marsha Ackermann**, 1612 Waltham Dr., Ann Ar-

bor, MI 48103; e-mail, mackerma@umich.edu; **Joel Y. Moss**, 110 Barnard Pl., NW, Atlanta, GA 30328; e-mail, jmoss5849@aol.com; tel., (404) 255-2234; fax, (404) 255-0955.

to?" Donna and husband Bob Carey recently hosted a "Big Chill" weekend of former Notables and Sherwoods at their home in Watertown, MA. They also attended **Sarah Birss's** wedding last year along with **Ruth Ferguson**, **Kristen Wainwright**, and **Jennifer Shea**, and their respective husbands and families.

Jeffrey Erickson writes: "Seeing in the November 1996 issue of *Cornell Magazine* many memory-jarring '71 and '72 names has prompted me finally to own up to my own CV: a few years on the Louisiana barge boats, a year-and-a-half in Paris, an MFA in painting, marriage, and now head of the visual resources collection at Davidson College in Nawth Carralabna. Standard mid-life crisis more-or-less effectively managed through playing the fiddle, skiing, and saying my prayers. Some of you out there are to blame for this state of affairs (and I love you for it)."

Steven Sharfstein was recently named director of labor relations for the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, DC. For the past 14 years, he was the director of labor and employee relations for the Eastern region of the Dept. of the Navy in Philadelphia. **Thomas Giordano** has been named director of valuation services at Goldstein Golub Kessler & Co., PC, a New York City accounting and consulting firm. In his new position, Tom is responsible for directing business and intangible asset valuation projects for mergers and acquisitions, strategic planning, and gift, estate, and income tax matters. He also manages litigation consulting engagements and provides expert testimony for valuation issues in-

educator at St. Mary's Medical Center.

Joe Sarnelle sends news from Crawford, NJ. He is an on-line systems developer at Information Builders in New York City. He creates on-line help and HTML systems (that's fancy for Web pages to the rest of us). Joe spoke with **Gerry Karr** in Los Angeles about seeing a concert by their favorite '60s band, Spirit, whose drummer, Casey, is still rocking at 73. (Hope we all are, too.) **Barbara (Kalbacher)** and **Richard Yarger, MD '74**, sent word of their children and jobs from Yakima, WA. They have a daughter, Amy Lynn, at Vassar and sons David, 16, and Frederick, 14, at home. Barbara is vice president for operations at SurgiMark and Richard is in practice as a general and vascular surgeon.

Arnold Gordon writes from Woodmere, NY, that he and wife **Lynne (Anstendig) '74** have four children. **Rachel '00** is in Human Ecology. Jeffrey is 16, Sheryl, 11, and Elliot, 9. **John Allen Jr.** and wife **Susan (Saloo) '71** also sent news of a child on the Hill from Seaford, DE: daughter **Lindsay '00** is in Ag. **Sara McMahon** Bentley wrote from Salem, OR, where she is the president of the Gannett Northwest Newspaper Group. Her son, **Rob '98**, is in Arts & Sciences. **Janet Fromer Hedge** invites classmates in the Los Angeles area to give her a call. Crystal View, the computer consulting company of husband **Gary '72**, is doing well, as is Janet's rental real estate business. They have sons Mike and Andy, both good soccer players and Boy Scouts.

Yen-Jo Chen sends news from Guttenberg, NJ. He and wife Violet have children Karissa, 14, Jonathan, 11, and Kailene, 3. Yen-Jo Chen is vice president for business development of the Asia Pacific region for ABB Lummus Global, an international technology and engineering contracting firm in the oil, gas, and petrochemical area. He travels extensively in Asia, which has made him a "valuable customer for United Airlines." **Barry Hartstein** joined the law practice of Vedder, Price, Kaufman & Kammholz in Chicago as a labor and employment partner. **John McCarthy** was named the president of ARAMARK's school support services division. The division provides managed services, including menu management, nutrition education, financial analysis, and recycling programs to school districts across the country. Don't forget that our 25th Reunion is only a year away! Plan now to attend and please, send news. ♦ **Phyllis Haight Grummon**, 1531 Woodside Dr., E. Lansing, MI 48823; e-mail, grummonp@msu.edu.

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Developer **Walter Howard** sold his company last summer and founded Poseidon Resources Corp. to pursue project development and ownership opportunities in drinking water and wastewater treatment. Children Brian, Warren, and Scott all attended Cornell's summer program for a few weeks and wife **Nancy (Baldini) '75** had time to spend with her mother in Ithaca at the same time.

Internet contacts are now being used by many of us class correspondents, and we re-

ceived the following news from our cyber-classmates: Attorney **Art Leonard** was elected to the board of directors of the Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies at City U. of New York. Art is a professor at New York Law School. He will serve on the fellowship committee of the CLGS board, which awards academic prizes, picks speakers for endowed lectureships, and supervises the selection of two resident fellows each year under a Rockefeller Foundation grant.

Dennis Pape's optical engineering company, Photonic Systems, celebrates its tenth-year anniversary in Melbourne, FL. The company is involved in optical signal processing and computing. He was in Europe and Russia last summer making presentations and co-chaired an international conference in St. Petersburg, Russia, in June 1996.

Peter Heytler reports that he's technically a '75er due to a switch of majors. Unable to get academia out of his blood he's been with the U. of Michigan for nearly 20 years where he's associate director of the office of technology transfer. **Glenn Withiam** writes that he's in the process of putting to bed the Hotel school's alumni magazine *The Bulletin*. Glenn's been at the Hotel school for 13 years as one of the editors of the *Cornell Hotel and Restaurant Administration Quarterly*. **Marcia Langwell Morris** wrote that she and her partner recently celebrated the first anniversary of the opening of their store, The Sequin Garden, a wedding accessory, floral design, and gift store in Carlstadt, NJ. Marcia and husband **Paul '75** recently spent an enjoyable weekend in Lake George with **Gwenn Tannenbaum** Canfield '75 and her family.

Jeremy Rabin is an associate professor in the government department at Cornell. He's very involved in faculty protests against new university procedures for handling sexual harassment complaints. Much of the activity has been generated as a result of the publicity stemming from the case several years ago involving psychology Prof. **James B. Maas, PhD '66**.

David Smiley left MCI's traffic systems to become a project manager in their order entry system division. He has kids Peter, 19, Paul, 16, and Adam, 13. **Ken Husserl** is celebrating his 20th year teaching law to paralegal students at Long Island U. and C. W. Post. He and spouse **Joan (Milbauer) '75** conduct alumni interviews for the Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAAN). Joan and Paul live in Bellmore, NY, with children Paul, 14, and Elisabeth, 12.

A soon-to-be legacy, Lenny Lesser, son of **Martin Lesser** was accepted, early decision, to Hum Ec. According to Martin, Lenny wants to know how Dad worked so hard at college and still considers it the best four years of his life. Dad's message was "Wait and see."

A trip to Israel was the 1996 surprise for **Lynn Anstendig Gordon** of Woodmere, NY. She was selected to participate in Hadasah's first Young Leader's Mission to Israel. She roomed with **Beth Saltzman** Aaronson and spent a fun time catching up. Also on the trip was **Susan Zellner** Dunietz '79. Lynn

and husband **Arnie '73** have daughter **Rachel '00** in Hum Ec.

Parts yet unknown are in store for **Fabio Saturni**, who's winding down his tour of duty as consul general at the US Embassy in Lagos, Nigeria. Also in foreign service is **Michael Pastirik**. He and wife **Lindsay (Morrow)** are with the US Embassy in Tel Aviv. **Robyn Berger** Notterman is in private dermatology practice in Princeton, NJ. She also finds time to care for kids Arielle, 14, and Ben, 9.

In W. Hempstead, NY, **Karen Liebhaver** Hoyt and husband Bill play the role of parents, as oldest child Jennifer applies to college. They'll remain busy with Carolyn and Michael and running their commercial cleaning business. Bill also wears "controller" hat for a home-care agency as Karen learns software to return to work in the traffic department of a radio station. **John Guran** recently joined Time Warner Cable of Northeast Ohio as director of the first full-scale deployment of Road Runner, Time Warner's high-speed on-line service utilizing cable modems.

From Syracuse comes word from **Nancy Porter**, who's been working at the Burnet Park Zoo for almost 12 years. Among her fellow employees are **Theresa Fiedler** Spain '84, **Henry L. "Ted" Fox '91**, and **Chanda Lindsay '94**. **Diane Wright-Hirsch** writes that she is still working as a food safety specialist for the U. of Connecticut Cooperative Extension. She's active in coordinating government, industry, and academia to provide safe food to Connecticut citizens. Kids Charles, 13, Jenna, 11, and Jesse, 7, are active in sports, church, and community activities. **Ann Shedd** is a physician with the Lahey, Hitchcock Clinic in Nashua, NH. ♦ **Steve Raye**, 25 Litchfield Dr., Simsbury, CT 06070.

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Greetings to all! I was delighted to receive a large package of news from my classmates so we have much to share. I've even found out where some of the folks from my freshman dorm are these days! **Randy Friedman** Freedman, who lived across the hall, is program director with the JCC in York, PA. **Anita Picozzi** Moran is an architect with F&S Partners in Dallas, TX, where she is principal of the 40-person firm specializing in university, health care, and municipal facility design. Many of Anita's projects have been for the U. of Texas, Austin and Baylor. Anita and husband Kevin have daughter Elizabeth, who is in the second grade.

Also on my "long time, no see" list is **William Haner** (a classmate from Horseheads High School!). Bill is now a lieutenant colonel in the US Army, working with the Penn State Army ROTC. Another friend I missed at reunion was **Joel Helmrich**, an attorney with Tucker Arensberg, PC in Pittsburgh.

We have news from many classmates who are now MDs. **Ellen Wetter** is a physician/radiologist at Maimonides Radiology Associates in Brooklyn, NY, back from her extended stay practicing medicine in Nepal. Her daughter Anna is 2-1/2. Serving as chief of geriatrics at

the Brocton/W. Roxbury Veterans Administration Medical Center in Brockton, MA, is Dr. **Andrew Weinberg**. Father of two potential Cornellians (J. D., 10, and Jenna, 7), Andy was recently promoted to full-time assistant professor of medicine at the Harvard medical school, where he teaches in the division on aging.

In Riverside, CT, Dr. **Jeffrey H. Weinberger** is in solo medical practice and is president of the local medical society. Jeffrey has daughter Lauren, 8. Dr. **Paul J. "Stew" Morris** practices in Carlstadt, NJ.

In the sunny South, Dr. **Mary E. Collins** is a professor of environmental pedology in the soil and water science department at the U. of Florida, Gainesville. Mary was recently named a fellow in the American Society of Agronomy, the highest award reserved for a select few researchers in the field of soil and crop science. Other scientific endeavors are reported by **Elizabeth Dobisz**, a materials scientist at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, DC, and **Michael Quaid**, who recently joined Griffin International in Williston, VT. As a project engineer, he'll be marketing their environmental consulting services.

Some classmates write from far overseas. **Arlene Espaldon** Ramos is vice president of operations for OOG Corp. in Upper Tumon, Guam. In Singapore, **Robert S. Greenberg**, ME I '76, is now IT manager for Exxon Chemical, where he's directed a large project for an Exxon/Amoco joint venture. Bob, wife JoAnn, and daughter Rachel, 7, have traveled extensively in the Far East and Australia, enjoying the incredible perfection of the Taj Mahal, the natural scenery of Nepal, and, Bob's favorite, the spicy food of Thailand.

Class of '75 DGs sent plenty of news. My junior-year roommate, **Louise Belevich**, heads her own management consulting firm in Ossining, NY. **Val Novak** Sheline is not only a physician with student health services at Claremont College in California, but is a new mom, too! On July 31, '95, Karyn Nicole joined sister Kristen, 12, and brother Curt, 11. How does she keep up?

Susan Corner Rosen still juggles her legal practice in litigation and her family in Charleston, SC, including Annie, 12, Alexandra 11, and Will, 4. Susie and husband Robert live on nearby Sullivan's Island during the summer, which sounds like a great escape from the city.

Karen Leung Moore and family have settled into Lawrence, KS, quite nicely, where Karen is a buyer with Payless Shoe Source. Son Jamie travels the state as a budding young hockey player (Cornell hockey, take note!), and daughter Christie is also athletic like dad. **Laurie Musick** Wright had no problem adjusting to her move to New England, where she is the art director with her own art direction and design firm in N. Clarendon, VT, under the shade of Killington Mountain. Laurie's oldest daughter is **Jamie '99**, and her twin girls are in fourth grade.

Other DGs we heard from are **Karen Seidler** Goodwin in Greenwich, CT, **Myrna Bank** Gardner in Port Chester, NY, **Randi Kanuk** Dauler in Pittsburgh, PA, **Nancy Friberg** Pope in Barre, VT, **Karen DeMarco**

Boroff in Chatham, NJ, and, last but not least, my friend and CU/DG cohort in crime, **Christine Curran** Williams, who reports "Life is great." Her children, Kelley, Elizabeth, and Matthew, my son Jack, and two other moms with their four children spent a wild afternoon in December decorating Christmas cookies, complete with multi-colored icing and sprinkles. After our two families spent time together at our last reunion, my son is still hoping that Chris's children will join him at Cornell so they, too, can share fond memories "far above Cayuga's waters."

Wishing all of you a great summer! Send news and notes and I'll pass them along for our next column. ♦ **Joan A. Pease**, 6335 Hillary Ct., Alexandria, VA 22315.



While some of us communed at reunion last year, **Timothy E. Kelley** was in eastern Russia, "checking out the volcanoes," he writes. He and his family also visited Japan, Alaska, and France. Tim's wife, Nanette, runs the family companies, and their daughter Laura is a first-grader by now. Tim's Baton Rouge, LA, law practice is going well, and at the time he wrote he was running for state district judge. We will look forward to an update! He hopes to make it to the 25th Reunion. Meanwhile, he says, "Give my regards to **Gary Raymond, John Rodis, Michael Jackson**, and the gang."

Speaking of that very gang, John F. "the Greek" Rodis, an obstetrician who lives in Farmington, CT, writes that he now has daughters Alexandra, 7, Katrina, 5, and Anna, 2. John says he linked up with Michael "Action" Jackson last year at a medical conference in Houston.

Another family of globetrotters had to miss reunion last year: **R. Stephen and Kathryn Gollin Marshak** and children David, 11, and Emma, 8, were in Brazil, where Steve, a geology professor, has been traveling for more than ten years teaching structure and tectonics short courses in a master's program at the Universidade Federal de Ouro Preto, and doing his own field studies. On this trip, they planned to travel around Brazil as a family for a few weeks and let the kids absorb some Portuguese. Kathy is a freelance production editor, and they live in Champaign, IL.

Cynthia M. Powell, now a physician at the U. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, made it to reunion and had a great time. She saw **Catherine Baldwin** Kit, her husband Ed, and their baby daughter Cassandra, who had come all the way from California. Then, while in Atlanta for the Olympics, Cynthia had dinner with **Lynette Turner '77**, who now lives in Indianapolis, and **Jo-Ann Kline** Spicher, who lives outside of Atlanta. **Randy H.** and Jennifer **Katz** live in Berkeley, CA, where Randy chairs the U. of California, Berkeley engineering and computer science department. He has also been appointed the United Microelectronics Corp. distinguished professor in electrical engineering and computer science there. Congratulations!

Wayne M. Muromoto's quarterly mag-

azine, *Furyu the Budo Journal*, is going into its third year of international distribution, covering classical Japanese martial arts and culture. (Six issues cost \$35, from Tengu Press, PO Box 61637, Honolulu, HI 96839.) The publication has had excellent reviews from Yahoo! and Internet Life, and Wayne invites everyone to check out its Web site. Wayne says the magazine is really a sidelight and creative outlet for him. In his other life, Wayne chairs the visual arts department at Mid-Pacific School of the Arts/Mid-Pacific Inst., a private high school for performing and visual arts. He is also editor of the U. of Hawaii Community Colleges newsletter. "Still poor, tho'," he says.

Also in the thick of international publishing is **Richard E. Neff**, who lives in California but finds much of his work in Latin America. Rich is an international lawyer who manages antipiracy programs—meaning copyright and trademark enforcement—throughout Latin America for the Business Software Alliance, Assn. of American Publishers, and Interactive Digital Software Assn. He also handles international transactions for a number of technology companies. His company, Neff and Associates, is based in Torrance. Rich's free time is devoted to his wife and three children—and their three horses. His wife, Alice (Armitage), and one daughter compete in the jumping classes at horse shows, and after several years of riding western style, Rich, too, is learning English-style jumping. He reports that he visited **Robert S. Simon** and his family at their beautifully remodeled house in Denver last year.

George R. O'Connor lives in Little Rock, AR, where he says he is still having fun selling beer. In fact, he is now on the board of the National Beer Wholesalers Assn. George also serves on the board of the Arkansas Arts Center.

A number of Cornellians were spotted at a wedding in Margarita, Venezuela, last November, including **Benny Seibald**, whose work is in the Latin American market for financial services. Also attending were **Marcia Ulrich Seibald '75**, who runs the US operations of Citco, a financial service company, a majority of which is owned by the Sandoz Family Foundation; **Peter D. Kaplan '74**, who is active in real estate and tennis clubs in Westchester; **Bruce Colley '75**, who works with McDonald's franchises in the New York City area; **Angela Maria Tafur, LL.M. '93**, who works in the general counsel's office of a bank in Colombia; and **Michael Goldsmith '72**. Back in NYC, the Seibalds had dinner at Morton's Steakhouse with **Jose A. Perez**, a former roommate of Benny's. Jose was visiting from Bucharest, Romania, where he has spent the last five years running an advertising agency. Also at that dinner were **Carol Rosenblum Levin '77**, **Loren Krause** Luzmore '77, and **Perry M. Gandelman '78**—who would love to see other Cornellians at his Fendi store in Stamford, CT. This news comes by way of Marcia Seibald. Thanks! We'd love to hear from everyone this summer. ♦ **Pat Relf** Hanavan, 6301 Winding Lane, Richland, MI 49083; e-mail, relf@aol.com.

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OUR 20TH REUNION IS JUNE 5-8, '97! By now you should have received your registration mailing from Reunion Chair **Bill Smith** for our "Back in Touch" 20th Reunion. Bill assures me that it is shaping up to be the biggest, most diverse, and most exciting reunion ever. If you have kept in touch and attended past reunions, we know you'll want to be there. If you have missed previous reunions or have not been back to campus for a while, now is the perfect time to reacquaint yourself and your family with Cornell, the beauty of Ithaca, and the people who knew you during the period when fashion was at its absolutely lowest point. Remember traying down Libe Slope, trying to avoid the massive stumps of the Dutch Elms? How about the Ivy Room cookies available during Straight Breaks, or face time in front of the Straight? Have you told your family about waiting all night to buy hockey tickets or getting "passed up" the stands at football games? Do they understand what you mean when you talk about the purple people or waiting for what seemed like hours in the snow for a "Sui" or a "PMP" at the Hot Truck? Think about the all-nighters, staying awake on the horrible free coffee, or, in the "pre-technology age," using erasable typing paper or one of those big printing calculators. Remember how only the Engineering students had pocket calculators? Did you ever have the Stump painted in honor of your birthday? (I did—the night before it was cut down in a prank.) Can your family believe your stories of swimming in glacier-cut gorges? Do you remember the Grateful Dead concert our senior year [See page 34, this issue—Ed.] or the Yes or Joni Mitchell concerts our freshman year? How about the wine tasting class, or Professors Richard Polenberg, **Urie Bronfenbrenner '38**, or even Carl Sagan, who was on the Johnny Carson Show the night before our senior year final exam? Did you get the chance to work at Willard State Mental Hospital?

Isn't it time your family got to see what you have been talking about all these years?

Come to reunion; the opportunities for fun will be limitless, no matter your interests. There will be lots of opportunities to participate in athletic activities, including baseball, canoeing, horseback riding, tennis, bicycling, a Reunion Run, and tackling the Lindseth Climbing Wall. You can tour the campus, see what's new at the Plantations or the computer graphics facility, visit the Center for Theatre Arts or the Ornithology Laboratory, or even do what you might have missed in your four years on campus—go up in the Libe Tower to see how the chimes work! There will be special lectures and a Cornelliana show. There will be class meals in the Willard Straight Hall Ivy Room, at the beautiful Plantations Overlook, and in a tent on the Ag Quad. Socialize with old friends and make new ones, and, in a proud Cornell tradition, party in the tents on the Arts Quad at night!

There will also be special activities for children. The Cornell Reunion Youth Pro-

gram is available for children between ages 3 and 18. The programs run all day, through the early evening, and provide a mix of age-appropriate recreational and academic activities. Child care in the evenings will be available from a private nationally accredited child-care center in Ithaca, or you can make your own arrangements with Ithaca-area babysitters. For

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As June approaches, so also does the time to think about Cornell Reunion Weekend.

Just one short year from now will be our 20th Reunion, so save the dates—June 4-7, '98. Preparations have already begun. Anyone interested in volunteering time, food, gifts, entertainment, etc., please contact

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—LORRIE PANZER RUDIN '77

complete details, see your reunion mailing. If you did not receive or have misplaced your registration form, or if you have any questions about reunion, please contact Bill Smith at tel., (404) 581-8440; fax, (404) 581-8330; or e-mail, wsmith@JonesDay.com@Internet.

As far as the news goes, the California mailbag brings word from **Harry Gittleman**, who, because of the Northridge earthquake, had to rebuild his Sherman Oaks home. Harry feels his experience qualifies him to enter the construction business as a mid-life career change! **Keith Norris** is a physician at the King Drew Medical Center in Los Angeles, specializing in internal medicine. He reports that he never graduated from Cornell, rather left in 1976 to enter medical school. Keith is single, and spends his spare time biking, playing basketball, and snowboarding (in Los Angeles?). **Linda Applebaum** Haumann is an expressive arts therapist in San Rafael, CA, where she lives with husband David and their children Marc, 8, and Rebecca, 5. Linda has also written a children's book and her husband was a technical director on the movie *Toy Story*.

