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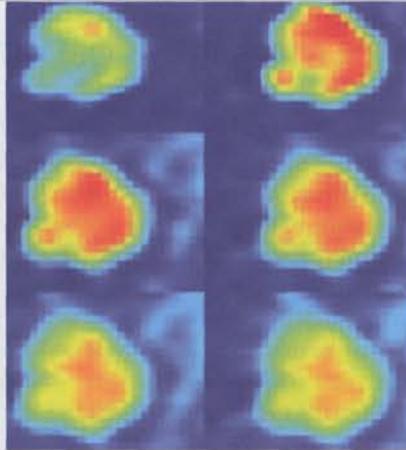
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ALLA KATSNELSON

Doctors at Cornell's medical college in Manhattan had more diagnostic data than they had time to read; meanwhile, computer vision experts in Ithaca could teach machines how to interpret visual images. The breakthrough they forged together could revolutionize cancer treatment—and usher in a new era of cross-campus research collaboration.



50 A Passage to India

BETH SAULNIER

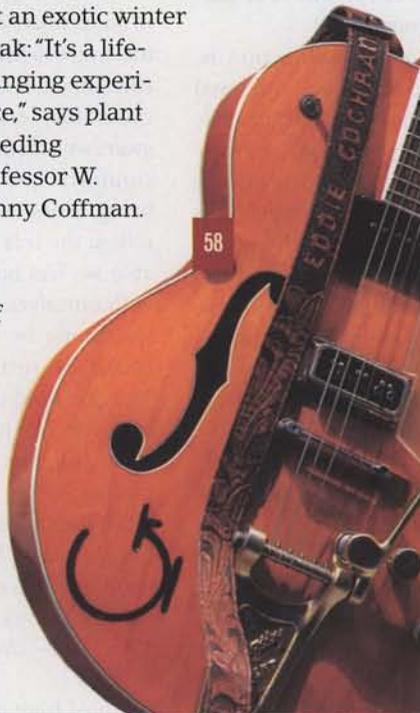
Welcome to International Agriculture 602, where class starts with a four-teen-hour flight to Mumbai and a two-week immersion in the rural economy of the developing world. For sixty-four students and faculty, the annual course represents more than just an exotic winter break: "It's a life-changing experience," says plant breeding professor W. Ronny Coffman.



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BRAD HERZOG

As the CEO of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, Terry Stewart turned a lifelong passion into a high-profile job running a music mecca on the shores of Lake Erie. He oversees a priceless treasure trove of pop artifacts, struggles to draw younger crowds, responds to the Hall's skeptics and critics, and answers the \$84 million question: why Cleveland?



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I Think, Therefore IM

A STUDENT CONTEMPLATES THE COMMUNICATION REVOLUTION

BRAINS—THEY DON'T MAKE 'EM LIKE THEY USED TO. Two-and-a-half centuries ago, the Enlightenment took Europe by storm, and the salons of eighteenth-century France were the stomping ground of some of the greatest theoretical minds in history. Cornell fraternity parties seem pedestrian in comparison. And if the Enlightenment was the start of modern thought, the Wireless Age may be the end of it.



We live in a time when we can be constantly connected. Cell phones are nearly ubiquitous, and essentially every Cornell student has an Internet connection in his or her room. It is possible, if we so desire, to never really be alone. We can always have the comforting presence of familiar screen-names lined up in an AOL Instant Messenger (AIM) window alongside our paper-in-progress, and we know that we have only to press a few silver buttons on our cell phones to be gabbing with any of our friends.

This omnipresent connection is, without a doubt, useful. It allows us to keep in contact with loved ones and save invaluable college-student time by conversing while doing homework or walking from class to class. If there's an emergency, we can always be reached immediately. Technology places countless conveniences in our pockets—but these conveniences come at a cost, and not just in the form of a monthly charge.

How would the world be different today if, when René Descartes isolated himself to write his *Meditations on First Philosophy*, he had been continually interrupted by his cell phone playing "Bootylicious"? If the Internet had existed 400 years ago, would we even have physics or calculus? Imagine the following IM conversation between John Locke and Isaac Newton:

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applehead981: nm just trying to figure out this stupid 3rd law of motion
applehead981: physics is hard
tabularasa1632: lol
tabularasa1632: ya thats why i stick to govt
tabularasa1632: no numbers
applehead981: what are u doing
tabularasa1632: eh just tryin to decide the natural rights of man
applehead981: ic

applehead981: wanna play starcraft
tabularasa1632: k
applehead981: kewl

Modern technology may allow us to be in constant contact with friends and loved ones, but it also provides endless distractions, thereby relieving us of being alone with our thoughts. It is the era of the sound byte, and we are constantly bombarded with noise and psychological clutter. The only time we have to ourselves—the silent hour when our roommate isn't around and we don't feel like doing work, the ten-minute walk from Warren Hall to Lincoln—is spent immersed in inconsequential cell-phone prattle. We no longer have meaningful conversations, and—more important—we've become completely oblivious to the thoughts inside our heads.

Cell phones and the Internet have made us a generation of people who can't stand to be alone with our thoughts for more than five minutes—and we are the ones who suffer. When our electronic connections are broken, we feel achingly alone, not quite sure what to do with ourselves. We fear solitude because we fear being left to conduct awkward small talk with the strangers we've become.

Our thoughts lie tangled up in an inchoate mess, and we are too overwhelmed to extricate them. It's a cruel cycle: the less self-aware we are, the less comfortable we feel being alone with ourselves; the less comfortable we feel being alone with ourselves, the more we escape by calling a friend or surfing the Web. We need to break the cycle. We need to turn off our cell phones, log off AIM, and talk to the people we've been snubbing this entire time: ourselves.

— Elise Kramer '06



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Heimlich Maneuvers

DOCTOR RESPONDS TO CRITICS

IN HIS ARTICLE ABOUT ME, BRAD HERZOG questions the value of the Heimlich Maneuver to save drowning victims, but omits scientific facts that say otherwise (“Dr. Eponymous,” March/April 2004). Drowning victims die because their lungs fill with water. CPR consists of blowing into the mouth of drowning victims. Taught for decades by the Red Cross, CPR yielded a death rate as high as 60 percent. Four Heimlich Maneuvers clear the water from the lungs. A five-year study by lifeguards proved the Maneuver saved 97 percent of unconscious, non-breathing drowning victims.

Herzog also accuses me of treating Chinese patients without proper approval. If he had investigated the matter, he would have learned we had full Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval. In describing malariotherapy, Herzog ignores studies conducted under the auspices of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Malariotherapy consists of inducing a curable form of malaria into an HIV-infected patient, then curing the malaria with drugs. Malariotherapy is proven to strengthen the immune system, thereby overcoming HIV infection. Studies in an African hospital under the auspices of the CDC reported 35 percent of children with AIDS alone died; during the same period of time, not one child with AIDS and malaria died. CDC researchers also proved there is no danger from co-infection of malaria and HIV. Malariotherapy cured neurosyphilis worldwide for fifty years until 1975, when neurosyphilis was eradicated.

Herzog charges that “the name given to the doctor’s famous maneuver ignores

the contribution of one of Heimlich’s colleagues.” Herzog quotes [Edward Patrick], a doctor who was a resident at a hospital in 1975 where I was director of surgery. Herzog fails to note that this contact occurred three years after I started my research on the Heimlich Maneuver and a year after it became known to the world. In fact, Herzog states that I had published my research findings in *Emergency Medicine* June 1, 1974, and the maneuver was disseminated by the press. Herzog also states that the *Journal of the American Medical Association* editors named it the “Heimlich Maneuver.” For more information, go to: heimlichinstitute.org.

Henry Heimlich '41, MD '43
Cincinnati, Ohio

Brad Herzog responds: Despite Dr. Heimlich's attempt to portray the article as a lone journalist's uninformed accusations, all questions about his methods were not mine but rather those of medical experts and researchers. I just reported what they said. I did not "question the value" of using the Heimlich Maneuver to save drowning victims; I explained that it remains a matter of debate in the medical community. There are "scientific facts" that support both sides, subject to selective interpretation. Regarding the malariotherapy experiments in China, I did not "accuse" Dr. Heimlich of misconduct; I related the objections of medical experts ranging from AIDS researchers to medical ethicists to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. Dr. Heimlich says that I "ignore" a particular study performed in Africa, which he believes supports the use of malariotherapy for HIV-infected patients. In fact, I cited it in the article. However, I also noted the





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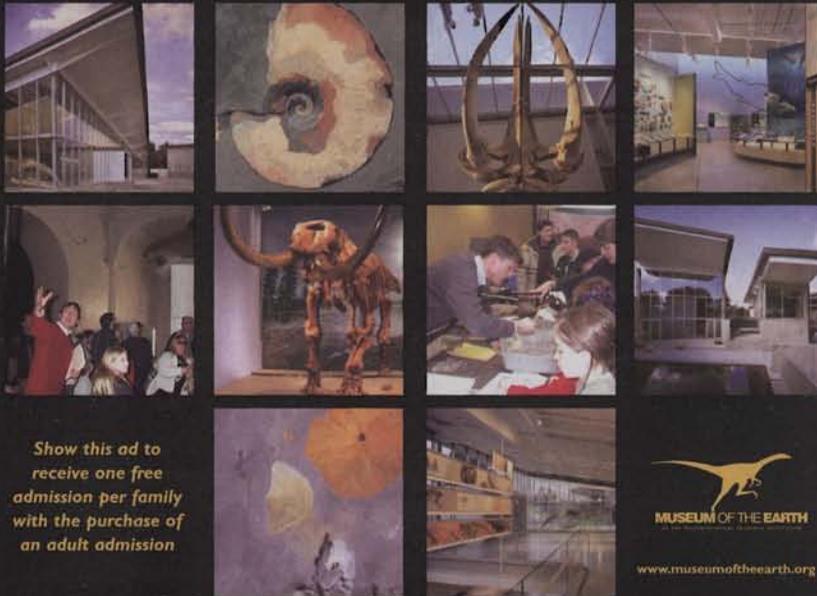
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CDC's warnings against malariatherapy treatments, issued as recently as 2003.

As for the "full FDA approval" to which he refers, the FDA informed Dr. Heimlich that it had no jurisdiction in China. The malariatherapy study was approved by an Institutional Review Board (IRB) affiliated with the now-defunct Great Lakes College of Clinical Medicine (GLCCM), a nonprofit association of alternative medicine practitioners. After an inspection of this review board in 1999, the FDA found several violations and forbade the IRB from approving any new studies. A March 2000 FDA letter to GLCCM secretary L. Terry Chappell concluded, "We have no assurance that your IRB procedures are adequately protecting the rights and welfare of the human subjects of research."

Regarding the development of the Heimlich Maneuver and the possibility that Dr. Edward Patrick's role has been overlooked, it is simply a matter of conflicting recollections. The dates of the Maneuver's unveiling are not in dispute, but (as the story noted) the two men "differ on when they met." As Kenneth Swan, MD '60, said, Dr. Heimlich is "a controversial guy." The article was intended to offer an objective examination of some of the controversies about his work, airing contentions on both sides of the issues. I believe it did so.

THANKS FOR A BALANCED ARTICLE on the extraordinary accomplishments and controversial assertions of Dr. Henry Heimlich '41, MD '43. Mentioned in passing but not highlighted was an achievement that caught my attention—the chronology of his education. How does one sail through a four-year graduate school in two years?

Dr. George Ubogy '58
Cos Cob, Connecticut

Ed. Note: According to Elizabeth Shepard, assistant archivist at the Weill Cornell Medical Center Archives, Henry Heimlich started medical school in the fall of 1940 under a program that admitted "seniors from scientific colleges of good standing." These students received their undergraduate degrees at the end of the first year of medical school, so Heimlich was awarded his BA in 1941. After the United States entered World War II, there was an acceleration of medical school graduations; Heimlich was admitted in the Class of 1944, but his class, due to the acceleration,

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I look forward to continuing this dialogue through the formation of a student/alumni task force. Together, we can build a better Cornell.

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Objecting to Clinton

IT WAS WITH INCREDULOUS AMAZEMENT that I learned of the University's decision to invite Bill Clinton to the 2004 Convocation (see *From the Hill*, page 24). I have disagreed with Cornell's recent philosophy regarding some issues, but am stunned at the decision to invite this flawed, amoral, corrupt person as the Convocation speaker. Inviting Mr. Clinton to speak as a lecturer is one thing; inviting this impeached ex-president to speak at Convocation is quite another. I recognize that the choice was made by the senior class, but I also recognize that Cornell's president heartily approved this choice.

I support the efforts of universities to expose students to a variety of thinkers, doers, and visionaries. I consider it the duty of all citizens to listen, think about, and judge the actions of their leaders. I have long done so regarding Mr. Clinton. As a result of this study, I choose to sever all ties to the University rather than appear to support Mr. Clinton. I cannot think of supporting the university of Ezra Cornell when Mr. Clinton is honored by such an invitation, and I urge all alumni who feel the impropriety, as I do, of this invitation to join me in expressing their outrage by withholding contributions and expressing their written dissatisfaction.

*Jen Gage Sage '83
Etna, New York*

Objecting to Milstein

I AM WRITING TO PROTEST THE DESIGN of the new Architecture school building, Milstein Hall (*From the Hill*, November/December 2003). The first design for this building was fiercely opposed by the AAP alumni, and it was widely seen as arrogant, inappropriate, and disrespectful of the context (not to mention huge and ugly). It is astonishing that the second design-selection process could have produced another poor design.

While Stephen Holl's design provoked anger and disgust, Barkow Leibinger's seems poised to elicit disappointment and resigned cynicism. The form of the building appears to be largely a deferential reaction to the site, but it neither honestly embraces Sibley nor stands respectfully apart. Instead it sidles uncomfortably and indecisively close, resembling a glorified but haphazard collection of temporary pre-manufactured buildings—the kind elementary schools plunk down in their



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parking lots for overflow classroom space. As Cornell architects, we were taught to aim for Great Architecture—the harmonious melding of function and art. Where is the beauty? Where is the vision? Where is the inspiration?

While many may argue that this design has a variety of merits (and it probably does), anyone who calls this Great Architecture has set the bar too low. Let's scrap this design and have another competition—and this time, let's open it up to everyone and let the faculty, students, and alumni vote.

*Scott Rodwin '90, BArch '91
Boulder, Colorado*

THE PROPOSED DESIGN FOR MILSTEIN Hall is very disappointing. The students of the Architecture school, present and future, deserve a much more serious building. An enlightened, inclusive, and historically aware design would create a complex that would physically connect Sibley and Rand halls, provide a new entrance with a forecourt, and exemplify the history of the college's expansion.

The Barkow Liebing design does none of these things. And it takes for granted the demolition of Rand Hall, built ninety years ago as a memorial to several Rand family members, including Jasper Rand Jr. 1897. The fact that the University administration wants to replace it with such a bland and simplistic structure says volumes about its respect (or lack thereof) for Cornell's history. What an unfortunate example for students who are expected to go out into the world and make it a better, more enlightened place.

*Peter Szilagyi '70, BArch '72
Littleton, Colorado*

Ed. Note: According to Hal Craft '60, PhD '70, vice president for administration, a second concept for Milstein Hall is being considered, one that would "draw the building more to the west (away from the corner with East Avenue) and connect it more solidly with Sibley." Craft also notes that the model shown in the magazine was "just at the schematic design stage, so moderate changes in the design may still occur if we continue with that concept."

Clueless at Cornell

I AM AMAZED BY THE UTTER CLUELESSNESS of the University with regard to mental health issues ("Crushed by Cor-

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nell," Letter from Ithaca, January/February 2004). I think that the reason mental health admissions are up from ten years ago is that people now recognize when someone is depressed and try to get help for that person. If I had a buck for each time I heard a story when I was at Cornell about someone being on "suicide watch" for a friend, or talking to someone who was dropping out due to stress, or—worse—hearing about the latest bridge casualty, I might be able to take another class or two up there. And I resent the unnamed academic advisor saying that more people are coming to school with mental and physical health problems. That insinuates that the University has nothing to do with students' mental health problems, which is an outright falsehood. I know. I wasn't mentally ill when I started at Cornell, but I was when I left. Is that the value of a Cornell education?

Jeff Leinbach '96
Allentown, Pennsylvania

Open Doors, Open Hearts, Closed Minds?

THE OVERWHELMING DOMINANCE of the political left on most of today's college and university faculties is beyond dispute. Many disciplines routinely deal with issues that are inherently controversial; how are students to gain an appreciation for various sides of these debates when they enroll in courses taught by people increasingly committed to one side?

As a professor for thirty years, I have observed the steady leftward march of academia, a trend that affects not only courses and their content, but hiring, tenure, and promotion. If Cornell wants to regain an open-minded character, it is possible to work toward true intellectual diversity. But we first need to admit there is a problem.

A. Louis Shor '44, BS '47, DVM '53, writes: "Could it be that faculty members have had the time and interest to listen to all sides of political questions and, in their wisdom, lean toward the liberal side?" (Correspondence, March/April 2004). The stunning arrogance of this opinion aside, consider the fact that the current political imbalance does, in fact, convey exactly that message to students. No debate, no problem. How tragic, in a setting committed to "diversity."

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Musical Oversight

YOUR ARTICLE ABOUT THE MUSIC department did not mention the ensemble that shaped many hours of my time at Cornell ("Theme & Variations," January/February 2004). When I auditioned for the Cornell University Lab Ensembles in the fall of 1991, I was the only freshman and only woman in the saxophone section of one of the big bands. Through Professor Karlton Hester's mentorship, I learned about community, cooperation, and the music that, as Jaki Byard said, "some call jazz." The eight semesters I enrolled in the Lab Ensembles reflected my most consistent academic interest. But throughout that time, we struggled to have the jazz ensembles recognized by the music department—and the article's lack of reference to the C.U.L.E. shows this struggle is ongoing.

Joanne Seiff '95

Bowling Green, Kentucky

Grammar Gaffe (Again)

WILLIAM BROWNLEE '50 EXPLAINS what he calls his "minor quibble" about the phrase "never repeated the same lecture twice" by saying, "the older I get, the

more cantankerous I get" (Correspondence, January/February 2004). Brownlee's letter contains its own gaffe, however, as "minor quibble" is redundant. The older I get, the more rigorous intellectually I try to get. Thirty-five years from now, perhaps I will have the good fortune of reaching the present level of rigor of my mother, who is ninety-one.

Felicia Nimue Ackerman '68

Providence, Rhode Island

Correction

Robert Shapiro '04 points out that "Theme & Variations" by Robert Doerschuk incorrectly refers to Neal Zaslaw as chair of the Department of Music (January/February 2004). The current chair is Rebecca Harris-Warrick.

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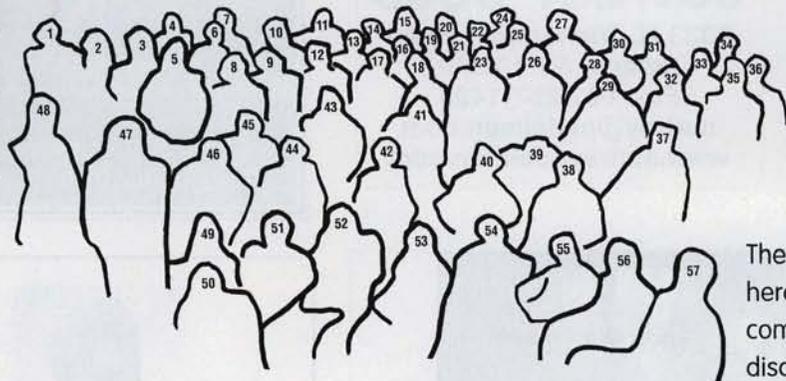
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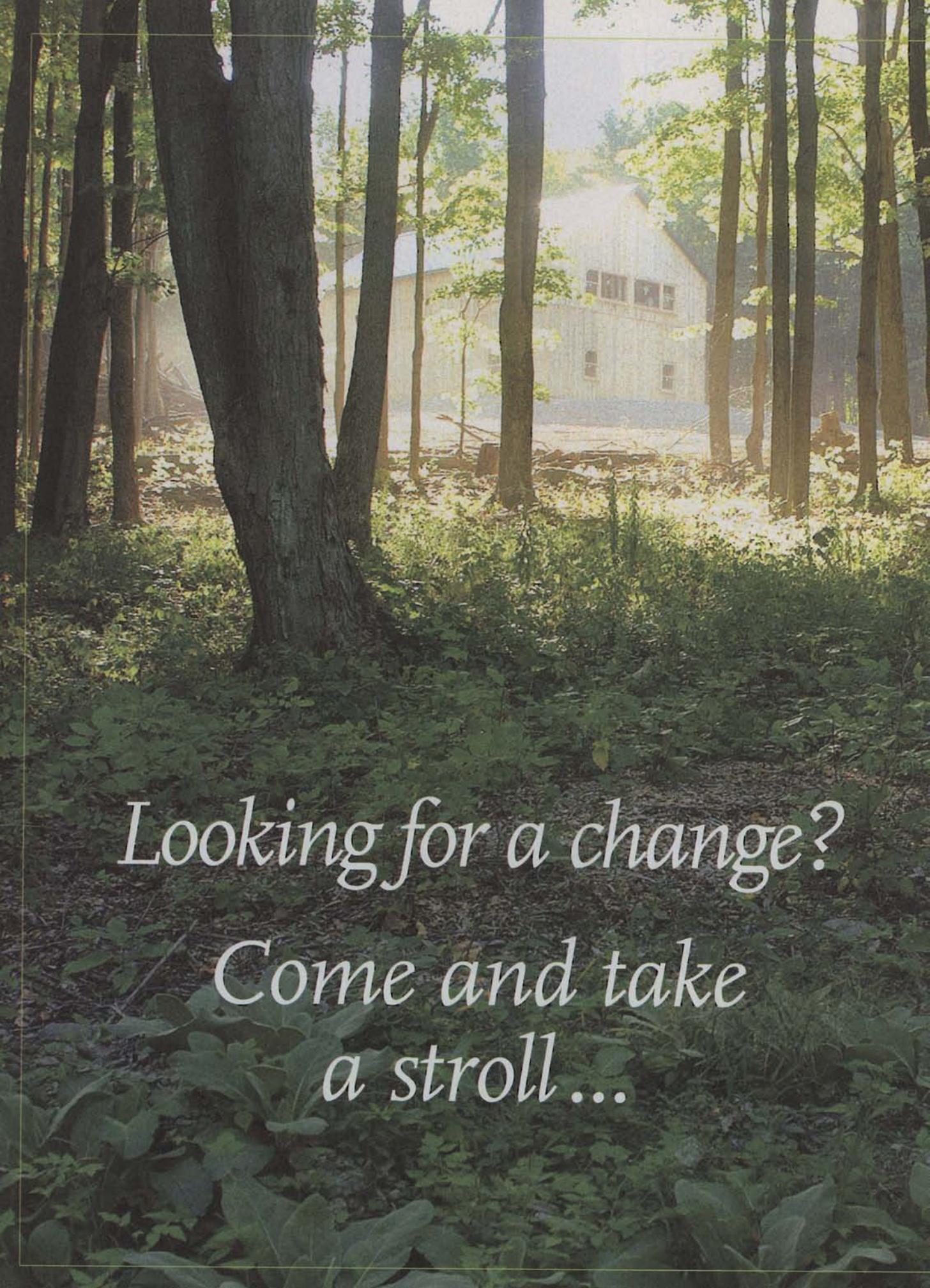
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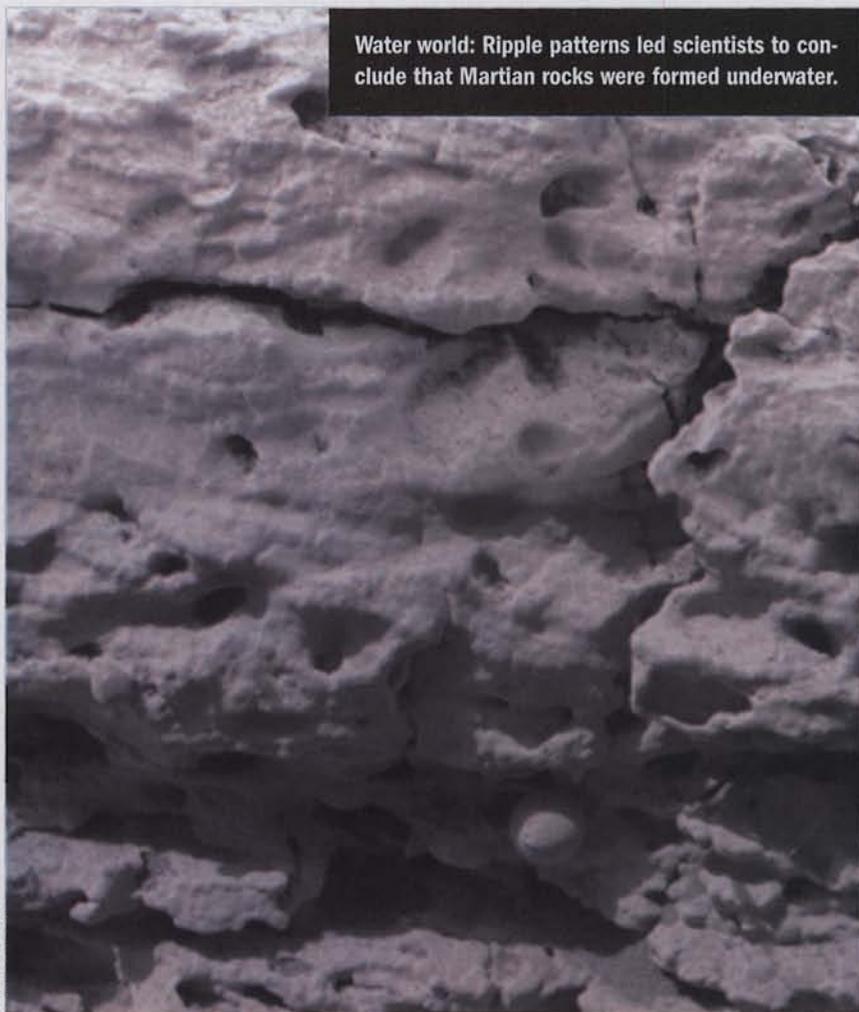
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declared that rocks analyzed by the rover Opportunity "were once soaked in liquid water. It changed their texture and it changed their chemistry." Three weeks later, he went one step further, telling reporters on March 23 that "Opportunity is parked on the shoreline of what was once a salty sea."