R. Stan Schulz recently moved to Delaware to take on new responsibilities at Johnson Controls. He's still single and asks if there's anyone interested. (Reunion might provide some opportunities...) **Steve Hirschman** is at ITT as a senior systems engineer and his wife, Yonah, is in charge of computer literacy for Harpur-Collins. Steve and Yonah live in Teaneck, NJ.

Three years ago, when her sons reached 10 and 7, **Maxine Borsuk** Siegel rejoined the work force in a very interesting way; she was a sensory panelist for *Consumer Reports* magazine, testing products. She's one of those people who let you know which peanut butter tastes best, or what shampoo cleans the best, or which stereo speakers produce the clearest sound. Maxine describes the work as fun and interesting, although she now does work other than product evaluations. Maxine says, "Life is good." ♦ **Lorrie Panzer Rudin**, 14833 Botany Way, N. Potomac, MD 20878; e-mail, lorrie_b_rudin@fanniema.com.

Ken Mogil at his office, (212) 252-7100, or home, (914) 741-2405, or by e-mail, westman2@aol.com. We're all looking forward to another great Class of '78 reunion. See you there!

And what have classmates done since the last reunion? **Libby Waldman** Strugatch writes that in between frequent business trips as a contracting officer on a major services contract at the Federal Aviation Administration, she and husband Bruce managed to find time for vacations. In July 1996, they spent two weeks in Italy (flying TWA to Rome five days after the crash of Flight 800!), which was incredible. They also spent ten days in Florida with children Mark, 12, and Wynne, 9, at the end of December, visiting friends and family. While in Florida they had dinner with **Barry Essig**, who is living in Fort Lauderdale and working as a senior flight attendant for American Airlines. In their spare time, both Bruce and Libby are heavily involved in activities both at their children's schools and at their synagogue. We had a chance to visit Libby and Bruce on our family vacation to Washington, DC, last June. We also spent time with **Bill and Ellen Haas Sternberg**. Ellen is in sales for a local children's radio station and Bill is the Washington bureau chief for Thomson Newspapers. They have children Scott, 10, Lauren, 7, and Bradley, 3.

On another vacation to Florida we visited with Susan and **Kurt Erlenbach**, and children Elizabeth, 12, Alison and Adrian, 9, and Alexander, 5, at their home in Titusville. Kurt and Sue are partners in their own law firm. Also in that part of Florida is **Dianne Zullow**, a cardiologist at the Cardiac Clinic in Kissimmee, FL (she and husband Scott Gordon have three children), and **Alan Londy**, a rabbi in Orlando.

Recently I ran into **Larry Becker** with wife Linda and children David, 11, and Jeffrey, 8. Larry was a guest lecturer at Cornell with **Bill Strusz '73** teaching a course on compensation. On a weekly basis I see **Brenda Hartwell** Ledford, whose daughter Meagan, 10, is in dance class with my daughters. Brenda keeps busy with

a large variety of volunteer organizations. Another fellow Rochesterian is **Howard Konar**, who is now an attorney with the firm of Boylan Brown. Also in the legal profession is **Susan Maze Rothstein**, an administrative law judge with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Flax are the proud parents of Ethan Michael Frisch, who was born in Westfield, NJ, on Apr. 30, '96. **Susan Feigin** Kirshner had a baby girl on June 14, '96. She has also moved into her dream home in Voorhees, NJ. Susan is working part-time as an outpatient physical

She is also active in volunteer work and serves as a member of the board of trustees of Emma Willard School and the Hayswood Foundation and does *pro bono* representation for children with education concerns.

A new law practice, Watchman and Naddell, has been opened by **Shari Watchman-Kates** in Colts Neck, NJ. Shari's husband, **Eric '78**, DVM '81, is a busy equine vet who has just hired a fourth veterinarian for his practice. The Kates are also busy with their children, Alexander, 9, Mitchell, 6, and Jaclyn, 3, as well as their cat and four race horses.

Linda Rust has started her own consulting practice in the Twin Cities of Minnesota. Rust and Associates Inc. offers project management services for information technology projects. She is currently working on a contract with Carlson Companies, one of the largest privately held firms in the country. The project is to create a more process- and customer-service-oriented culture in the group and to manage them through the transition to this new culture. She is also busy raising daughter Erika, 9, and running a household all by herself. She stays in touch with **Judy van Adelsberg Berman** and husband **Mike**, who are also in the Twin Cities.

Steven M. Klosk has been recently promoted to executive vice president of Cambrex Corp., an AMEX \$400 million manufacturer of specialty chemicals primarily to the pharmaceutical industry. Steven lives in Franklin Lakes, NJ. **Edward Luczynski** also started a new job last year, as director-site support services at Bellcore, in Piscataway, NJ. He lives in Pittstown, NJ.

Changing career directions in Oakland, CA, **Gary Dulberg** is the in-house counsel for The Permanente Medical Group. This is the northern California region of Kaiser Health Plans. Most of his work will be in the area of labor and employment law. Gary feels he will enjoy having his office closer to his home in Lafayette, CA, rather than making the daily commute to San Francisco.

I will update you on more family news in the next column, so remember to keep reading and writing. You can use class e-mail CU79@aol.com. You can also get class information on the Web page by using the following address: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1979/> ♦ **Kathleen Zappia** Gould, 912 Meadowcreek Dr., Richmond, VA 23236; **Cindy Ahlgren** Shea, PO Box 1413, E. Hampton, NY 11937.



Here's some news collected by **Carolyn Louie**. In 1992 **Bruce Burger** decided to take a year off work to travel.

The year stretched into three years of exploring Asia, Europe, and Africa. One highlight was the trek among the incredibly friendly people of Irian Jaya in the part of Indonesia bordering Papua, New Guinea. Bruce is now starting a company that will run trips to various countries focusing on the food of the country and its role in the culture. Bruce writes that he would love to hear from alumni abroad who consider themselves "foodies"! Bruce resides

“Fatherhood is as stimulating as Cornell was!”

— B. MIKE STOCKER '81

Dept. of Industrial Accidents. Susan and husband Steven have two children.

Our classmates are widespread and into many different professions. **Jacquelyn Rine** Geer works for MJ Designs in Gaithersburg, MD. Her son, **Shaun Christopher '00**, is in ILR, continuing a family tradition. **Debra Gordon** is an associate professor at California School of Professional Psychology and has a private psychology practice in Mountainview. Her husband, Mike Langberg, is a business journalist at the *San Jose Mercury News*. **Courtland Williams** and wife Stacey are busy raising daughter Peyton, 3, and son Grant, 1. They reside in Fairfield, CT, where Courtland is employed as a senior vice president for an executive search firm—Elliot Associates. Fellow alumni are free to fax their resumes to him at (203) 256-1502. He's always looking for CFOs, marketing execs, human resources execs, hotelies, etc. **Maria Kaouris** is an environmental engineer with Lucent Technologies in Basking Ridge, NJ. **Eric Higham** is an electrical engineer with MA\COM (an Amp Co.) in Lowell, MA. He is married with one child. **Rich McAvey** lives in Houston, TX, with his wife and two children. He is a consultant with Arthur Andersen. **Joseph Valenzi** is a dentist in Milford, CT. In California, **Morris Wallack** is a marketing manager with Hewlett Packard. **Sunny Bates** and **Scott Campbell** reside in NYC with their two children, two guinea pigs, and two birds.

As always, we're looking forward to hearing more from you. ♦ **Lori Wasserman** Karbel, 20 Northfield Gate, Pittsford, NY 14534; e-mail, fkarbel@frontiernet.net; **Pepi F. Leids**, 7021 Boot Jack Rd., Bath, NY 14810; **Eileen Brill** Wagner, 4649 W. Carla Vista Dr., Carrillo Ranch, Chandler, AZ 85226; e-mail, brillcon@aol.com; **Henry Farber**, 6435 289th Ave. SE, Issaquah, WA 98027; **Sharon Palatnik** Simoncini, 310 Vesta Ct., Ridgewood, NJ 07450; e-mail, ssimonsez@aol.com; **Andre Martecchini**, 110 Heritage Lane, Duxbury, MA 02332.



I received a fair amount of birth news this past fall, so here is a partial update. **Sue Morand** Meyers and husband Fred welcomed Zachary Ross in November 1995. He joins brother Alex, 5, at their home in Exton, PA. **Howie Frisch** and wife Amy

therapist with orthopedic patients and loves what she does. **Kathryn (Spitzer) and Peter Kim** had Alexander Pum-Soo Kim on June 10, '96, who joins brothers Michael, 6, and Jeremy, 3, in Lexington, MA.

On a sadder note, **Julie Jones**, MD, writes that **Judy Gelber** lost her husband, David Lee, after a long struggle with cancer. In attendance at the memorial service were classmates **Karen Matrunich**, **Rebecca Maron** Mazin, and **Dale Feuer**. Julie writes that all were strengthened by the presence of old friends.

We all remember Fontana Shoes in Collegetown. Classmate **Steve Fontana** is still in the shoe business there and is also renting apartments to Cornell students from the Class of '00. He marvels at how far into the middle of the magazine the class column has moved. Steve is also busy with two very active little boys, Michael, 3, and David, 1-1/2.

Leslie Hagerman Markes writes from Honeoye Falls, NY, that she has returned to teaching second grade in the Honeoye Falls-Lima School District. She had taken a few years off from work to raise her four boys. Another teacher-mom is **Susan Ganz** Sherman. She is raising a 12-year-old girl, Elisabeth, and an 8-year-old boy, Andrew. This, of course, means running a taxi service and being a "soccer mom." She and husband Jeff, a corporate lawyer with American Home Products, live in New Jersey. **John Scelfo** writes that after 13 years of living and working in Asia, he has returned to the US. He lives in Arlington, VA, and is the global risk manager for Mobil Oil.

Also a newcomer to Arlington, VA, **Lloyd Goldstein** writes that he has taken a position with a shopping center developer based there. Lloyd, wife Robin, and daughter Hallie, 2, have relocated from Ann Arbor, MI, and would love to meet other Cornellians in the area. **Philip Krebs** has recently relocated to Nashville, TN, with his wife and five children. He writes that he loves the South—as many of us transplanted Northerners do.

Congratulations to **Kathryn Browning** Hendrickson, who graduated from Case College of Law, *magna cum laude*, May 13, '96. She passed the Kentucky Bar exam and was sworn in on October 18. Kate was scheduled to start work with a firm in Maysville, KY, in January 1997. She is otherwise busy with her family activities of soccer, gymnastics, and 4-H. Her youngest, Alex, started kindergarten this year, so all her children are now in school.

in Seattle and can be reached at e-mail address btburger@aol.com.

Maria Di Gregorio, MAT '82, and husband **Joseph P. McCann, PhD '84** have purchased a veterinary clinic in Cleveland, OK. Maria practices large and small animal medicine with emphasis on reproductive problems in small animals. Joseph founded the clinical hormone lab in the veterinary college at Oklahoma State U. They are also kept busy with the care of daughters Giovanna and Roisia. Their first business, RockErin Field Goldens, is growing rapidly as they produce three or four litters of golden retrievers each year and train as many as 20-30 hunting dogs.

Ira and Ellen Kaplan Halfond are both practicing attorneys in New York City. Ira is a partner in Martin, Zolewski & Halfond, PC, and Ellen specializes in real estate and elder-care law, with offices in Kew Gardens. They have children Paula and Matthew. **Douglas Merlau** wrote to us last year about the new addition to his family—a son named Ryan, who joined sister Kimberly. Doug is keeping very busy on their family farm (Merlau Brothers), a dairy farm located in Arcade, NY. **John M. Dowd** and wife Heidi live in San Diego, CA, where they spend time with twin daughters Allison Rose and Kate Lily. The girls (born in January 1996) went on their first road trip last year to Lake Arrowhead, CA, where they visited with **Richard Stearns '79** and his family.

Dr. Michael W. Fried writes that he is living in Atlanta, GA, with wife Beth Jonas, MD, and their children, Joshua, 10, and Ilana, 6 months. Michael is an assistant professor of medicine and chief of viral hepatitis research in the Division of Digestive Diseases at Emory U. medical school. Over the years, Michael has kept in contact with **Jeff Hadrick**, who lives in the Chicago area.

Now, here's more news, gathered by **Brian P. Myers**: OK, folks, after somewhat of a glut of news toward the end of 1996, we've kind of hit a dry spell, especially since these columns are now more lengthy and are only published every other month. Please don't wait for your News and Dues forms to submit news. It could be old by the time we get to it.

Niel Golightly is public affairs manager for Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn, MI, and continues to serve as a commander in the US Naval Reserves. **Robert Holzer** lives in Demarest, NJ, where he is president of Chick Master Incubator Co., which is now active in more than 70 countries. Robert is always finding Cornell alumni in his travels. And, **Peter Nolan**, MBA '82, and wife **Stephanie (Perry) '84** welcomed a second son, David, in November 1995. Peter was also promoted to head Donaldson, Lufkin and Jenrette's Los Angeles investment banking division.

Antonio J. "Tony" Fiol Silva is an architect in San Juan, PR, where he serves as manager of urban design of "Tren Urbano," a new-start heavy rail transit system for that city, soon to begin construction. He and wife Elizabeth recently welcomed their first son, Antonio Sebastian. **Frank A. Bates** and wife Vickie live with their two lovely daughters in

the Poconos. **S. Lee Bowden**, vice president and general manager of The Equinox in Manchester, VT, reports, "Still expanding here at The Equinox. Opened six two-bedroom and three one-bedroom deluxe suites, a private bar, and billiard room. Also opened in September the first British School of Falconry in the US. This is the only place in the US where guests get the 'hands on' experience of flying and walking with birds of prey." Lee went skiing in Snowbird with **Scott Melby '81** and **Steve F. Price '78**. Kids Austin and Tanner are now 7 and 5.

Finally, from the "I told you so" file, **Dave Schrage**, against my advice to the contrary, insisted on building a house in Old Lyme, CT. Beside the usual aches and pains of dealing with a builder, weather delays, cost over-runs, etc., Dave's wife Kim suffered some real-life aches and pains, when during a walk-through she took a tumble and broke a vertebra in her back. Happy to say she is on the mend and that she, Dave, and daughter Catherine are moved in . . . kind of! ♦ **Brian P. Myers**, 2679 Amesbury Rd., Winston-Salem, NC 27103; e-mail, bpmcu80@aol.com; **Carolyn Louie**, 606 Magnolia St., Windermere, FL 34786; tel., (407) 827-2780; e-mail, carolyn_louie@wda.disney.com; **Eric Mergen**, 50 Sutton Pl. S., NYC 10022; tel., (212) 371-9297; email, eric_mergen_at_abn_amro_aasi@pc.abn.com; **Jodi Diehl** Nestle, 80 Talamara Trail, Brockport, NY 14420; e-mail, nestlej@aol.com.



I'm always pleased to hear directly from classmates. If your news is hot, I want to get it into the column ASAP! **Jim Kent** writes from Round Hill, VA, that he still works for Mobil, but for a new manager, **Aimee Sugarman Poll '74**. Jim was also promoted recently to commander in the Navy Reserve, where he ran into **Paul S. Schmitt '78** when they were both on active duty last fall aboard the carrier USS *Theodore Roosevelt*. **Eric Schaufert** is also in Virginia, where he works in marketing for Ericsson Inc. in Lynchburg.

In April 1996, **Rhonda Brauer** was promoted to senior counsel and assistant secretary of the New York Times Co. She lives in Greenwich Village with husband Greg Holch and daughter Jillian, 3. Also in New York City, **Lisa Johnson** announces that she was recently named vice president at Penguin USA, a book publishing company. Congratulations to another New Yorker, **Jeanne Arfanis**, who had her first child, Katie McLoughlin, in March 1995.

Paul Dale lives on a lake six miles from his orthopedic surgery office in Alexandria, MN. He and Karen have been married for 11 years and have children Matt, 7, Samantha, 6, and Kate, 5. Paul has run into classmate **Dave Chalk** at orthopedic meetings. **Marie Vayo** Greenbaum reports, "Life is crazy but wonderful" with twins Aaron and Celeste, born in 1995. She is an earth and physical science teacher for Tower Hill Middle School in Wilmington, DE. Also in the Wilmington

area, **Andrew Kaufman** is an engineer for DuPont. **Joanne Patten** Bugher is "living, working, and raising a family on a wooded hilltop in Delaware." She is a dietitian for Crozer Chester Medical Center.

B. Mike Stocker writes from Easton, PA, that he is a manager for Lucent Technologies, is married to Becca, and has a son Michael John, 3. He says "fatherhood is as stimulating as Cornell was!" In Pittsburgh, **Scott Livingston** became a partner in the Marcus and Shapiro law firm. In addition to working and raising sons Andrew, 10, and Alex, 8, Scott runs, rows, plays hockey, and coaches Little League. **Sari Feldman** heads her own health-care consulting firm, Feldman and Associates, in Richboro, PA. Sari, husband Stuart Pilch, and daughters Alyson, 8, and Maggie, 5, are enjoying the Philadelphia area.

Congrats to **Nancy Haas** on the birth of her second child, Justin Wyda, in 1996, to join sister Madeleine, 3-1/2. Nancy is an attorney for Abramoff, Neuberger and Under in Baltimore, MD.

Jennifer Pressman pens, "After spending seven years in Madison, WI, where I earned my law degree in 1989, my partner Deb Ptak and I moved to Baltimore. I have been practicing law for Semmes, Bowen, and Semmes. Most important, in September 1994, our daughter Emily Hannah Ptak-Pressman was born." In Ellicott City, MD, **Ronald Komsa** writes that he works for a USDA agency (APHIS) as a program analyst, is married to Tricia, and has children ages 7 and 10.

Paul Gleichauf and wife Sue have also relocated to Ellicott City after 12 years in the Boston area. Paul is vice president of managed care and planning at Howard County General Hospital. He states, "Shortly after we arrived we welcomed our son Max, who joined brothers Pete and Gregor. New job, new house, new state, new kid, no time for anything else!"

Martin Jacobsen has joined the management consulting firm of CSC/Index in NYC. He has visited **Carl Guerra '82**, who is a professional comedian and actor in Miami, FL. Marty adds that he is "still single," lives in Manhattan, and has a winter home in Aspen, CO. Any interested women can contact him directly!

Lori Balton is busy in Venice, CA, with daughter Sarah, 4, two Weimaraners, and work. She is a location manager for Local 399 and recently worked on Rob Reiner's *Ghost of Mississippi*. In Los Angeles, **Christopher Sorrentino** is a manager of business analysis for Silgan Containers Corp. in charge of strategic planning. As a hobby, he's enrolled in UCLA's writers program and has written two screenplays. He asks, "Any interested Cornell producers out there?" **Nanette Fondas** relocated from California last year with her husband to Cary, NC. She is a professor at Duke's Fugua School of Business and her husband is an executive at Big Blue. In Charlotte, NC, **Todd Anderson** is an entrepreneur-scientist with LDT Inc.

Lana (Carlsson) and **Andy Irwin** have founded Irwin Engineers Inc., a consulting

firm specializing in chemical and environmental engineering. Lana also works part-time for the new law firm of Connors, Bliss, and Courville in Boston. They continue to enjoy their children, ages 8, 6, and 4, and live in Wayland, MA.

To **Jim Hahn**: We loved the train card! Hope everyone's home, work, and travels go smoothly. ♦ **Jennifer Read** Campbell, 14824 Hunting Path Pl., Centreville, VA 20120; **Kathy Philbin** LaShoto, 114 Harrington Rd., Waltham, MA 02154; **Betsy Silverfine**, 1601 Third Ave., 4E, NYC 10128.

REUNION

82 **Nina Kondo** and I are looking forward to seeing all of you at reunion. Remember, we're both retiring as class correspondents, so if you are interested please attend class meeting and elections while you're in Ithaca for the festivities.

Some (relatively) fresh news via e-mail: **Michael Panosian** was selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel in the Air Force and will be chief of otolaryngology services at the base hospital at Wright-Patterson in Ohio. **Lori Friedman** Robinson and family moved to Surrey, England, and encourage alums in the area to be in touch (mrobin2046@aol.com). Before leaving, the Robinsons enjoyed a farewell dinner at the home of **Jeff** and **Alisa Kishinsky Hare**. **Emily Oshin** Turell and **Suzanne Brenner** Sanborn also attended.

Earle Weaver, MBA '84, and wife Rebecca welcomed Sarah Louise to the family on January 19. They recently moved to St. Louis, where he is president of the specialty motor division of the Emerson Electric Co. **Scott Lang** lives in Italy, but is scheduled to return to the States at the end of the year.

Mary Nozzi Del Balzo sent news that she had jumped on the "voluntary simplicity" bandwagon and quit her job as an intellectual property attorney for Intel, preferring a more balanced life. She is doing some legal work for a software company on a contract basis, but will also have more time to spend at home. Mary loves Portland, OR, where she and husband **Carl '81** live with their children.

Now for some news that arrived the old-fashioned way, which makes it about a year old: **Craig Fishman** lives in Falls Church, VA, and recently was promoted to president/CEO of All-State Financial Corp. **Guy Sullivan** is senior vice president at Putnam Mutual Funds in Boston. **John Rowley** was appointed city judge in Ithaca. **Brad Kauffman** started his own business, a video production company called Silver Ridge Productions, which specializes in training and promotional videos for medical applications. **Michael Marks** is assistant professor in the pathology department at U. of Pennsylvania. **Paige Klotz** Grossman has gone into the real estate business in Manhattan after eight years as an attorney. **Donald '83** and **Gail Soltan Payne**, with their children, live in Huntington, NY, where Gail is fixing up a 108-year-old Victorian farmhouse and coaching youth soccer.