That conclusion, based on analysis of sedimentary structures imaged at Opportunity's Meridiani Planum landing site, confirms the hypothesis that drove the mission: that liquid water played some long-term role in the history of the now-arid planet. NASA views the "water question" as the first step to further investigations into the possibility that life may have existed on Mars in the past. "It was the kind of place that would have been suitable for life," Squyres said. "That doesn't mean life was there—we don't know that. But this was a habitable place on Mars at one point in time." NASA's head of space science, Ed Weiler, further speculated that Meridiani's dry salt flats could hold greater secrets. "If you have an interest in searching for fossils on Mars," he said, "this is the place."

Since engineers successfully repaired the memory of the rover Spirit in late January, both machines have been operating near-flawlessly, sending back a wealth of geological and atmospheric data and offering "results that go beyond our wildest expectations," according to Weiler. Mission highlights have included first-ever images of a Martian sunset, scenes of the planet's moons Phobos and Deimos in solar eclipse, and Spirit's several-week journey of over 1,000 feet to the rim of a crater nicknamed "Bonnevillie." For rover news and images, go to: <http://marsrovers.jpl.nasa.gov>.



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Lehman on Diversity

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Underlining the significance of a multi-racial campus community, Lehman described Cornell's efforts to attract a diverse applicant pool, including an initiative by Provost Bidly Martin and Associate Provost Doris Davis to encourage middle school students of various ethnic backgrounds to apply. While emphasizing the current importance of integration efforts in education and employment, Lehman concluded: "The long-term goal is not to be a society where affirmative action is lawful. It is to be a society where affirmative action is unnecessary. That means becoming a society where residential segregation, school isolation, socioeconomic disadvantage, and crippling racial stereotypes are things of the past. It means becoming a society where genuine opportunity within an open and integrated community is the true birthright of every child." (The full text of Lehman's talk is available at: www.news.cornell.edu/campus/Lehman.affaction.3.5.04.html.)

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ON MAY 12, 1904, FESTIVITIES CELEBRATING THE DESIGNATION of Cornell as the official New York College of Agriculture included a parade led by Dean Liberty Hyde Bailey, fireworks, the largest bonfire ever seen in Ithaca, and a banquet that extended late into the night. On May 12, 2004, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences will kick off its year-long centennial celebration with another parade. Floats, antique cars, horse-drawn carriages, the Cornell equestrian team, the Pep Band, and other revelers will gather near Day Hall and march to Fernow Hall—where the Cornell Dairy will reveal a new flavor during a post-parade ice cream social.

Preceding the parade, the Centennial Students' Garden will be dedicated. Under the guidance of professors Peter Trowbridge and Nina Bassuk '74, landscape architecture and horticulture students in this year's "Creating the Urban Eden" course designed and installed the new public space in a triangular area behind Warren Hall and the Mann Library addition. Sculptor Rebecca Thompson, MFA '03, created stone benches and trellis sculptures for the garden, incorporating architectural remnants from original Ag Quad buildings.

Throughout the year, activities will focus on a theme of "celebrating the past, shaping the present, and inspiring the future." During Reunion 2004, events to which all alumni are invited include a joint college forum, "Protecting Our World—Addressing Food and Water Safety," and the Liberty Hyde Bailey Lecture by plant breeding professor Steve Tanksley, co-recipient of the 2004 Wolf Prize in Agriculture. For information on CALS centennial events, go to: www.cals.cornell.edu/centennial.

R&D

More information on campus research is available at www.news.cornell.edu.

A team led by professor of plant breeding Martha Mutschler has combined two species to develop an onion that is resistant to the crop-decimating botrytis leaf blight and capable of producing seeds. Presently, the team is working to bring the onion to commercial quality.

Satisfaction with their relationship significantly influences whether same-sex couples, especially lesbians, make plans for retirement, according to human development grad students Steven Mock and Catherine Taylor and professor Ritch Savin-Williams. They also found that lesbians tend to make plans with their partners, while gay men tend to plan individually.

By combining a multiphoton microscopy laser, specially developed dyes, and a phenomenon called second-harmonic generation, grad student Daniel Dombeck and professor Watt Webb, with their French collaborators, have taken millisecond-by-millisecond high-resolution images of signals passing through a nerve cell.

About 60 percent of patients who die from a heart attack do so before they reach the hospital. Policy analysis and management professor Liam O'Neill has found that for every five-minute increase in distance from a hospital, a victim's chance of getting treated in time falls by 1.25 percent.

Biochemist Paul Chirik and his team have successfully converted nitrogen into ammonia using a long-theorized process researchers had previously been unable to implement. The technique may be useful in making hydrazines for rocket fuels or fine chemicals for drug synthesis or dyes.

Convicted murderers in Oklahoma are more likely than their counterparts in Texas to receive the death penalty, according to law professors John Blume and Theodore Eisenberg and social statistician Martin Wells. The team also found that a victim's race heavily influences whether prosecutors apply the death penalty.

With the help of developmental sociologist Duncan Hilchey, MRP '87, the Northeast Hops Alliance plans to revitalize the market for New York State grown hops. Brewers hoping to increase brand loyalty, reduce prices, and create distinctive tastes have begun to brew the first beers in fifty years made exclusively from New York State hops.

Downsizing

eCORNELL TRIMS OPERATION

IN FEBRUARY, THE UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCED THAT eCornell was being restructured "to bring the size of its organization in line with the revenue growth pattern." The Collegetown office has been closed, with some personnel laid off. The remaining staff has been consolidated into the facility in Cayuga Heights. The New York City office has also been closed, although sales representatives will continue to work from their homes. The net effect, says CEO John Neuman '62, is that "the proportion of the organization devoted to sales and marketing is now larger."



eCornell was launched in September 2000 with considerable fanfare—and more than a little controversy—as Cornell's for-profit distance-learning subsidiary. It has had the most success with executive education and professional development courses, especially in human resources management. eCornell currently offers about sixty programs, but has yet to show a profit. "We are moving closer to financial independence," says Neuman, "and that remains our most essential goal. We'd also like to broaden our catalogue—we've been talking to people on campus about courses that would be outside of executive and professional education." Another goal, says Neuman, is finding foundations or other funding sources that will make it possible to offer courses to students who could not otherwise afford the cost.

At the time of eCornell's founding, some faculty members voiced concern about the potential impact on the University's reputation if for-credit courses were offered by a subsidiary intended to make a profit. In response, the Trustees determined that eCornell would offer only non-credit programs. That hasn't changed, although Neuman says that eCornell has strong custom capabilities and *could* develop such courses—if asked: "The best way for us to be involved in creating for-credit courses would be to be contracted for it, if it serves the purposes of a college."

Changing of the Deans

MOSTAFAVI ARRIVES, BUTLER DEPARTS

MOHSEN MOSTAFAVI HAS BEEN NAMED DEAN OF THE College of Architecture, Art, and Planning, effective July 1. Mostafavi has taught at Harvard University, the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Cambridge, and the Frankfurt Academy of Fine Arts. Since 1995, he has served as chairman (equivalent to dean) of the Architectural Association School of Architecture in London. In March, Hotel school dean David Butler announced that he will not seek reappointment when his term ends in June 2005.



Larger than life: This "photo-realistic" rendering shows the design by architect Richard Meier '56 for the \$140 million Life Science Technology Building, which will be placed on the western end of Alumni Fields adjacent to the Biotechnology Building. The design was approved by the Board of Trustees in March; construction is scheduled to begin later in the year.

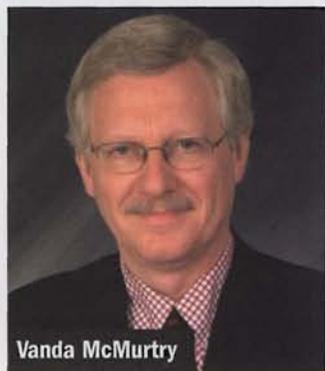
New VPs Named

McMURTRY AND BRUCE APPOINTED

PRESIDENT JEFFREY LEHMAN HAS NAMED VICE PRESIDENTS to head the two new divisions created when he split the Division of University Relations soon after taking office in July 2003. The appointees are scheduled to begin work this spring.

Vanda McMurry, PhD '79, will be vice president for government and community relations. Most recently, he managed gov-

ernment relations as a senior vice president for Aetna. Before that, McMurry held a variety of government posts, including a position as staff director and chief counsel for the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance from 1989 to 1992. In his new job, McMurry will direct legislative efforts, handle relations with government on all levels, and



Vanda McMurry

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be responsible for interactions with community organizations. A native of St. Cloud, Minnesota, McMurry also earned an MPA from Johns Hopkins University and a JD from Georgetown University.

Thomas Bruce will serve as vice president for communications and media relations. Born in Midland, Texas, Bruce studied at the University of Paris and holds a degree from the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. He has twenty-five years of experience in public affairs, including federal policymaking, international consulting, and developing and anchoring a national political television show for the *Christian Science Monitor*. Bruce has also managed advocacy campaigns, most recently as a senior vice president for Chlopak, Leonard, Schecter & Associates in Washington, D.C.



Thomas Bruce

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Champion for the Blind

JANSEN NOYES JR., 86

JANSEN NOYES JR. '39 DIED ON MARCH 16. He was eighty-six. Noyes was elected to the University's Board of Trustees in 1961; he served as vice chairman from 1968 to 1978 and then as chairman until 1984. He was also a member of the board and a life overseer at New York-Presbyterian Hospital and a sustaining member of Psi Upsilon fraternity at Cornell.

A financier, Noyes began his career at the firm founded by his father, Hemphill, Noyes & Co., in 1939 and became a partner in 1946. He was a founding partner of Noyes Partners Inc., formed in 1980, and served as the firm's president until 2003. Noyes was active in the fight against preventable blindness through many organizations, including the American Foundation for the Blind and the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness. Starting in 1946, Noyes served as Helen Keller's personal trustee; he was director of the organization she founded, Helen Keller International, from 1946 until 1996. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, and sons Jansen III '69 and Michael; he was predeceased by daughters Dorothy and Karen. Noyes's grandson, Jansen Noyes IV, is a senior in the Hotel school and the fifth generation of his family to attend Cornell.



Separated at birth: President Jeffrey Lehman '77 (left) greets Microsoft chairman Bill Gates.

ROBERT BARKER / UP

Technology Revolution

MICROSOFT CEO SPEAKS ON CAMPUS

DURING A NINETY-MINUTE CAMPUS TALK IN MID-FEBRUARY, ONE OF THE world's most famous dropouts told his audience, "Don't follow my example." The speaker was Bill Gates, who quit Harvard in 1975 to form Microsoft. Stay in school, said the forty-nine-year-old billionaire businessman, who encouraged students to pursue careers in science and technology.

Offering a peek into the future of computing, Gates demonstrated new devices including tablet PCs, high-resolution screens, and 3-D graphics processors. "There will be an impact in the way we do business, learn, and communicate," he said, holding up an Internet-based Smart Watch that provides weather, stocks, and sports information. Gates also touched on computer security issues, describing the strategies used to protect personal information and e-mail. Noting that cost reductions are needed to make computer use and Internet access more available in developing countries, he said: "We are one-third of the way to the vision of empowering everyone with this equipment."

Bill Due

CLINTON TO SPEAK

IN MARCH, THE SENIOR CLASS'S CONVOCATION COMMITTEE REVEALED THAT it had landed its unanimous first choice for keynote speaker at the 2004 Convocation: former President Bill Clinton. "It was a top priority . . . to recruit a monumental speaker," said chair David Jackson '04. The students were aided in their efforts to secure the forty-second president by President Jeffrey Lehman, who hand-delivered the invitation. The former chief executive, who generally commands six-digit fees on the speaking circuit, has waived the student-sponsored committee's honorarium. Last year, Clinton appeared as Syracuse University's 2003 commencement speaker.

The May 29 speech would be the first by a U.S. President at a Cornell Convocation. The Clinton Administration, however, has been well represented in recent graduation years: political advisor James Carville spoke at the 2003 Convocation, and former Attorney General Janet Reno '60 did the honors in 2001.

Cultivating Jobs & Research

STATE FUNDS AG TECH

IN FEBRUARY, GOVERNOR GEORGE Pataki approved a \$310,000 grant to supplement the construction of Cornell's Agriculture and Food Technology Park at the Geneva Agricultural Experiment Station. The seventy-two-acre project, which includes a 20,000-square-foot multi-tenant building, should be completed in 2005. State officials expect the Park to expand agricultural, biological, and food science research; the project also has the potential to generate 1,000 jobs over the next decade.

Give My Regards To . . .

These Cornellians in the News

Assistant professor of chemical engineering **Fernando Escobedo** and **Rasmus Nielsen**, an assistant professor of biometrics, each awarded a two-year, \$40,000 Sloan Foundation Research Fellowship.

Engineering professors **Alyssa Apsel** and **Mark Campbell**, each awarded \$50,000 by the 2004 Lockheed Martin University Research Grants Program.

Harry Coover, PhD '44, creator of cyanoacrylate (better known as Superglue), inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame.

David Wisler, MS '65, elected to the National Academy of Engineering for his work in aerospace engine design.

Charles Dickens scholar **Brian Rosenberg '77**, inaugurated the sixteenth president of Macalester College.

Carlos Santiago, PhD '82, named chancellor of the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.

Christopher Reeve '74, chairman of the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Resource Center, winner of a 2004 Common Wealth Award of Distinguished Service from the PNC Financial Services Group.

Cornell Plantations Magazine, celebrating sixty years of publication.



COURTESY OF THE HERBERT F. JOHNSON MUSEUM OF ART

Transnational art: The spring exhibitions at the Johnson Museum include "Contemporary Taiwanese Art in the Era of Contention," which focuses on works of "cultural identity and political memory" from the period since 1987, when martial law was lifted in Taiwan. Jointly organized by the Johnson Museum and the Taipei Fine Arts Museum, the exhibition was curated by history of art professor An-Yi Pan. It opened with a reception and dinner on April 3; attendees included Andrew Hsia, director general of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, and Huang Tsai-lang, director of the Taipei Fine Arts Museum. Part I ends on June 13; Part II runs from June 26 to August 15. At left, *Saint Taiwan*, acrylic on canvas, by J. C. Kuo.

Pilot Program

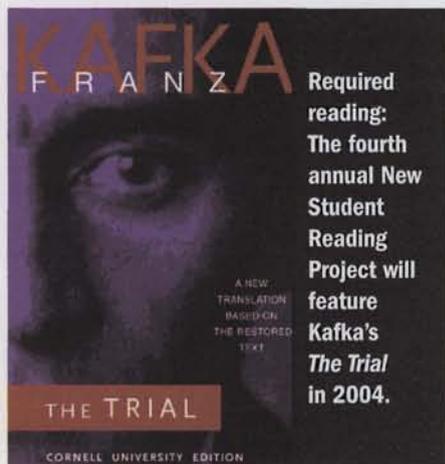
PUBLISH OR PERISH GOES ONLINE

FACED WITH ESCALATING PRODUCTION COSTS AND SLOW SALES, MANY university presses are struggling to stay afloat—and academics who must "publish or perish" are finding it harder to get their books in print. Cornell's J. Robert Cooke thinks technology may hold the solution to this dilemma.

Cooke, a professor of biological and environmental engineering and former dean of the faculty, is heading a digital-publishing project called Internet-First University Press. Internet-First is an "open access" system that publishes books and articles online, where users can read the full text for free or order a printed and bound copy from Cornell Business Services. Authors are not paid for providing their works for online viewing, but receive royalties from the sales of publish-on-demand copies. At the moment, Internet-First's catalogue is small—about twenty books and articles plus three videos—but Cooke hopes to have "hundreds of titles" within a year. (To access the catalogue, visit <http://dspace.library.cornell.edu/handle/1813/62>.)

Internet-First offers both new titles and out-of-print works; the original manuscripts include *Enrico Fermi: Master Scientist* by Cornell physics professor emeritus Jay Orear and *A History of Computing at Cornell* by former CIT director John Rudan, MS '62. Videos include *Dale Corson: Cornell's Good Fortune*, and a series of lectures by physicist Hans Bethe.

Although Internet-First has an editorial board, it will post some works—such as those by well-known faculty experts—before review, slashing the time between submission of a manuscript and publication from months to a matter of hours. (Unreviewed manuscripts will be labeled as such.) "A university press tries to find titles that will be winners financially," says Cooke, "and they review manuscripts with that in mind. But our cost of publication is low, so we can switch the order, posting works before they're reviewed. The technology shifts the cost factor." In addition to this rapid-publishing capability, Internet-First will be able to offer such enhancements as hot links to works cited. Says Cooke: "We've just begun to tap the potential of this, but I think it can ultimately solve the university press problem."



CHAMPIONSHIP RUN Women's track and field continued its dominance of the Heptagonal Championships, winning its third straight indoor title and its fifth consecutive crown counting both indoor and outdoor meets. The Big Red collected points in 17 of the 19 events con-



Hannah Garrity

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tested at Barton Hall, with seven first-place finishes. **Hannah Garrity '04** won both the 200-meter dash and 60-meter hurdles; she also tied the meet record in a preliminary round of the 60-meter hurdles. **Becky Tucker '05** won both the shot put and weight throw competitions. Other winners were **Kari Steed '05** (400 meters), **Ibralate Stanley-Ikhillioju '06** (triple jump), and the 4x400

relay team of Steed, **Linda Trotter '05**, **Cameron Washington '07**, and **Shonda Brown '05**. The men's team finished second to Princeton but posted first-place finishes by **Rahim Wooley '04** (60 meters), **Adam Sansiveri '05** (pole vault), **Ryan Schmidt '05** (long jump), and the 4x400 relay team of **Michael Nanaszko '04**, **Greg Simonds '06**, **Kolby Hoover '07**, and **Brian Eremita '05**.



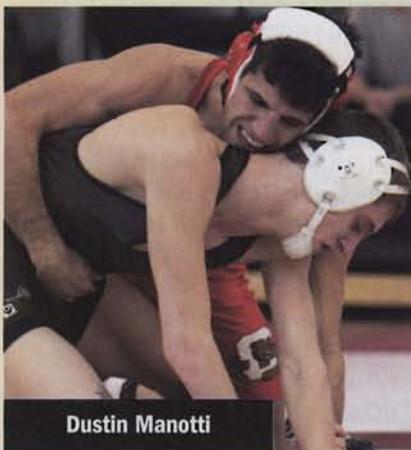
Kari Steed

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GREAT GRAPPLERS The Ivy League champion wrestling team finished in the top 20 at the NCAA Division I Championships for the third

straight season, riding three All-American performances to an 11th place spot.

Dustin Manotti '06 posted Cornell's best finish, placing fourth at 149 pounds. **Travis Lee '05**, who went 32-0 while winning the national title at 125 pounds last season, moved up to the 133-pound weight class this year and finished fifth, becoming one of the first



Dustin Manotti

SPORTS INFO

two Ivy League wrestlers to earn All-American honors three times. **Matt Greenberg '03** finished his career by earning All-American honors with a seventh-place finish at 197 pounds.

OLYMPIAN FEAT **Chinedum Osuji '96** will represent his native country of Trinidad and Tobago at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens after placing second at the Pan-American taekwondo qualifier. Osuji, who is president of C.W. Taekwondo in Boston, won his quarterfinal match 7-1 and clinched an Olympic spot with a 2-1 win in the semifinals. The championship match was not contested, as Osuji withdrew due to injury.

RAPID RISE Of the 18 Cornell hockey players to reach the National Hockey League, goaltender **Matt Underhill '02** may have had the wildest

journey. He went from the East Coast Hockey League to starting for the Chicago Blackhawks in less than three weeks, bypassing the usual stint in the American Hockey League. Underhill made his NHL debut on March 4, making 29 saves in a 4-3 overtime loss to the Edmonton Oilers. He had posted a 9-14-1 record with the ECHL's Florence Pride before signing a tryout contract with the Blackhawks' AHL affiliate in Norfolk. Before playing a game for the Norfolk Admirals, Underhill was called up to replace Adam Munro, who had suffered a concussion. Then, just two hours before his second game with the team, Underhill found out he would start in place of Michael Leighton, who was sidelined with the flu. Underhill was reassigned to Norfolk on March 11.

COACHING STAFF Incoming head football coach **Jim Knowles '87** has hired former Big Red player **Mike Roark '92** as linebackers coach. Knowles also retained two members of the previous staff, defensive line coach Pete DeStefano and director of football operations Pete Noyes. In other coaching news, former Cornell quarterback **Bill Lazor '94** has joined the NFL's Washington Redskins as an offensive assistant under new head coach Joe Gibbs. Lazor was an offensive quality-control coach for the Atlanta Falcons in 2003.

WRECKING BALL It was one of the most famous sports scenes of

GEORGE BOIARDI, 22



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On March 17, lacrosse player **George Boiardi '04** died during a game against Binghamton University. With 2:33 remaining in the fourth quarter, Boiardi, a defensive midfielder, was struck on the chest by a hard shot. He collapsed on the turf at Schoellkopf Field, and the game was stopped. Emergency medical personnel were on the scene within minutes, but attempts to resuscitate Boiardi were unsuccessful. He

was transported to Cayuga Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead at 6:44 p.m.

Boiardi, a four-year starter, was one of four co-captains on this year's varsity squad. Hard working and a swift runner, he was admired by teammates and coaches for his leadership ability, tenacity, and humility. Boiardi was a history major in the College of Arts and Sciences, and he came to Cornell from the Landon School in Bethesda, Maryland, where he was a letterman in football and hockey as well as lacrosse. His full name was Mario St. George Boiardi.

On the day after Boiardi's death, President Jeffrey Lehman issued a statement to the community, saying, "The very qualities that lead us to identify with our teams in victory and defeat now lead us to identify with our team in a moment of tragedy. We mourn together, and we collectively extend our sympathies to the Boiardi family and to all those who knew and loved him." Boiardi is survived by his parents, Mario and Deborah Boiardi, and two sisters. A memorial fund has been established, with the goal of endowing an assistant lacrosse coach's position in Boiardi's name. Gifts should be sent to Laurie Robinson, Director of Development, Cornell University, 55 Brown Road, Ithaca, NY 14850.

2003: a fan reaching above the glove of Chicago Cubs outfielder Moises Alou, preventing him from catching a foul ball in the eighth inning of Game Six of the National League Championship Series. The Cubs went on to lose that game and the series, thus being denied their first trip to the World Series since 1945. Thanks to **Grant DePorter '87**, the offending ball is no more. DePorter is president and managing director of the HC Restaurant Group, which bought the ball at auction for \$113,824.16 and then had it destroyed in an elaborate ceremony at Harry Caray's Restaurant. (Caray was the Cubs' play-by-play announcer from 1982 until his death in 1998.) All proceeds from the event, expected to top \$1 million with the sale of commemorative clothing, will go to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

ROOKIE HONOR Although the men's hockey team fell short in its quest for an eleventh ECAC title, finishing second to Colgate in the regular season and losing to Clarkson in the tournament quarterfinals, freshman goalie **David McKee** was named by the league as its Co-Rookie of the Year. He shared the honor with Brown's Brian Ihnacek. In ECAC contests, McKee posted a 13-6-3 record with a goals-against average of 1.37 and a save percentage of .939.



David McKee

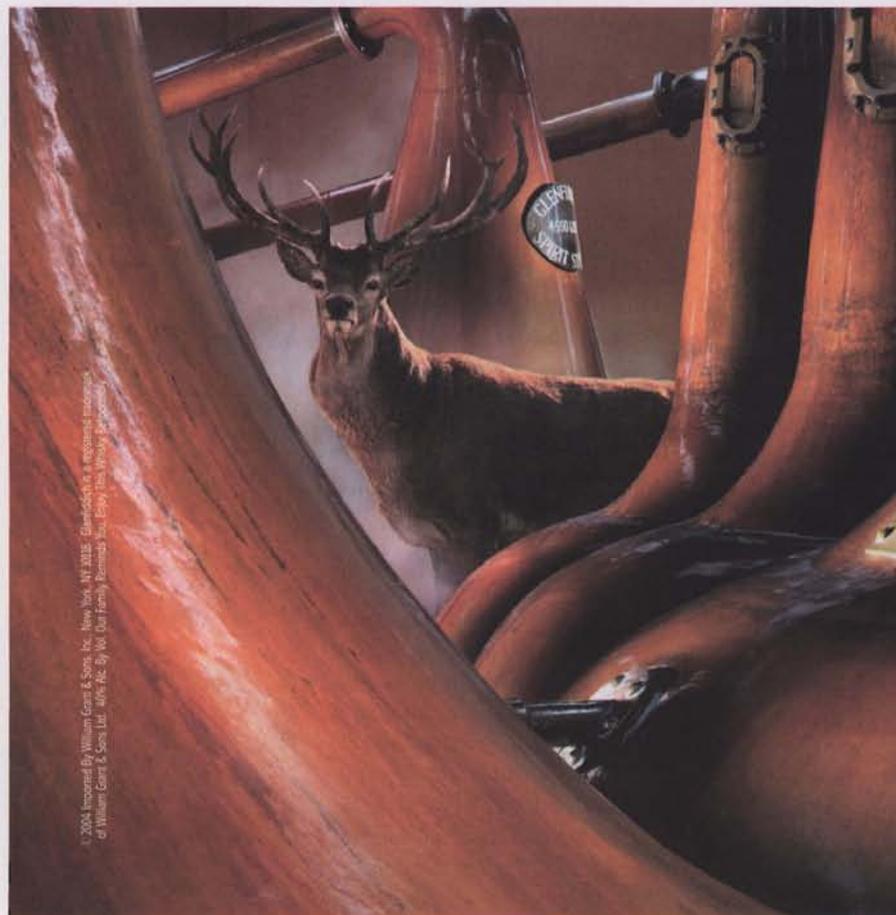
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| Men's Basketball | 11-16; 6-8 Ivy (5th) |
| Women's Basketball | 9-18; 4-10 Ivy (7th) |
| Fencing | 5-9; 0-5 Ivy (6th) |
| Gymnastics | 8-18 |
| Men's Hockey | 16-10-6; 13-6-3 ECAC (2nd); 7-2-1 Ivy (1st; tied with Brown) |
| Women's Hockey | 7-21-2; 3-15-0 ECAC (8th); 0-10-0 Ivy (6th) |
| Men's Polo | 18-5 |
| Women's Polo | 17-2-1; national champions |
| Men's Squash | 8-7; 2-4 Ivy (5th) |
| Women's Squash | 5-10; 0-6 Ivy (7th) |
| Men's Swimming & Diving | 7-4; 5-4 EISL (5th) |
| Women's Swimming & Diving | 3-8; 0-7 Ivy (8th) |
| Men's Indoor Track | 3-0 |
| Women's Indoor Track | 3-0 |
| Wrestling | 11-6; 5-0 Ivy (1st) |

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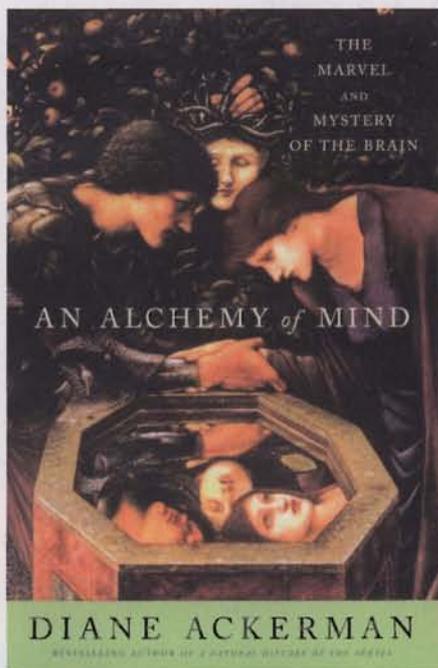
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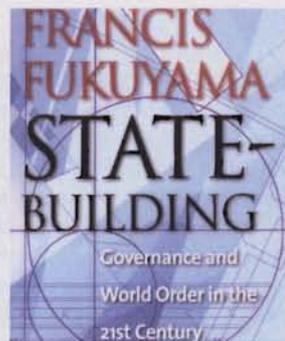
In Brief

AN ALCHEMY OF MIND by Diane Ackerman, MA '73, MFA '77, PhD '79 (Scribner). Drawing not only on both sides of the brain but on the latest research in neuroscience, poet and naturalist Diane Ackerman delves into the five-pound universe between our ears to examine such mysteries as consciousness, dreams, emotion, language acquisition, memory, the effects of trauma, the uniqueness of Shakespeare, the difference between male and female brains, and the nature of identity.

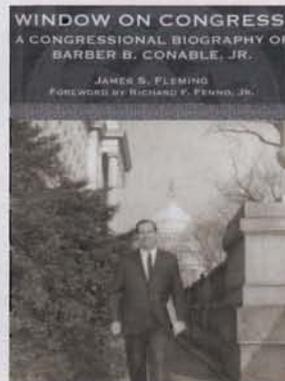
CLINTON & ME by Mark Katz '86 (Miramax). With irreverent wit, political satirist Mark Katz chronicles his experiences as the in-house joke writer for the Clinton White House. He maps the bumpy road that took him from a job as a speechwriter for Michael Dukakis through a disastrous turn in advertising and on to his post in the West Wing.



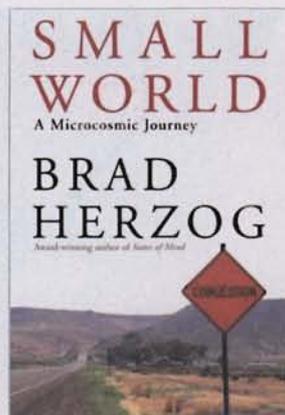
STATE-BUILDING by Francis Fukuyama '74 (Cornell University Press). Francis Fukuyama predicted “the end of history” with the ascendancy of liberal democracy and global capitalism in *The End of History and the Last Man*. Now he addresses the building of new nation-states. Fukuyama discusses how to transfer workable public institutions to developing countries in ways that will benefit their citizens, as well as the consequences of weak states for international order.



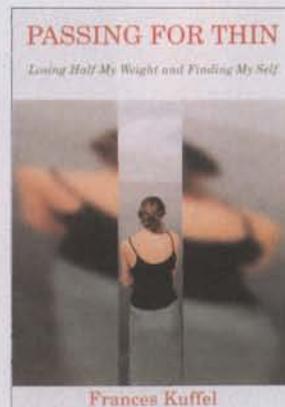
WINDOW ON CONGRESS: A CONGRESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY OF BARBER B. CONABLE JR. by James S. Fleming (University of Rochester Press). A professor of political science at the Rochester Institute of Technology examines the career of the late Barber B. Conable Jr. '43, BA '42, LLB '48, who served twenty years as a representative from western New York, became the ranking Republican on the Ways and Means Committee, played a critical role in the Watergate investigation, and led the World Bank as president before he retired.



SMALL WORLD: A MICRO-COSMIC JOURNEY by Brad Herzog '90 (Pocket Books). In a follow-up to his travelogue *States of Mind*, longtime CAM contributor Brad Herzog takes the reader on a journey through the world of stories along America's highways, where he encounters a cast of characters including devout ranchers, devoted nudists, miners, migrants, artists, activists, hillbillies, hippies, hermits, and Hare Krishnas.



PASSING FOR THIN by Frances Kuffel, MFA '83 (Broadway Books). Literary agent Frances Kuffel had struggled with her weight all her life until, at age forty-two and 313 pounds, she began the process of losing 188 pounds, a project that took two years. Transformed at last into the “normal” woman she always dreamed of becoming, Kuffel found herself unprepared for life among the thin.



Recently Published

Non-fiction

RE-IMAGINE by Tom Peters '64, BS '65, ME '66 (DK Publishers). Management guru Peters sounds the call for innovation in business. He foresees small professional service firms as the wave of the future, discusses the untapped financial power of women, and stresses the need to restructure the American education system.

BEATING THE BLUES by Susan Lang '72, BS HE '71, and Michael E. Thase (Oxford University Press). Cornell science writer Lang and Dr. Thase, a professor of psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, show how chronic mild depression can in most cases be readily and permanently cured through a combination of medication and therapy.

ART-SITES SAN FRANCISCO by Sidra Stich '65 (University of California Press). An in-depth guide to the best museums, galleries, and other San Francisco venues that show innovative work by local and international artists.

FOR THE BIRDS by Randolph Scott Little '62 (Little). A history of the genesis and development of the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology.

VIRGINIA WOOLF AS FEMINIST by Naomi Black '55 (Cornell University Press). A professor emerita of political science and women's studies at York University (Toronto) argues that Virginia Woolf's *Three Guineas* is not only a book about war but the clearest presentation of Woolf's feminism.

POLLING TO GOVERN by Diane J. Heith '92 (Stanford Law & Politics). A professor of government and politics at St. John's University dissects the public-opinion polling practices of six presidential administrations, from Nixon through Clinton, and contends that polls do not affect presidential decisions to the extent that some observers claim.

HEALTHY TRANSITIONS by Neil Shulman and Edmund S. Kim '85 (Prometheus Books). A user-friendly guide to the experience of menopause.

Fiction

MISDEMEANOR MAN by Dylan Schaffer '86 (Bloomsbury). A comic legal thriller about a reluctant public defender—and lead singer for a Barry Manilow cover band—who uncovers corruption in his Northern California city.

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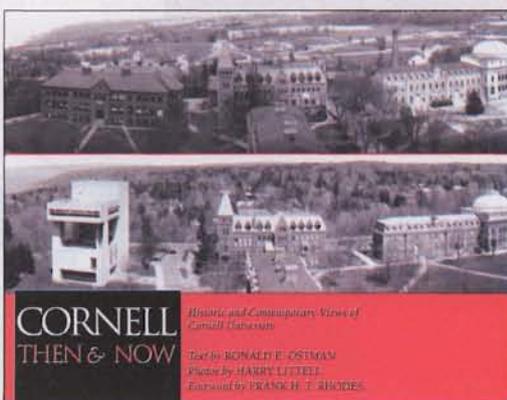
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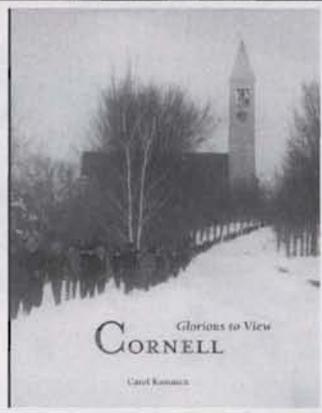
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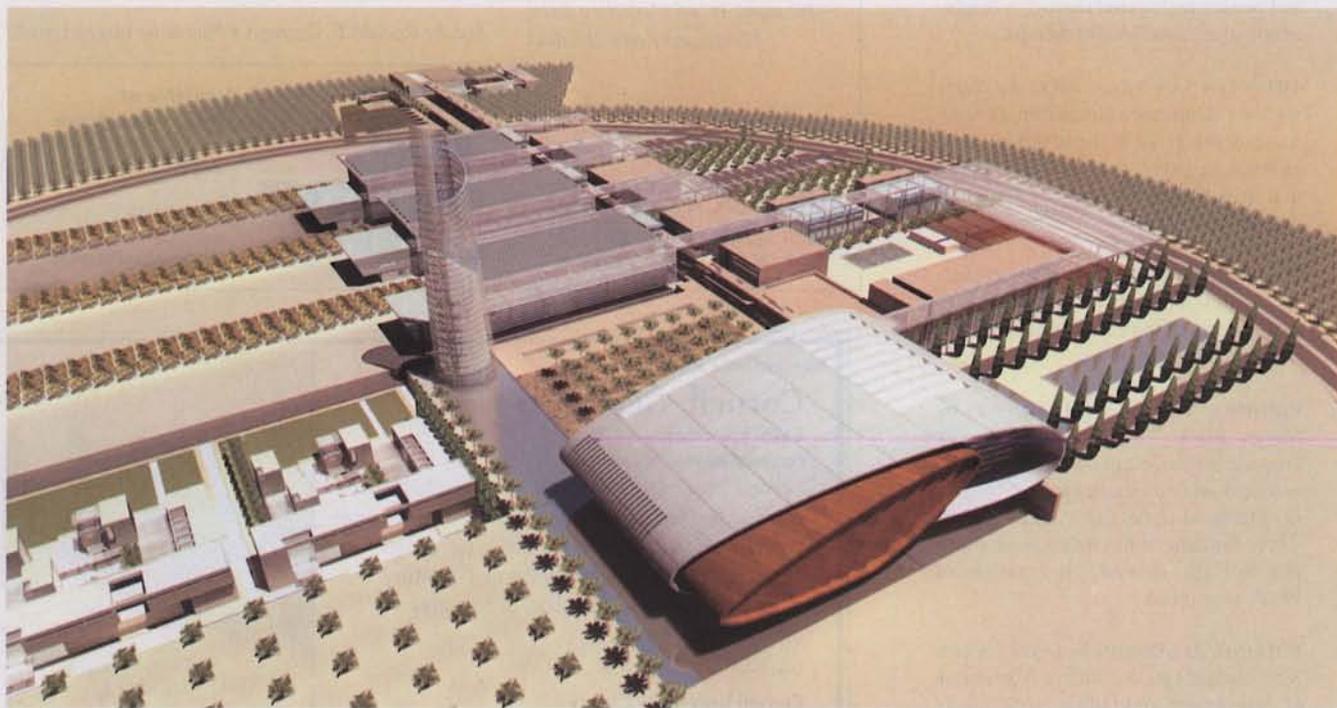
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Line in the Sand

SCIENCE CENTER LAUNCHED AT ISRAELI-JORDANIAN BORDER



IN EARLY MARCH, DELEGATIONS from Cornell and Stanford, including presidents Jeffrey Lehman '77 and John Hennessy, traveled to a desolate 150-acre patch of land straddling the Israeli-Jordanian border. Here in the Arava desert, known as the Wadi Araba on the Jordanian side, they broke ground for the Bridging the Rift Center, a multi-million-dollar research facility intended to bring together American, Israeli, and Jordanian

scientists to research the genetic code of all living things.

"This has the potential to be one of the biggest science projects of all time," says Ron Elber, an Israeli professor of computer science at Cornell and the center's director. "It could be bigger than putting a man on the moon." Politicians say the venture could also boost Israeli-Jordanian relations with the kind of cooperation they envisioned when the two countries signed a peace

treaty a decade ago, and create an oasis of intellectual exchange in an otherwise politically volatile region. Ra'annan Gissin, a spokesperson for Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, calls the center a "major breakthrough" in grass-roots relations between Israel and Jordan, "and potentially, between Israel and the Arab world."

BTR takes its name from two sources: the physical separation caused by the Jordan Rift Valley that divides the two countries and the ideological discord between them. Inspiration for the center came in 2000 from Israeli businessman Mati Kochavi, who dreamed of a scientific

Center design: The Skidmore, Owings & Merrill team includes architects Mustafa Abadan '82, MArch '84, Jun-ya Nakatsugawa '92, Terence Cuaso '02, and Raymond Kwok '02.

endeavor to bring Jews and Arabs together. Kochavi, chairman of a holding company that invests in technology and energy companies, established the nonprofit in 2002 and has since raised “multi-millions” from private donors.

The three-part groundbreaking celebration in early March—Jordan’s King Abdullah II and Israel’s Sharon conducted separate ceremonies in Amman and Jerusalem to appease hard-liners in both countries—is a sign of how complex the start-up process has been. The project was kept secret until February, and even put on hold several times, out of fear that publicity about a joint Israeli-Jordanian initiative might create a backlash. Each country had to create new laws to allow the donation of land. “We are grateful that the governments of Israel and Jordan have taken the first steps to show how this collaboration can evolve,” says Lehman.

In addition to cooperation from both governments, Kochavi wanted to involve top-tier U.S. schools, to help draw scientists from around the world and create a prestigious educational opportunity for Israelis and Jordanians. He was interested in agriculture; King Abdullah was keen on information technology. So Kochavi turned to Cornell and Stanford because of their strengths in these fields.

Then the brainstorming began: what would the center actually do? Kochavi wanted a field with growth potential, and one that would attract important scientists and provide fodder for spin-off industries. Information technology wasn’t just the king’s preference—“it was something easy to place anywhere and has global implications,” says Cornell plant sciences professor Steven Tanksley, whose expertise fit well with Kochavi’s goals for the center. Then Tanksley suggested what was to become the facility’s centerpiece, an idea he called the “Library of Life”—a computer data-

bank of genetic information on everything from humans and animals to plants and microbes.

The center, say Cornell faculty, will surpass in importance GenBank, the database operated by the National Institutes of Health and part of an international collection of DNA information. That’s because the Library of Life will not only record genetic codes but also incorporate digitized images and global positioning data to analyze how genes interact with and adapt to their environments and how species co-evolved, allowing scientists to make predictions at the genetic level.

Through BTR, scheduled to open in three to five years, Cornell and Stanford will offer doctoral degrees to Israelis, Jordanians, and others who will pursue coursework on the U.S. campuses and conduct their fieldwork at the center. Tanksley and other Cornell and Stanford experts in genetics, biology, ecology, and computer science will collaborate with Jordanian scientists from the University of Jordan in Amman, the University of King Hussein,

Higher Education are also involved. The schools do not have formal affiliations with the center because, says Kochavi, “we wanted neutral U.S. universities” to be the key players. Plans call for the center to accommodate about 150 people initially and eventually up to 1,000.