Mark Hyman is the medical director at Canyon Ranch in the Berkshires after four

years in Idaho and one in China. **Joseph Tabbi's** first book, *Postmodern Sublime: Technology and American Writing from Mailer to Cyberpunk*, was published by Cornell University Press. **Greg Nicholls** moved to England to begin a three-year assignment for Lockheed Martin Co. **Karyn Grossman** Gershon runs a Jewish women's non-profit company, traveling to Russia and the Ukraine to teach women about their Jewish heritage, community building, and how to develop democratic skills. **Lisa Piccinino** works in Naples, FL, as a tomato breeder. **Brandy Alvarez** lives in Italy, where among other things, she leads tours of Florence. **Mary Parkman** is a painter in NYC, where she recently had an opening of her one-person show at the Prince Street Gallery. **Ahni Margenau** Kruger had a showing at the same gallery. **Mark Dwortzan** is in Boston U.'s science journalism program. He hopes to research and write about ecologically sustainable community development. **Kathleen Bundy** Kirshe owns a personal training company, doing fitness training out of the home. **Jon Anderson** lives in Bedford, NH, and is director of Internet services for Continental Cablevision.

It's been a fun five years. Please keep in touch with your new class correspondents! ♦ **Neil Fidelman Best**, 207 Dellwood Rd., Metuchen, NJ 08840; **Nina M. Kondo**, 120 E. 90th St., 2H, NYC 10128; e-mail, ninak@asiasoc.org.

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Congratulations to **Thor Nilssen**, who was awarded the Vinci diExcellencei in the 1996 Louis Vuitton-Moet Hennessy Science for Art competition. Thor submitted a sculpture based on the molecule for DNA. His prize included a trip to Paris, where winning entries were displayed at the Natural History Museum. This news about **Alec Schramm** came from Laurel, his wife of two years. After earning his PhD in physics at Duke U., Alec stayed on as a lecturer for several years. In 1992 he accepted a position at Occidental College in Los Angeles, where he earned tenure this spring. He loves pursuing his research in theoretical particle physics. **Jeffrey Gibb** is now managing the office of Coleman Legal Search Consultants in Iselin, NJ. Jeffrey was most recently an in-house counsel at GE Capital.

Ed Seydel is with Lockheed Martin Advanced Technology Center in Palo Alto, CA. He married wife Sarah last fall in Washington, DC. Alumni in attendance included **Donna DeSilva '82**, **Kathy Sferra**, **James Salvie**, **Dolores Roeder '84**, **John Bradley '82**, **Alisa Shirvan** Studley '82, **David A. Lee**, **Elizabeth Parrella '84**, and **Jose Nieves '84**.

Vivian Schiller was recently promoted to senior vice president at Turner Broadcasting in Atlanta. She will be producing documentaries and also won an Emmy for a documentary on the Holocaust. As if that wasn't enough she also has a baby boy, Jared, and 2-1/2-year-old daughter, Elizabeth. **Carolyn Davis** Bensel is working as a human resources consultant with LSG/SkyChefs. She lives in Ft. Worth with

her husband and two daughters. **Rosa Deberry** King is living in Massachusetts with husband Jeffrey and their children Tyler, 5, and twins Jared and Zachary, 15 months. **Katherine Herring** Smyth is director of emergency medical services with Navajo IHS in Arizona and also takes care of daughter Jesse, 1-1/2.

Kirk Engel writes from New York City that he is in global portfolio trading at Merrill Lynch and is in touch on occasion with former roommate **Adam Sappern**. **Lynn Sarison** Wells works in the high-tech industry as a marketing manager and has two wonderful step-children, ages 11 and 14. In NYC, **Ken Balick** is director of international business development at Nomura Securities International. Ken is also special assistant to the CEO and says he would love to hear from anyone passing through NYC. **Lauren Hefferon** is director of Ciclismo Classico in Arlington, MA. They specialize in Italian biking and walking vacations, a great way to see the countryside. Another Massachusetts resident, **David Chabon**, expected to further develop his roots in Ithaca when his parents, **Robert S. '52** and **Judith Resnick Chabon '53**, moved there this year. David and wife Karen recently visited with **Jeff Mintz '79**, **Greg Azia**, and **Brian Conlon '82**.

Seth Krosner is a trauma surgeon at Cook County Hospital in Chicago. **Petra Moessner** earned her MS in biology and is working on one in chemistry at Eastern Michigan U. She teaches and tutors while working on her thesis in toxicology. **Elizabeth Sager** Metz lives in Littleton, CO, with husband Mike and two sons. She welcomes friends to come visit. **Richard MacKinnon** is an engineering librarian at a firm in Alexandria, VA. He manages flood maps and related data. In his spare time he is planning on reintroducing the classic board game Dodeccamento to the global market. **Niels Nielsen** of Rockville, MD, is celebrating both his promotion to director of electronic publishing at government institutes and the purchase of his first home. **Michael Schonberg** has relocated to Cleveland for a promotion to market unit general manager. His wife is Shelley and children are Alison, 3, and Matthew, 1.

In Atlanta, GA, **Leland Sykes** is a contractor engineer with Lockheed Martin and makes his home with wife LaShawn and their children, Maya and Xavier. **Michael Prospero** is living in Joliet, IL, with wife Theresa and daughter Francesca. Also in the Chicago area is **Geoffrey Williamson**. He is associate professor of electrical and computer engineering at the Illinois Inst. of Technology. He has taught there since 1989. **Marc** and **Rosalind Strum Odin** write from Fayetteville, NY, that Roz is joining a private pediatrics practice in Syracuse. Marc is doing risk assessment at Syracuse Research Corp. First child, Joelle, is in the first grade and Jaime learned how to swim last summer. **Brad Busscher** was promoted to senior vice president/senior attorney at EVEREN Securities in Chicago. He and wife Beth have a 2-1/2-year-old son, Brett. Brad fills us in on **Charlie Mills**, who is a divi-

sional president for Medline Industries in Mundelein, IL, and is also in touch with **Bob Muha '82**.

Kelly Buhr Trott is happy to report her family has ended its globetrotting and is living happily in central Florida. She is married to Andy, a controller, and has daughters Katie and Courtney. **Benji Goldman** sends in a lot of news about himself and other classmates. He lives in Great Neck with wife Sara and children Daniel, 4, and Jessi, 2. Benji is a full-time faculty member attending physician at North Shore U. Hospital and assistant professor in ob/gyn at New York U. Medical Center. **Chris Lofaso** is married to a doctor and they live with their two children in upstate New York. **Dominic Fote** lives in Malibu with his assistant district attorney wife and their two children. Living in New Hampshire is **Polly Kristen** Rouhe. She and her farmer husband have one child and Polly sells antiques. Last, but not least, Benji hears from the grapevine that **Bob Bollinger** is practicing law in Miami Beach, FL. Just on the other side of the hill from me in Northridge (as in Northridge Quake), lives **David Speyer**. David is a workers' compensation defense attorney with a Glendale firm, is married to Toni, and has son Jake, 3.

I recently participated in a Cornell Club event as a panelist at a networking brunch. It was very rewarding and a great way to meet other Cornellians in the area. Let me also remind everyone, again, NO NEWS ABOUT PENDING BIRTHS AND WEDDINGS, ONLY REPORTS OF THE EVENTS AFTER THEY HAVE OCCURRED. If you wrote about a pregnancy or engagement please write again if the event has taken place. ♦ **Matthew Tager**, 14055 Tahiti Way #208, Marina del Rey, CA 90292; e-mail, mltager@aol.com; **Nancy Schlie** Knowles, 5 Elmcrest Cir., Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, nsk2@cornell.edu.

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Jose Nieves and wife Kelly announce the arrival of their first son, Joshua Alejandro. He was born in October 1995 in Smolensk, Russia, and was adopted at the end of September 1996. Jose went by himself to pick Joshua up in Russia. Currently, Jose is about to defend his dissertation for his PhD at George Mason U. He is a manager for EIS-Pulse Inc. **Thomas Kellerhoff**, assistant manager of the Country Club in Brookhaven, and an employee of the Capital City Club since April 1991, has been accredited a Certified Club Manager (CCM) by the Club Managers Assn. of America. He saw a whole group of Hotelies in Hawaii at a club managers convention, including: **Dave Bullard '81**, **Jim Petzing '82**, and **Frank Stover '65**.

Alan Portnoi married Sharon Wolmer at the Tamcrest Country Club in Alpine, NJ, in December 1996. Alan is a managing director in the risk arbitrage department of Bear, Stearns & Company, the New York investment bank. Sharon is a vice president for strategic marketing at Turner Broadcasting Sales Inc. in New York City. **Dr. Bonnie Gram-**

Bella Vista Views

KATHY WITKOWSKY '84

Eight months before the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the U.S. government interned 1,000 Italian merchant marines at Bella Vista prison camp in Missoula, Montana. In contrast to experiences of Japanese internees during World War II, these prisoners of war made gourmet dinners, played in soccer tournaments, and staged musical dramas. Now, they're the subjects of *Bella Vista: An Unseen View of World War II*, a documentary film written by former WVBR reporter Kathy Witkowsky. Funded through grants and support from Missoula's public radio station, the documentary took four years to produce.

"The most interesting part of the project was the extraordinary patriotism the Italians had for the U.S.," Witkowsky says. "They weren't thrilled with the internment, but they knew it was much better than fighting in the trenches."



bow Campbell completed a residency in small animal surgery at the U. of Wisconsin's Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, and is currently working on her PhD in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell. **Suzanne Cohen** Hard has children Alison, 7, Jacob, 5, and Claire, 2. Somehow Suzanne still manages to find time for her favorite leisure activities—gardening and reading.

Thomas Collins is in his last year of a PhD program in agricultural chemistry at U. of California, Davis. He and wife **Susan (Goodison) '85** had their first child, Erin Elizabeth, in April 1996. In 1995, Thomas traveled to Europe, where he presented some of his research on wine analysis at symposiums in Switzerland and France. **Brian Delahunta** owns a business called Hotel Renovations Inc. He recently expanded with a second company called International Distribution Group and just completed renovating a 400-room hotel in Warsaw, Poland.

Susan Feldinger and **Linda Kasdan** Benowitz are writing a humorous self-help book about in-laws. Susan encourages anyone with good stories to call her. She socializes with fellow Cornellians **Micheline Donja-cour**, **Gail Freiman** Schnur, **Linda Kasdan** Benowitz and **Shari Zuckerman**. She also saw **Brian Bornstein** in the elevator at work. **David E. Goodman** has been married to wife Carolyn for seven years and has children Zachary, 4, and Taylor, 18 months. Carolyn and the two kids were in COACH windows nationwide for a Mother's Day Promotion in 1996.

Dr. Dorian Gravenese is the chief of dermatology CHP—the Medical Group, New Hyde Park, NY. In her spare time, she runs marathons. She ran the Disney World Marathon in January 1996. **Henry Hendriks** accepted a new position within Raytheon Co. as a process engineer in the III-V semiconduc-

tor device pilot process line. He saw **Christine Flass '85** on a ski trip to Loon Mountain in New Hampshire and saw **Patrick Hindle** on a ski trip to N. Conway, NH. **Janet Insardi** visited classmate **Lindsay Liotta Forness** in England last July. Lindsay is living in London with husband **Bob '87**, daughter Keri, 3, and Brian, 1 (Janet's godson). Janet has also seen **Annemarie Schultz** in Convert Station, NJ, and **Lynn Leopold '83** in Lynnbrook, NY.

Dr. Randolph Katz and wife Eileen had daughter Lauren on Oct. 1, '95. Randy says he's "learned some very important parenting lessons, the most important being never feed an infant an entire bottle of Gerber Stage 1 prunes. Other than that episode, everything has been great with this change in lifestyle and the new parental existence!" **Wendy Karlan Kramer** and husband **Larry '85** have daughters Jennifer, 5, and Alison, 2. Wendy is an attorney at Emmet, Marvin and Martin, where she's been practicing trusts and estates law since 1987. **Hope Kuniholm** married Peter Verheyen (Johns Hopkins U. '85) three years ago. In August 1995, they moved to Syracuse, NY. Hope works at Syracuse U.'s Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs as a development officer and Peter is a conservation librarian at Syracuse U.

Melissa Jacobs Strugger is a social worker in New York. She saw **Beth (Goldstein) '85** and **Neil Weissman '84**, MD '88, at brunch in NYC. **Dr. Dolores Roeder** "discovered and 'became addicted' to the competitive world of racquetball." She is playing in tournaments in Northern NJ, "winning some, losing others, but all-in-all having a great time!" **John W. O'Neill** and wife Alicia are happy to report the birth of their second son, Evan James, on Mar. 7, '96. **Dr. Blaise Vitale** was published in the Jan. 25, '96 edition of the *New England Journal of Medicine*. His commit-

ment with the National Health Service Corps has been fulfilled but he will be remaining in the northwest Wisconsin town of Grantsburg, WI, population 1100. Dr. **Stuart Lowenkron** and wife **Laura (Paskuly) '85** bought their first home in June 1995. He started up a private practice in internal and pulmonary medicine in July 1995. They have children Samantha, 4, and Daniel, 2. **Anne Mattson** and husband Karl have a little girl, Meredith Anne, born in October 1995 on their third wedding anniversary. Karl is employed with Cooperative Extension in Delaware County as a whole-farm planner for the NYC watershed area.

Kathryn McCullough has been traveling a lot. She went to the New Orleans Jazz Festival with **Sarah Kiefer '82** and also went to Prague, Budapest, and Vienna with **Rose Fajardo '86**.

Eric Poncelet and wife Susie had a second little girl, named Maya, in June 1996, who is now crawling and wreaking general havoc. Great fun though. Big sister Kira, 3, takes good care of her. **Michael Simpson** has semi-retired to take full-time responsibility for taking care of his children, Natalie, 6, and Southern, 4. **Miriam "Carrie" Vargas** reports that her oldest child, Ciara Alexis, born one week before our graduation in 1984, graduated from sixth grade last year and is now 13 years old! Ciara now has little brothers, Enrique Jose, 5, and Jose Antonio, 3. Carrie has been working for the same company for the past eight years as a sales administrator. **Holly Hansen** Uzcategui had her second baby boy, Kyle, in

mittee, and is counsel of Albany Neighborhood Assns.

Kathryn Witkowski completed her MFA in creative writing at the U. of Montana in May 1995. That October she finished a documentary film highlighted elsewhere on these pages. Kathryn was the producer/director of the video and Cornell history Professor Richard Polenberg appears in it, too. ♦ **Karla Sievers McManus**, 1465 Hooksett Rd., #299, Hooksett, NH 03106; e-mail, KLorax@aol.com; **Guy Donatiello**, 321 N. Ithan Ave., Rosemont, PA 19010.



News from the e-mail bag. **Jaan Janes** writes that he is the director of media development for the NFL, developing business and programming for the league in the interactive and on-line media. Jaan is a newlywed, living in New York City with wife Monica. Jaan and Monica had plenty of Cornellians to keep them company at their wedding, as Dr. **Bill Urban**, **Bill Goldy**, and **Mike Jones** served as ushers and **Stephen Dadourian**, **E. Paul Hoop**, **Patrick** and **Lauren Miller Collins**, and **Rob Tchack** rounded out the '85ers in attendance. Direct all NFL questions to Jaan at janes@nflmail.com. Dr. **Scott Bookner** recently joined the ranks of those communicating on-line. Scott reports that he is living and practicing pediatrics in Scarsdale, NY, and is the father of girls Ilana and Molly. Scott would love to hear from long lost friends at EdocPdoc@aol.com.

“While in Guam, Dr. Stephen Weinman plays music at an outdoor beach bar on Tumon Bay.”

— LISA M. BLUESTEIN '85

February 1996; just bought a house; and is in a new position at Disney training managers in labor management. She has just started an MBA program in finance at Webster U.—“In short, I must be crazy!”

Patrick Murphy and wife Barbara Lang have moved to the Chicago area. Pat is president of Digital Appliance Controls, a division of Emerson Electric. **Vicki Seiden** Sherman quit her job as vice president, director of accounting services at Clarion Marketing to stay home and care for children Alec, 4-1/2, and Katie, 3. Vicki has been doing some advertising promotion work on a free-lance basis from her home. **Lisa Fishman** Smith and her husband moved to Pound Ridge, NY, where they bought their first home. Last year, she traveled to Thailand. **Christopher Lindsay** and wife Nancy had a son, John Allen, in February 1995. John's sisters Barbara Helene, 7, and Theresa Greer, 5, are thrilled. Christopher is president of the Beverwyck Neighborhood Assn., chairs the schools com-

Marcy Levine sends her greetings from sunny and warm Miami. Marcy is a commercial litigation attorney at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP. Marcy recently wed Harry Aldrich in Boca Raton. Harry is an attending cardiologist at Mount Sinai Center in Miami Beach. **Peter** and **Dina Wisch Gold '89** welcomed Theodore Louis Louie into their lives in November 1996. Peter has been working for the Washington, DC, bureau of Fujisankei Communications Intl., one of Japan's top networks. Dina reports that one of Peter's recent assignments was covering the hostage crisis at the Japanese ambassador's home in Lima, Peru. **Barry Greenblatt** wrote to announce the birth of not one, but two sons, Jacob and Brandon. The twins were born premature, but Barry is happy to report that they are doing quite well and are finally sleeping through the night.

Jonathan T. Foote started a Fulbright fellowship at the National U. of Singapore in October 1996. Jonathan had previously attended Cambridge U. (England) for three

years of post-doctoral work in engineering. **Christian Silge** moved to Chicago in October and is now working for Goldman, Sachs & Co. E-mail Christian at cpsw43a@prodigy.com. **Tony Martinez** reports that he is living in Wayne, NJ, and is the managing partner of Calello Martinez, which maintains offices in Nutley, NJ, NYC, and Washington, DC. Tony is also involved in lobbying the federal government on healthcare issues.

Not so new news from *The New York Times* weddings column—In July 1996, **Karen Hovsepian** married Philip Ayoub. Karen is the director of event marketing for the National Hockey League. Karen, maybe you and Jaan can exchange ideas on sports marketing. In August 1996, **Maria Heidkamp** and Steven Kopits were wed. Maria and Steven are based in Budapest, where she is regional field director for program operations for the US Dept. of Labor and he is a senior consultant for the Barents Group. **Dave Schechner** married Lori Doynow in December 1996. Dave is the managing director of communications at Bears, Stearns & Co. In other wedding news, **Mark Irgang**, who is a hotel manager in NYC, married Laura Beth Schwartz at the NY Marriott Marquis and honeymooned at the Aruba Marriott. (Mark works for Marriott, maybe?) **Deborah Schondorf**, an investment banker at GKN Securities in NYC, married Stuart Novick in her hometown of Greenwich, CT. Cornellians in attendance included **Keith** and **Jennifer Ellenberg Symonds '86**, **Linda Michalski '84**, and **Dave Rimple '83**.

Andy Raimist reports that he has started his own architectural practice, Raimist Architecture Inc. in St. Louis, MO. Andy's work includes residential and institutional projects, both in new construction and renovation. **Laura Rabinowitz** Lefkowitz reports that she has started a new podiatric practice in Beverly Hills, CA. **Franklyn Farace**, who is in Laguna Hills, CA., joined a start-up interactive multimedia in-store (grocery) kiosk company. Franklyn writes that the company was founded five years ago by **Linda Manaster '88**. As vice president of sales, he is responsible for securing sponsorship from advertisers, manufacturers, magazines, and telecommunications companies. Franklyn keeps in touch with **Warren Fields**, who is heading up the development of a new hotel concept for Double Tree Hotels.

Dr. **Stephen Weinman** has been quite busy in the past year. Stephen has been working as an emergency physician in Guam at the Government Hospital. He returns to New York periodically to work in emergency rooms in the Northeast. While in Guam, Stephen plays music at an outdoor beach bar on Tumon Bay. In the past year or so, Stephen has traveled to South Pacific dive locations such as Palau, Truk, and Yap, as well as to the island of Bali, Indonesia. He also published the first trail guide to the Shawangunk Mountains (the "Gunks") of the Hudson Valley, NY, entitled "A Rock With a View." Stephen reports that **Brian Hirsch '86**, BA '88, is a graduate student at U. of Wisconsin, Madison and **Bob A. Meier** is a radiologist living in Co-

perstown, NY.

Kimberly Emerson is now working in Hong Kong as the regional business manager for the Pacific Rim for Mentor Graphics Corp. Kimberly expects to be in Hong Kong until August 1997. Kimberly is not without Cornellian companionship however; she reports that **Wendy T. Chin** is also in Hong Kong. **Carmel Gallagher** Delaney is living in Warsaw, Poland, with husband Chris and three children. Carmel is a brand manager for Procter & Gamble, Poland. **Kelley Noonan** Jensen's job at Coca Cola afforded her the opportunity to visit Bombay, India, while **Frank Pietrucha**'s position as vice president at the Inst. of International Research allowed him to travel to Brazil for several business trips to develop conferences for executives in South America.

Baby news abounded in 1996 (and 1995). **Debbi Neyman** Silverman gave birth to a second son, Maxwell, or "Max." Max and big brother Zachary are keeping Debbi very busy, in addition to her business, Odds & Ends. **Robert Senzer**, an attorney in NYC, is the proud father of Brandon. **David Cooper**, who just completed his neurosurgery residency in Syracuse, now has another reason not to sleep, daughter Elana. **Jill Grossman** Denowitz added son Jonathan to her family (Lauren, born 1991 and Steven, born 1993). Jill is a physician in her hometown of Westport, CT. **Alan Greenberg**, a business litigation attorney in Costa Mesa, CA., now has son Henry "Hank" in addition to daughter Sarah. **Jill Hai** and husband, **Marc Rubenstein '86**, JD '89, report the birth of son Paul, born on last Thanksgiving Day. **Richard** and **Pamela Schmitt Cary '86** celebrated their eighth anniversary at the hospital for the birth of Benjamin. Rich supplied us with news about other Cornellians: **Mark** and **Mary DeSanctis Richmond '86**, who live in Atlanta, GA, now have a son, Thomas. Rich reports that Mark is an underwriter for the Hartford Insurance Co. and Mary's family salon business is expanding into a spa facility. **John Cerio** and wife **Leslie Storm '83** had a girl, Gabriella, in October 1995.