Now the academic committee, led by Stanford biology professor Marc Feldman, is divvying up duties: Stanford researchers will likely collect data while Cornell scientists will identify sampling needs and develop computer modeling. Organizers hope that their research will eventually foster spin-off enterprises, creating tangible medical and economic benefits such as new treatments for genetic diseases.

The Arava site fifty miles south of the Dead Sea was chosen for its relative safety and quiet, far from Israeli-Palestinian clashes on the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Additionally, says Feldman, the area is “perfect for researching what happens in extreme environments—places with high salinity and high temperatures.” For Elber, the center’s location has symbolic signifi-



Hot house: A trellis-shaded laboratory courtyard will offer shelter from the desert sun.

and the University of Albarka; Israel is contributing scientists from Tel Aviv University, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and the Weizmann Institute of Science. Jordan’s Ministry of Education and Ministry of

cance, too. “The Middle East is the place of the birth of civilization,” he says. “Perhaps this could help the Middle East become the center of civilization again.”

— Tamar Morad

Change of Habit

A NUN EARNS HER MD

SINCE IT WAS FOUNDED IN THE THIRTEENTH CENTURY, the Catholic Church's Order of the Preachers, better known as the Dominicans, has survived countless challenges: martyrdom by rampaging Tartars, persecution by the Bourbon courts of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, transplantation to the New World. So when one 140-year-old convent in Nashville, Tennessee, ran up against the American health-care system, they found a way around that, too.

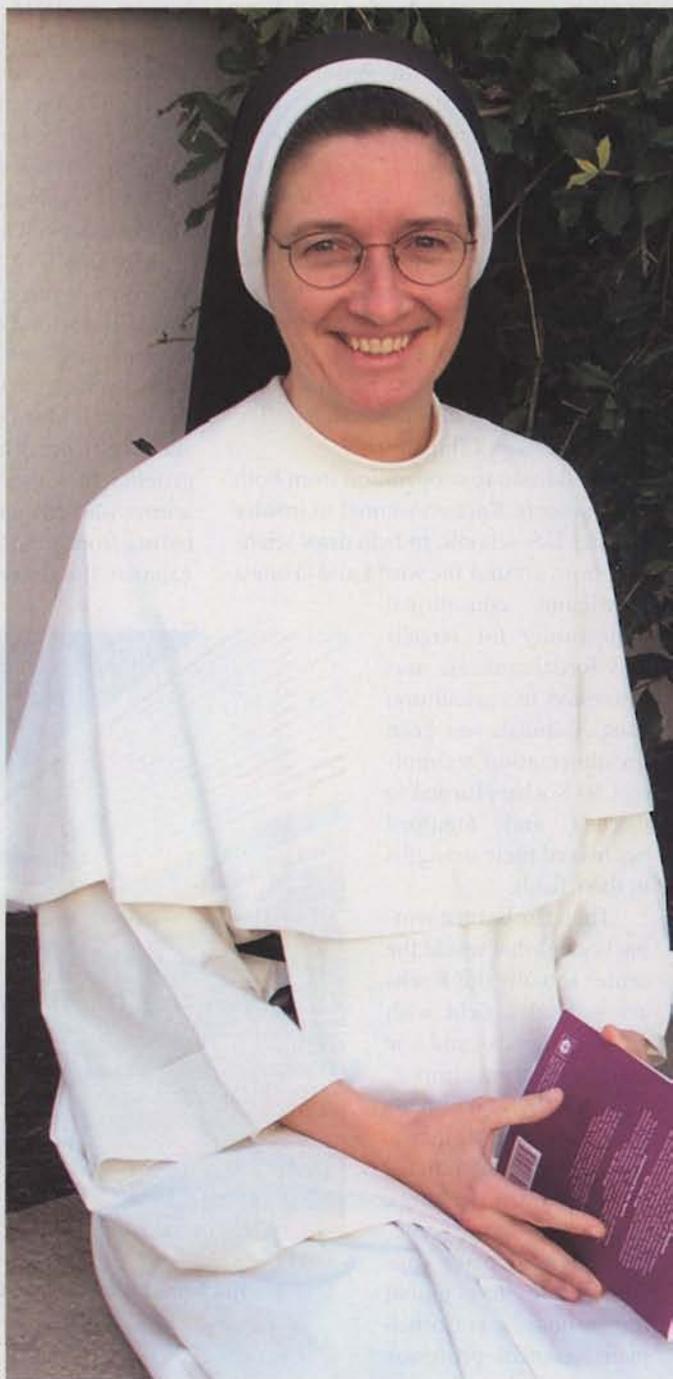
The St. Cecilia Convent, a cloistered community of nearly 200 sisters, has always prided itself on self-sufficiency. Overwhelmed by rising health-insurance premiums, they knew paying for visits to the doctor would soon exceed their budget—so they decided to grow their own. In 1998, the convent sent Sister Mary Diana Dreger back to school. Dreger '82, who had lived and worked in the community since 1989, earned an MD from Vanderbilt University's medical school in 2001, and she is now in the final months of a three-year residency, preparing to serve the St. Cecilia community.

The Dominicans are an order known for their dedication to prayer and teaching, and members of the St. Cecilia Congregation currently work with more than 8,000 students from pre-school to college age in nine states. Communal activities, especially music, also figure in their daily life. "I had always loved music, and the liturgy seemed like such a beautiful way to pray together. It was part of what drew me to the Dominicans," says Dreger, who was teaching high school biology when she first met a group of the sisters at a summer course in theology in 1988. "When I found out that I was experiencing a call to join a convent in Nashville, though, I told the Lord that there just had to be another way."

Born in Queens and raised on Long Island, Dreger still misses home ("You cannot get a good bagel in Tennessee," she sighs), but has no regrets about following her call to St. Cecilia's. Dreger, who was raised Catholic and educated in public schools, enrolled at Cornell in 1978 as a pre-med student at the age of sixteen. Then she began to wonder if she could be a doctor and still have the family that she thought she would want someday.

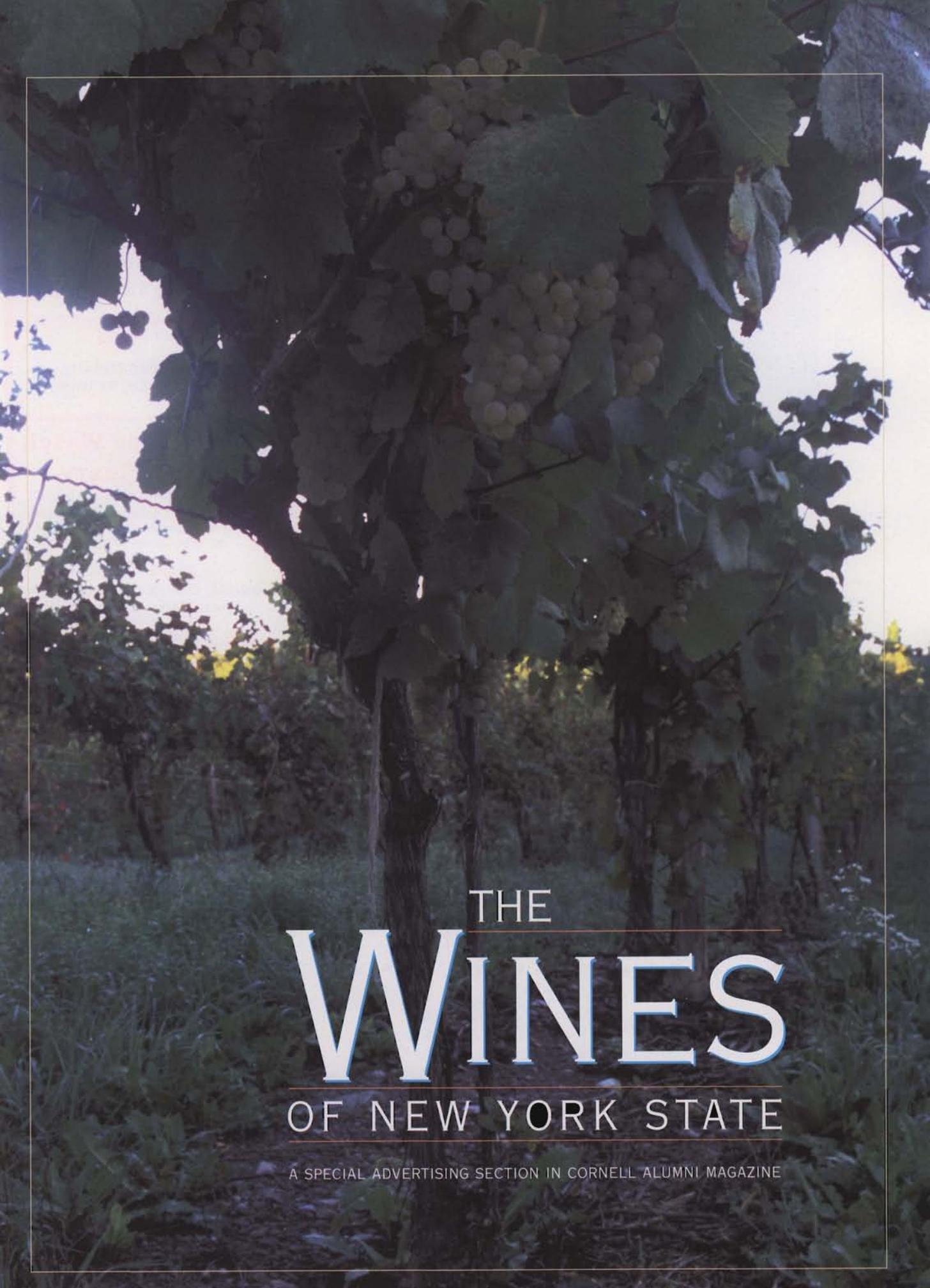
She left the University in 1980 and spent some time working in New York City, first as a temp at Tiffany & Co. and later in medical records at Lenox Hill Hospital. "I got the job because I could spell 'diarrhea,'" she says dryly. Dreger's conversation is tinged with a gentle irony, an acceptance of the unexpected. "I never actually decided not to have a family or not to go to medical school in my twenties," she says. "I was just called to other things."

After a few months, Dreger returned to school, this time in a program for secondary biology education at SUNY Stony Brook. She enjoyed the statistics and calculus courses so much that when she began teaching in 1983, she continued to study for her master's in math. The summer after she completed the degree, she decided to pursue her interests in theology and philosophy. "My



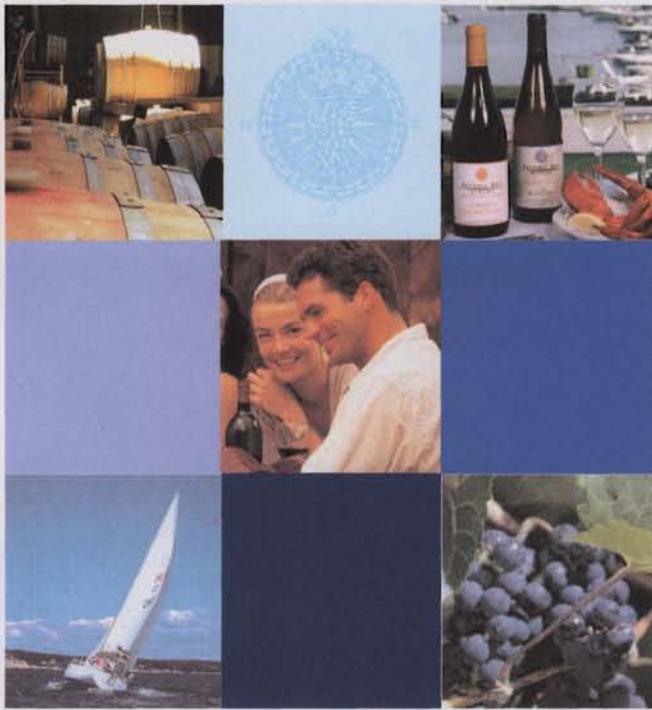
COURTESY OF SISTER MARY DIANA DREGER

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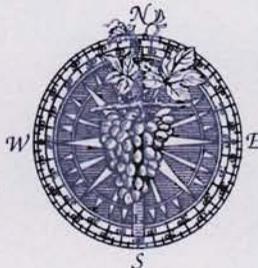
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Business is booming for New York wines

BY PEGGY HAINE

Though some California wineries, driven to bankruptcy by the recent wine glut, have closed, and French winemakers claim to be on the brink of disaster, New York State's wineries are doing very well. In fact, since the Farm Winery Act passed in 1975, making it possible for then-struggling grape growers to make and sell wine on their property, the number of New York wineries has swelled from nineteen to more than 190—with more opening each year.

Wine has become the centerpiece of the fastest-growing industry in the state's two largest economic sectors: agriculture and tourism. Since 1985, the number of tourists visiting New York wineries has swelled from fewer than 400,000 to more than 3 million. But spreading the word remains a challenge—so the New York Wine and Grape Foundation, in addition to its annual "New York Wines and Dines" promotion in New York City, Buffalo, and Rochester, has established an export program focused on Ontario and the United Kingdom. The Finger Lakes Wine Alliance has also been active, pouring its products at consumer shows in Boston, Chicago, and Washington, D.C. And Senator Hillary Clinton has instituted the crowd-pleasing New York Farm Days in the nation's capital, featuring the state's fine wines and food products.

While the state is known for its Rieslings, which many consider the best in the U.S., there's more to New York wines than one variety, says James Trezise, executive director of the New York Wine and Grape Foundation. He praises the emergence of the state's red vinifera wines, especially Cabernet Franc. "Cabernet Franc is our red Riesling," he says. "It's a generally reliable variety that does well in our climate, is good to work with in the cellar, and can be released early, so it helps with cash flow. It's what we do best in the reds—but we've made some stunning Cabernet Sauvignons and Merlots, too." Trezise also praises New York's non-vinifera wines, noting that in one competition Swedish Hill Winery's Country Concord came close to winning as the best red wine, a prize that ultimately went to Hosmer Vineyards for its Cabernet Franc. "We're not a one-dimensional industry," Trezise says. "Our strength is our diversity."

Peggy Haine '65, BS '72, was editor of the Finger Lakes Wine Gazette for ten years before going into real estate sales; she specializes in vineyard and winery properties. She retired from her post as senior writer and consultant with Cornell's Office of Communications and Marketing Services in March.



Enology and Viticulture Program Underscores Land Grant Mission

New York's winemakers don't have to worry about having their jobs outsourced overseas. But with only a few university-based viticulture and enology programs in the world, the state's growing wine industry has struggled to find enough trained vineyardists and winemakers to do the job.

Wineries have made expensive mistakes with on-the-job learning, hired itinerant consultants, and imported winemakers from Europe. They've also received valuable assistance from Thomas Henick-Kling and his crew at Cornell's New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva and Cornell Cooperative Extension's Tim Martinson, PhD '91, and his grape program. But as the number of New York's wineries continues to grow, so does the need for trained workers.

Responding to this need, Dean

Susan Henry of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences has announced a new Viticulture and Enology Program. It offers two options: one in viticulture and vineyard management, based in the Department of Horticulture, and the other in enology under the Department of Food Science.

Professor John Hotchkiss, chair of the Department of Food Science, says his department has developed three completely new courses in food science in addition to the new enology course and existing basic science and food science courses, including the department's popular Understanding Wine, developed by Henick-Kling and Terry Acree, PhD '68, of the Experiment Station. And the Department of Horticulture, under the guidance of Ian Merwin, PhD '90, and Bob Pool, PhD '74, has strengthened its offerings to meet the industry's need for viticulturists.

The program, which draws on resources throughout the University and in the industry, has already begun attracting students. "I've gotten twenty or thirty inquiries from high school students and people at other colleges who want to transfer into the program," says Merwin. Hotchkiss also reports enthusiastic inter-

est in the program's enology concentration. "Winemaking, like other fermentations, is part art, but in reality it's biotechnology and science," he says. "We're training people to apply the best science and technology, so they can make the best product in the world."

The program's influence is expected to reach far beyond the wineries themselves. "It's tourism and local development, too;

some of the wineries are selling 80 percent of their product out of their own stores, to thousands and thousands of visitors," notes Hotchkiss. "It's something that has grown into more than agriculture."

This new offering is "an excellent example of a program evolving in support of Cornell's land-grant mission," says Dean Henry. "New York State agriculture is continually changing, and at the college we're always looking to make sure our educational programs are meeting current needs. By offering this new program, we simultaneously meet the needs of New York

State agriculture, respond to student demand, and contribute to economic growth. It's a fine example of Cornell remaining true to the land-grant mission of service and relevance."

To Your Health!

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And while the students in the Hotel school's Introduction to Wines course, taught by Stephen Mutkoski '67, PhD '76, spend fall, winter, and spring learning geography in a glass—well, four glasses—balancing stemware on their laps and sniffing, swirling, and sipping their way through Old World and New, local aficionados have many resources in the Finger Lakes, where

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Gene Pierce '67 at Glenora Winery generally offers a winter program of Tuesday-night wine tastings led by winemaker Steve DiFrancesco. The evenings explore the Finger Lakes and beyond, focusing on such topics as "Anything but Chardonnay" and "Champagne and other Bubbliess." And the winery's restaurant, Veraisons, offers a post-tasting discount to participants who stay for dinner (www.glenora.com).

Watch, too, for Red Newt Vineyards' "Nine Wines Blind" dinners, which combine Chef Deborah Whiting's excellent culinary creations with Finger Lakes wines. Winemaker Dave Whiting guides his diners through the same kind of tastings that winemakers use to challenge and sharpen their own olfactory and gustatory senses—wine bottles are hidden in brown paper bags and tasters sniff and sip, attempting to identify the wines by their flavor characteristics. It's a useful exercise and full of surprises—even for those with experienced palates (www.rednewt.com).

If you simply must make your own wine, two Finger Lakes establishments—Fulkerson Winery, operated by Sayre Fulkerson '75, and Fall Bright, the Winemakers Shop (www.fallbright.com)—will sell you wine-worthy grape juices and the skins, if you want them, and all the equipment you'll need. Advice is free.

Professor Mutkoski's students put their noses to the grindstone—or the glass rim—as they explore not only wines from elsewhere in the world, but those made by the Finger Lakes' Hermann Wiemer, Dr. Konstantin Frank, Glenora, Lamoreaux Landing, Fox Run, and Hazlitt, and Long Island's Palmer, Lenz, Quarry Creek, and Bedell

wineries. Comparing New York wineries' progress to those of Europe, Mutkoski notes that Finger Lakes growers did not begin to plant vinifera wines until the 1950s and '60s, and Long Island growers not until the '70s.

"That's still relatively young, compared to Mosel, where they've been growing Riesling for over 2,000 years," he says. "In New York State, the wine has continued to improve, as people get to understand the clonal selections and the small microclimate differences in different vineyard sites, and do a better job on the viticulture side to produce better quality fruit to produce better wines. It's a process that takes dedication and sometimes some creativity. That certainly has been the case and hopefully will continue to be the case in the Finger Lakes and the rest of New York."

Cold Snap

January temperatures may have taken their toll on this fall's harvest, as temperatures as low as -14° F froze buds on hibernating Finger Lakes grapevines. While vineyardists can still adjust crop size by pruning less severely than they usually do, many are anticipating a light crop in 2004. That is not expected to affect the quality of grapes or wine—only the quantity.



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Released last fall, the DVD *Cayuga Lake Wine Country*, produced by Larry Baum '72, Kevin Hicks '90, and Eric Lindstrom, invites viewers to join a trio of young explorers as they circle the lake in a red 1967 Corvair convertible, visiting fifteen wineries and chatting with the owners and winemakers. There are plenty of panoramic vistas of Cayuga Lake, its vineyards, croplands, and forests, shot from the window of a Baum-piloted Cessna by a slightly airsick Hicks—although you'd never guess it from his steady camera work—as well as land-based shots of the wineries and tasting rooms.

The aerials are key to understanding why the Finger Lakes region is so well suited for cool-climate viticulture, with topographic characteristics similar to those that yield Germany and Austria's fine Rieslings and Gewürztraminers, and Bordeaux's *premier cru* Cabernet blends. The glacier-carved lakes retain and release warmth in winter, moderating Mother Nature's meteorological vagaries, and, most years, offsetting the ill effects of Central New York's turbulent affair with Jack Frost. The slope of the surrounding shores also permits cold air to flow down quickly to the lake, to be replaced with the rising warmer air. The area's shale- and gravel-rich soils provide good footing for such European

vinifera grapes as Riesling, Gewürztraminer, Cabernet Franc, and Pinot Noir, as well as for the French-American hybrids and native grapes that helped establish the Finger Lakes as a grape-growing region in the mid-nineteenth century.

What is immediately apparent is the ongoing expansion of the Finger Lakes wineries, not only in number but in size. Among the many notable projects are a new nineteenth-century-style barn at Americana Vineyards, soon to be its tasting room, and the large decks at Six Mile Creek Vineyards that overlook the



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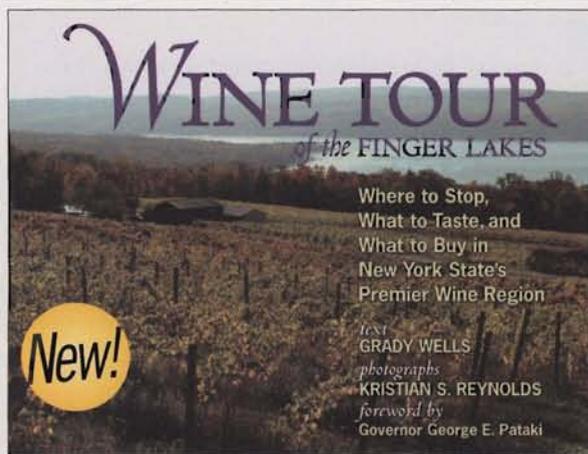
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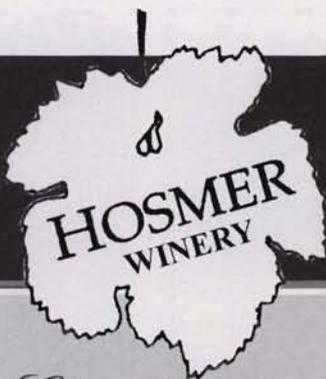
Striking, too, is the variety of wines produced on a single lake. Long Point's Gary Barletta specializes in vinifera reds, while King Ferry's Peter Saltonstall '75 is a master of Chardonnay, and Sheldrake Point is achieving recognition not only for its Riesling, Pinot Noir, and Gamay, but also for its luscious ice wines. Nearly all the wineries produce at least some of the French-American hybrids upon which the modern Finger Lakes wine business was founded, and some, like Governor's Cup-winning Hosmer,



To Your Health!

In tests on aging rats, researchers have discovered that drinking Concord grape juice improves short-term memory and neuromotor skills. According to James Joseph, chief of the Neurosciences Laboratory at the USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging, "Concord grape juice has the potential to help retard the mental and physical declines of aging." The study, funded by the USDA, the Michigan Department of Agriculture, and Welch Foods, notes that Concord grape juice had the highest total antioxidants of any fruit, vegetable, or juice tested. Tests conducted by Cornell's New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva indicate that Pinot Noir juice runs a close second, with its skins containing even more antioxidants than those of Concord grapes. Alcohol extracts antioxidants from the skins and deposits them in the wine.

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Viewers get an eyeful of Sheldrake Point's immaculate and extensive gardens, its vineyard acreage on a hillside where feed crops once grew, and its café, which quickly burst the seams of the farm's tractor shed. On the other hand, there's the cozy charm of John and Annie Bachman's Lakeshore Winery, where visitors plunk themselves into rockers around a stone fireplace to sample food-and-wine pairings. Lindstrom, Baum, and Hicks have done a masterful job of capturing the individuality and quirkiness of these fifteen wineries, and the pleasure of leaving behind the daily grind to visit places where people are passionate about what they do. *Cayuga Lake Wine Country* is available at many of Cayuga Lake's wineries and through Baum's business, The Computing Center, 15 Thornwood Drive, Ithaca, New York 14850; (607) 257-3524.

Finger Lakes Wineries by the Book

With grape cultivation the only agricultural industry that continues to grow and expand steadily in New York State, the recent proliferation of Finger Lakes wineries—now numbering more than eighty—can leave a visitor wondering where to begin. For an informative and comprehensive key, look to *Wine Tour of the Finger Lakes: Where to Stop, What to Taste, and What to Buy in New York State's Premier Wine Region* by Grady Wells, with spectacular photos by Kristian Reynolds, from Ithaca's McBooks Press.

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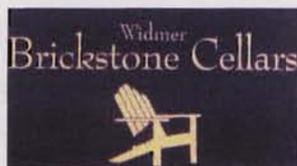
The book focuses on vinifera varieties and the wineries that produce them, but also has information on every other winery in the region (at least up until the date of publication—the things keep popping up). Wells trips through the Chardonnays, Gewürztraminers, Rieslings, Pinot Noirs, Cabernet Francs, and Cabernet Sauvignons, then veers into the area's rarer viniferas—Pinot Blanc, Pinot Gris, Viognier, Sangiovese, Syrah, and the exotic Rkatsiteli, as well as Bordeaux-style and proprietary vinifera blends. While acknowledging that even connoisseurs' tastes vary remarkably, he recommends the wines he enjoys, suggesting food pairings and offering a few not-too-complicated recipes. As an acknowledgment of taste differences, he also asked a handful of local vinophiles to present their "if you were on a desert island and could have only one case of Finger Lakes wines" preferences. The choices range far and wide.

The focus on vinifera wineries leaves some of the area's non-vinifera wineries and products for readers to discover on their own—such as new (and tiny) Glenhaven Farm Winery, offspring of the blueberry farm run by John Tamburello '76 and Andrea Beesing, MA '77, whose dry blueberry wines are reminiscent of fine claret, or Arbor Hill Winery, with its pioneering Cornell-bred Traminette, or the recently born Ravines Wine Cellars with winemaker Morten Hallgren. Other wineries produce fine fruit wines, like the Raspberry Royale of Cameron "Tunker" Hosmer '76 and Goose Watch's Bartlett Pear made by Dave Peterson '79, and the wonderful ice and late-harvest wines made from Vignoles and Vidal grapes by several

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Finger Lakes houses. Still, this richly illustrated, informative guide is a must-have for wine connoisseur and novice alike—and all wine lovers can look forward to new editions that will further chronicle the area's burgeoning wine industry.

The Shipping News

Twenty-six states allow their wineries to ship to out-of-state customers. New York is not one of them.

But that may be about to change, and many in the New York wine industry have hailed Governor George Pataki's inclusion of legislation that would permit direct shipping in his 2004–05 budget. The proposal would raise an estimated \$2 to \$3 million a year from licensing fees, an excise tax of five cents per liter, and sales tax of as much as 8.5 percent on wines coming into the state. According to the New



To Your Health!

Harvard Medical School researcher David Sinclair, publishing in the journal *Nature*, touts red wine as a life extender—at least if you're a yeast cell. Sinclair found that resveratrol, a compound found in large quantities in the skin of red grapes and which is thought to help combat heart disease, cancer, and even osteoporosis, also boosts levels of the enzyme Sir2, which, by stabilizing DNA, is thought to extend life span. Yeast cells generally replicate themselves about twenty-five times before dying; on a diet of resveratrol, they tacked on an additional fifteen replications. When tested on fruit flies, resveratrol extended their standard month-long lives by one-third. Testing on mice is next.

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York Wine and Grape Foundation's James Trezise, allowing direct shipping would help the majority of New York's wineries, many of whom have such low production that it's difficult for them to attract wholesale distributors.

John Dyson '65, former New York State commissioner for agriculture and proprietor of Millbrook Vineyards in the Hudson River Valley, has long led the charge to allow out-of-state shipping. Joining him in the fight is Peter Saltonstall '75, proprietor of Cayuga Lake's King Ferry Winery, who has collected thousands of signatures in support of the cause and raised money for the lobbying effort. "I'm the one with the big bull's-eye on my forehead," Saltonstall says, referring to the wholesale liquor lobby's well-funded effort to squelch the change. Saltonstall believes the Pataki Administration may be underestimating the effect such a change would have on the state's revenues. "I've seen figures as high as \$8 million, extrapolated from New Hampshire's figures," he says, "and the state budget can use all the help it can get."



To Your Health!

According to research results published in the British journal *Addiction*, heavy drinkers live longer than their teetotaling counterparts. A study of more than 10,000 British civil servants aged 35 to 55 found that the heaviest-drinking females in the study, who consumed more than three bottles of wine a week, were 10 percent less likely to die prematurely than the moderate drinkers. Men who consumed more than sixteen pints of beer a week were at a 6 percent lower risk of developing heart disease than moderate drinkers.

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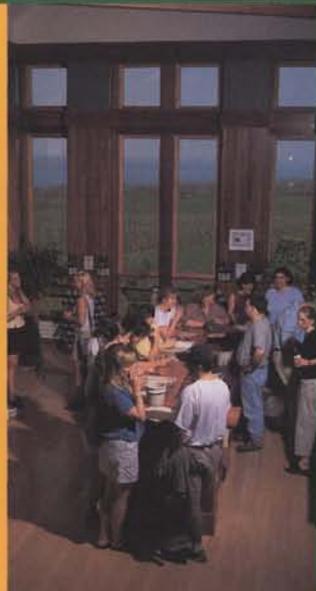
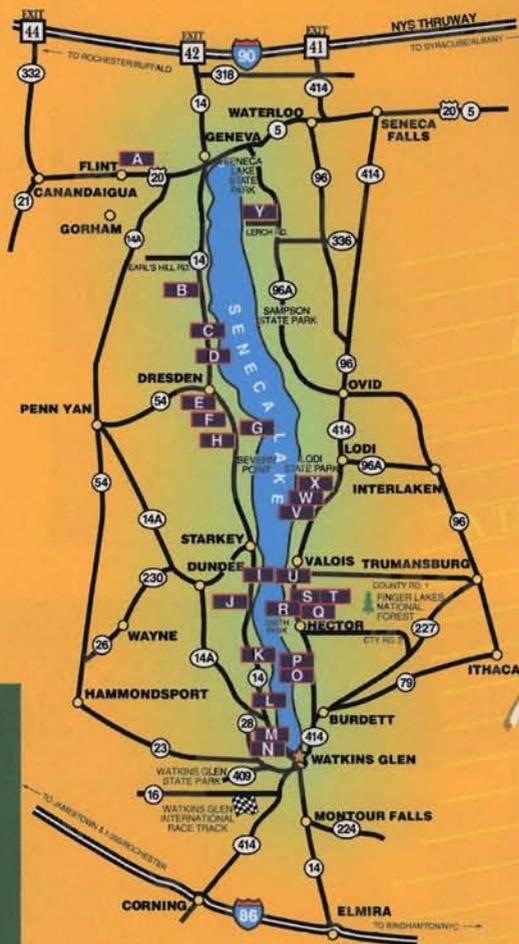
Good Press

In addition to an enthusiastic mid-winter boost from the *New York Times*, New York's wineries have received notable ratings from the *Wine Spectator*, which, until a few years ago, gave short shrift to the state's wines. In this year's "Smart Buys" issue, Dr. Frank's 2002 Dry Riesling received an excellent rating of 90 points out of 100; Red Newt's 2002 Riesling Reserve and 2001 Cabernet Sauvignon both received 89s; two Millbrook Vineyards Cabernet Franc issues each received 88s; and Atwater Estate Vineyards took a pair of 87s for their 2001 Cabernet Sauvignon and 2002 Riesling. "One point of interest is the recent emergence of red vinifera wines from the Finger Lakes, which not long ago was considered white-wine country," says James Trezise of the New York Wine and Grape Foundation. "It's amazing what knowledge, determination, and passion can do."

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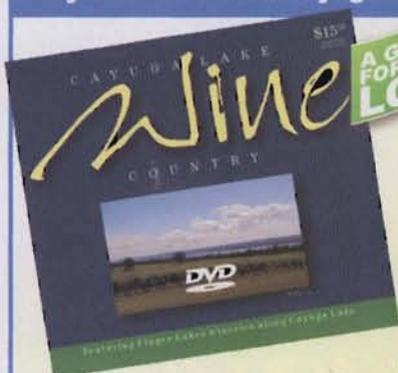
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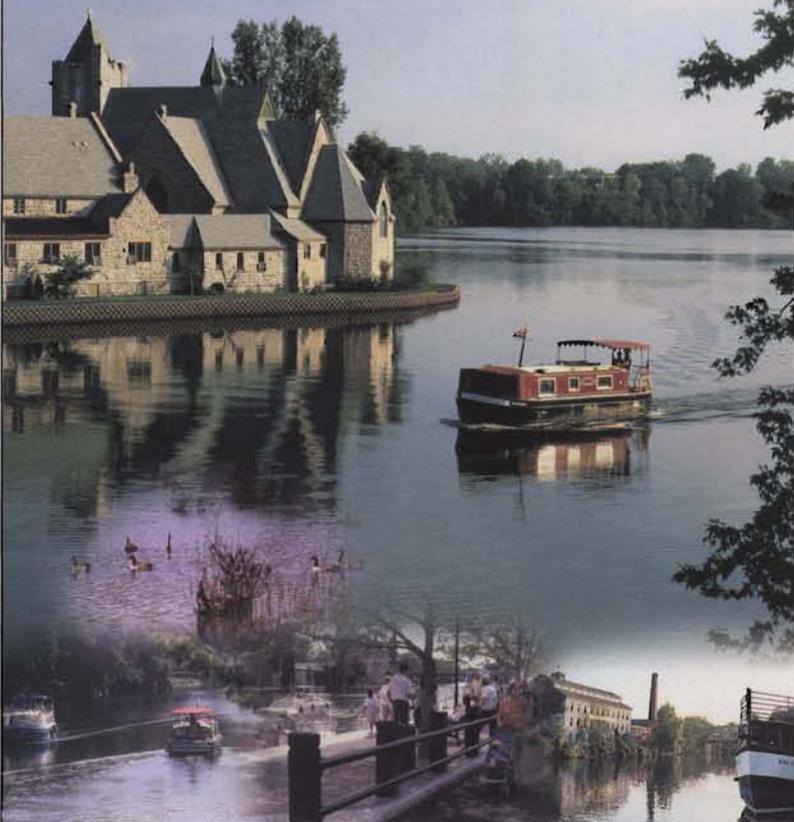
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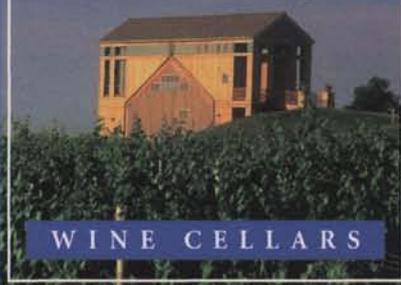
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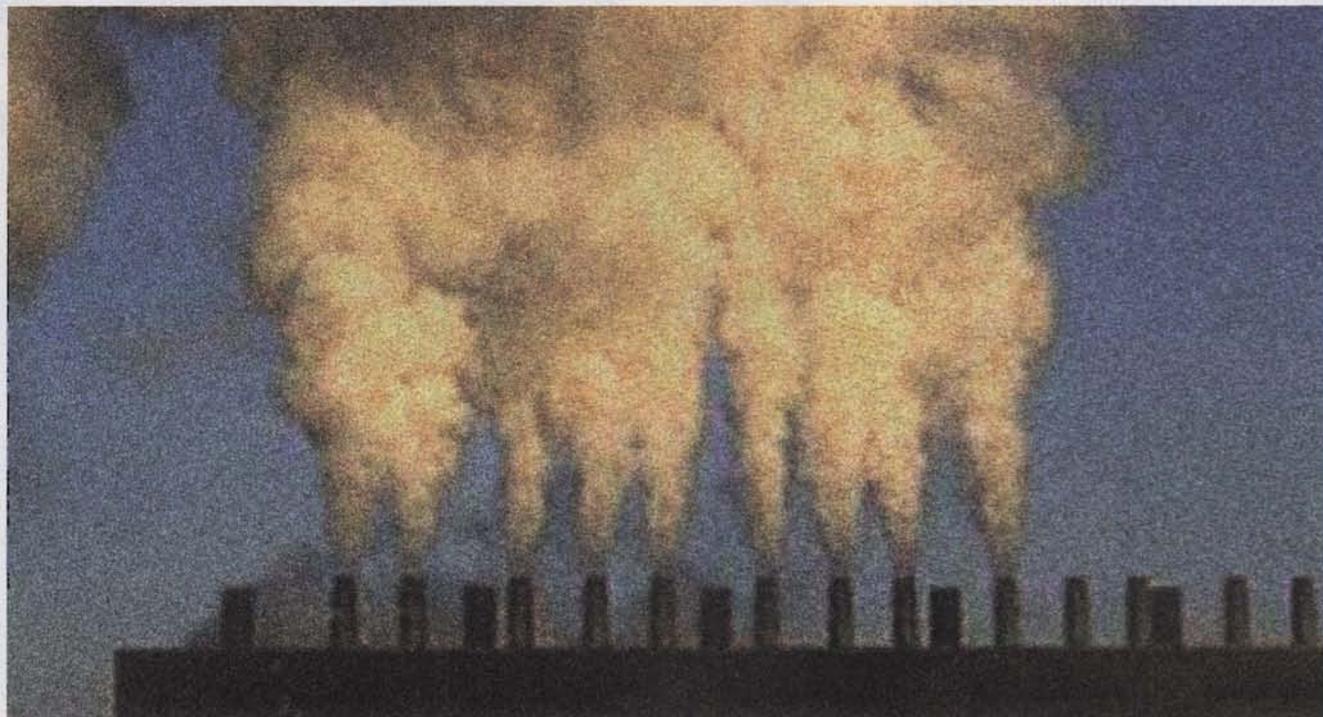
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HAS THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION DISTORTED SCIENTIFIC FINDINGS?



On February 18, the Union of Concerned Scientists issued a statement charging the Bush Administration with the systematic suppression and distortion of scientific findings in several areas, from mercury emissions to climate change, biomedical research, and nuclear weaponry. The statement and a thirty-eight-page background report, which made headlines in the *New York Times*, the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, and the *Boston Globe*, were based on a year-long investigation of the public record, internal government reports, and interviews with current and former government officials. "There is significant evidence that the scope and scale of the manipulation, suppression, and misrepresentation of science by the Bush Administration is unprecedented," wrote the sixty signators, among them twenty Nobel laureates and former heads of the Environmental Protection Agency, National Science Foundation, and National Institutes of Health, who called for a response from the administration, Congress, and other scientists. "The

public must also voice its concern about this issue to its elected representatives," they wrote, "letting them know that censorship and distortion of scientific knowledge is unacceptable in the federal government and must be halted."

UCS co-founder and Cornell physics professor emeritus Kurt Gottfried drafted parts of the report, and in the weeks after its release represented the organization in dozens of interviews.

How did UCS get started?

I was at MIT as a visiting professor in 1968-69; this was the time of the Tet offensive. The faculty were really focused on national policy. And the nuclear arms race was mounting rapidly at that point, so we formed UCS and had a very big teach-in at MIT. That melted away pretty quickly. Then in the early Seventies, Henry Kendall, who had been my roommate as a graduate student and went on to win a Nobel prize in physics, was asked to look into safety issues connected with a nuclear

power plant that was being built in Massachusetts. Henry found that there were some serious problems. He used the name of UCS and formed a volunteer group at MIT to look into this. It turned out that the problems Henry had discovered were well-known to the Atomic Energy Commission but kept quiet. That ended up actually causing the creation of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, which exists to this day. That was the origin of UCS. It branched out in the Eighties, especially into missile defense during the Reagan period with Star Wars. And then in the late Eighties, we went into climate change. Now we have offices in Cambridge, Washington, D.C., and Berkeley and a staff of eighty.

How can you maintain scientific objectivity while engaged in such activism?

Our critique of missile defense, the Star Wars program, was based on technical assessments. We always try to have really top-flight people involved. In the case of

missile defense, we had Cornell physicist Hans Bethe, who had worked on the program since people thought of it back in the mid-Fifties. The Johnson Administration, a Democratic administration, decided to deploy a missile defense that Hans knew wasn't going to work. So he went public with his opposition.

We're working with objective analysis in a situation that involves politics. Missile defense is an especially clean example because people are proposing things that don't *quite* defy the laws of physics but can come damn close. Or genetically modified food—the question of whether these crops can leave the place where they're growing and that you'll be eating pharmaceuticals you don't need; that's a fairly technical issue. When you get to something like nuclear proliferation, it's more of a mix of technology and policy.

Are today's young professors as involved as you were?

Yes. But the number has always been very small. Cornell has actually been more into this than most universities. I think that's because there are role models here, Hans Bethe being the preeminent one. He wasn't just a great physicist; he was a public servant, head of the theory division during the Manhattan Project, and a high-level consultant to the government. He took his responsibilities to the citizens of this country very seriously. Now, for the younger folks like me, we were all students of people who had worked for the Manhattan Project. I got my PhD a decade after Hiroshima. So we felt a real responsibility for dealing with the nuclear issue.

During the Eighties, when we had a lot of activity at Cornell because of both Star Wars and the nuclear buildup during the Reagan Administration, we held some teach-ins and activities here, organized by UCS in Cambridge, and they were run by several of our graduate students. Physicists Lisbeth Gronlund, PhD '89, David Wright, PhD '83, and Ed Lyman, PhD '92, and plant pathologist Jane Rissler, PhD '77, all work at UCS.

What responsibility do scientists have to monitor how their work is represented?

There are different ways scientists are mis-

represented. We're talking here about politicians misrepresenting that work for political purposes—not because they didn't understand it, but because they think presenting it in a distorted way serves their political purposes. Of course, they're not representing any individual scientist's work. If we're talking about something like climate change, we're talking about the work of thousands of people over many years. So you can't say, "Dr. X has been misrepresented." But as a community, we do have a responsibility. Science is a double-edged sword. Long ago when nuclear weapons were the only weapons of mass destruction, people would say, "How can you work in nuclear physics? Look what's happening!" And I used to say, "It's unfortunate what's happening. If you go to medical school, you might eventually develop some biological weapons. Should we stop doing medicine?"

What should politicians do?

Science cannot be the only factor in making political decisions. The scientific community may give you very good advice, but you just can't afford to act on it. Or the president doesn't have the political support to pass the legislation. What is essential is that the decisions be made on the basis of valid science. And that when the government is advocating a policy, selling it to people—either to Congress or the public—it do so without misrepresenting the science.

How can scientists help?

Scientists have a responsibility to public education. In this society, we lead an unusually privileged life. I can say what I want; I've got tenure. If no one ever exercises the freedom to speak, it becomes meaningless. Somebody who works for the National Institutes of Health or the Centers for Disease Control does not have that privilege, can't speak out; he could lose his job. The academic community has a particular responsibility, because of its freedom to speak out. That's certainly the value behind the creation of UCS.

Some critics saw the release of your report, just as the 2004 presidential race heated up, as evidence of partisanship.

Well, the timing was accidental. People

think that we're much smarter than we are. Our agriculture people had a report on the contamination of GM seeds with natural seeds in this country. It had very good coverage also, not in the front pages, but in the business section because it involves agribusiness. The report on the Bush Administration was rather late in coming out. We'd hoped to put it out in January—we didn't want to interfere with the seed report. I think the science report got so much play because it came after David Kay's statements about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. The credibility of the administration had become a hot issue.

How do you evaluate the global warming debate?

The scientific assessment of climate change has become progressively more certain, but it's not anything like the accuracy with which you can deal with missile defense. It depends not only on the climate; it depends on what we do, what we project the temperature for 2050 will be, and how we will behave as human beings. It's very complicated. The administration tends to play the uncertainties in one direction. Uncertainties are not one-sided. There are not Republican uncertainties and Democratic uncertainties. In this case, we assert that the administration has quite systematically misrepresented the situation. Polls are showing that the number of people who believe that global warming is happening has gone down quite a bit since Bush went into office.

Is that the fault of the media or the administration?

Both. It is the responsibility of any administration to speak truthfully, period, and not to engage in this sort of game. And the media have a responsibility to cover issues that are of great long-term importance but may not be spectacular at the moment. The media also have a responsibility to question statements by politicians that may be incorrect. Media tend to present information from both sides equally, even when one side has been more completely documented. That has happened consistently with climate change.

— Sharon Tregaskis

Not So Simple

SCURRAH SEEKS HELP FOR PERUVIAN FARMERS

HIGH IN THE PERUVIAN ANDES, LIFE OFTEN LOOKS AS if it's been stripped to its bare essentials. It's a world of gray stones and yellow grass, of small mud huts and potato fields clinging to mountainsides. But the stark simplicity of the landscape belies an extraordinarily complex ecological, social, and cultural world.