If we somehow missed your news in the past year or so, don't despair! Send "new" news with the News and Dues form you either have received or will soon be receiving. We'll do our best to get it all published. We'd also like to hear from you shy folks who send in your dues without any news. You deserve recognition, too! Maybe a long-lost roommate or friend is wondering where you are and what you've been up to, so send in the latest tidbits for their benefit, if not for your poor class columnists. Keep us informed! ♦ **Lisa M. Bluestein**, 5 Sun Valley Heights Rd., N. Salem, NY 10560; e-mail, lawfoot@aol.com; **Linda M. Messinger**, DVM, 2401 S. Downing St., Denver, CO 80210-5811; e-mail, LMMderr@aol.com.



Life is full for **Todd Baker**, who graciously wrote with a full update on his affairs. He and wife Beth welcomed son Fred McCord Baker into the family last Sep-

tember, their third (and final!) child. Todd commutes to Moody's Investors Service in New York City where, as the lead analyst for the global metals and mining industry, he works as their Man of Steel (and gold, copper, aluminum, and nickel). He runs a large tennis group in town, is active at his church, and is picking up speed on his most important Class of '86 activities. You may remember from a prior column that Todd is our vice president, class historian; he's charged with documenting activities and developing a video record of the class for future presentations at reunions and with developing a Cornell '86 Website. "I shot an interesting video of 10th Reunion," he writes. "I'll send a copy to anyone interested for cost plus postage—probably about \$10. It's amateur but fun, and features a highly embarrassing clip of a guy dancing erotically with a chair. Times were tough freshman year, and old habits die hard!" Those interested in helping Todd out with these and other projects or those wanting a copy of the video can contact him at 232 Jonathan Rd., New Canaan, CT, 06840, tel., (203) 972-2190. And for the benefit of the class: will the real chair-dancer please identify himself?

Ellen Lederman is a banker and vice president for J.P. Morgan in London, where she handles affairs for the firm's central European clients. "It's an interesting job," she writes, "as I'm working with economies undergoing exciting transformations." She's happily married to Dartmouth grad Thom LeFevre, whom she met in business school. "We attend Cornell alumni functions in London, which has quite an active club. We also see **Alison Wheaton** every week; she recently switched jobs from Pepsi to Bass Taverns. That means lots of free beer!" But despite (or maybe because of) the fun, "I've recently been asked to move back to Prague—where I lived for more than three years in the early 1990s—to head our office in the Czech Republic. It's likely we'll go, but people will still be able to reach me at my current e-mail address (lederman_ellen@jpmorgan.com). And we'll definitely welcome visitors," she adds.

David R. Johnson is working as a sales manager for American Power Conversion (APC), a computer peripherals manufacturer in Rhode Island. "I've been working there for more than seven years," he writes, "helping classmates **Lloyd Kinnear**, **Chris Dinapoli**, **Steve Bloch '85**, MEing '86, and a host of other Cornellians build the company from a \$20 million operation when we started to a \$1 billion company today. I live and sail in Newport with my wife, Ann, a Providence College 1987 graduate. We welcomed our daughter Catherine Ann into the family on Jan. 20, '97. She is healthy and doing fine, but we're pretty #\$\$%&* tired!" David sends word that former workmates **Lloyd** and **Melinda** "Mindy" **Czerwinski** Kinnear live on a farm in Canandaigua, NY, and gave birth to son Doyle in February of last year; Chris recently married Bethany Algier (his high school crush) and also lives in Newport; and Steve now lives in Sherman Oaks, CA, with wife (and actress) Dina.

In other conjugal news, **Kim Foster**, an

account representative for an international ocean cargo carrier, was married in June 1995 to husband Scott Giordano in the presence of **Jenny Graap**, **Anne Ferree**, and **Elsa Waymer** Dempsey. **Paul Hickey** was wed to Nancy Viventi in a chapel on the shores of Lake George in upstate New York, in October 1995, with **Susan O'Dell**, **Holly Hart**, **Karen Nelson**, and **Thomas Germano '85** looking on. May 1996 was a month for serious matrimony. **Laurie Rosseau** Flowers, **Barb Weisfeld**, and **Pam Isaacson** attended the wedding of Nabisco employee **Karen Gray** to Mark Kirby on May 4. **Kate Knobil** wed Keith Shelley in western Maryland later that month; and now-Bostonian **Emily Mathes** married cardiology fellow and real nice guy Jeff Kuvon on Memorial Day weekend.

Laura Bartow took the autumn-in-Ithaca option; she wed **Bill LaFontaine**, PhD '90, last October in Sage Chapel with oodles of Cornellians looking on: parents **Douglass '47** and **Doris (Dittman) '48**, uncle **Fay '44** (ChemE) and aunt **Phyllis Dittman McClelland '43**, cousins **Lane McClelland '70**, MBA '73, JD '74, and **Larry Vandruff**, PhD '71. The couple honeymooned in Nepal and are now living in Tokyo, where Bill works for IBM.

A few couples, having done the wedding thing, moved on to the next step. The "Boys 'R Us" crowd includes **Warren Goldblatt**, an ophthalmologist in Dover, NH, whose son, Jonah, was born in December 1994; and **Sharon Harriott** and husband **Steve Jureller '87**, who celebrated the arrival of Zachary in March 1996. **Fred Hedengren** and wife **Marissa (Rago) '87** had twin sons last July. And **Rob Gross**, MD '91, and **Angie DeMichele** married in July 1994, took a six-month honeymoon in Italy and France, and bought a house in Wynnewood, PA, just in time to welcome son Elliott into the family in August 1995. Rob is entering the last year of his infectious disease fellowship at U. of Pennsylvania and is working to complete his master's in clinical epidemiology and biostatistics.

Jay and **Meredith Berg Goldstein** are still digging the Seattle scene and helping to make the Internet a better place to live: he as a product manager for Microsoft, she as a product manager for startup company, Online Interactive. Jay writes that despite a happy marriage he is still well-connected with a slew of East Coast Cornell babes, including Stephanie Eichler (daughter of **Lisa Bragin** and **David Eichler '92**), Sophie Allen (bairn of **Keith Allen** and **Gail Schlusell**), Ilana Wolpert (sion of **Randy Wolpert** and Mindy), and Kimberly Bizenov (who belongs to mother **Jill Friedman** and husband Michael Bizenov). Not to leave out Brad Turano (son of **Phil Turano** and Jeanne).

Finally, we heard from **Andy Glasner**, who's been working for Intel Corp. since graduation and lives with wife Lisa (Ithaca College '87) and their kids, Lindsay, 5, and Ben, 3, in sunny Phoenix. **Anthony Astarita** is an assistant vice president at the Equity Capital Group of GE Capital and is on the board of directors of a small metal-fabricating company

located in eastern Pennsylvania. He lives with wife **Karen Petrus '87** and 2-1/2-year-old Megan in Montclair, NJ. And **Sean McMurry** moved with wife **Konomi Takeshita '85** to Ohio in 1995 to practice civil litigation for law firm Furnier and Thomas in Cincinnati.

Don't be shy: you know what we want, and you know where to send it. ♦ **Michael Berkwits**, 8707 Prospect Ave., Philadelphia, PA, 19118; e-mail, berkwits@mail.med.upenn.edu.

REUNION

87 Dear classmates: If you have not marked off June 5-8, '97 for our 10th-year Reunion, it is not yet too late! Many of us have already sent in our registrations. Call or e-mail **Debra Howard Stern**, tel., (212) 854-8398 (H) or (212) 854-7484 (W), e-mail, DStern@barnard.columbia.edu; or **Karla L. Griffin**, tel., (718) 956-3650 (H) or (212) 986-7202 (W), e-mail, KLG6@cornell.edu. Come alone, or bring the whole family, and reconnect with old dormmates and the place we used to call home.

After having lived in Ithaca, for the most part, ever since our freshman year, I did the unthinkable: I took a job somewhere else and moved to Boston. Since January, I have been working as assistant director for East Asia operations in the university development office at Harvard U. My wife, Rebecca, joined me in Cambridge in March. My first assignment was

to accompany Harvard's provost to Hong Kong and Taiwan. In Taipei, we had an audience with President **Lee Teng-hui, PhD '68**, in the grand reception hall of the presidential building. Two weeks later, Rebecca and I took a vacation in Hong Kong to celebrate Chinese New Year; it was her first trip to Asia. Ironically, we missed our flight going out of New York City and, in a panic, I managed to track down **Kin Tak "Peter" von Huene-Chan** (vonhuene@HK.Super.Net) in Hong Kong. Peter was able to fix the problem and we simply boarded another Cathay Pacific flight the next day.

While checking in at JFK International Airport, we ran into **Michele Plaue '90** (plauemb@apci.com), who was on the same flight to Hong Kong, with parents **Rudy '61** and **Jan Pellegrino Plaue '62**, and brother David. Michele is a senior project development engineer at Air Products in Allentown, PA. **Marina Ho** 106122.2073@compuserve.com and husband James Panella were our hosts in Hong Kong. They and **Yahlin Chang '89** (yahlin@morgan.com) cooked a traditional Chinese feast to usher in the Year of the Ox. Marina is an in-house attorney for Bechtel. And thanks to **David Udell '82**, general manager of the Grand Hyatt Hong Kong, Rebecca and I had a harbor-view room on the 16th floor of the hotel for a weekend, to better watch the spectacular fireworks on the second day of the new year.

We threw a party in our room, inviting the above-mentioned Cornellians to view the colorful pyrotechnic displays up-close. To top it off, we went bargain-hunting at Stanley Market with **Winston Lo, MS '67**, chairman of an international soy bean and soft drinks company, Vitasoy, who treated us to a sumptuous lunch by the bay.

Closer to home, **Geoffrey Achilles** (achillgc@ttown.apci.com) wrote, "A busy sports year for me: attended the Kentucky Derby, spent a week at the Olympics, and saw Wimbledon in person." Geoffrey is a chemical engineer with Air Products, too. From Wayne, NJ, **Orren D. Schneider** reported that he "finished (his) PhD at U. of Massachusetts, Amherst in environmental engineering and started a job at CHZM Hill as an environmental consultant. **Lisa W. Lui** (llui@worldbank.org) wrote, "Would like to report that I am currently an attorney with the legal department of the World Bank in Washington, DC. I frequently communicate with **Debbie Gaines**, who is now the labor and employment counsel at ASARCO Inc. (a mining company) in NYC." Nearby, in Reston, VA, **Leora Rosen Greene** (cecilg@aol.com) works as computer programmer. **Thomas J.** (tom.deloughry@chronicle.com) and **Maria Sileno DeLoughry** of Arlington, VA, welcomed their first child, Ryan Thomas, on May 6, '96. He was four weeks premature, but weighed a healthy seven pounds. Happy Birthday, little Ryan!

Thomas R. Frederick (tfrederi@montek.com) sent this note from Utah: "I left Moog Controls for a competitor, Atchley Controls; moved from Buffalo to Salt Lake City . . . and couldn't believe how much nicer the weather is here. Thirty minutes away, another world provides the best skiing I've ever imagined. Life is good . . ." **Filip Dubovsky** also knows how to live it up: "Moved to Baltimore for crabs and a faculty position at the U. of Baltimore. I'm also doing a fellowship in tropical pediatrics and pediatric infectious disease."

More old friends are writing via e-mail these days: **Tom and Jeanne Biemer Grzelak** (tgrzelak@uiuc.edu) "are the busy parents of Stephen Robert, born Nov. 3, '94, and Joseph Thomas, born April 4, '96. (Home page at <http://uiatma.atmos.uiuc.edu/~grzelak/homepage.html> to see pictures of these potential Cornellians). Tom has earned his MS degree in atmospheric sciences at the U. of Illinois and is now working as the systems administrator for the environmental council at the university. Jeanne is the network and network administrator for the main library at the U. of Illinois."

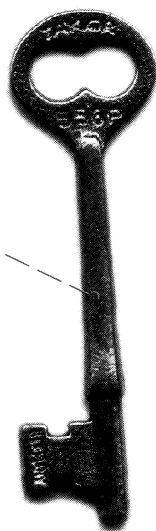
Lindsay (Liotta) '84 and Robert Forness (Lindsay_Bob_Forness@compuserve.com), who relocated to London in 1996, moved to a new house in February: "The new place is six miles farther away from the center of town on a QUIET street. We will have five bedrooms, a bigger garden, a living room, and a dining room, and we can walk Keri to school instead of driving for 20-30 minutes one way! We are still quite accessible from the major airports and the city by British Rail."

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Christopher Spidle (CSpidle@ual.com) dropped me an e-mail from out of the blue: "I'm now the manager of domestic schedule planning for United Airlines. I have a staff of five which chooses what routes to fly and how often. United is a terrific company and I'm having a lot of fun. I've bought and remodeled a small townhouse in the Chicago suburbs near work. I have two cats: Shadow, a black male, and Sabrina, a tortie (female), very affectionate. I have been traveling extensively for pleasure: New Zealand, Australia, Beijing, Alaska, Hawaii, Buenos Aires, Prague, Caribbean, Zurich." I also reconnected with **Terry Linsey**, who is working as a software engineer.

From the San Francisco Bay Area, **Rebecca Russell** Notowitz reported that she got married to Jacob on June 11, '95. Happy Anniversaries! **Karen Schmidt** and **Laurie McMichael**-Cady were both in the bridal party. Rebecca and Jacob flew to Kauai, HI, for their honeymoon. The Notowitzes make their home in San Francisco.

In Berkeley, **Mimi Harris Steadman** (steadman@garnet.berkeley.edu) earned her "doctorate in education administration. Husband **Erich '86**, son Patrick, and daughter Avery, plan to stay in the Bay Area for a while. We finally bought a house so I guess we'll stay put! And pay class dues!" **G. David Hackney** accepted a position as an assistant US attorney in San Diego and was to begin "to fight crime in July 1996." **Patrick M. Fahey** (fahey@hofikli.com) is a lawyer in SFO while **Brian E. Ettelman** is a food and beverages manager at the Four Seasons Resort Aviara in Carlsbad, CA. **Lisa L. Kish** moved from Oakland to Chicago almost a year ago. She works as an optometrist and was looking forward to "a more Ithaca-like climate" in the Windy City.

Gail Stoller Baer called to let us know that her third child was born on Feb 20. Amy Julia arrived weighing seven pounds, five ounces; she and the mother are both doing great. Older siblings David and Rachel appear delighted to have a new sister. The class also wishes to thank Gail for her capable contribution to the class notes in the past four years, as she has retired from being a correspondent.

See you at reunion in Ithaca! ♦ **Tom S. Tseng** (tseng@harvard.edu), Harvard UDO, 124 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge MA 02138; **Caryn S. Weinberger** (weinber@cibc.com), 1619 Third Ave., Apt. 9G E., NYC 10128; **Risa Weinberger** (rew30@aol.com), 1619 Third Ave., Apt. 19G E., NYC 10128.

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Hello, classmates! All '88ers reading this column are hereby alerted that we have only one year to go before reaching our 10th Reunion! Reunion Chairs **Chris O'Neil** and **Pam Darer** Anderson are already hard at work planning a great reunion weekend on the Hill and all your class officers are hoping to see each and every '88er celebrating in style! One classmate who has already written to say he's planning to attend is **Spencer Kroll**. And, he'll have a potential Cornellian

in tow—brand new baby Ariel Kroll, born last December to Spencer and wife Nona. The Krolls live in Washington, DC, where Spencer is completing his residency in internal medicine.

Classmates looking for future information about reunion specifically, and our class in general, should reconnect with the class via e-mail. If you have an e-mail address, including it in the Class of '88 e-mail distribution list will be a great way for you to stay connected to Cornell, other Cornellians, and classmates. With a distribution list in place the class officers will be able to send you periodic and more frequent updates about what's happening at Cornell, with fellow classmates, news about our 10th Reunion, and more. To participate simply send an e-mail to Cornell Fund Rep **Steve Tomaselli** at Steve_Tomaselli@infoimage.com. Be sure to include your e-mail address, name (including maiden name), whether we can include your address in a class e-mail directory we may make available to class members in the future, and, of course, any news about yourself or other classmates. Whether you're a casual e-mailer or a die-hard fanatic, participating in the class list will be a great way to stay in touch with or rediscover classmates. We hope to see you in cyberspace!

Several classmates included their personal e-mail addresses when they wrote their news. **Jennifer Lynn Yip** would love to hear from friends at jennifer.yip@eng.sun.com. After living in the Boston area since graduation and working for Lotus Development for the past four years Jennifer moved to San Mateo, CA, last July and is now working at Sun Microsystems in Menlo Park on Java-related products. She is in the process of making a career transition into marketing and product management.

Anne Lytle would also welcome contact from long-lost Cornell friends at: mnlytle@uxmail.ust.hk. Anne claims that she has been more or less "out of touch" with this column since graduation and wrote to share some details of a very interesting past decade. Anne earned a PhD in organizational behavior with a specialization in cross-cultural negotiations from Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management in 1994. Her research locales included Mexico, Moscow (during a coup attempt), and South Africa. For the past three years Anne has been an assistant professor at the Hong Kong U. of Science and Technology, teaching negotiation and conflict management skills to Chinese students and researching conflict management in Asia. She plans to research the transition of the impending Chinese takeover of Hong Kong. In her spare time Anne participates in 100-kilometer mountain charity races, hikes, and paddles for the Hong Kong National Dragon Boat team. This year she will compete in a set of international canoe races in Hawaii and California. Good luck, Anne, and no wonder you haven't had time to write!

Also living abroad is **Paul Kiesler**. Paul has been living in Russia for several years and working for Pepsi Cola International. He recently served as chief financial officer for Pepsi's opening in Siberia. Paul is currently living in Novosibirsk. Stateside, celebrating is

in order for **Ken** and **Beth Mansfield Griswold**. Ken recently earned his PhD in animal science and has started a post-doctoral research position with the animal science department at Ohio State. Beth has a new job with Kenyon College's counseling center in Gambier, OH.

The New York Times made mention of three classmates recently, and thus indicated that congratulations are due to **Helene Finegold** on her Nov. 23, '96 marriage to John Gammon, **Steven Gal** on his Oct. 20, '96 trip down the aisle with Lisa Barnhouse, and **Faith Skolnik**'s Nov. 10, '96 nuptials with Marc Ackerman.

Once again it is time to give my yearly plug for Adult University (CAU), especially because I (**Alison Minton**) am now on the CAU advisory board. I attended class this past July for the third summer in a row, and my fourth CAU adventure overall, and as usual had a typically wonderful Cornell experience. More young alums than ever took part in CAU last summer, including classmates **Susie Davis-Bower** and **Suzanne Bors**. I encourage all classmates interested in a unique vacation experience to check it out. Have a great summer everyone, and thanks for all the personal letters and updates—keep them coming! ♦ **Alison Minton**, 333 E. 56th St., #11B, NYC 10022; **Wendy Myers** Cambor, 14 Beach Ave., Northport, NY 11768; e-mail, camborw@ms.com; **Diane Weisbrot** Wing, 727 Anita St., Redondo Beach, CA 90278.

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With the new changes in *Cornell Magazine*, fewer issues are coming out each year, but the flip side is that our column has gotten bigger! Here is your chance to be assured your news will get in. In other words, "If you send it, we will print it!" So, on to our news:

The Assn. of Class Officers (CACO, as it is fondly referred to) met for its annual meeting in New York City the third weekend in January. In addition to discussing class goals and plans for the upcoming year, many baby pictures were passed around! The Class President **Elise Billings Hamann** and husband **Jim** had welcomed identical twin girls, Margaret Sayre and Caroline Copeland, on Oct. 18, '96. "Our family has grown exponentially! Margaret and Caroline not only have Cornell baseball caps and booties, but were also given hand-knit Cornell sweaters, which they will certainly be sporting at Homecoming," promise the Hamanns. **Kara Vanneman Klein**, one of our class Cornell Fund reps, and husband **Kenny '87** are also putting an application in early. Elizabeth Jessica was born Aug. 22, '96. Grandpa **Bill Vanneman '31** has reportedly been buying clothing only in the color red!

Allison Freedman and husband **Jeff Sacher '87** also have a new potential Cornellian. Jacob Henry was born on Jan. 17, '97 at Mt. Sinai Hospital in NYC, where his mom is a resident in radiation oncology, when not giving birth there. **Jennifer Brooks**, a pediatrician affiliated with Mt. Sinai, also gave birth there last December. Noah Jacob is also being primed to follow in his parents' footsteps (Dad

is **David Trachtenberg '88**) and, they hope, head for Cornell in about 18 years or so! **Dana Post Adler** and husband Jim welcomed Harrison into the world last August. Dana lives in NYC and currently works at Block Drug, a pharmaceutical company in New Jersey.

There was a mini-reunion last November 23, in Washington, DC, when **Lynn Weidberg** married H. Randall Morgan Jr. (Dartmouth '87). Lynn was escorted down the aisle by her father, **Bert Weidberg '62**, and the bridal party included **Suzanne Weidberg '96**, Allison Freedman, **Robyn Wesler** Landow, and **Joanne Korakis** Anderson. Lynn's grandfather, Judge **Daniel Blaugrund '35**, JD '37, her great-uncle **Howard Blaugrund '30**, and other relatives, including **Rafe Blaugrund '67**, **Larry Golden '64**, and **Mike '62** and **Vicki Greene Golden '64**, all helped celebrate. Cornell friends attending included **Dick Squire '62**, **Bruce Rogers '62**, **Danielle (Spark) '88** and **David Bier '88**, **Alisa (Kossowsky) '90** and **Jay Strauss**, Jeff Sacher '87, and **Sarah Peabody** Downey.

Alex Martin was recently reading *WIRED* magazine on a late night flight when he came across **Nick Fowler's** photo in a Dewar's ad. Alex reports that Nick is in a band called Tonto Tonto and should be recording his second CD soon. **Sally Hawkins Alling** writes, "My husband, **Doug '90**, is in his second year of residency at Ohio State U. I'm busy keeping up the house and yard during his long hours at the hospital. We're enjoying the cooler weather of Central Ohio (having lived in Houston for four years during medical school)." Sally is an administrative assistant at the Trueman Club Hotel in Columbus. **Andrew Ringer** is also a physician in Ohio, at the U. of Cincinnati.