That world is changing, though, even in the remotest of places. Population growth is forcing farmers to shorten their fallow periods, and to plant their crops on land previously considered too steep for cultivation. Warmer climates have brought new pests and diseases. And as the cash economy has all but replaced ancient barter systems, farm families are under enormous pressure to earn money. "When we ask them how they're doing, that's what they always talk about first," says potato breeder Maria Mayer Scurrah, PhD '72. "They call it *falta de economía*—a lack of cash. It's like having a big, beautiful house, but not enough money to run it."

The challenge, she says, is finding ways to run the house without undermining its foundations.

A native of Huancayo, a Peruvian mountain city where her German Jewish parents fled before World War II, Scurrah spent her youth immersed in Andean culture. She also grew up committed to the twin ideas of scholarship and service. "I always knew I wanted to do something to help the people in the Andes," she

recalls. "It turned out to be agriculture."

She won a scholarship to Brandeis, earned a doctorate in plant breeding from Cornell, then returned to Peru in 1973 to put her learning to use. It was a time of great optimism, when scientists thought that boosting yields would not just feed the starving millions, but also lift Third World farmers out of poverty. Yet working as a breeder at the then-new International Potato Center in Lima, Scurrah found that changing the world wasn't quite so straightforward. "What I learned is that the solutions aren't that simple, and you need to work more with the people who already have many, many centuries of experience in their environments, and that these environments are complex, and they have complex solutions."

Since the late Nineties, Scurrah has devoted herself to understanding that complexity, and to figuring out where science can help. She is still affiliated with the potato center (a current project has her assessing the potential impact of genetically modified potatoes on native potatoes and their botanical relatives), but much of her effort goes into her hands-on work as the volunteer president of a tiny NGO called Yanapai (it means "help" in the Quechua language).

With an annual budget of about \$20,000, the group has rejected the top-down "technology transfer" model used for decades by development organizations. Instead, it encourages farmers to identify their own needs and seek answers to their own questions. That can mean conducting experiments, organizing exchanges with other communities, or sending delegations to government research institutes. The staff includes an agronomist and an animal husbandry specialist, and other experts are available for consultation on a range of technical issues, but their main role is to direct the farmers to information or institutions that can assist them on a sustained basis. The underlying idea is that access to information—not information itself—is power.

Much of Yanapai's work has been centered in Quilcas, a farming town a thirty-minute drive from Huancayo. The culture there is densely layered. Residents are Spanish speakers whose heritage is Quechua. They are Catholics who make offerings to mountain spirits. Many have houses in town, with electricity and television, but spend weeks each year living in makeshift tents, harvesting potatoes by hand. As farmers they are avid experimenters, but they are also living repositories of centuries-old traditional knowledge.

Quilcas's ecology is just as complex. The com-



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Root cause: Peruvian farmers grow dozens of varieties of native potatoes in their mountainside fields, but few reach the marketplace.

munity straddles three “life zones,” from a relatively mild valley environment to an area above 13,000 feet, four hours from town on foot or horseback, where sheep and alpaca graze and native potatoes are the only viable crop. Each zone presents myriad challenges, from problems with water supply and soil fertility to the social stresses of communal land ownership and group decision-making. Add changing weather patterns, new pests and diseases, and a chronic lack of cash—and you begin to see how culture, economics, and ecology overlap.

That complexity came to the fore during last year’s harvest of native potatoes. Most families grow between twenty and thirty varieties, with some growing as many as seventy, almost all for family consumption. (The diversity doesn’t only keep the diet interesting; it also protects the crop from diseases, pests, and other scourges.) The tubers are red and yellow, purple and blue, all different shapes and sizes. They are organic and delicious. Look at them with an outsider’s eyes and it’s hard not to see the commercial potential.

Early in the harvest, Scurrah gathered the farmers at a nighttime meeting and made an announcement. She had spoken with the manager of an upscale food store in Lima who was willing to buy half a ton of their native potatoes—a modest amount even by local standards. If they were interested in testing the market, she said, this might be a low-pressure way to do it.

Scurrah had made the same announcement the year before, and the farmers had discussed it for weeks before deciding not to sell. They couldn’t figure out a way to share the benefits—or the risks if the experiment failed.

For the second year in a row, the farmers decided against selling. Again, equity was the main concern. But, says Scurrah, so was the prospect of fundamentally reorienting a system that has fed their community for hundreds of years.

The experience taught her something about the farmers’ priorities—and also about the current thinking in agricultural development circles. If boosting yields was the mantra in the 1960s and 1970s, today the market is seen as the answer. That’s particularly true in the effort to conserve precious biodiversity like that maintained by the Quilcas farmers.

“People used to say that Peru was a pauper sitting on a mine of gold,” Scurrah says. “Now they say it’s a pauper sitting on a mine of diversity. But I can’t figure out how to change this diversity into benefiting the people. The only answer that Western society keeps giving them is ‘market it, put it on the market.’ But markets tend to want one thing all

the same. I worry about pushing them into the market. I think it’s too simple a solution.”

—Jon Miller



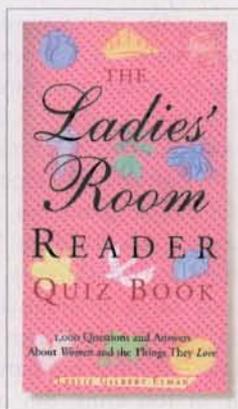
Back to the land: Plant breeder Maria Mayer Scurrah works to help farmers in her native Peru.

Trivial Pursuit

ELMAN HOSTS A WOMEN’S ROOM QUIZ SHOW

According to author Leslie Gilbert Elman ’82, *The Ladies’ Room Reader Quiz Book* is more than just a light-hearted collection of female-themed historical and pop-culture tidbits designed to pass the time in the powder room: it’s a trivia bridge between the generations. “It can become an intercultural bonding thing,” says the New York City native. “Women of different ages just sitting around a room.”

The book’s 100, ten-question quizzes touch on everything from the marketing of the Wonderbra to the real life inspiration of M*A*S*H’s “Hot Lips” Houlihan to the size of Princess Diana’s sapphire and diamond engagement ring. “The themes are presented randomly, so if you don’t know anything about Marilyn Monroe, you can turn the page and find a quiz about roses,” says Elman, who



spent seven months researching the book. “The Cleopatra quiz was probably the hardest one to research, because there isn’t much concrete info on her,” she says.

Elman studied communications on the Hill and spent most of her time outside class as a WVBR sportscaster; she now makes her living as a freelance health and travel writer and is at work on a children’s fantasy novel. “Literally every quiz taught me something,” she says. “Anyone researching any kind of history that isn’t mainstream—whether it is black history or women’s history—is always going to find stuff that makes you ask, ‘How come they didn’t teach me that in high school?’”

—Michael Margolis ’05

Light Work

PROF BRINGS REALISM TO
COMPUTER GRAPHICS

ON VALENTINE'S DAY, TWO WEEKS before hundreds of couture-clad celebrities watched the latest *Lord of the Rings* film win a record-tying eleven Oscars, a more modest ceremony was held at the Ritz Carlton in Pasadena. Hosted by "Alias" star Jennifer Garner, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' Scientific and Technical Awards honored the people who make movie magic possible through advances in such fields as digital effects, robotics, and sound production. Some in the film community call them the "supernerds"—and they mean it affectionately. "These technologies," says Richard Edlund, chairman of the academy's Scientific and Technical Awards Committee, "are part of the creative force behind moviemaking."

Among the big brains in black tie: Steve Marschner, PhD '98. A Cornell com-

puter graphics professor, Marschner and two colleagues from Stanford were honored for advances that have made digitally rendered skin much more realistic. Their work has been used in several high-profile pictures—most notably in the character of Gollum, the computer-generated creature who accompanies the hobbits on their quest to destroy the Ring of Power in the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy. The technology has also been used in such films as *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* (for Dobby the House Elf, Harry's high-strung servant), *Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines* (for the lovely-but-lethal T-X robot), and *The Matrix Reloaded* (for superimposing actors' heads onto stuntmen's bodies). "This is one of the holy grails of computer graphics," says Edlund. "One of the difficulties of creating lifelike characters in the computer world is the problem that skin is not opaque. If you render a faithfully scanned or created character and the skin is opaque, it doesn't look real."

The issue Marschner and his colleagues addressed, called subsurface scattering, describes the way light both penetrates into and reflects off skin and a wide array of other substances—including marble, cloth, wax, milk, snow, and ocean water. Earlier models had treated such substances as purely reflective rather than translucent, a technique that made computer renderings appear false to the human eye. A digital depiction of a marble statue, for example, would make it look like plaster. "Without accounting for translucency, it's very hard to set things up so the skin looks like skin," says the thirty-two-year-old Marschner. "It looks too hard, or too smooth, or too shiny. But once you account for translucency, then suddenly you can get another level of realism."

The work grew out of a Stanford research effort known as the Digital



COURTESY OF STEVE MARSCHNER

True to life: By accounting for the "subsurface scattering" of light hitting translucent materials like marble or human skin, Marschner and his colleagues created a model for more realistic digital simulations.

Michelangelo Project, a marriage of art and science in which extremely high-resolution scans were made of several statues, including the David. One of the project's questions was whether, in the context of such detailed scans, marble's translucency could cause problems with the data collection. The answer turned out to be no, but it sparked the team's interest in subsurface scattering. Taking principles of physics into account, they created a simple model to describe the behavior of light in relation to translucent materials, then translated it into a method of rendering such materials via computer graphics. The researchers didn't create a new kind of software, but rather a tool for effects masters to use in their own rendering systems. "When they give these awards, frequently they go to the studios and the people who did the implementing for the films," computer science professor Don Greenberg '55, PhD '68, says of the academy nod. "But enough studios were using this that they looked deeper and went back



Steve Marschner

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to the source, which is the research.”

Like many of his contemporaries, Marschner can date his fascination with computer graphics and special effects to 1977 and the release of *Star Wars*. As a child in suburban Chicago, he read everything he could get his hands on about how the filmmakers used intricately designed models and motion-controlled cameras to create the movie's spaceship battles. “I was completely fascinated by *Star Wars*, and really excited about it,” recalls Marschner. “I had a video camera and played with trying to make little models myself, although that never turns out quite as well as you expect it to.”

Marschner's work on modeling skin—as well as projects on rendering hair and other materials—has applications beyond motion pictures and video games. There are many other fields in which it's vital to reproduce reality in exacting detail: hospitals need accurate simulations for training surgeons, for example, and online retailers want to show consumers the exact drape and luster of that silk blouse. “One of the great things about computer graphics is that it's an interdisciplinary area at the boundary between computer science and other things—physics, animation, optics, the dynamics of how things move,” Marschner says. “I get to learn about new things, all the way from science to art, as part of my work.”

At the Valentine's Day ceremony, Marschner and colleagues Henrik Wann Jensen and Pat Hanrahan received certificates, not Oscar statuettes. Still, the honor puts him in the fraternity of Cornell-educated computer graphics gurus—including George Joblove '76, MS '79, Doug Kay '76, MS '79, Roy Hall, MArch '83, and Rob Cook, MArch '82—whom the Academy has honored for contributions to the field. “It's very gratifying to see the stuff being used, especially in films that I really enjoy,” Marschner says. “Watching *Lord of the Rings*, even as a computer graphics person, my attention was essentially focused on the performance of Gollum, rather than on the details of the rendering. Usually I'm always looking at all the little flaws. But that one was done so well that it's the performance you're seeing rather than the technology.”

— Beth Saulnier

Bottoms Up

BEER DRINKING FOR CREDIT

It's an undergraduate's dream come true: every Wednesday evening, thirty-two Hotel school seniors crowd into a dimly lit classroom in Statler Hall to sample a dozen beers and three courses of gourmet fare—all in the name of higher education. In the Anheuser-Busch-sponsored beverage management seminar, HADM 437, students learn to detect hoppy aromas and metallic off-tastes while exploring food and beverage pairing principles. “Beer is the number-one selling beverage aside from soda,” says instructor Giuseppe Pezzotti, “so it is practical for business.”

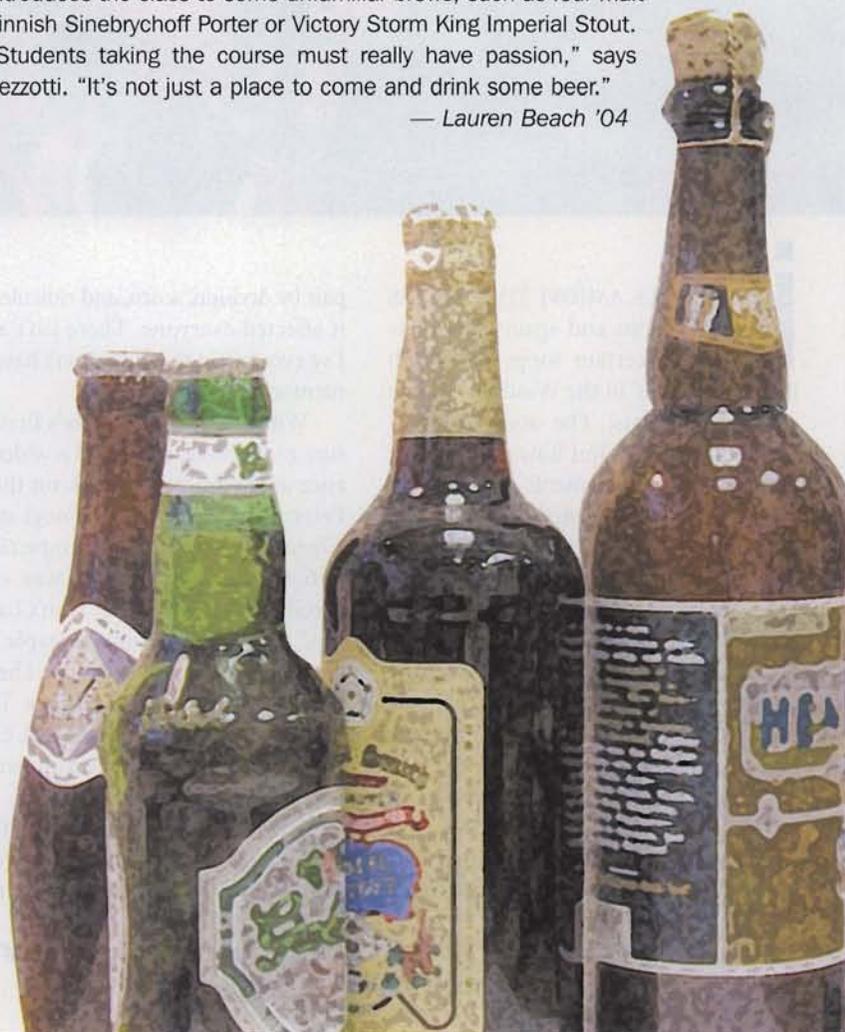
The two-credit, seven-week course, taught by Pezzotti, has doubled in size since it was first offered in the fall of 1999. In addition to developing their product appreciation and management skills, students review proper techniques for purchasing, handling, and selling inventory while critically evaluating dozens of draft and packaged brews.

Guest speakers have included the owner of Ithaca Brewing Company and Anheuser-Busch's master brewer, as well as the students themselves. In groups of four, they prepare three-hour presentations replete with food and beer pairings. Senior Kate Hawley's group introduced the class to porters and stouts. “We wanted shellfish and hearty comfort foods,” she says, “so we served raw blue-point oysters, Guinness beef stew, and molten chocolate mini-cakes.”

Although Pezzotti always covers the classic pilsners, lagers, and ales, he also introduces the class to some unfamiliar brews, such as four-malt Finnish Sinebrychoff Porter or Victory Storm King Imperial Stout. “Students taking the course must really have passion,” says Pezzotti. “It's not just a place to come and drink some beer.”

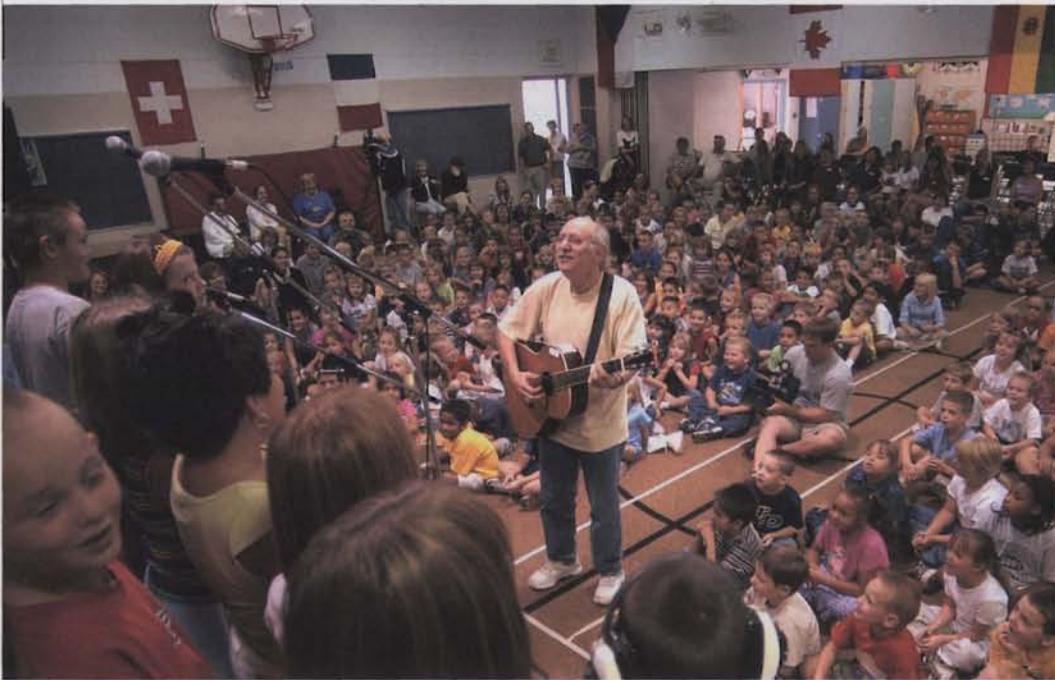
— Lauren Beach '04

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Don't Be Cruel

FOLKSINGER PETER YARROW
BATTLES BULLIES



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fate of children treated like outcasts: the boy with glasses, the girl with braces, the kid chosen last on the playground. On that evening in Texas six years ago, it spoke powerfully to Yarrow, the son of a school-teacher and a man who has long advocated causes ranging from education and equal rights to homelessness and hospice care. “I

didn’t enter music as a performer,” he says. “I entered it with the dedicated intent of using the music to create community and reach hearts.”

Besides believing in music’s transformative power, Yarrow is certain that world peace can be achieved only through the emotional, social, and spiritual growth of children. Unlike during his youth, he contends, media messages now feed an “epidemic of disrespect.” So in 2000 he started the non-profit organization Operation Respect, designed to help schools and summer camps become safer and more compassionate. He considers it the culmination of his activist efforts.

“The civil rights movement, the gender equality movement, the environmental movement, the anti-war movement . . . they’re all about the presence or absence of respect,” Yarrow says. “How easy is it to change the heart of an adult? Not easy, if at all. So where must the work be done? Before kids learn to recapitulate that history of disrespect.”

Toward that end, Yarrow collaborated with Linda Lantieri, the founder of Educators for Social Responsibility’s Resolving Conflict Creatively Program, to design curricula that might be described as applied social conscience. The Don’t Laugh at Me (DLAM) program, distributed by Operation Respect, offers character education built around the song and designed for specific age groups and organizations (grades 2–5, grades 6–10, summer camps, and after-school programs).

The DLAM materials include a video, a CD, and questionnaires for both students and teachers, as well as a teacher’s

IN THE 1960S, AMIDST THE BATTLES for civil rights and against the Vietnam War, certain songs—like Bob Dylan’s “Blowin’ in the Wind”—became cultural anthems. The song complemented the cause. But how often does a melody spark a movement?

That’s what happened in 1998, when Peter Yarrow ’59, who has been singing such anthems for decades as a member of Peter, Paul & Mary, heard “Don’t Laugh at Me” at the Kerrville Folk Festival in Texas. He was so moved by the song—a tune written by Steve Seskin and Allen Shamblin about the painful effects of ridicule and bullying—that he turned it into a grass-roots crusade for compassion.

“I brought it to Paul and Mary, and we all cried,” says Yarrow. “We started talking about how we had been injured in the

past by derision, scorn, and ridicule—how it affected everyone. There isn’t anyone I’ve ever talked to who doesn’t have those memories.”

Within a year of Yarrow’s first exposure to the song, it reached a wider audience as the only new track on the 1999 Peter, Paul & Mary CD *Songs of Conscience and Concern: A Retrospective Collection*. The compilation was created specifically to introduce “Don’t Laugh at Me,” which has become a staple of the trio’s summer concert tours. The lyrics have also been published in a Tricycle Press picture book; the Berkeley, California, publisher touts it as “an anthem for a new bully-free world.”

The simple, direct lyrics—“Don’t laugh at me . . . Don’t call me names . . . Don’t get your pleasure from my pain”—address the

Pick on this: Folksinger Peter Yarrow performs his “anthem for a bully-free world” as part of a school visit to promote the Don’t Laugh at Me curriculum.

guide for activities that sensitize children to the effects of cruel behavior. "It's the inverse of what you see on these reality-based TV shows, which are all about shaming people," says Yarrow. "The program celebrates caring, compassion, mutual vulnerability, and the intrinsic worth of the human being."

To date, Operation Respect has disseminated, free of charge, more than 75,000 DLAM packets to schools. More than 25,000 educators have participated in DLAM workshops, and over the past two years Yarrow has made more than 300 presentations to schools and conferences on behalf of the program. For his efforts, last year he was awarded the National Association of Elementary School Principals Service to Children Award.

Yarrow has taken on quite a challenge. According to Boston College professor James Garbarino, PhD '73, co-author of

And Words Can Hurt Forever: How to Protect Adolescents From Bullying, Harassment, and Emotional Violence, the problem is pervasive. Garbarino, formerly a Cornell professor of human development, and co-author Ellen deLara '73, PhD '00, studied middle school and high school students in small Midwestern towns and found that up to 77 percent had been bullied. "Despite the good intentions of teachers and administrators," says Garbarino, "many schools inadvertently support and enable hostile and emotionally violent environments."

Operation Respect has further documented these hostile environments—the 160,000 children in America who stay home from school each day for fear of verbal or physical abuse from their peers; the 282,000 students who are physically attacked in secondary schools every month; the 38 percent of teachers who say

they spend more time trying to keep order in the classroom than teaching.

Yarrow hopes to transform schools into "Ridicule Free Zones," and, indeed, upon completing the program teachers have reported a significant reduction in bullying, name-calling, and hostility. At the same time, more than half of the fourth through eighth graders who have participated in the DLAM program reported doing better in their schoolwork.