Aisling Cusack recently left her job as an environmental supervisor in Dublin to open up a pub, night club, and bed and breakfast in County Kildare, Ireland. "Of course, special rates apply for all Cornellians trekking through the Emerald Isle!" She can be reached at The Bright Arms, Dublin Road, Athy C. Kildare. Tel: 011-353-0507-32699. **Andrea Fierro** DuCrocet married husband John soon after the great blizzard of 1996 in NYC. She often speaks to **Ann Van Lieshout** Woods, who is married and living in North Carolina, and **Kathryn Eidam**, who just earned her MBA from New York U. and is working at American Express. **Kai Timmermann** also earned his MBA from New York U. and was in Taiwan last year working for P&O Container.

Eleanora Gafton joined the Hyatt Regency Dallas/Fort Worth in January 1996 as director of restaurants. "Working for the largest airport hotel in the world is quite exciting and as you can imagine, there is never a dull moment. This opportunity gave me a gamut of experience in the hospitality industry. If any of you travel through Dallas/Fort Worth airport, please stop by. We are right in the airport. I send all my regards to all classmates. Please call: (972) 453-1234, ext. 5542." **Carol Pouchie** Cipriani has recently earned her MBA and is working in health-care consulting. She keeps in touch with **Izabella "Izzy"**

Rudzki Povich, who married husband Andrew (that's Maury's nephew) in October 1995.

Susan Psalia just completed her pediatric residency at the U. of Rochester. Susan and husband James plan to move to Durham, NC, this summer so that she can specialize in pediatric dermatology at Duke U. **Rosemarie Riddell** Bogdan is working as a litigation attorney in Albany, NY. She has seen **Kathryn Schmauch** and **Karen Leshowitz**, who is living in New Jersey and working as an attorney for the Appellate Division, Second Department. **Mark Nelson** is an attorney at Cleary, Gottlieb in Washington, DC, but his current address puts him in Belgium at the moment. **Mark Fornasiero** is a consultant at A.T. Kearney in Chicago.

Rich Day e-mailed on Christmas Eve while on call at New York Hospital: "This is my last year of anaesthesia residency, and I plan on going into private practice somewhere in the tri-state area." Rich keeps in touch with **John Tishler**, who after graduating from Yale law school moved to Denver with wife Kim. **Barbara York** works for Calvin Klein in NYC, where she lives with husband Jim. **Susan Curry** bought a house in Cranford, NJ, and is working at an accounting firm in New Jersey. **Ron Yunis** is finishing his ob/gyn residency in Texas.

Dina Wisch Gold and husband **Peter '85** welcomed Theodore Louis "Louie" Gold into the world on Nov. 22, '96. Dina is a fourth-year associate at the DC office of Hunton & Williams, where she practices management-side labor and employment law. She and Peter bought their first home in October 1995 and have recently finished remodeling. "The end result is beautiful, but we don't recommend doing it in the first weeks that you bring a baby home from the hospital, as we did!" **Deborah Skolnik** married **T. P. Enders '91** last November in Westchester, NY. Deborah is a features editor at *McCall's* magazine.

Malin Haugwitz was one of 15 young American professionals awarded a Robert Bosch Foundation fellowship, and will be leaving for Germany in September, where she will be working for the federal government. Malin is living in Bethesda, MD, until she goes. Navy Lt. **Matthew Berta** recently returned from a six-month deployment aboard the guided missile frigate USS *Vendegriif* as part of the Middle East Force. While at sea, Matt was able to visit Bahrain, Hong Kong, Australia, Malaysia, and Saudi Arabia.

Is there a possible Hollywood star in our midst? Can anyone confirm that classmate **Elizabeth Payne** played the role of a waitress held at gun-point on a "Nash Bridges" episode last winter? If so, please let us know. Write soon! ♦ **Robyn Wesler** Landow, 315 E. 68th St., Apt. 15S, NYC 10021.



Spring! Outdoors! Cold lemonade! Snapple! Fire up the barbie! Slap on the SPF! Anyone for burgers with A.D. White and Ezra Cornell? OK, so they're just statues, but nevertheless we have been invited

to bask in the spring air and munch on the Arts Quad this May. The Class of 2000 is hosting a Classes of '60/'90/2000 picnic on Sun., May 4, from 1-4 pm. Any classmates in Ithaca who want to meet our mentees, please drop in. We'll be milling about somewhere between Andrew and Ezra. We'd love to see you there, so come out and join us. For more information, call my column-mate, **Rose Tanasugarn** at (213) 464-5915.

News for this column seems to steadily arrive in my e-mailbox. Always great to hear from everyone, keep it coming. Lots seems to be happening out there in the West, so let me update you all on the coast that is perpetually in better weather than we poor upstate New Yorkers. I do get regular news from former Class Correspondent **Kristyn Benzinger**, and of course, that bastion of news, Rose. Rose told me that **Alexandra "Alex" Tasker** organized a Cornell Club of Los Angeles trip to the Huntington Museum and Library in Pasadena (home of *Blue Boy* and *Pinkie*). They were treated to a lecture on gardening and a presentation on the Cornell Plantations. About 50 Cornellians arrived early to enjoy brunch in the tea room, and about 100 Cornellians and guests attended in total. It was a beautiful Sunday morning with many magnolias in bloom. "It reminded me of Cornell in May," Rose said. Kristyn and **Scott Whitney** were also there. Kristyn works for Sony Pictures, floating between different departments, recently completing an assignment in the home video department and afterward moving on to feature films. Hollywood, wow. I can't imagine working in "the biz."

Kristyn's frosh-year roommate, **Susan "Susie" Mrozek**, started work in November 1996 for Cornell's newly relocated Western regional office in San Francisco. Rose saw Susie and **Jim Cavalieri '91** in LA after New Year's. Susie met Jim through mutual friend and sorority sister **Elana Adelman** Feinsmith '89. Jim works for Oracle, a company I've been meaning to buy stock in!

It's a small planet. I received an e-mail from **Nancy Neuman** telling me about her marriage in September 1996 to Kevin Kotecki on a dude ranch in Durango, CO. And Rose, jetting over to the East Coast for the Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) meeting in New York City in January, happened to meet Nancy's parents there, who said they were "skeptical when we heard that the wedding was going to take place on a dude ranch, but . . . it was fantastic!" **Meg Talty O'Leary**, **Susan Kalfelz** Vander Meer, **Scott** and **Amy Karlen Neuman** (both '93) were in the wedding. Guests included **Deanna Conoscenti '91**, **Ellie Hirshberg '93**, and **Shawn Walker, MBA '90**. Nancy is also changing jobs to become director of marketing for Boston Market, headquartered in Golden, CO.

Stephen Hawthorne wrote with weather woes back in December from Lafayette, LA, where he has been doing oil and gas title work for over a year. He earned his JD from Tulane in 1994. Not that he's complaining. He admits, "I can't say I miss the long winters of my native Poughkeepsie, but there is defi-

nately something lacking when Christmas is rainy and in the 70s!" But he's taking advantage of the mild climate by "doing things I wouldn't dare in upstate New York." He's been able to train in an outdoor pool for the upcoming triathlon season and he earned his wings from a local parachuting school. Other hobbies, Steve? Oh, yes . . . he squeaked out a few tunes on the bagpipes on St. Patrick's Day and also planned some climbing in his free time: "I'm looking forward to an assault of North America's third-highest peak, Pico de Orizaba, in Mexico, with **Geoff Goldberg '89**." Steve hasn't been able to find a single Cornellian in Lafayette, but admits he hasn't looked that hard. I say he's been too busy.

Look to your left, Steve, where **Bevan Das** is hailing from central Illinois. Bevan has also been lacking in the Cornell-alumni-sighting department. Bevan did, however, see **Tom Shields '91**, who was hired by the U. of Illinois as director of their office of volunteer programs, where Bevan has worked before.

Gary Weinstein wrote to say that he recently accepted a position as an assistant attorney general in the NYC office of NY State Attorney General Dennis Vacco. Congrats, Gary, and I bet that's going to be interesting work. Fellow ILRie (but I can't remember him!) **Gary Cicero** is working in Germany as a European product manager for Hewlett-Packard. He met with **Jose Irizarry '90** (ILR), who recently joined Amex as an executive compensation manager, and wife **Anita (Zieba) '93**. He's also heard from **Arturo Ross '88** (ILR), who is a lawyer for the National Labor Relations Board in Miami. Gary wrote, "I would be happy to hook up with any ILR alums passing through Germany (phone 49-7031-14-1857)." Well, Gary, I may just call you . . . I have plans, albeit very tentative ones, to visit Germany this fall or winter!

I'm hearing from lots of alums who've graduated from the school of hard labor . . . childbirth! At the top of her class is certainly **Juli-Ann Dritz** Cialone who gave birth on June 14, '96 to triplet boys—Matthew, Peter, and Michael. "I haven't had time (as you can imagine) to write before this, but thought it would be nice to note," she wrote. Juli's father **James Dritz '63** is a first-time grandfather, "and proud of it." Her sister **Alyson, MHA HE '95**, is currently working in NYC in healthcare management. She is also in communication with **Ed M. Lewis**, who is doing well and finishing up at Yale business school. Juli encourages "anyone with triplets who needs advice or someone to talk with" to e-mail her at PJMMP@aol.com.

Bonnie Sue Mann Falk gave birth to daughter Mollie Elizabeth, on May 6, '96, and **Kari Wolff, MPS Hotel**, and husband Richard Goldstein are the busy parents of Drew Isaac, born in August 1995.

Tracy Evans Krantz faxed news that she is now a "full-time mommy." Having earned her master's degree in social work in May 1992, Tracy worked as a rabbi's assistant at a synagogue in Chevy Chase, MD. She has taken a leave of absence since the birth of her baby, Stuart Leon, in October 1996. Husband

Stefan '89 is an associate in the law firm of Dickstein, Shapiro, Morin and Oshinsky in Washington, DC, where he is working in energy law. "We love being parents, although we miss the freedom of our Cornell days!" Tracy wrote that her Cornell roommates **Michele Silver-Aylaian** and **Rachel Korn**

the wedding include **Therese Duane, Jeff Tessier, Richard Garodnick, Michael Litvak '92, Jerelyn Marcus Cohen '73, Jaclyn Clark**, and **Carolyn Brown Kossoff, DVM '87**. Congratulations and the best of luck to both of you!

Wedding bells were also ringing in Illinois

“Todd Gottesman is still in Houston, but misses those ‘real New York bagels.’”

— LINDA MOERCK '91

Goldberg have both met her son. Michele and husband **Brian '88, MEng '89**, live in Baltimore, where she is doing an internship at the VA Hospital there as part of her PhD program in clinical psychology. Rachel earned her master's in social work from Boston U. in May 1996 and lives in Boston with husband Jeremy. In closing Tracy writes, "I hope you can print this information in the next issue. There are a lot of Cornell friends with whom we have lost touch, and we would like them to know our big news." There you go, Tracy.

So everyone else, send me your news at rmd5@cornell.edu, and have a warm, sunny spring. ♦ **Regina Duffey**, 82 Lois Lane, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, rmd5@cornell.edu.



As the snowstorms of winter become but a mere memory, the crisp spring air brings back memories of the sun-baked rocks and cool waters surrounding the gorges below a buzzing campus life. Ahh . . . the times we thought (and hoped!) would never end! But although we are less likely to meet on the way to class or Collegetown, the ties and news of fellow classmates keep us joined across the miles! So let's jump right in!

Good news from San Jose, CA, reports the sighting of a stork at the residence of **Dorine Colabella Scher**. Dorine and husband **David '89** announce the birth of son Noah Dominic on Nov. 3, '96. Noah weighed eight pounds and was 21 inches long. Noah also may have played a key role during our successful reunion, as he waited patiently while mom did endless planning as reunion co-chair! Although "Ezra" was a strong consideration as a name, Noah, currently an experienced reunion chair, holds great potential as a future class officer! In attendance at the bris on Nov. 10, '96, were **Elana Adleman Feinsmith '89** and **Jason '89**, former outstanding Comm 201 TA **Brett Mendel, Peter Mendel '88**, and **Steve Tomaselli '88**. A special thank you and congratulations to the Scher family!

A letter from Norfolk, VA, brings news of a wedding on Nov. 10, '96, joining **Eric Kossoff** and **Suzette LaMothe** as husband and wife. The wedding took place in Norfolk, where Eric is currently a second-year pediatric resident at Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters and Suzette is teaching third grade in the public schools. Cornellians present at

with the marriage of **Jeffrey (Markowitz) Marks** and **Karen Rosenberg**. Karen is a staff attorney at the Americal Civil Liberties Union and Jeffrey is completing an MBA program at the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern U. Cornellians in attendance at the wedding included **Andrew Puzio, Jeffrey Knispel, Cheryl Strauss-Einhorn** and husband **David, Adrienne Freed** and husband **Howard Markus, Marc Engel, Sarah Walkling, Tamara Fox**, and **Natalie Schwartz Mariuzza**.

Not too far from the Windy City, news from **Kathryn Kraus** comes from Bloomington, IN. Kathryn expects to complete a master's degree in higher education and student affairs at Indiana U. in May 1997 and plans to study for an additional year to complete a second master's degree in philanthropic studies. **Daniel Milstein** is currently working in New York City as the director of Internet Wired for the Bell Technology Group. Daniel is joined by his brother, **Robert '89**, who is keeping it in the family as a marketing director. **David Heller** dropped a line from New Jersey, where he is employed as a transportation systems analyst at North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority Inc.

Many of our fellow alums send news from travels across the globe. **Jennifer Dean** is currently working in Washington, DC, for the United Nations high commissioner for refugees. Jennifer returned in October 1996 from a five-month mission to Bosnia-Herzegovina. And if you are looking for a party, contact **William Grote**, who sends word from Frankfurt, Germany! William works for Coca Cola and Anheuser-Busch in developing markets and military sales. Don't be surprised if you see him in a Biergarten gulping down an American beer, he has actually acquired a taste for it! **James Szabo** traveled through the Middle East, Southeast Asia, and Russia before recently leaving the Air Force. James is currently a graduate student at MIT. **Richard Field** is general manager of a telemedicine company in Jordan. Rick has been active in starting companies in many locations throughout the Middle East and he would love to hear from any Cornellians either residing in or visiting the area (world@go.com.jo). In addition, Rick also keeps in touch with **Dave Campbell** and **Amy Schweizer**. Amy was married in November 1996. **Douglas Fudge** sent

news from Ontario, Canada, where he recently earned his MS in zoology at the U. of Guelph. Douglas is now doing research in comparative physiology at the university. **Geneva Chong** started a PhD in ecology at Colorado State U. and continues to work for the National Biological Service. She also continues working in Honduras and Peru one to two months of the year.

A news release from Ogilvy & Mather in Atlanta, GA, proudly announces the promotion of **Stephen Weinstein** as a group planning supervisor. Stephen joined the Ogilvy & Mather New York office in 1991 and was transferred to Atlanta in August 1995. Atlanta, a rapidly growing city, seems to be a place where you are sure to run into Cornellians. **John Justice** moved back to Atlanta and met many Cornellians last summer at the Olympic Games.

The Class of '91 is filled with successes. There's news from **Stacy Stephans**, who earned a PhD in the neuroscience department at Case Western Reserve U. in the fall of 1996 and is currently at Emory U. doing post-doctoral research in the neurology department. **Scott Benson** dropped a line from Stanford where he recently earned a PhD in computer science and is working in San Francisco. **J. Scott Berniker** called to tell us that he was wrapping up his MBA at Wharton this spring and considering his options in corporate America. Scott also says that **Todd Gottesman** is still living in Houston and loving it, but misses those "real New York bagels." **Debra Epstein** writes from NYC: she is teaching first grade in Briarcliff, NY, and spent last summer traveling the Pacific Northwest—Vancouver, Seattle, and Jasper.

Congratulations go out to **Julie Nielsen**, who is in North Carolina, but will relocate in the fall of 1997 to start medical school at the U. of Vermont. Julie is doing psychiatry research at Duke and spent last summer backpacking out in Wyoming and Colorado. **Melissa Franklin** sends word from NYC, where she has started a new job at the Bank of Nova Scotia working with marketing derivative products. **Vicki June** is residing in Hudson, NY, and is currently working as a small animal and equine veterinarian. **Lara DeLong** is attending a post-baccalaureate program at U. of Pennsylvania and is applying to medical school. She would welcome any and all advice from fellow alums! Good luck! **Amy Shortlidge** is currently in Connecticut working for Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals as a medical/business librarian. Amy expects to earn a MLS degree in May 1997.

Now a news break to help us all remember some of the unforgettable times on the Hill. I'll set the stage . . . Cayuga's Waiters . . . Spring Fever 1991: "Here we are at Cornell. Now we're not complaining, but it's always raining. Such diversity in one university! Here we are at Cornell, but when we are gone it will still go on and on." Please write! Or I may have to sing some more songs! Keep the news flowing and keep smilin'! ♦ **Linda Moerck**, 264 Carpenter Ave., Sea Cliff, NY 11579; e-mail, moerck@juno.com.

REUNION



Remember the three Rs: Reunion, Reunion, Reunion! I'm hoping many of you will make it back on the Hill, June 5-8, to get reacquainted and meet "new" classmates, too! You should have received many mailings on reunion by now, but if you need information, contact **Marc Wallace** at (703) 352-2815 or by e-mail at CU92Reunion@hotmail.com. We hope to see you there!

I received some great letters. First, a BIG welcome back to **Kate Buehl**, who returned last summer from her duty with the Peace Corps in Senegal. She drove across the US to get reacquainted with various Cornell friends, including **Mat Zucker**, **Adam Rosenberg**, **Mariela Markelis**, **Heather Bouchee**, **Sue Bystrak**, **Ian Kutner**, and **Jenny Abbott**. Kate also mentioned she had heard from **John Balet**, who was best man at **Bill Forbes**'s wedding. John was also married last November and he lives in New Hampshire.

Ondrea Levitt sent news from Chicago, where she is working at BDO Seidman, LLP as the director of hospitality consulting services. She is the regional vice president for the Cornell Society of Hotelmen and mentioned that **Jennifer Perna** and **Tracy Furner** are also active in the chapter.

Michael Arnold said he's doing the "Navy thing" and has moved eight times since leaving the world of Cornell, making it hard to keep in touch with Cornellians. But, he managed to see **Ken Christy** and **Courtney Meeks** get married in Ohio. Ken is also in the Navy and Courtney is in the Air Force. **Jim Tucholski** is in Philadelphia working as an engineer, and **Forrest Chamberlain** works in Boston. Michael, himself, is currently in Charleston, SC.

After graduating from the Columbia business school, **Carmen Disunno** went to work for TIAA-CREF in the private placement securities division in New York City. **Jennifer Spencer** is a nurse at Bassett Healthcare in Cooperstown, NY, and **Renee Dake** is with Cottle Graybeal Yaw Architects in Aspen, CO. **Deepak Gupta** is a consultant with Oracle in California. If you are in Tucson, you may see **Pamela Davis** on the NBC channel, where she is a news anchor/reporter. And if you happen to be in the Dover, NJ, area, look for **Alex Nussbaum**'s byline in the *Daily Record*.

Caryn Roberts is now a second-grade teacher in New City, NY. "It's a far cry from the Hotel school," she writes. She recently saw **Maria Politis** and **Shelly Cerio Wettlaufer** in NYC. Maria is a lawyer and Shelly works for GE in Virginia. Caryn also visited **Stacey Welch** in Pittsburgh, where Stacey is working on her master's in medical ethics.

Meghan DeGolyer and husband **Rick Hauser** celebrated Rick's master's degree from U. of Virginia with a three-month trip around the country. Meghan is now working on the family dairy farm in Castile, NY, and Rick is an architect with Doran & Yarrington in Rochester. **Emily Franco** is in Germany with the US Army. She has visited Poland, Hungary, Sweden, and Italy. She noted that

Mike F. Wolfe is stationed at Ft. Carson, CO.

Douglas Delamater is in the Air Force, based in North Carolina. **Danielle Haas** Laursen and husband Kirk are both PhD candidates at Georgia Tech. Danielle is finishing up her degree in atmospheric chemistry. **Margaret Mitchell** is pursuing her PhD in English at the U. of Connecticut. **Karen C. Lu** is a student at Harvard. **Amanda Moore** is an account executive for Young & Rubicam in NYC, and **Dwight Brimhall-Vargas** is a systems engineer for MRJ Technology Solutions in Tucson.

After trying his hand at restaurant management and advertising, **Christopher Salus** decided to enter the Chicago Fire Academy last May. He is stationed on Engine 102 on the north side of Chicago. "Fire fighting has given me the thrill and free time my life really needed," he writes. Chris is working on his third college degree (in fire science) and also coaches diving at Northwestern.

Bettina Panahon is busy working toward her MBA at SUNY, Buffalo. She had worked in China for three years at an investment management firm in Beijing. **Jennifer Davis** finished her PhD in evolutionary psychology in July and is now working on a post-doc at the Max Planck Inst. in Munich. **Kimberly Sanders** works for LaMore, Brazier & Riddle in San Jose, CA, and **Dana Bauer** is employed by Gensler in NYC. **Teresa Minjung O** is a general manager/associate architect with the Space Group of Korea in Seoul.

Diane Gale works for Dames & Moore as a staff engineer in Latham, NY. **T. J. Lepore** made the big move from New York to Dallas, TX, where he is now working for Lucent Technologies. **Lucy Ledogar** is with the Radisson Inn Sanibel Gateway in Fort Myers, FL, and **Kristin Ahrens Vest** is an applications supervisor for AMD in Sunnyvale, CA. **Anna Polimeni** is an assistant actuary for Kwasha Lipton in Fort Lee, NJ.

Wedding congratulations go out to **Mindy (Zane)** who was married to Stephen Rosenthal in November 1995 in Miami Beach. **Richard Brewer** finished his work at Tufts and is now a market analyst covering the computer networking industry at International Data Corp. in Framingham, MA.

Paul and **Suzanne LaForge Greeley** now have sons Connor and Alec. Paul works for Chilis in the Boston area, while Suzanne is a full-time mother at home with the boys. Also in the Boston area is **Robert Arrieta**, who is now a student at MIT's Sloan School, after working as an environmental consultant in Atlanta. And, **Katherine Christiana** started her MBA part-time at Boston U. in the fall. **Den-nis Mark** graduated with a master of fine arts degree from the NY Academy of Art.

Continuing his pursuit of an MD/PhD at Duke is **Greg Della Rocca**. He hosted **Jen Wrazen** and **Jon Stanford** on residency interviews last year, and noted that **Raj Jain** is at Duke for a residency in medicine and pediatrics. Meanwhile, **Alan Gura** earned his law degree from Georgetown in 1995 and went to work as a law clerk for a federal judge in North Carolina, then moved to California to work as

a deputy attorney general defending the state and its offices and employees against civil lawsuits. **Dana Rozansky** also has earned her JD and is working with Begley & Pepe in Moorestown, NJ.

Kraig Marquis earned his master's from U. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill last spring and is working for a consulting firm and two municipalities near Chapel Hill. He mentioned that **Eric Schuls** is doing his medical residency at a hospital in Charleston.

Tracy Furner was a national sales manager for Hinton & Grusich. She and a group of friends have gone on a trip every year. Their 1996 destination was Vail and Aspen. **Shelley Halloran**, **Heather McHugh**, **Sarah Chambers**, and **Jen McSorley** Cloutier made the journey with Tracy, and they all met up with **Alec Berger** in Aspen. **Wendy Martin** Rodriguez is the food service director for Monroe Community College in Rochester, NY. **Chuck Shafer** works for Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn, MI, and **Kristin McGlone** is living in Tampa and working at Salomon Brothers. She has seen **Kim Mayers** who is in vet school at the U. of Florida, Gainesville. **Jennifer Grindle** Clemens started a new job with Mobil Oil in Fairfax, VA. She saw an ad for the job in the ILR alumni publication—see, you should read all those newsletters! Living in the Washington, DC area is **Jennifer Rubenstein**. She is working for a government contractor doing computer training and technical assistance for the Head Start Bureau. "It's a far cry from what I thought I'd be doing with a master's in social work, but I absolutely love it!" she writes.

I am looking forward to catching up with many of you at reunion in June. I enjoy your letters, e-mails, and phone calls, but talking face to face will be even better. It's hard to believe it has been five years! See you at the Palms! ♦ **Renee Hunter**, (27) Prospect St., Lebanon, NH 03766; tel., (603) 448-2548; e-mail, Renee1992@aol.com.

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Hi, and welcome to summer and the one-year countdown to reunion! I just want to apologize for the backlog of info. I have tons of news and not so much space. Much of this information may be a little out of date. Please be patient, I do try to get all the information I receive published eventually. On to the news.

Will Gluck writes that "**Pete Hedlund** will be going back to Cornell in the fall as a grad student in the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning. Since graduation he has been living and working in Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic, as a special assistant in the agriculture and farming technology department. **Derek Chollet** has just completed his first year as a PhD candidate in government at Columbia U." **Ellen Johnston** wrote about numerous people but I can't fit everything in, so I'll have to paraphrase. She writes that she is teaching high school mathematics at John Jay High School in Katonah, NY (Westchester County). She was selected as the 1995 Sallie Mae First Class Teacher for NY State, an

Helping Hands

KAY FRIEDLANDER '93

With more and more baby boomers caring for aging parents, many people face heavy burdens and tough choices. Kay Friedlander saw a vocation. At forty-six, she left her job as a dental hygienist to study social work at Cornell. Now owner of Ithaca-based Elderhelp, Friedlander works with elderly clients and younger people providing care for older relatives.

Friedlander helps her aging clients figure out how to meet their physical, emotional, and medical needs. "I work," she says, "like the adult child of my elderly clients." Friedlander's duties include accompanying clients to the doctor, finding alternatives to nursing home care, and even lobbying the New York State legislature on issues affecting senior citizens. "I look at the whole person," she says. "I'm also someone they can call when they're frightened and just need an ally. I do the same for the caregivers."



award which honors one first-year teacher from each state for excellence in teaching. Her former roommate **Jennifer Hurt** is in North Dakota, having just finished her master's in space studies at U. of North Dakota. **John McDonnell** is happily working in Hackensack, NJ, as a quality assurance man testing data management and scanning software. **Ross Levin** is finishing his law degree at Vanderbilt. **Lewis McCarthy** is working on his PhD through U. of Massachusetts, Amherst, though right now he is at Cornell for a year while his advisor is a visiting professor there.

Emily Cogshall Kahn was married last summer on the hottest day of the year in a beautiful outdoor ceremony and reception. **Wayne Loo** lives and works in New York City and **Jeremy Yielding** was married last year in British Columbia to a wonderful woman he met on a dig in Greece. **Carey Epstein** writes that she and **Kena Evans** are both back in Ithaca for two years to get their MBAs from the Johnson school. **Geoff Wilson** wrote, "**Marc Kesselman** just graduated with **Risa Cherry** from U. of Pennsylvania law. **Maisie Ganzler** is working for a chain of restaurants in California. **Carl Dragseth** is working in operations at American Airlines in Texas. I think he's an axeman. **Ari Ellis** is working in real estate in NYC and plays in a band with **Rob Hadley '92**. While these people were not recently in NYC, they are doing the following—**Dan Levison** is going into his third year of law school at Penn. **E. Christopher Lewis** is on his way towards a PhD at U. of Washington in computer science in Seattle. **Jordan Kramer** is working as an analyst in Los Angeles. **Manuel Terranova** got a master's in international relations

from Johns Hopkins U. and is now working in World Wide Web development for some international company."

Lori Elliott is working for a technology consulting company. She writes that **Amy Skidmore** is in New Jersey working for US Healthcare, **Karen Cooperman** is working for NBC in NYC, **Heather Toomey**, **Kate Carroll**, and **Deanna Smith '92** are roomies in Seattle, **Jodi Krause** is in Pittsburgh working for Westinghouse Co., and **Jeanne Whalen** is in Russia promoting the free enterprise system. **Scott Goodfellow** is working for Procter & Gamble in Cincinnati and rebuilding a 16-foot sailboat in his spare time.

E-mail brings news of **Jeff Bernstein** who graduated from Harvard law school last June and is working as an attorney at Cravath, Swaine & Moore in NYC and **Emily (Vacher)** who is completing her JD/MPA at Syracuse U. and was married to Ian David Kuper on Sept. 1, '96. **Matt Kall** expects to be clerking for a federal district court judge in Detroit until September and then is going to work in Cleveland for Baker & Hostetler. **Clay Adler** is in Hawaii in the second year of a joint degree program getting a master's in Asian studies and a JD at the law school, where they have a special program for Asian legal studies.

Lisa Capron completed a master's in environmental management and now works for the US Environmental Protection Agency in Chicago. In July she visited **Nora Bensahel** at Stanford and also tells us that **Amy Chizk** completed her master's in deaf education and has moved to Austin, TX.

Angela Celso writes that **Vernon Chi** moved to NYC from LA. **Josh Wells** graduated from Boston U. law school and is now

working for Harris Beach & Wilcox in Syracuse, NY. **Lillian Lee** is in her fourth year as a PhD student in computer science at Harvard. She also fills us in on **John Kleinberg**, who earned his PhD and expects to be an assistant professor of computer science at Cornell, **Eric Beyer**, who is finishing up medical school at Emory, **Rachel Byard**, who is in the Peace Corps in West Africa, **Tim Stowe**, who is at Stamford working on a PhD, and **Jennifer Smith** who is earning a PhD in linguistics at U. of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Derek Harrison is working as a construction engineer for Gilbane Building Co. and recently visited **Dave Solomon** in NYC, where Dave works for the Classic Sport Network. Thanks for all the info—keep it coming! ♦ **Yael Berkowitz**, 310 W. 95th St., #7A, NYC 10025; e-mail, yberkowitz@buckconsultants.com.

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All right, before I begin, here's a disclaimer about this month's news. I am the fortunate class correspondent who received all of the hundreds of News and Dues forms received by the alumni office from November through February, and got to hoard them until I wrote this column at the end of February. So some of this news is well over six months old. And because the Class of '94 just has *so much news* to report, I had to categorize the information and then ship the rest to **Dineen Pashoukos** for her to put in the next issue, which isn't until July/August. So if you do not see your news here, please be patient; it will be reported eventually.

Well, now that I've said my piece, here is the scoop on all of the weddings reported as of March 1997. (If you wrote of your engagement, you'll have to write back when you are actually married, so we can publish it. And don't just wait until the next News and Dues form to come your way; e-mail or mail the news anytime.)

Wedding Number One took place recently: **Christopher Wozencroft** married his high school sweetheart on March 9, and **Stephen Scotto** and **Scott Silverstein** were ushers. Chris is currently a controllers associate at Morgan Stanley. Scott Silverstein recently earned his JD from New York U. and will begin a career with the Navy JAG Corps. **Leslie Tax**, **Jennifer Fang**, and **Jessica Leone** all wrote about the wedding of **Alee Wilson** and **Mark Nicandri** '95, in Houston. Alumni attendees included **Charlie Skipsey**, **Drew Nugent**, **Kelly Reyelt**, **David Gogolak**, **Dana Popovsky**, **Jennifer Fang**, **Gus Warren**, **Nicole Lingos**, **Jennifer Vingerhoet**, **Kimberly Moffitt**, and **Pamela Gladstein**. Jessica works at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City, and lives with Leslie, who works at the Marriott Marquis; Nicole, who works at Pfizer; **Jackie DeLuca** who works for Andersen Consulting; and **Karen Heidelberger**, who works for Merrill Lynch.

Carrie Skolnick Rothfeld also married her high school sweetheart; the wedding occurred Oct. 12, '96, and was attended by **Laurie (Appel)** '93 and **Martin Barkman**

'93, **Melissa Marks** '93, **Kaku Kimura**, and also by bridesmaids **Amy Melnikoff** '95, **Alia Schwartz**, and **Debby Bushell**. Carrie lives in NYC and works for Bloomingdale's. **Michael Reed**, a research scientist at the Naval Research Labs, wrote to say that **Matthew McQuinn** was married last fall.

Another wedding took place last October 12, that of **Donald Patterson** and **Sandra (Lean)**, and lots of alumni were there, including **Jon Barnes** '95, **John B. Schutter**, **Todd Chalfin**, **Mark Bullard**, **Todd Bickford** '95, **Chris Bell** '93, **Holly Hicks**, **Liz Tukman**, **Karen Morgan**, **Andy Horvath**, **Paul De Marcellus**, **Vic Vizgaitis** '95, and **Maddie Sullivan**. The Pattersons live in Japan, where Donald is a gunnery officer on the first Arleigh Burke class destroyer, and Sandy is teaching English to Japanese physics grad students. They report that **Adam Burks** has been hiking in Nepal, **Brandon Bigelow** has moved to Hawaii, **Brian McKay** is traveling under the seas on the USS *Topeka*, and **Stu Liventals** is working in Tokyo for Fuji Bank. **Nathan Niemi** (another Donlon alum) is in a PhD program for geology at Cal Tech, and wrote that **Julie Ferguson** married **Ross Berntson** '93 last July in Ithaca. **Amy Moskovitz** is a teacher, and she reported about **Carmen Santana's** wedding last June in Syracuse. **Leslie Abner** wrote about her wedding to **Kevin Strauss** '92. Present were **Diana Sulimovici**, **Amy Fischberg**, **Sari Leichter**, and **Julie Mendelson**.

Caren Leffler reports that **Eileen Hannigan** and **Christopher Dolan** have been married for more than a year, and both are grad students at the U. of Wisconsin. Caren is finishing work on her MSW from New York U. and reports that **Amy Masnick** is a grad student at Cornell; **David Hanna**, **Todd Silverstein**, and **Jeanne Tibbets** are all working in Manhattan; and **Lori Diloranzo** is finishing her third year of med school at U. of Pennsylvania.

Illari Vihinen, a lieutenant in the US Air Force, went back to Cornell last June to attend the wedding of **Marty Newhouse** and **Andrea Palm**. **Christopher Cherry** married **Kimberly (White)** '95 in November 1995, and has started his own dairy equipment sales and service business in Auburn, NY. **Kurt** and **Jennifer Quin Henninger** live in Colorado, where Jennifer is pursuing an MPA, and Kurt is an Army officer.

Emma Perez married **Matthew Salazar** in San Juan, Aug. 31, '96; attendees included **Valeria Jose**, **Julie Seda**, **Lilianne Perea**, **Steve Hewitson**, and **Pete Minneci**. Emma works as a human resources specialist for Ingersoll-Dresser Pump, and Matt is a labor relations officer for Norfolk Southern. **Mike Heraghty** wrote about **Kim Stewart's** wedding to **Derek Henry** on Jan. 31, '97, far away in Dublin, Ireland. **Beth Fishman** and **Michelle Colford** made the trip to observe the nuptials. **Angela Fernandez** wrote that **Colleen Armstrong** and **Rob Larcom** married last August, and **Amy Moor** reported on **Maria "Cherry" de la Fuente's** wedding to **Jeff Sullivan** '93 (another wedding on Octo-

ber 12!) in Florida. Attendees included **Eliza Moore** and **Eric Clawson**. Cherry works for Andersen Consulting, and Jeff flies planes in the Navy. Amy also reports that **Ivelisse Verrico** is still in medical school at Rutgers, **Lisa Gerber Hipwell** works for the Berkeley Marina Marriott, **Julie Newton** has returned home to Oregon, and **Becky Emerling** is currently pursuing a master's degree in education.

Joshua Varsano is working as a compensation analyst in Raleigh, NC, with IBM, and wife **Karen Ellis** is leading interior design efforts for a North Carolina architectural firm; the couple is building a home in Cary, NC. **Michael Lebowich** and **Jenna (Saidel)**, who married back in May 1996, report that **Lisa Keswick** is at Albany medical school, **Matt Solomon**, MBA '95, is consulting for AMS, and **Susan Greenwood** expects to graduate from U. of Pennsylvania law school in May.

I had the pleasure of attending the wedding of **Seth Feuerstein** to Sharon Major on Nov. 9, '96. Cornellians in attendance included **Jeffrey Goodman** '93, **Glen Abramson** '93, **Craig Gordon** '93, **Adam Feuerstein** '93, **Jason Hiner** '93, **Brett Silverman** '93, **Jeffrey Weiss** '93, **Kim Altman** '93, **Beth Frankel** '93, **Fern Weinfeld**, **Michael Marchant**, **Scott Weiss**, **Jeffrey Hurtgam**, **Jackie Bender**, **Scott Markow**, **Michael Alpert**, and **Glenn Gandelman** '95. Seth and Sharon live in Manhattan, where Seth is in the middle of a MD/JD program at New York U.

Before I sign off, I must do **Neil Cantor** a favor and thank all those Cornellians who together pledged a total of more than \$4,900 to the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship in support of Neil's efforts in the Marine Corps Marathon last October. Here goes a very long list: **Marty Becker**, **JD** '94, **Madhu Bewtra** '93, **Victor Blas** '95, **Ian Brown** '93, **Evan Cagner** '95, **Brian Cantor** '92, **David Cantor** '61, **Sean Carey** '93, **Kathy Chang** '92, **Robert Claypoole Jr.**, **Robert Claypoole Sr.** '58, MBA '61, and wife **Nancy (Tetzlaff)** '61, **N. Cathy Claypoole**, **JD** '93, **MRP** '93, **Larry Abrams** '61, **Greg Gordon**, **Robert Greenblatt**, **Craig Hymowitz**, **Scott Ising** '96, **David Kim** '95, **Peter Lamoreaux** '95, **Lowell Figur**, **Daniel Lockwood**, **Ray Merza**, **Jessica Newill**, **Seth Cohen**, **Tony Prentice**, **David Fischer**, **Sanjiv Kayastha**, **Penner Schraudenbach** '97, **Nate Schriber** '95, **Mike Sloan** '96, **Lowell Taub** '96, **Sarah Temkin** '93, **Wally Weinstein**, and **Art Witebsky** '91.

Have a great summer, and thanks for all of your news! ♦ **Jennifer Rabin**, 885 Westminster Rd., Woodmere, NY 11598; e-mail, jar1229@hotmail.com.

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I am happy to announce that over the last several months I have been virtually deluged with news from all of you. On the negative side, of course, is that, between the e-mail updates and the piles of News and Dues forms toppling off my desk, it may take some time for everyone to see his or her name

in this column. So, before I get started, thank you for keeping me informed and please be patient—I have only so much space every-other month to get all your news in the column. As you know, I write these columns many months in advance. Don't let the lag time deter you from sending your news . . . I love to hear from everyone and try to get as many names as possible into each issue.

First, from two of my many e-mail correspondents, **Jay Shimshack** and **Andy Hoofnagle**, is a "news item" I promised I would fit in for the May/June issue . . . I hope this is enough time, guys! Jay and Andy write that a year ago on Memorial Day, a group of friends including themselves and **Heather Andrysiak**, **Michael Bergelson**, **Signe Freiberg**, **Sara Griffen**, **Rob Hargreaves**, **Les Hilger**, **Reginal Leichthy**, **Silas Martin**, **Colin McCarthy**, **Dana Roth**, **Daniel Royalty**, **Jessica Shevitz**, and **Jessica Wright** got together at "the first annual SodFest—three days and three nights of reliving and retelling old stories and making a truckload of new ones—in rural upstate New York, about three hours from our faithful alma mater. "MIA from the event was **Hani H. Rashid**, who, writes Jay, was "preoccupied with a Memorial Day exam in, like, proctology and stuff." Jay and Andy now reside in Jackson, WY, "living in prime SodFest fashion, applying to schools, and appreciating what this world has to offer in the ways of outdoor sports and leisure." Over the winter Andy worked as a short-order breakfast cook while Jay tutored students in Jackson Valley, and they are both eagerly awaiting SodFest '97 this coming Memorial Day. (E-mail them at jshimsha@wyoming.com, for more information.)

From New York City comes e-mail from **Amy Kaplan**, who still works at J.P. Morgan with fellow '95ers **Jonathan Ho**, **Dharinee Sanganee**, **Sabena** ("Guarav" **Arora**, and **Michael Rollins**, to name a few. Amy lives with **Taraleigh Lamb**, who works at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Several months ago, Amy writes, the two roommates celebrated Tara's birthday with **Erika Lintner**, who is working for Lehman Brothers, and **Gretchen Harris**, who works for Ann Taylor and recently ran in the NYC Marathon. In attendance at a brunch in support of Gretchen's run were **Jake Karam**, who works on the floor of the NY Stock Exchange in convertible securities, and **Blair Ettles '94**, who works for Merrill Lynch . . . and yes, writes Amy, "those two are still playing hockey together . . . this time for a men's league in the city."

Also in the Big Apple is **Brian J. Smith**, who works at a small Midtown Manhattan firm doing public relations and integrated marketing ("corporate brochures, magazines, newsletters, etc."). He also writes that for the Cornell-Columbia football game last November 16 he met up with some former roommates, "**Andrew Martin**, **Lori Goodman**, **Ilya Shell**, and Taylor (the dog); we all took in the game at Columbia and then followed the band from St. Patrick's Cathedral to the Cornell Club—New York, where we enjoyed the concert." On the side, Brian is doing

interviewing for the Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) and says it is very interesting to be on the other side of the admissions process. **Elissa Tolle** also checks in from NYC, where she left her public relations job to start at Teachers College at Columbia to get her degree in counseling psychology.

Much farther away from our alma mater, more e-mail news comes from **Kate Brody**, who is living and working in Jerusalem as the business administrator of a community center and manager/director of a small community theater. Writes Kate, "It's very exciting to be working in the theater and it reminds me of the shows I watched and worked on in Risley theater while I was at Cornell." She would also like to know if there are any other Cornellians currently in Israel, and, if so, she would love to hear from them. Her e-mail address is Theatre@actcom.co.il. Keeping slightly warmer as he sunbats his way through medical school is **Jed Axelrod**, a student at St. George's U. medical school on Grenada, a small island in the Caribbean about 90 miles north of Trinidad and Tobago.

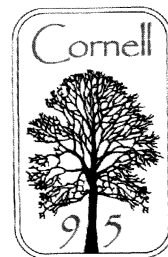
And, finally, this issue's wedding report goes back to Oct. 19, '96, when **Cheryl Manalo** and **Johnny Drozdek** were married in Sage Chapel. Best man was **Dan Falcone '94** and maid of honor was **Amy Weinstein**, a medical student at the U. of Buffalo, who provided me with this exciting news. Thanks, Amy, and everyone for your updates. I'll have lots more next issue. ♦ **Alison M. Torrillo**, 8201 16th St., Apt. 709, Silver Spring, MD 20910; e-mail, AMTstf@aol.com.

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"Do you have any Irish in you?" asks the guy sitting next to me at a suburban bar, wondering why I'm drinking a Sprite. (For the record, it's a gin and tonic.) But wait: the pickup lines get better. Another guy walks up singing, "I wanna hold your hand." We're at a dive just outside the Washington, DC, city limits you probably wouldn't set foot in unless you were on assignment to review bars, which I was. At least my belle-of-the-bar stint provided plenty of facetime.

One January night not long after the Presidential Inauguration, I caught up with **Mary Shelley**, a research assistant at the Urban Inst., and econmeister **Amy Weber**, who's at the Congressional Budget Office. Also on hand: **Chris Johnson** and **Jake Tyler '95**, both paralegals, and **Jim Papa** and **Ben Faulkner**, now living in Virginia. They were all at Buffalo Billiards, which—lest you think we've strayed too far from our Royal Palm roots—is a fraternity basement-cum-bar with overpriced pool tables and a queue to cue that puts those Day Hall lines to shame.