While the effort to end bullying is an imposing task, Yarrow insists it is not unattainable. "It's only impossible if we're saying we have to change the whole world at once," he says in the DLAM videotape. "If we're saying that we're going to change one child at a time or we're going to change the culture of a classroom . . . it is possible. If you change one classroom, you can change the world."

—Brad Herzog '90

Underground Sensation

SQUIRE VICKERS AND THE ART OF THE SUBWAY

One hundred years ago, the New York City subway system took its first passengers, and this year's centennial festivities are shedding new light on an obscure trio of Cornellians who left an enduring artistic mark on the Gotham underground. Squire Vickers, BArch 1900, served as chief designing architect for the Rapid Transit Commission from 1906 until 1942, overseeing the design and construction of hundreds of stations on new IRT lines during a thirty-six-year career.

Vickers's stations were typically clean, white-tiled affairs, many decorated with mosaic friezes and plaques designed by two artist friends from the Hill, Jay Van Everen, BArch 1899, and W. Herbert Dole, BArch 1894. Influenced by the flamboyant colors of the Synchronist school of painting, Vickers and his collaborators created elaborate tilework scenes of city landmarks, often rendered in boldly unnatural colors. The idea, Vickers said, was to lend "light and cheerfulness" to the subterranean commute. "This bit of color set in the hard unyielding surface gives a joyous note," he wrote in the *Municipal Engineers Journal* in 1917, "like a banner flung from the barred window of a frowning medieval castle."



Above: Herbert Dole designed this ceramic rendering of St. John's Chapel for the Canal Street station. **Right:** The Clark Street/Brooklyn Heights station boasts Jay Van Everen's mosaic of the East River docks in Brooklyn.

Homecoming

NATION'S FIRST BLACK FRATERNITY RETURNS TO CORNELL

THEY ARE A FRATERNITY WITHOUT A HOUSE, AND not nearly enough members to fill one if they had it. But the brothers of the Alpha Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha—all three of them—don't seem to mind. Returning to campus after a seven-year hiatus stemming from a brutal hazing incident (a pledge's buttocks were beaten so badly he required hospitalization and the University kicked the chapter off campus), the fraternity wants to re-establish itself as a respected member of the Cornell community. These days, the brothers evince a sense of determined disassociation from their recent history. "Whatever happened in the past won't happen again," says member Maurice Johnson '04. "We want to show that we're responsible," says chapter president Rosco Newsom '03.

As the latest leader of Alpha Phi Alpha's founding chapter, Newsom faces the challenge of rebuilding a proud tradition. Launched at Cornell in 1906, the fraternity now includes 350 chapters in forty-four states and has had more than 125,000 members in its history. Henry Callis 1909, Charles Chapman 1905, Eugene Jones 1908, George Biddle Kelley 1907, Nathaniel Murray 1909, Robert Ogle 1909, and Vertner Tandy 1908—these are Alpha Phi Alpha's founding members, or "Jewels," as APA brothers call them. They are also the names that inspire and haunt the chapter's current members. Callis became a physician and Howard University medical professor; Jones served as the first executive secretary of the National Urban League; Ogle worked as a professional staff member to the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations. The seven also altered the course of Greek life on college campuses across the nation. In 1908, APA sister sorority Alpha Kappa Alpha was formed at Howard University, and by 1930 the National Pan-Hellenic Council, a governing board of multicultural Greek organizations such as APA, had been formed. Today there are more than seventy-five minority-based Greek organizations; seventeen have chapters at Cornell.

In photos, the Jewels stare out with strong and determined faces, not smiling yet somehow friendly. In stark contrast to the jeans-and-T-shirt-clad college students of today, they wear handsome suits. They look sharp, serious, and respectable, but they were not always respected. Newsom, now a master's student in Engineering, finds strength in the example the founders set. "They weren't allowed to live on campus like other students," says New-

som. During its early years, APA met in a modest two-story building on North Albany Street. "It puts a lot in perspective," says Newsom. "You don't realize how good you have it. It's like a gut-check."

The fraternity organized around a commitment to scholarship, fellowship, good character, and the uplifting of humanity, a tradition the organization credits with attracting members for nearly 100 years. Today, APA sponsors three national programs: an education initiative, a sexual awareness program, and a movement to inspire political involvement. The fraternity's history of developing black leaders such as Martin Luther King Jr. and W.E.B. DuBois also appeals to pledges. Newsom cites Alpha Chapter's first president, George Biddle Kelley, as a personal influence.

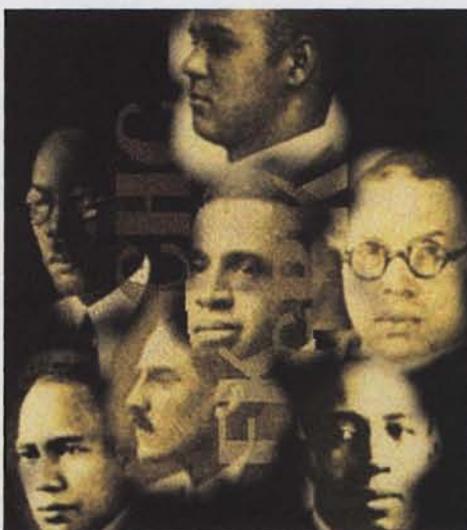
"As an engineering student, I relate to him," he says. "He was the first registered black engineer in New York. I said, 'I could do it if he could.'"

It is precisely this rich history the brothers plan to draw on as they build Alpha Chapter's future. "We're trying to make a foundation," says Newsom, "a blueprint focused on charity." During this year's Homecoming, the brothers hosted a weekend of events called "The Pilgrimage: A Voyage Back to the Essence," with a multicultural theme. The weekend served as a focal point for more than 200 APA members from across the Northeast who gathered at Cornell for a series of lectures and presentations celebrating the reinstatement of their founding chapter. "It was a welcome home party, and I wanted it to be first-class," says Newsom, who arranged

for the final event, a four-course banquet at the Statler Hotel followed by a dance at Trillium. At the banquet, the chapter presented \$30,000 in merit scholarships to minority Cornellians through the national organization.

The brothers hope that such positive steps, along with some strong guidance, will mend old wounds. "We're under close watch from the national organization," says Johnson. "We're working in close conjunction with advisors, and we're open to criticism."

LeNorman Strong, assistant vice president of Cornell's student and academic services and an alumnus of the Zeta Chi chapter at the University of Texas, Arlington, is one such advisor. He, along with other alumni, started a local oversight chapter in fall 2000, and they are closely involved with the fraternity's activities. "We have regular face-to-face meetings with the young men, and also meet on an informal basis," he says. Their goal is not only to prevent incidents such as the one seven years ago, but to



Crown jewels: The seven founding members of Alpha Phi Alpha launched a legacy.

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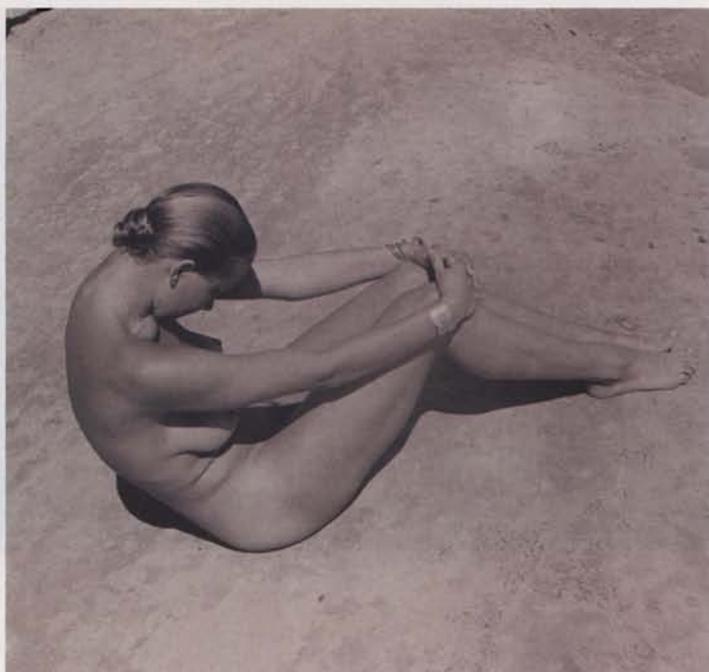
help the current members focus on the fraternity's missions of leadership, development, and charity. "I deeply regret the [hazing] incident," says Strong. "But we take away some very valuable lessons from it. The well-being of the members comes first, and

we now do all we can to ensure a positive experience. I believe APA's rebirth will stand as a national example of what it means to overcome adversity and to stick to your values."

— J. R. Johnson '04

Women's Work

DOUBLE TAKES AT THE JOHNSON MUSEUM



Imogen Cunningham, American, 1883–1976. *Helena at Grand Canyon*, 1939, gelatin silver print. Friends of the Museum Purchase Fund.



Barbara Morgan, American, 1900–1992. *Valerie Bettis-Desperate Heart-A*, 1944, gelatin silver print. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Klein, Class of 1972.



Angèle Etoundi Essamba, Cameroon, 1962. From the *White Line Series 1–4*, 1995, gelatin silver print. Purchased with proceeds from the African Acquisition Fund.

Every Tuesday afternoon for the better part of two semesters, nine women in the Art History Majors Society gathered in the Johnson Museum's fourth-floor print room. Their assignment: assemble an exhibit of women's photography. The problem: these post-feminists weren't sure why "female" should be a category for sorting photographers. "We were a little offended at the suggestion," says the group's president, Whitney Tassie '04. "We were originally grappling with the idea of not acknowledging that all of the artists were women, and seeing whether the public even noticed." Ultimately, the students selected the theme of transformation—not only of subject matter but also of the medium and the effect of particular images on the viewer's perceptions. "We wanted to come up with a theme that was unique, individualistic, and original," says Alexandra Wachtel '05, who drafted the introductory essay that accompanies *Double Takes: Transformations Through the Lens*, which runs through July 11. "We wished to present the possibility that women's work need not be labeled as such," she wrote. "An exhibition consisting solely of photographs by men would most likely consider it unnecessary to advertise this fact in its title. Why should a show of all female photographers be any more surprising?"



Common Cause

Computer vision scientists help radiologists see the big picture

By Alla Katsnelson

Over the past four years, electrical engineer Anthony Reeves and computer scientist Ramin Zabih have each made the commute between Ithaca and New York City more than 100 times. But the two have a lot more in common than the thousands of miles each has logged traveling between the University's main campus and its Medical College in Manhattan. Both researchers are experts in computer vision, creating mathematical algorithms to analyze digitized images.



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Bird's-eye view: Computer vision scientists in Ithaca and clinicians in Manhattan found strategies to bridge the 240-mile distance between campuses to explore their research interests together and improve health care in the process.

And through collaborations with clinicians in Weill Cornell Medical College's Department of Radiology, each has used his expertise to enhance the ability of physicians to accurately diagnose their patients.

Radiology is one of the most computerized fields in medicine, yet its practice lags far behind the sophisticated technology available. While the resolution and sheer number of images radiologists can obtain have increased dramatically, assessment has been less formalized. "The standard for measuring lung nodules today is that the radiologist puts calipers on a two-dimensional image, looks at the largest extent, and says, 'That's the size,'" says Reeves, who works in the field of lung cancer detection and diagnosis. "The technology is producing so many more images in so much more detail that the concept of having a human look at them when a machine has so many more advantages is simply impractical. It's a no-brainer." But first the images have to be transformed into numbers. "Once you have something in quantitative form," says Zabih, "then you can look for patterns."

The task of computer vision researchers is deceptively complex: it involves figuring out what the human mind does instantly and intuitively, and translating that process into mathematical language. "If you ask a person, is it easy or hard to do calculus, they say it's hard," says Zabih. "If you ask a person, is it easy or

hard to count the number of people in a room, they say it's easy. But for a computer, the opposite is true." Ultimately, whether a computer vision researcher analyzes photographs of crowds, Computed Tomography (CT) scans, or Magnetic Resonance (MR) images matters little; the same strategies apply. In each of their projects, Zabih and Reeves are building an arsenal of what Zabih calls "power tools," algorithms that translate a radiologist's medical knowledge into a computer program to automate such tasks as maximizing the quality of an image or even helping to diagnose such conditions as lung cancer, aneurysms, and breast cancer.

In 1997, Reeves teamed up with Weill Cornell radiologists Claudia Henschke and David Yankelevitz to develop algorithms for analyzing CT scans of the lung. Henschke, the project's principal investigator, has long recognized the need for computer-aided techniques in the field. After earning a doctorate in mathematical statistics in 1969, Henschke consulted on clinical trials for the Veteran's Administration and the National Academy of Science. Then she decided to go to medical school. It was 1977, and CT, a technique that was the first to code diagnostic images into numbers, was just being introduced. "My whole idea for going into radiology was because I was a statistician and a computer programmer," says Henschke, now division chief of Weill



Clear vision: Ramin Zabih works with radiologists to replace intuition with evidence-based diagnosis of vascular disease and breast cancer.

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Cornell's Chest Imaging. "I wanted to do things with CT numbers, and what is now known as CT image analysis."

With the advent of helical CT scanning in the early 1990s, she and Yankelevitz set out to demonstrate its superiority to traditional chest X-ray screening methods. For help, they contacted the Engineering college on the Ithaca campus, where they found Reeves. Their research focuses on automating the detection, measurement, and diagnosis of pre-cancerous nodules. "In our early days," says Reeves, "we pioneered the concept of trying to measure exactly where is the lesion, where is the blood vessel or chest wall attached to it, where is the joining point between the two. Now this is pretty well accepted as the way you would measure these nodules on the computer, and most CT manufacturers now have products that follow that strategy." What made the difference was Reeves's ability to see the problem from an engineer's perspective. "When we got together, my first reaction was, this is a three-dimensional problem," says Reeves. As a result, the algorithm the trio developed treated a CT scan not as a flat image but as a three-dimensional object consisting of a set of two-dimensional images. The result was a method for measuring the size of lung nodules that far surpassed anything available at the time.

The ability to accurately measure the size of tumors holds the potential to improve the cure rates of patients with lung cancer. "To date," says Reeves, "the best predictor of malignancy is rate of growth." A November 2003 study led by Weill Cornell cardiothoracic surgeon Nasser Altorki found that even minute differences in tumor size have a measurable effect on patient survival, and underscored the need for early detection. Yet nodules are usually detected only after they have grown past the point of easy surgical removal, leading to the historically low cure rate for the disease. With accurate nodule measurement, high-risk patients

Paving the Way

Scientists lay the groundwork for cross-campus collaborations.

In recent years, Cornell has made fostering cross-campus research ventures a priority, one that ranks high on the agenda of President Jeffrey Lehman. "There's a growing interest in collaborations, not just between scientific disciplines, but also between science and the social sciences, between science and the humanities, public health, and outreach," says Vice Provost Lisa Staiano-Coico, PhD '81, who holds a joint appointment at both the Medical College and the University. "The more we highlight these collaborations, the more we can leverage our expertise and our strengths."

Seventy faculty members currently participate in twenty-one cross-campus collaborations, spanning areas of research from robotics and biochemistry to the social aspects of aging, but very few have been clinical in nature. Computer vision experts Anthony Reeves and Ramin Zabih have more than a decade of combined experience working with Medical College professors, and the challenges have been myriad. From harnessing technology to span the distance between researchers to funding graduate students and making joint applications for grants, Reeves and Zabih have consistently had to blaze a trail. "There was nothing there to make it easy," says Reeves. "There was no mechanism, at least when we started seven years ago, for these interactions."

Particularly in bridging the gulf between clinical medicine and basic research, collaborative research depends heavily on proximity. "I'm a technical problem solver," says graduate stu-

dent Ashish Raj, a member of Zabih's team. "And I can only solve a problem when I know about it. But to do that we need to interact more with the medical community."

Once theoreticians and clinicians have found one another, they must also overcome profound differences between how they approach research questions. "In computer vision there generally isn't one really good answer," says graduate student Amy Gale, another member of Zabih's research team. "If you offer a computer algorithm a picture of a hand and say, 'How many objects are in this?'—well, is there one hand or are there five fingers?" Computer vision scientists, she says, might conclude that a problem can't be solved and call it a day. "But there's no real point to saying, 'This is not a solvable problem' in medicine. You have to come up with something. If there's no perfect answer, you have to come up with a very good answer." Zabih, who has held a joint appointment between Ithaca and the Medical College since 2001, puts it another way: "Academics care about impressing other academics. Doctors couldn't care less about anything that doesn't work."

What has undoubtedly helped these collaborations bloom is the common technical backgrounds the New Yorkers and the Ithacans share. "Mathematics helps bridge the gap," says radiologist Claudia Henschke of her work with Reeves. MR specialist Martin Prince, Zabih's collaborator, earned a doctorate in engineering at MIT before going to medical school.

A more logistical challenge in cross-campus research has been getting Ithaca-based graduate students to New York City. While Reeves has developed an extensive Web-based system that has made it feasible for his students to connect with the radiologists electronically, the situation, says Henschke, is not ideal. "Coming and seeing the medical environment and the process gives them a different insight in terms of what is really valuable, how things need to be presented to the patient. What would help a lot is to have a fund so that students can regularly come down and spend a week or maybe a month working with us."

Zabih's students work for a significant amount of time in the city, where they have found themselves in the strange position of having to register as visiting students at a branch of their own university. Gale, for example, alternates semesters, spending the fall in Ithaca and the spring in New York. "I've never really been clear on what my relationship to the system is," she says. "I can read notices on elevator walls, but I'm not really in the loop." While she managed to secure housing in a Medical College dorm last year and was covered by the University's health plan in Ithaca, she was-

n't eligible to be treated at the college's student health center.

The hurdles encountered by Zabih's students revealed an administrative gap that might not otherwise have been obvious. "We realized that the success of this collaboration depended heavily on graduate student and faculty exchange, and so we sought to eliminate some of the associated administrative burdens," says Staiano-Coico. This January, the Medical College announced the Cornell University Graduate Student Synergy (CUGSS) Program, which gives students who must spend at least a semester working at Weill Cornell essentially the same status as students in the Graduate School of Medical Science. The students now have access to Weill Cornell's graduate housing pool and student health services, as well as cultural events. They are also able to register and earn credit for courses. Similar plans are in the works for reciprocal exchanges of New York-based graduate students to the Ithaca campus. Staiano-Coico reports that initial feedback from faculty has been positive. "It makes their life easier," she says. "Now they have somebody to contact; they have a formalized process so that it's not reinventing the wheel every single time they want a student to come down."

Catching what the naked eye misses: Radiologist Martin Prince



Speed of Light

Group goes online to bridge distance

One of the widest gulfs between Cornell's Ithaca campus and the Medical College is the 240 miles that separate the two. "I can't just go across the street and be in the medical community," says electrical engineering professor Anthony Reeves. "I can't just attend a meeting. Logistics have to come into it." But having surmounted the initial challenge of finding one another, Reeves and Weill Cornell radiologists Claudia Henschke and David Yankelevitz have transformed distance from a hindrance into one of the driving elements of their work.

On the long wall of the conference room of Weill Cornell's Lung Cancer Screening Program hangs a map of the world, marked with nearly three dozen colored flags pinpointing locations across the United States and cities around the world—in France and Finland, China and the Philippines. Each represents a clinical trial site in the International Early Lung Cancer Action Project, I-ELCAP. Along with NY-ELCAP, a parallel program running in a network of medical centers throughout New York City, I-ELCAP investigates the benefits of CT scanning for lung cancer detection.

At one of their first meetings, Reeves watched Henschke filling out forms by hand. "We could put them on the Web," he told her. What developed is the group's online management system, a databank that allows the team to match specific scans with information from the clinical trials. So far, it contains more than 20,000 baseline CT images and as many repeat scans, which are compared to investigate lung health and lung cancer development in at-risk patients. Using the ELCAP database, Henschke and her team published a groundbreaking

study in the July 1999 *Lancet* demonstrating that death rates from lung cancer could potentially be reduced from almost 80 percent to 20 percent if at-risk patients (smokers and former smokers) were regularly screened with CT scans.

"One of the great things about the ELCAP project is that we're facilitating the pooling of data," says Reeves. "By gathering information, we're able to address many more questions than we would be able to do with these studies individually." The system also guides the entire protocol by ensuring that procedures are as consistent as possible at trial sites around the world. By maintaining a fully standardized protocol in real time, says Henschke, "we've brought about a whole new paradigm on how studies can be done in the future."

Three-D vision: Electrical engineer Anthony Reeves brought fresh insights to Dr. Claudia Henschke's international studies of lung cancer and its diagnosis.



can be screened periodically, allowing radiologists to analyze the growth of a lesion over time and thus assess its malignancy. "Before, I would look at a scan and say, 'Well, this looks a little bit bigger,' and have to make the decision of whether to do a biopsy—an invasive procedure," says Henschke. "But this technique, as it gets better and better, will make us more confident in making that recommendation." Ultimately, the team hopes their algorithm might even supplant the need for biopsy altogether.

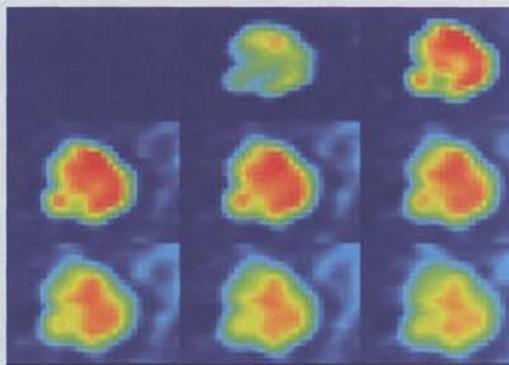
Unlike Reeves, who was sought out by clinicians, Zabih relied on serendipity to yield his collaborations. In April 2000, the day after the computer science department in Ithaca voted to grant him tenure, Zabih phoned Weill Cornell's Department of Radiology and requested permission to spend his sabbatical there. "I figured maybe at the end of the year they'd be interested enough in what I was doing to make some kind of collaboration."

Early on, Zabih met Martin Prince, director of Weill Cornell's MRI service. Despite MRI's spectacular resolution, it is highly prone to motion artifacts, caused both by quirks in the imaging technology and the natural movements of the human body. "Even though it's been around for fifteen or twenty years as an imaging modality, MRI is still relatively new," says Prince. "And the tools that you need in order to figure things out haven't become commercially available." With Prince, Zabih has developed an algorithm that automatically corrects for motion artifacts in MR angiography, a non-invasive technique for visualizing blood vessels, and provides radiologists with significantly superior images. "For a very specific task," says Zabih, "it's actually as good as an expert radiologist."