If you want to dish the dirt on DC Mayor-for-Life Marion Barry, just ring **Amanda Ripley**. She left Congressional Quarterly Online to join the *Washington CityPaper*, DC's alternative weekly newspaper. Roommate **Becca Kornfeld** holds the office together at Emily's List, which helps female political candidates, while **Lisa Green** does health policy consulting at Barents Group. Recently, the



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trio on T Street had a visit from **Ethan Frank-Collins**, who has landed in Roanoke, VA, after traveling across the country. He's now working for a minor-league baseball team.

At a party in Alexandria that might as well have been a Cornell-in-Washington program reunion, I saw **Maureen M. McCormick, Grad**, who's working on a master's in public affairs at Cornell. **Lora Levy** (it's now Miss Levy, mind you) is grading spelling tests and doing multiplication tables with fourth graders through Teach for America in DC. And **Dan Rich** was down from New York City, where he works as a paralegal with **Karen Apollo**.

Speaking of the City, as all you New Yorkers would have it, we have a coterie of classmates (not to mention consultants) in Manhattan. **Kathleen O'Halloran** and **Annette Barrera** are at Price Waterhouse, **Gian Fabbri** is at Andersen, and **Clay Carol** lives in the Village and slaves away for Merrill Lynch. **Tim Whelan** and **Cary Segall** are securities traders on Wall Street "rolling in the big bucks," reports private eye **Christina Feile**, who works as a corporate foreign exchange trader for a German investment bank. **Paul O'Connor** and **Lynn Goldman** are accountants doomed to work away their weekends until April 15.

In Queens, **Madeline Infante** is living with **Susan Giambalvo** (and just across the street from **Karen Fadden**). Karen's a media consultant, Susan's helping the homeless, and Madeline is a program assistant at Columbia. They sometimes see **Christine Lydon**, who's doing research at Cornell Medical College. In yet more NYC news, **Karen Schnelwar** reluctantly has adjusted to life AE (that's After Europe), toiling diligently in account management at Ogilvy & Mather Advertising. To ease the transition, she breaks for cappuccino often with one of her best friends from Cornell, **Gail Rosenberg**, who works for ABC's "Turning Point."

An awful lot of classmates have graduated to, well, yet more time in the library. At Columbia, **David Biek** is earning an MA in psychology, and **Ellen Tchernovitz** is working toward her master's in social work. **Dave Stein** is a phlebotomist (the guy that takes your blood) at Cornell Medical Center, and he's moonlighting as a graduate student at Columbia. Meanwhile, **Shoshana Sperber** is hardly psyched (groan, groan; yeah, I couldn't resist) that she's got about five years left before she finishes her doctorate in psychology at New York U.

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Pop quiz for everyone reading this column as a study break (and anyone else who's still with me): Three friends roll in for a party, one of them swilling a soda and announcing she's the designated driver. What are the other two called? Designated drunks? I'd love to hear your response, along with details of any party you've had recently that had any Cornellians—drunk or otherwise—in attendance. (Can you tell this is a pathetic ploy to get you to write in?)

Back to the news. **Lauren Garson** is counseling inner city kids on self esteem and career and college exploration for the NYC Job and Career Center, **Jessica Kaplan** is doing marketing for the Book of the Month Club, and **Danielle Petersel** is prepping for med school next year at Syracuse U. They all met up at Jessica's for a "We're-calling-it-a-Super-Bowl-party-but-it's-really-just-an-excuse-to-have-a-party" party. As Lauren joked, "Who are you rooting for? Who is playing?" Don't worry—she was just kidding.

Contrary to (my) popular belief, the entire Class of '96 does not live in NYC or DC. **Gabriela "Gavi" Yariv** moved back to sunny California after enduring one too many Ithaca snowstorms. She's working as a landscape architect at Walt Disney Imagineering, and living in a Santa Monica studio (nickname: The Shoebox) that's four blocks from the ocean. Cornellian-sightings are a rarity out there, so she was surprised to bump into **Christina Kim**, **Jess Antola**, and **John Heffernan**—all in one night!

A little farther up the coast, **Andrea Foster** is settling into San Francisco, where she headed after leaving the Annapolis Marriott Waterfront Hotel. She's now the rooms division manager for the Marines' Memorial Club & Hotel, where she's seen **Phil Baugh** and **Eric Sinoway**. Another San Franciscan, **Anita Prasad**, is adding "VISTA volunteer" to her resume, not to mention trying to decide where to go to grad school. And rounding out our West Coast report, **Bryan Olthof** is one year into his chemical engineering PhD program at U. of California, Berkeley, and **Jen Shaw** is doing a combined master's in public health/dietetics internship, also at UC, Berkeley.

Others in the let's-get-as-far-away-from-Cornell-as-possible (at least weatherwise) sweepstakes: Palm Beach native **Wendy Irwin** is in med school at Florida State U., where I can't imagine she has much time to hit the beach. Fellow Floridian **Christine Grund** is down in Fort Lauderdale looking into film school while working at a photo studio that shoots cool promos.

Alumni update from Philadelphia: **Catherine Oh** has ventured into enemy territory. She's almost done with her post-baccalaureate pre-health studies course at the U. of Pennsylvania, and is planning to attend medical school at Temple next year. Catherine's roommate in the city of brotherly love is **Dana Orange**, who's working as a research assistant in the women's health education program at MCP-Hahnemann medical school and waiting for those thick envelopes from med schools to pop up in her mailbox.

For the old news round-up (hey, that's what you get when you don't write and force me to pump any random classmate I see for information): **Kassy Weidner** married Jason Gyimesi last August in NYC. They met in an Internet chat room in the fall of 1995, but don't worry, the wedding was an intimate—not an Internet—affair. The Weidner-Gyimesis live in Pittsburgh, where Kassy is completing a dietetics internship.

About four of you have written of your own accord, so far, so subtle pleas for news apparently don't do it. Let's try this: PLEASE WRITE and save me from the gossip Sahara that is my inbox. (Besides, don't you want to see your name in nice bold print?) Cheers, and may the force be with you. ♦ **Courtney Rubin**, 1727 Massachusetts Ave., NW, #403, Washington, DC 20036; e-mail, priestess@dc.infi.net.



This issue of *Cornell Magazine* appears as the fledgling Class of '97 takes off its undergraduate boots and kicks back for one last weekend. We have endured countless uphill marches against biting wind or under skies of endless gray, spent thousands of hours lost to the world at a carrel deep within some library, mastered the art of selling oneself as the 26-year-old pictured on the ID to an unenter-tained bouncer, and grown in ways too innumerable and intangible to count.

As the festivities of Senior Week and Commencement Weekend conclude, we'll gather with friends and family, or even enjoy some pensive moments of solitude, and take stock of ourselves. We will feel emboldened by degrees bearing witness to nights without sleep, thousands of dollars' worth textbooks, and a newly learned thing or two. Delighted with what we've become, such a far cry from the naive high school senior who didn't know the difference between a Merlot and a Pinot Noir, we look to the future beyond Cornell. Having successfully risen to many challenges posed to us (and I have to admit, successfully does not necessarily mean with grace or finesse), we'll courageously head for new and varied horizons.

For many of us, the view of the sunset over the "bustling town" from the crest of Libe Slope will remain the backdrop to new adventures. A handful of members of the Class of '97 will spend another year at Cornell working toward a master's degree in Engineering, among them **Joshua Steiner**, in operations research and industrial engineering, and physics major **Michael Tessier** in electrical engineering. **Laura Han-Ming Chan** also intends to pursue a master's in Engineering next year. **Dennis Leon** will remain in Ithaca for another four years as a student at the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Also lined up for a course in veterinary medicine is bio major **Victoria Milne**. Vikki is headed for warmer climates, though, namely U. of California, Davis or U. of Florida. Before she buckles down for another demanding four years of study, she plans to road-trip with some friends, "and Graceland will be our

first stop." **Samara Friedman** is heading to med school in August, as is **Val Novellano**, who says she'll most likely end up at the New Jersey medical school in Newark, NJ, where she hopes to begin the long road towards becoming a pediatrician.

More graduate school plans include **Katherine Baynes**'s: she is headed to law school. **Miessha Naomi Thomas** intends to pursue a master's in health management and policy and a law degree.

December graduate **Jason Rife** is working for Pratt and Whitney, an aircraft engine manufacturer. **Matthew Karp** has begun his career in real estate consulting, and **Kristy-Jo Shoemaker** has been working since her December graduation as a marketing/merchandising coordinator at Sysco Foodservices in Horseheads, NY. **Carl Mittelman** will be enjoying the Denver scenery as an associate director for Aramark at Coorsfield. **Kristin Matter**, of New Paltz, NY, and **Jeff Nason**, of Couer d'Alene, ID, both members of the Big Red track team, are planning moves to the Seattle/Portland area after graduation. The west called **Cho To Wong**, also; he's working in a computer company in California. **Denis Kurakin** hopped a plane to the East and is working in Moscow.

That brings us up-to-date on some of our new beginnings. There are bound to be tremendous changes, new experiences and exciting destinations for every member of the Class of '97. (This is a not-so-subtle solicitation for news detailing the happenings in your own life.) We as a class have set many precedents, among them our record-breaking achievements guided by the crew heading the Senior Class Gift Campaign. Stemming from these achievements is the challenge to retain this energy and enthusiasm, to remain connected to those friends you've made that have changed your life, to keep in touch with the alumni house, and to keep your news coming in to your trusty and humble correspondent. This column will function as a news forum for the Class of '97, a bimonthly injection of Cornell nostalgia, if you will, to help stave off some of that rust that inevitably develops with time and distance.

Take a long look at what you've come to love in this sanctuary of learning, appreciate those things you've come to accept as second nature, listen to the clock tower one last time . . . say your farewells, and step into the realm of the alumna/us. Stay tuned, and we'll see you in five years if not before!

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ALUMNI DEATHS

'17 CE—**Harold G. Miller** of Boynton Beach, FL, Aug. 2, 1996; retired board chairman, Vanity Fair Mills Inc.; active in alumni affairs. Theta Chi.

'19, M Eng '18—**Charles F. "Mike" Hendrie** of Watertown, CT, formerly of Glen Ridge, NJ, Aug. 20, 1996; retired engineer and public official in New Jersey; active in civic and alumni affairs. Phi Gamma Delta.

'21—**Howard T. Saperston Sr.** of Buffalo, NY, Aug. 22, 1996; retired attorney, Saperston & Day, PC, Buffalo; active in community and alumni affairs. Zeta Beta Tau.

'24 BCE—**Burke D. Adams** of Atlanta, GA, Sept. 1, 1996; retired vice president and director of Batten, Barton, Durstine, and Osborne, founder of Burke Dowling Adams Inc., Atlanta; active in alumni affairs. Phi Gamma Delta.

'24 BA—**Florence Daly** of Augusta, ME, formerly of New Rochelle, NY, Sept. 18, 1996; artist and owner, Old Cannon Gallery; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

'24 BA—**Loretta Coffey** Persky of Roslyn Heights, NY, Aug. 18, 1996; active in alumni affairs.

'24 BA—**Edith Harris** Siegfried (Mrs. Robert H.) of Hendersonville, NC, formerly of Ithaca, NY, Sept. 8, 1996; active in religious affairs.

'24 JD—**Victor O. Wehle** of St. Petersburg, FL, Aug. 20, 1996; retired circuit judge; active in alumni affairs. Lambda Chi Alpha.

'25 CE—**Richard I. Land** of Las Vegas, NV, formerly of Dunnellon, FL, June 1, 1996; retired vice president, Vermilya-Brown Co., NYC; veteran; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'26 BA—**Jack Gold** of Longboat Key, FL, formerly of Richmond, VA, Sept. 15, 1996; retired department store buyer and distribution manager; active in religious and alumni affairs. Phi Sigma Delta.

'26 BA—**Ira Koenig** of New York City, Oct. 2, 1996; attorney. Phi Sigma Delta.

'26-29 Grad—**Anne Gordon** Steward (Mrs.

Frederick C.) of Tuscaloosa, AL, formerly of Charlottesville, VA, and Ithaca, NY, Sept. 30, 1996; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Delta Delta Delta.

'26 CE—**Maurice B. White** of Charlottesville, VA, formerly of Punta Gorda, FL, Sept. 9, 1996; retired chief commercial engineer, New York Telephone; active in alumni affairs. Pi Kappa Phi.

'27 CE—**Foster S. Bowden** of Sarasota, FL, formerly of Cookeville, TN, July 23, 1996; retired civil engineer, Grumman Aircraft Company.

'27 BA—**Thelma Keitel** Call (Mrs. Irving J.) of Stafford, NY, Sept. 6, 1996; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs.

'27—**Harland A. Hofer** of Penfield, NY, exact date unknown; retired automobile dealer; active in alumni affairs.

'28 BA—**Eleanor Goldstein** Edelstein (Mrs. Abraham) of Rochester, NY, June 23, 1995; retired elementary teacher. Alpha Epsilon Phi.

'28, BA '29—**Iverna Hill** Harrington (Mrs. R. H.) of Largo, FL, formerly of Clearwater, FL, and Schenectady, NY, Aug. 7, 1996; retired teacher, Draper High School, Schenectady; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Chi Omega.

'28 CE—**Sherwood B. Smith** of Washington, DC, Sept. 5, 1996; consultant and research engineer; retired civilian engineer, Army Corps of Engineers; veteran; primary author, *Effects of Atomic Weapons*. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

'29 BS Ag—**Claude H. Colvin** of Key Colony Beach, FL, formerly of S. Yarmouth, MA, Apr. 14, 1996; Alpha Zeta.

'29, CE '31—**William A. Kerr** of Clemmons, NC, formerly of Cooperstown, NY, Apr. 23, 1996; retired lieutenant colonel, US Army; veteran; insurance executive and consulting engineer, INA Insurance Co.; Delta Tau Delta.

'29 BA, JD '30—**Arthur Leff** of Evanston, IL, formerly of New York City and Washington, DC, Sept. 8, 1996; retired chief administrative law judge, National Labor Relations

Board; active in alumni affairs. Tau Delta Phi.

'29—Charles M. Nichols of Jamestown, NY, Sept. 5, 1996; Phi Delta Theta.

'29 BA—Rae Rose Rothman (Mrs. Harry M.) of Pickerington, OH, formerly of Columbus, Sept. 14, 1995.

'29 BA—Woodward A. Wickham of Jackson, MI, July 21, 1994; active in alumni affairs. Alpha Delta Phi.

'30 BA—Daniel H. Denenholz of New York City, Sept. 23, 1996; retired television and radio executive; active in alumni affairs. Tau Delta Phi.

'30 MEE—Hui Huang of Bethesda, MD, formerly of Taipei, Taiwan, Sept. 30, 1996; senior advisor, Taiwan Power Co., Bethesda, active in alumni affairs.

'30 BA—Joseph M. La Rocca of Silver Spring, MD, Sept. 27, 1996; retired chief of international rehabilitation activities, US Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; veteran; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'30 ME—James W. Young of Wyomissing, PA, July 15, 1996.

'31 BS Ag—Amos G. Allen Jr. of Northbrook, IL, formerly of Momence, July 31, 1996; retired vice president, Edmund A. Allen Lumber Company, Momence; active in alumni affairs. Phi Sigma Kappa.

'31 BS HE—Marion Bretsch Burbank (Mrs. William E.) of Ithaca, NY, Oct. 7, 1996; active in alumni affairs.

'31 CE—Robert C. Hazlett of Wheeling, WV, Sept. 21, 1996; retired, Wheeling Stamping Co.; active in alumni affairs. Phi Kappa Sigma.

'31 BS Hotel—J. Paul McGinn of Scottsdale, AZ, Nov. 21, 1995. Phi Gamma Delta.

'31 BA—Helen Wetzler Michaels (Mrs. George M.) of Auburn, NY, formerly of Royal Palm Beach, FL, July 20, 1996; active in religious and alumni affairs.

'31 BA—John A. Noble Jr. of Littleton, CO, formerly of Ithaca, NY, July 25, 1996. Kappa Delta Rho.

'31 BA—Helen Nuffort Saunders (Mrs. Donald B.) of Devon, PA, formerly of Maplewood, NJ, and Alexandria Bay, NY, Sept. 28, 1996; retired librarian, Maplewood Memorial Library; active in alumni affairs. Kappa Alpha Theta. Husband, Donald B. Saunders '30.

'31 BA, MA '33—Norman S. Wagner of Bakersfield, CA, formerly of Baker, OR, Oct.

20, 1993. Seal & Serpent.

'32-34 Grad—Louise G. Hutchins of Berea, KY, Sept. 3, 1996; administrator, Cumberland Valley District Health Department, Manchester, KY, formerly medical director and board president, Mountain Maternal Health League, Berea; active in professional affairs.

'32 BA—Jane F. O'Neil of Binghamton, NY, Sept. 7, 1996; professor emeritus of clinical psychiatry, SUNY Upstate Medical School, Syracuse; formerly administrator, Binghamton Psychiatric Center; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

'32 BA—Frederick T. Rope of Westford, VT, Sept. 5, 1996; retired diplomat and spokesman for the American Mission to the United Nations; veteran; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs. Delta Phi.

'32 BA—Frances Ginsburg Ruditzky (Mrs. Benjamin D.) of Brooklyn, NY, and Ithaca, Dec. 18, 1995; retired secondary school teacher.

'32 BA—Mary Andrews Westendorp (Mrs. William) of Schenectady, NY, July 23, 1996; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs.

'33 BS Hotel—Henry J. Brady of Seattle, WA, July 27, 1996; active in professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Phi Delta Theta. Wife, Elizabeth (Riley) '35.

'33 MD—Betty Huse (Mrs. Josef Pielage) of Washington, DC, Sept. 5, 1996; retired psychoanalyst; active in professional and alumni affairs.

'33 BA—Arthur B. Middleton of Sarasota, FL, formerly of Haddonfield, NJ, Aug. 23, 1996; retired chemist and research engineer; active in religious affairs. Lambda Chi Alpha.

'33 BS HE—Dorothy Tench Sims (Mrs. Frederick G.) of Tallahassee, FL, formerly of Sarasota, July 10, 1996; retired, Atlantic Richfield; active in alumni affairs. Delta Delta Delta.

'33 BA—Michael L. Wolfe of Northport, NY, Sept. 6, 1996; Sigma Nu.

'34 MD—Elisabeth Clarice Adams of Guilford, CT, formerly of N. Branford, CT, July 14, 1994; active in alumni affairs.

'34 BA—Elsie Miller Betty (Mrs. Paul L.) of Wilmington, DE, Sept. 17, 1996; active in religious and alumni affairs. Delta Gamma.

'34 M Eng—Ralph E. Hoffmann of Sun City, AZ, formerly of North Conway, NH, March 15, 1996; Alpha Tau Omega.

'34 BS Ag—Max Sochen of Jerusalem, Israel, formerly of Minneapolis, MN, Aug. 11, 1996.

'34—Emlou Reddick Thompson (Mrs. William T.) of Sun City, AZ, July 16, 1996; Husband, William T. Thompson '32.

'34 BS HE—Elsie Hanford Williams (Mrs. George H.) of Marietta, GA, formerly of Holiday, FL, May 12, 1996; active in alumni affairs. Pi Beta Phi. Husband, George H. '32

'35—Martin C. Besemer of Tucson, AZ, July 29, 1996; retired executive, Agway.

'35 BS Ag—Kenneth L. Coombs of Palm Harbor, FL, and Wakefield, RI, Sept. 25, 1996; retired professor, University of Rhode Island, Kingston; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

'35—Esther Mandeville Hopper (Mrs. Nelson F.) of Greenfield Center, NY, formerly of Latham, Aug. 29, 1996; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs.

'35 BA—Pearl Samuels Kravitz (Mrs. Max) of Scarsdale, NY, March 19, 1995; active in religious and alumni affairs.

'35 BS Ag—Bernard H. Quick of Ithaca, NY, July 30, 1996; operator of Quick Cemetery, Brooktondale; retired mink rancher; veteran; active in alumni affairs. Pi Kappa Alpha.

'35 EE—William E. Rummeler of Stevensville, PA, formerly of Brooklyn, NY, Sept. 1, 1996. Seal & Serpent.

'36 MD—Mary Heiss Boynton (Mrs. Perry S., Jr.) of New York City, Oct. 8, 1996; active in alumni affairs.

'36 MD—E. Tremain Bradley of Norfolk, CT, formerly of Sanibel, FL, Aug. 18, 1996; retired surgeon, Norwalk Hospital; active in alumni affairs.

'36 DVM—Martin H. (Friedman) Fremont of Los Gatos, CA, and Sequim, WA, Mar. 16, 1995; active in alumni affairs.

'36 MA—Isabel Morgan Mountain (Mrs. Joseph D.) of Arlington, VA, Aug. 18, 1996; co-author of 53 scientific papers, biological researcher at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD; active in community and professional affairs.

'36 BA—Parker C. Wright of Delray Beach, FL, formerly of Sodus Pt., NY, Oct. 3, 1996; retired, Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, NY; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs. Kappa Sigma. Wife, Eleanor (Dewitt) '36.

'37-39 SpAg—Cornelius W. Kuhn of Allegany, NY, exact date unknown.

'37—Robert L. Pearsall of Binghamton, NY, Sept. 12, 1996.

'37 BS AE M—Joseph B. Simpson of Sarasota, FL, Mar. 1, 1996; retired engineer, Pa-

per Box Industries; veteran. Tau Kappa Epsilon.

'37 BS Ag—Julia Bockee Winans (Mrs. Robert C.) of Fort Myers, FL, Sept. 18, 1996; retired, New Jersey Department of Education; active in religious affairs. Husband, Robert C. Winans '36.

'38 CE—Francis H. Aspinwall of Cortland, NY, formerly of Ponchatoula, AL, Sept. 23, 1996; Lambda Chi Alpha.

'38-39 Grad—Kenneth R. Crispell of Charlottesville, VA, Aug. 23, 1996; retired professor and administrator, University of Virginia medical school; expert on US presidents' health and the 25th Amendment, co-author of *Hidden Illness in the White House*; active in professional affairs.

'38 M Eng—John H. Davis Jr. of Douglas, AZ, Aug. 30, 1996; retired chief of Western Engineering, Phelps Dodge Corp.; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs. Phi Kappa Psi.

'38 BA, MD '41—Hayden O. Evans of Frederick, PA, formerly of Pottstown, June 6, 1996; active in alumni affairs. Alpha Chi Rho.

'38 BA—Alfred Goldsmith Jr. of Bethesda, MD, Sept. 16, 1996; founder and retired editor, Washington Insurance Newsletter; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'38 PhD—Karla Longree of Black Mountain, NC, formerly of Ithaca, NY, Sept. 26, 1996; professor emeritus of nutrition at Cornell.

'38 BA, PhD '53—Philip J. Nolan of Norman, OK, March 31, 1996; professor emeritus and former chair, department of classics, University of Oklahoma; active in professional and religious affairs.

'39 CE—Ivan L. Bogert of Demarest, NJ, Jan. 31, 1996; consultant, Clinton Bogert Associates, Englewood; active in alumni affairs.

'39 BS Ag, PhD '51—William R. Kunsela of Sarasota, FL, formerly of Delhi, NY, Sept. 26, 1996; professor emeritus and former president, SUNY College of Technology, Utica; active in professional and alumni affairs.

'39 MD—Ivar J. Larsen of Honolulu, HI, Aug. 24, 1996; retired chief of staff, orthopedic physician and surgeon, Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, Kohala; active in professional and alumni affairs.

'39—Harriet Johnson Rohlf (Mrs. Albert F.) of Pittsfield, MA, Apr. 14, 1996. Pi Beta Phi.

'39 BS Hotel—Deloss A. Rose of Sun City, AZ, formerly of Rochester, NY, Aug. 20, 1996; retired auditor, State of Arizona. Seal & Serpent.

'40 BS Ag—Frederic Herman Boutcher

Jr. of Laurel, NY, Dec. 13, 1995; retired horticulturist; active in alumni affairs.

'40 BS Ag—Merritt W. Means of Penney Farms, FL, formerly of Roswell, NM, May 22, 1996; Wife, Laura (Smith) '38.

'40 BS Hotel—A. Carl Moser of Pinehurst, NC, Aug. 20, 1996; retired general manager, Carolina Inn at Chapel Hill; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Phi Kappa Tau.

'40—F. Clark Ogden of Riverside, RI, formerly of Burlington, VT, Dec. 3, 1995; Sigma Phi.

'40 B Chem—George F. Polzer of Redbank, NJ, Sept. 19, 1996; retired vice president, Witco Chemical Corporation, New York City; active in alumni affairs. Tau Kappa Epsilon.

'41 PhD—Richard T. Allman of Toronto, Ont., Canada, June 26, 1996.

'41 PhD—John G. Cady of Sykesville, MD, formerly of Baltimore, Aug. 26, 1996; retired lecturer, Johns Hopkins University, former official, US Department of Agriculture; veteran; active in alumni affairs.

'41—Ellen Moore Hamilton (Mrs. Harry S.) of Ithaca, NY, Oct. 9, 1996; had owned Knots Unlimited; active in religious and professional affairs. Husband, Harry S. Hamilton '40, JD '46.

'41—George W. Pottle of Southern Pines, NC, Sept. 3, 1996; retired owner and operator, The Shoreham Hotel, Spring Lake, NJ, formerly co-owner and operator of The Hollywood Hotel, Southern Pines; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Phi Gamma Delta.

'42 JD—Vincent F. Dooley of Gilford, NH, June 1, 1996; lawyer, Abramson, Reis, and Brown, Manchester.

'42—John P. Butler Jr. of West Fulton, NY, exact date unknown. Lambda Chi Alpha.

'42 MD—John G. Chesney of Miami, FL, Aug. 6, 1996; pioneer in open-heart surgery, attending surgeon, University of Miami medical school and numerous other hospitals; veteran; active in US Masters rowing; active in professional affairs.

'42 BS Ag, DVM '43—Leonard Ferber of Floral Park, NY, Sept. 27, 1996; veterinarian, North Shore Animal Hospital, Bayside; active in alumni affairs.

'42 BS Ag, '46 BS Nurs—Doris Place Morgenthau (Mrs. Lester N.) of Little Rock, AR, Sept. 20, 1996; retired administrator/registered nurse, University of Arkansas medical school; active in religious affairs.

'43, BS Ag '42, MFS '48—Edward Morris

of Brooklyn, NY, Feb. 18, 1996; retired, New York City Board of Education.

'43 BS Ag—William S. Pendergast of Middletown, NY, May 10, 1996; retired farm management advisor and former teacher of agriculture and extension associate. Theta Chi.

'43 MD—Leyland E. Stevens of San Francisco, CA, Nov. 26, 1995; active in alumni affairs.

'44, BA '43—Dora Storms Hunter of Lake Oswego, OR, formerly of Morehead City, NC, and San Clemente, CA, May 18, 1996. Pi Beta Phi.

'44-45 SpAg—Savilla Maney of Alto, GA, Jan. 19, 1995.

'44—Thomas C. Spriggs of Naples, FL, Sept. 14, 1996; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Alpha Chi Rho.

'44 DVM—Thurman C. Vaughn Jr. of Glenmont, NY, Aug. 21, 1996; active in alumni affairs.

'45, BA '44—Barbara Srenco Brier (Mrs. Jerome W.) of Penn Valley, PA, formerly of Miami, FL, Aug. 16, 1996; bridge teacher, Miami, former world bridge champion. Sigma Delta Tau.

'45, BA '49, JD '51—Howard Fernow of Cedaredge, CO, formerly of Glenwood Springs, Aug. 31, 1996. Delta Upsilon.

'45 DVM—Alexander D. MacCallum of New Hartford, NY, Aug. 8, 1996; veterinarian, Utica Animal Hospital; active in alumni affairs. Delta Tau Delta.

'45—Paul E. Magdeburger of Austin, TX, formerly of Washington, DC, Oct. 4, 1996; retired senior technical writer, Tracor Aerospace; veteran.

'45, BA '44—Donald J. Siskind of West Hempstead, NY, July 23, 1996; attorney.

'45, BS HE '44—Marion Carolyn Hall Siudzinski (Mrs. Edward S.) of Wappingers Falls, NY, Sept. 25, 1996; retired nutritionist.

'46 M Eng—J. Mark Chamberlain Jr. of Croghan, NY, formerly of Atlanta, GA, Aug. 30, 1996; retired vice president and chief financial officer, Lockheed Aeronautical Systems Company, Marietta, GA; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'46 BS Nurs—Jane Vansickle Feil (Mrs. Ted Maurer) of Fort Pierce, FL, formerly of Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY, Aug. 20, 1996.

'46 MS—William R. Johnson of Fredonia, NY, formerly of Gowanda, July 28, 1996; retired guidance counselor, Gowanda; active in

community and religious affairs.

'47-49 SpAg—Richard H. Burns of Lake Luzerne, NY, Aug. 4, 1996; retired soils engineer, New York State Department of Transportation; active in community and religious affairs.

'47 BA, MBA '49—Robert W. Farrell of Irvington, NY, formerly of NYC, Oct. 10, 1996; chairman, Farrell and Follert Inc.; active in alumni affairs. Phi Kappa Psi.

'47 BS Hotel—James W. McLamore of Miami, FL, Aug. 8, 1996; founder of Burger King; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Phi Delta Theta. Wife, Nancy (Nichol) '48. [See page 23, October 1996 Cornell Magazine.]

'48 PhD—Richard A. Carrigan of Washington, DC, Sept. 23, 1996; retired director, atmospheric chemistry, National Science Foundation; active in professional and alumni affairs.

'48 BA, JD '50—Donald H. Clark of Newington, CT, July 28, 1996; retired attorney with Camp, Williams, and Richardson, New Britain, CT; veteran; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

'48 MS Ed—Alexander C. Ducat of Bethesda, MD, exact date unknown.

'48 BS Ag—Harriet Parks Powell (Mrs. Richard) of Vacaville, CA, formerly of Albany, NY, Dec. 24, 1995; Husband, Richard P. Powell '50.

'48 MD—Paul L. Summers of Saint Petersburg, FL, formerly of Marietta, OH, Jan. 6, 1996.

'49 PhD—Sundar L. Aggarwal of Akron, OH, Oct. 1, 1996; founder, Global Technology Associates Inc., formerly vice president, research and development, GenCorp Inc.; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

'49 BS ILR—Arthur J. Bean of Poughkeepsie, NY, Sept. 12, 1996; active in alumni affairs.

'50 DVM—Stanley M. Aldrich of Babylon, NY, Oct. 8, 1996; veterinarian, Aldrich Veterinary Associates; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'50, BS HE '51—Frances Pellens Nearing (Mrs. Thomas H.) of Dunwoody, NY, Sept. 16, 1996.

'50 BS Nurs—Victoria Cook Sprenger (Mrs. Peter L.) of Charlestown, WV, Nov. 7, 1995.

'50 PhD—Ross D. F. Thompson of Los Angeles, CA, Jan. 1, 1994; Wife, Viola (Biering), JD '48.

'51 BA—Elizabeth C. Hamilton of Flushing, NY, Oct. 8, 1996; freelance medical writer and editor, Mayayama Associates; active in alumni affairs.

'51 MA—Faye Riter Kensinger (Mrs. Lewis H.) of Rapid City, SD, formerly of Palo Alto, CA, July 11, 1995; active in alumni affairs.

'52—Robert K. Christenberry Jr. of Red Bank, NJ, formerly of New York City, exact date unknown.

'52-53 SpArts—Cecile Billig Dunn (Mrs. Stuart B.) of New York, NY, Oct. 7, 1996; Husband, Stuart B. Dunn, MEE '53.

'52 BA—Suzanne Taylor Faller (Mrs. James H.) of Lower Gwynedd, PA, Aug. 9, 1996; former social worker, Abington YMCA official; active in community and alumni affairs. Pi Beta Phi. Husband, James H. Faller '52.

'52 BA—Henry R. Hansen of Charlottesville, VA, Aug. 7, 1995; Pi Kappa Alpha.

'52 BA—Arnold R. Kane of Vienna, VA, Oct. 20, 1995; retired manager, Frank E. Basil.

'52 BS ILR—Michael J. Ryan of Batavia, NY, Sept. 5, 1996; former manager of offices of Smith Barney Inc., formerly of E. F. Hutton; active in the formation of Genesee Community College; active in community and religious affairs. Phi Kappa Sigma.

'53-54 Grad—Raymond A. Booth of Columbus, OH, formerly of Mequon, WI, Aug. 29, 1996; retired, Eaton Corporation, Milwaukee, WI; veteran.

'53 BA—Jane Heitkamp Cudlipp (Mrs. Chandler Jr.) of Grand Rapids, MI, Aug. 10, 1996; active in professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Kappa Alpha Theta. Husband, Chandler Cudlipp Jr. '53.

'53, BS Ag '54—June Petterson Sekoll of Culpeper, VA, formerly Greenwood, NY, July 31, 1996; agriculture writer and editor of *Farm Chronicle*, Culpeper; former dairy farmer, Greenwood.

'53 BS Ag—Marvin M. Weissglass of Boca Raton, FL, and Ft. Lee, NJ, Sept. 10, 1996; retired vice president, Magruder Color Company Inc. Alpha Epsilon Pi.

'54 MA—Jeanne Hugo Carruthers (Mrs. L. Bruce) of New York City, formerly of Duarte, CA, July 27, 1996.

'54 MS ILR—Geraldine Senderoff of New York City, Sept. 3, 1996.

'54 PhD—Herbert G. Zollitsch of Port Richey, FL, Sept. 2, 1996; retired professor, who chaired the industrial management department, Marquette University; author of *Wage and Salary Administration*; active in pro-

fessional affairs.

'55 B Chem E—Conrad V. Chester of Clinton, TN, formerly of Oak Ridge, Aug. 20, 1996; retired senior research staff member, Martin Marietta Energy Systems, Oak Ridge.

'55 PhD—William R. Young of West Augusta, VA, formerly of Bogor, Indonesia, Aug. 12, 1996; retired executive, The Rockefeller Foundation.

'56 BA, JD '58—Sanford L. Rosenberg of Avon, CT, formerly of W. Hartford, Sept. 22, 1996; lawyer, Sorokin, Sorokin, Gross, Hyde, and Williams, Hartford; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Tau Delta Phi.

'56 PhD—Leland S. Wittwer of Belleville, WI, Sept. 9, 1995; retired professor, animal science, University of Wisconsin; active in alumni affairs. Alpha Zeta.

'57 M Ed—Loron B. Burnham of Palm Harbor, FL, formerly of Tarpon Springs, Aug. 3, 1996.

'57 MS ILR—Gene L. Everhard of Akron, OH, Sept. 28, 1996; retired manager, Morgan Engineering; active in civic, community and professional affairs.

'57 JD—Richard B. Lillich of Charlottesville, VA, Aug. 3, 1996; professor of law, University of Virginia law school; active in professional affairs.

'57 B Chem E—Robert P. Merrill of Ithaca, NY, Sept. 20, 1996; Herbert F. Johnson professor of industrial chemistry at Cornell; active in religious affairs. Sigma Chi.

'57 Grad—Norman W. Stice of Davis, CA, formerly of Sacramento, June 13, 1996.

'58 MILR—Kesse A. Friedman of Bethesda, MD, Sept. 17, 1996; executive director, American Institute for Free Labor Development, briefly Inter-American representative of the AFL-CIO; active in professional and alumni affairs.

'58 BS Nurs—Carol Hunter Heidmann (Mrs. Armin R.) of La Crosse, WI, Aug. 6, 1996.

'59-60 Grad—Frank S. Alo of Ithaca, NY, Oct. 21, 1996; retired administrator, Schuyler Hospital; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'60 B ME—Prentiss H. Heck of Lebanon, OH, formerly of Jupiter, FL, Sept. 1, 1996; Delta Chi.

'61 JD—Leland Featherman of San Diego, CA, Sept. 17, 1996; retired lawyer. Wife, Carolyn Sue (Blostein) '59.

'62 MBA—Shimon D. Magen of Annapo-

lis, MD, April 8, 1996; professor of business, University of the District of Columbia; active in alumni affairs.

'62—P. Geoffrey Nunn of La Habra, CA, Aug. 28, 1996; president, California Domestic Water Company. Phi Gamma Delta.

'63 BS Ag, PhD '73—Helen Leeds Greisen (Mrs. Kenneth I.) of Ithaca, NY, Sept. 23, 1996; retired researcher, Baker Institute of Animal Health; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Husband, Kenneth I. Greisen, PhD '43.

'63 BS ILR—Lewis J. Perl of Scarsdale, NY, Aug. 24, 1996; senior vice president, National Economic Research Associates, White Plains; active in alumni affairs. Sigma Alpha Mu.

'64 BA—Ellen Rausen Jordan (Mrs. Carl P.) of Woodland, GA, formerly of Athens, Aug. 9, 1996; professor and former law school dean, University of California, Davis; formerly associate dean of the University of Georgia law school; active in alumni affairs. Sigma Delta Tau.

'66 JD—Joan Burrier Harman (Mrs. John A.) of Ithaca, NY, July 27, 1996; attorney with Harris Beach & Wilcox, formerly Treman & Clynes.

'67 BS Ag—Christi Caldwell Merritt (Mrs. William T.) of Forestville, NY, Sept. 13, 1996; co-owner, Merritt Estate Winery; active in religious and alumni affairs. Husband, William T. '67.

'67 PhD—Thomas F. Weaver of Charlestown, RI, April 1, 1996; professor and chairman of the department of environmental resource economics, University of Rhode Island, Kingston; veteran.

'67 PhD—Peter Weissenberg of Ardmore, PA, Oct. 5, 1996; professor, Rutgers University business school, Camden, NJ.; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'68 BS Ag—Dorothy Schmidt Connelly (Mrs. Daniel S.) of Lynn, MA, July 7, 1996; science teacher, Boston Museum of Science; active in community and professional affairs. Husband, Daniel S. Connelly, MS '68.

'69 BA, JD '74—Robert M. Stewart of Wakefield, MA, formerly of Keene, OH, Oct. 5, 1996; employed by United Stationers. Delta Chi.

'72 PhD—Thomas J. Englert of Malvern, OH, July 16, 1996; professor of mathematics, Cleveland State University, Embury-Riddle Aeronautical College, Prescott, AZ, Southeast Texas State University, San Marcos, TX; retired high school math teacher.

'73 BA—Eric L. Shambach of Lockport,

NY, formerly of Minneapolis, MN, Dec. 23, 1995.

'74 BS Hotel, MBA '75—Lloyd W. Mills of Cranston, RI, June 5, 1995. Tau Kappa Epsilon.

'74 MBA—Peter R. Weiner of Peabody, MA, formerly of Houston, TX, and Denver, CO, Sept. 5, 1996; assistant vice president, Robert A. McNeil Corporation.

'75 MBA—Robert W. Barnard of Somerville, NJ, formerly of Buffalo Grove, IL, and Malvern, PA, Aug. 15, 1996; vice president, Ulano Corporation, Brooklyn, NY; active in alumni affairs.

'76 PhD—Aubrey R. Walton of Austin, TX, Sept. 5, 1996; deputy director, National Foreign Language Center, Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies, Washington, DC; founding director, University of Maryland Language Center.

'78-80 Grad—Philip R. Sprague of Hull, IL, May 18, 1995.

'80-81 Grad—Randall S. Short of Portsmouth, VA, Sept. 23, 1996; staff writer, *New York Magazine*; active in religious affairs.

'82 BA—Andrea Vlock Axel (Mrs. Michael A.) of Shaker Heights, OH, Sept. 20, 1996; active in community, religious and alumni affairs. Husband, Michael A. Axel '80.

'83 BA—Celia Mann-Catan (Mrs. Mark A. Catan) of White Plains, NY, Sept. 3, 1996; physician, NY Hospital-Cornell Medical Center, White Plains.

'84 BA—Robert F. Depippo of Washington, DC, formerly of Kingston, NY, Sept. 6, 1996; trial lawyer, fraud section of the US Department of Justice's criminal division.

'85 MS Ed, PhD '95—Ronald Lafrance of Roosevelt, NY, formerly Ithaca, NY, July 29, 1996; superintendent of education for the Mohawk Council of Akwesane at St. Regis, former director of the American Indian Program at Cornell. [See page 26, September 1996 Cornell Magazine.]

'87 MBA—Bart Vandebroek of Penfield, NY, formerly of Leuven, Belgium, Aug. 21, 1996; director of engineering, ENI Inc., Rochester, NY.

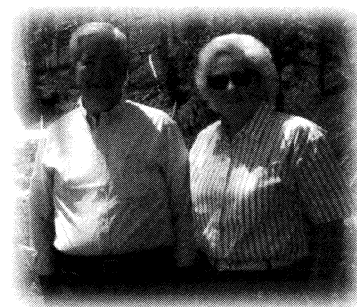
'89 MPS—Robert C. Romero of Dallas, TX, formerly of Pelham Manor, NY, Aug. 26, 1996; vice president, management information systems, Bristol Hotel Company, Dallas; active in professional and alumni affairs.

'91 BA—Lauren S. Neuborne of Cincinnati, OH, formerly of Brooklyn, NY, Sept. 1, 1996; active in religious and alumni affairs. Delta Delta Delta.

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RITE OF SPRING

You'd think groundskeepers would dread Dragon Day, but they actually have some fondness for it. Maybe not the all-out glee of a freshman hefting a roll of toilet paper, but a certain affection, nonetheless. "We can't wait for the Green Dragon," says landscape operations manager Pete Salino '79. "It's symbolic of spring. Cleaning up after Dragon Day is the beginning of our push to get the campus looking nice for graduation."

Cornell has had its bit of March madness more or less continuously since Willard Straight '01 founded Dragon Day a century ago. Long before he became a building's namesake, Straight was legendary for his efforts to promote unity in the architecture school. He tried such affairs as a student-faculty weenie roast before founding the archi-

tects' day of celebration, held on or about St. Patrick's Day.

Since then, Dragon Day has become a rite of spring in a town where "May" and "blizzard" can occupy the same sentence. The Arts Quad becomes a toilet-papered fantasyland, the dragon parades about, and engineers pelt architects with frozen projectiles. Cleanup—easier since the advent of biodegradable toilet paper—still costs about \$10,000.

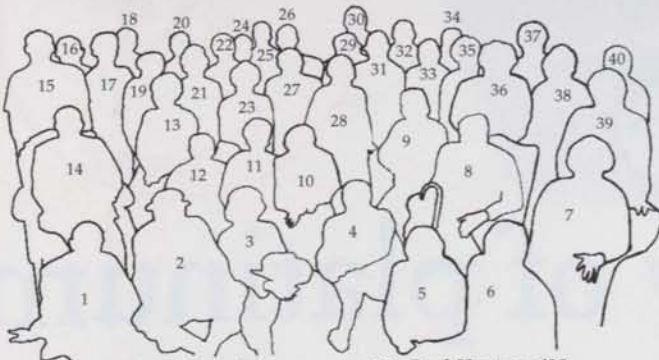
Some Dragon Day lore: The event

was banned early in the century for offending Catholics. In 1933, the parade featured a papier maché beer stein in honor of the repeal of prohibition, and in 1966, a green pig was let loose in the Ivy Room. The event was canceled to protest the McCarthy hearings and, in 1968, the dragon was painted black in opposition to the Vietnam War.

In 1994, an anthropology class decided to do a report from the front lines of Dragon Day. The papers are preserved in the university archives, along with a single cardboard scale. "While there are still many aspects to Dragon Day that history has not accounted for," Rob Kronzak '95 writes, "perhaps they are better left shrouded in uncertainty."

— Beth Saulnier

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