Zabih has also partnered with Dr. Ruth Rosenblatt, director of Women's Imaging at Weill Cornell, to develop strategies to encode the biological properties of human tissue, thereby distinguishing potential tumors from surrounding flesh. After entering the MR scanner, patients are injected with a tiny amount of

a harmless gadolinium-based compound that acts as a contrast agent as it passes through the body. While normal tissue releases the gadolinium evenly over time, tumors have "leaky capillaries," which cause the gadolinium to diffuse out of the tissue in a rush. By measuring the rate at which the contrast agent passes through the tissue, a radiologist could potentially differentiate benign from malignant tissue with the sweep of a computer mouse. "It's like having a spell-checker that recognizes a certain pattern," says Rosenblatt.

One of the biggest challenges facing Zabih and his Medical College collaborators has been the 240-mile distance between them. Reeves and Henschke's lung cancer group has minimized the distance by relying on the Internet, but for Zabih's student Ashish Raj, the miles are not virtual, but mind-numbingly real. Like Bill Murray's character in the movie *Groundhog Day*, who must repeat the events of one day in his life until he gets it right, Raj travels between Ithaca and New York perfecting his image correction algo-



Rate of change: Color enhanced data analysis reveals the diffusion of a contrast agent through a breast tumor and into surrounding tissue.

rithm, spending about one week each month in the city. At the Medical College, he works with Prince to identify scans where motion artifacts have occurred, then returns with the images to his home base in Ithaca. After refining the algorithm to improve the images, he goes back to the city, sits down with Prince again, and asks



AMELIA PANICO

Catching cancer early: Claudia Henschke

the radiologists to rate a "double-blind" assortment of corrected and uncorrected images. "Every time he gives a score I ask him, 'Why did you give it this score and not that score?' or 'Why did you think this image was better?'" says Raj. "The things he tells me are pretty much common sense: you want more contrast, more detail, less background. It's just that it really does help to sit down with him when he points out what he's looking for in each case."

Ultimately it is the interaction between the clinical and the theoretical that drives the researchers' insights. "We're trying to be scientists," says Rosenblatt, "but we're also clinical. By bringing two different points of view together, one will help the other." Such collaborations really work, says Zabih, when problems are tackled from both ends. A researcher can design a solution, but a clinician has to test it. "They'll push back on you," says Zabih. "They'll say, 'Hmm, it does a pretty good job here, but in the following circumstances it doesn't work. Do you have any ideas?' Then you can say, 'Let me work on it.'"

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A Passage to India



43 students cross 11 time zones to spend 2 weeks on a field trip 9,000 miles from Ithaca

By Beth Saulnier



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It's one of Heather Irvine's most vivid memories of India.

On the last day of a two-week trip over winter break, the junior natural resources major was standing on a beach in Mumbai, surrounded by dozens of Indian students. She wanted to communicate with them without using a translator, but she doesn't speak Hindi and their English was limited. Finally, she got an idea. "I thought, maybe if I write in English in the sand, they'll be able to understand—and they *could*," she recalls. "So they would ask about America or the Bush Administration or the war in Iraq, and I would write in the sand and they would read every word I wrote. That was really amazing."

Irvine was one of forty-three students visiting India as part of International Agriculture 602: Agriculture in the Developing Nations, a course that has been sending Cornellians abroad to learn about farming and livestock practices for more than three decades. Founded in the late 1960s, the half-semester course revolves around an intense two weeks in the developing world; previous venues have included the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Costa Rica, and Honduras. "It's a life-altering experience for most of the students," says plant breeding professor W. Ronnie Coffman, PhD '71, director of international programs for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. "In many cases, they come back with a completely changed idea of what they're going to do with their lives."

Coffman should know. He's not only been involved with Int

Subcontinental scenes: In Chennai, a picnic at an ancient temple complex in a fishing village (left). In Mumbai, a street vendor decorated students' hands with henna, a tradition observed by local brides (below).



ROD HANDES



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Greeting: To welcome their visitors, a group of schoolgirls from the Anjur village in Tamil Nadu performed a stick dance.

Ag 602 since joining the Cornell faculty in 1981, but he took it himself as a student, visiting Puerto Rico in the second year the course was offered. Back then, he says, the emphasis was on production agriculture (plant breeding and animal science); now it has a much broader approach. Students still explore those nuts-and-bolts topics, but also deal with such issues as development, biotechnology, and international policy, and how they affect people's lives. Says Coffman: "It's a wonderful, relatively cost-effective way to expose students to many of the issues that we're facing in the world today."

Having taken a fall prerequisite course, students leave on the trip shortly after New Year's. They're advised to pack light and to get their shots from Gannett Health Center's travel medicine nurse. (Recommended inoculations currently include hepatitis A, typhoid fever, tetanus, diphtheria, and a polio booster, as well as oral anti-malarial medication.) This year's expedition to India began in a parking lot by the Cornell livestock barn at noon on Sunday, January 4. The students boarded a bus bound for Newark International Airport and at 9 p.m., their fourteen-hour flight took off for Mumbai (formerly Bombay) International Airport, landing shortly after midnight local time. A connecting flight delivered them in Hyderabad in time for a reception from hosts bearing a jasmine and marigold lei for each visitor.

all together, the group was sixty-four strong, comprising Cornell students, faculty, and administrators, several of their family members, and participants in the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service's TEACH program for minority educators. The students themselves included undergrads and grads in a variety of ag-related disciplines; the fourteen foreign-born grad students represented countries from around the globe. "Part of the strength of the course is the diversity of the travelers," says Janet Hawkes, director of the Cornell Educational Resources Program and one of the class's faculty leaders. "As much as the students were learning from their experience in India, they were also learning from each other."

Logging thousands of miles around the vast nation via bus, train, and plane, the travelers visited a dizzying variety of sites over fourteen days. They included Hyderabad's Satyam Technology Centre, which Hawkes compares to the Microsoft campus in Redmond, Washington; a dairy plant in Bommasandra; Mulkanoor Village, home to a cooperative that boasts its own bank, veterinary hospital, and cotton mill; a leading biotech seed company; university research labs; a tea estate and processing facility; family farms practicing traditional growing and breeding techniques; and the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, a center for sustainable agriculture and rural development named for one of the leaders of India's green revolution. "The program is hectic, but the students get a lot out of it," says plant breeding professor K.V. Raman, one of the course coordinators. "India serves as a very good field laboratory."

To make the visits more manageable and focus on students' individual interests, the group occasionally broke into six sub-units

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Debriefing: Professor Syed Rizvi and science & technology studies graduate student Lisa Onaga discuss the farms they visited in Hyderabad.



Local economy: Students in the rural development, agricultural education and extension, and livestock groups visited a cooperative cotton processing plant in Mulkanoor village (left and above).

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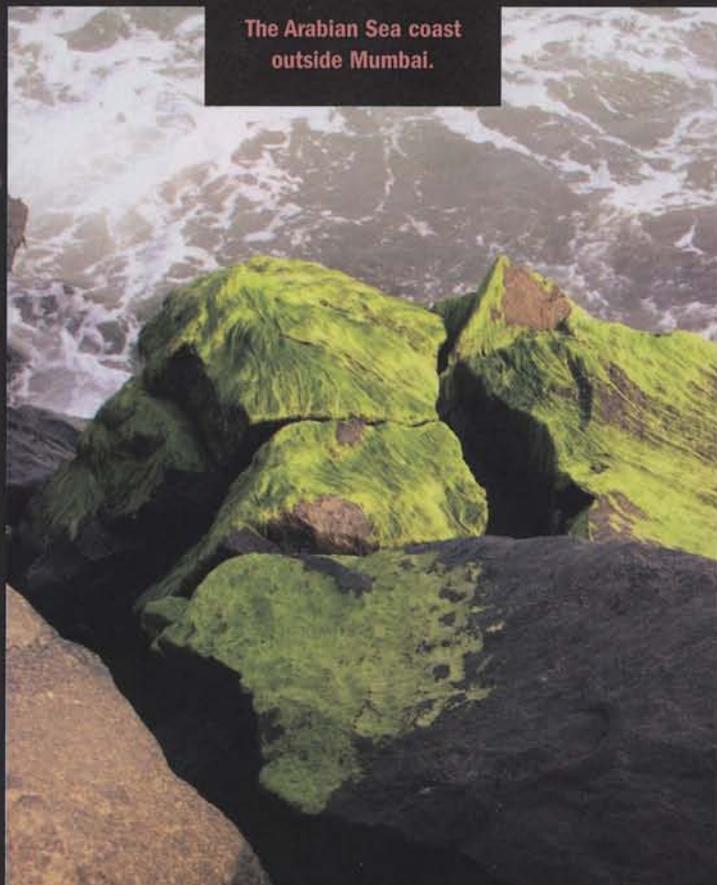


On the farm: In Kothapally in Andhrapradesh, an ICRISAT official speaks with livestock students about a local watershed project.



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On the road: Villagers in Andhrapradesh rely on bullock teams for transportation and draft (above). Students travel to Mulkanoor cooperative village (below).



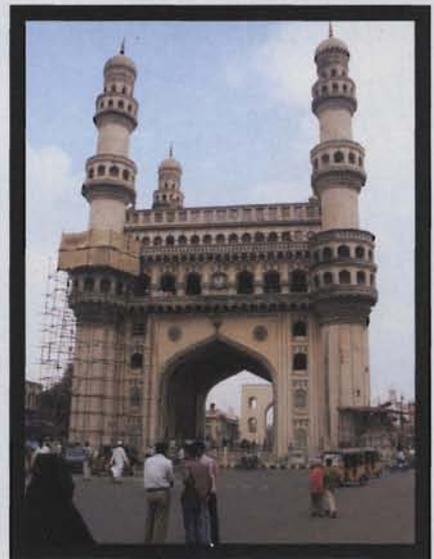
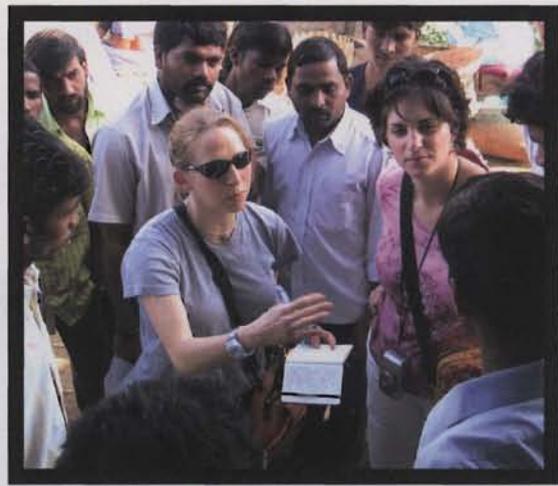
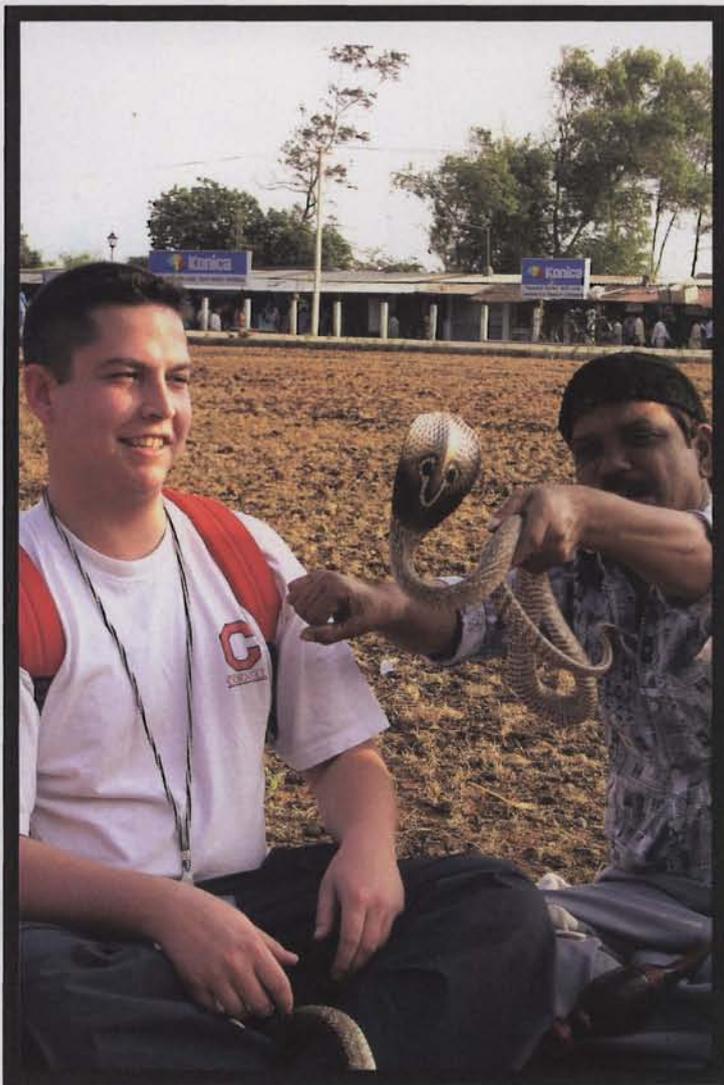
The Arabian Sea coast outside Mumbai.





In the field: Women plant rice in Tamil Nadu (above). Staff at an agriculture/horticulture research station in the mountains outside Coonoor demonstrate their biodynamic, organic composting operation (below).





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Local charms: Animal science major Mike Anderson '04 and a snake charmer (left). Food marketing group members Claire Nicklin and Ella Silverman interview local producers and consumers in a Bangalore market (top right). The Gateway to India (bottom right) in Mumbai was one of the last sites students visited before returning to Ithaca.

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devoted to education, biotechnology, food processing, global marketing, livestock, and rural development. Both during and after the trip, participants met for debriefings where they discussed what they'd seen and pondered related issues, such as market dynamics, women's empowerment, child labor, land management, the safety of biotechnology, and the tension between urban and rural life. "It was fabulous," says Rafael Escalona Reynoso, a master's student in public affairs. "We got to bond with the whole group and share our experiences."

Before coming to Cornell, Escalona Reynoso worked with a government-affiliated agency in his native Mexico that advised President Vicente Fox's office on biotechnology policy and safety; he says the trip offered an invaluable perspective on how another nation is coping with those issues. "For me, this was a fantastic opportunity," he says. "I got to see how the Indian government and society is dealing with biotechnology. I'll definitely bring a lot of fresh ideas to my country."

Lydiah Wanjiru Gatere, an MPS student in international agriculture who hopes to found a non-governmental organization in her native Kenya, says she was particularly inspired by visiting the

small cooperatives known as women's self-help groups or thrift societies. The groups, each made up of about a half-dozen lower-caste women, offer their members support and loan guarantees to allow them to generate income through micro-enterprises such as raising chickens or doing embroidery. "I saw them working so hard to achieve their goals while juggling their household duties," Gatere says. "It's made me think that you don't really have to have much to start an organization. You can start with very little, with whatever resources you have."

for many students, getting a first-hand look at issues facing the developing world was an eye-opening experience. Their concept of poverty, for example, was shaken by seeing a society where close family bonds and shared resources can counterbalance a lack of material possessions. "I learned a lot about how people of the developing world really live," Irvine says. "I had an idea of what to expect, but seeing it made it a lot more clear. Something that was apparent every day was just how welcoming and kind the people were, how much they cooperated with each other. It was pretty remarkable, given the condition of their houses, that



Into the wild: Birdwatchers made a trip to a wildlife preserve outside Mysore in Andhrapradesh.

they didn't think twice about sharing or giving away things. They tried to feed us and give us gifts when we came into their village."

In visiting places where crops and animals have been raised the same way for generations, Irvine says she and her classmates also came away with a newfound respect for such time-honored methods. "In a lot of ways, their traditional agricultural systems are more appropriate for them than anything that people from the West could teach them," she says. "They had a better understanding of the crops and the soil, when it was time to harvest, and how to use irrigation and fertilizers. Maybe they didn't know the names of the nutrients, but they knew from past experience what worked." And while some Indian teens they met were fascinated by all things Western, Irvine found she envied aspects of their lifestyle. "It seemed odd that the young people were aspiring to have Western possessions, when I felt like the people in the villages had life a lot better than we do," she says. "They have a tight-knit community, a lot of social interactions, and a life that makes sense—producing their food and taking care of each other."

In addition to their studies, the travelers took in some tourist sights, such as a sound-and-light show at Hyderabad's Golconda Fort and a maharaja's palace in Mysore. They drank coconut milk

and ate such delicacies as *pongol*, a dish of rice, banana, honey, and sugar offered on banana leaves during the New Year's harvest festival. "The names were so fabulous," Escalona Reynoso says of the spicy dishes he ate with gusto, "and I don't remember any of them." Escalona Reynoso says he and his friends loved to ride on rickshaws, small taxis powered by three-wheeled motorbikes. "In the place where two people are supposed to be seated, you can fit three or four," he says with a laugh. "It was like a go-kart—it could drive through the smallest spaces between trucks. Every time we had a chance to go anywhere in a rickshaw, we'd just get in and drive around the whole city."

Funding for Int Ag 602 comes from grants, an alumni endowment, and contributions from the students themselves. With interest in the course growing, plans are in the works to expand it to include three trips per year, one each in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. "It's really hard to study international agriculture until you've seen how people live in developing countries," Irvine says. "Now, any work I do in Int Ag would be focused not only on how can we improve crop production, but how can we help these people who are trying to make ends meet—and what can we learn from them." ●

The Fan

Can a former comic book kingpin keep the beat at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame?

by Brad Herzog



Except for the décor, Terry Stewart's modest Cleveland office might seem much like any other corporate workplace. But these aren't your usual diplomas and executive pen-and-pencil sets. One wall bears a jumpsuit signed by Elton John. Nearby, a poster touts the last Beatles concert. Behind the desk is a framed lock of Elvis Presley's hair.

"I collect stuff," Stewart says.

This is both an undersatement and job description: Stewart is the president and CEO of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, an \$84 million facility on the shores of Lake Erie filled with a half-century of pop-music artifacts. He answers to boards of directors in two

cities, suffers the Rock Hall's many critics, and juggles myriad roles as educator, entrepreneur, culture-chronicler, salesman, spokesperson, and hand-picked guardian of a musical legacy. But, ultimately, he collects stuff.

When Stewart was hired in January 1999, he was the museum's fourth boss in five years. But while the previous CEOs were a mixed lot of businessmen and museum administrators, Stewart is first and foremost a fan. "Terry has more knowledge and love of music than any of his predecessors," says James Henke, the former *Rolling Stone* editor who has been the museum's curator since opening day in 1995.

Stewart also boasts the proper CEO résumé—a dual degree in engineering and education from Rutgers University,

Summertime blues: The late Eddie Cochran's 1957 Gretsch guitar, part of the collection of rock artifacts in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. Right: Rock Hall CEO Terry Stewart in the museum lobby.

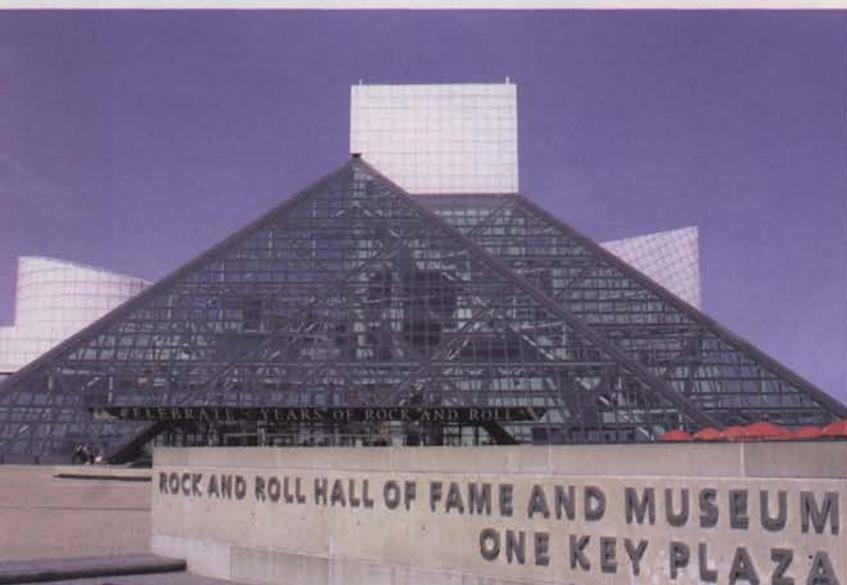


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MBA ('72) and law ('74) degrees from Cornell, and experience in banking, mergers, acquisitions, licensing, merchandising, and the entertainment industry. But his most impressive credentials come not as a capitalist, but as a connoisseur. Stewart is a walking encyclopedia of all things rock & roll. He can riff on everything from how disco spawned house music to how pop culture really began with nineteenth-century songwriter Stephen Foster and the rise of sheet music in America. In short, were he ever to be replaced as boss, he could surely snag a job as a tour guide.

A six-story pyramid designed by I.M. Pei, the Rock Hall serves as the centerpiece of downtown Cleveland's North Coast Harbor. Inside, more than fifty exhibits covering 55,000 square feet explore rock's origins, evolution, geographical variations, even its influence on political protest and fashion. The displays include costumes (Tina Turner's dress), instruments (Jimi Hendrix's 1968



Glass house: I.M. Pei's design for the Rock Hall incorporates the architect's signature glass pyramid forms.

Stratocaster), and documents (handwritten lyrics to "Hey Jude"). And, of course, there is the Hall of Fame itself, a multimedia gallery where you can enjoy, for instance, Beatles guitarist George Harrison accepting his 1988 induction by echoing Sgt. Pepper: "It's wonderful to be here. It's certainly a thrill..."

Asking Stewart to pick his favorite spot in the Hall is a bit like asking a parent to name a favorite child. One expects him to head for the quirkiest artifacts—perhaps Jim Morrison's Cub Scout uniform or Janis Joplin's psychedelic Porsche. Instead, his passion for historical minutiae reveals itself. He points to a rather nondescript poster touting a Bruce Channel concert on June 21, 1962, with Delbert McClinton on harmonica and a little-known opening act called the Beatles.

"Most people just walk by this poster and ignore it," says Stewart. "But I think this is really important." It was during this tour, he explains, that McClinton tutored John Lennon on the mouth harp. A few months later, the band's debut single, "Love Me Do," opened with a Lennon harmonica solo. The song became a hit, which catapulted them toward superstardom, which led to a rock revolution, which heralded a cultural upheaval that

still reverberates two generations later. In most people's eyes, it is just a poster. In Stewart's, it is a snapshot of intersecting elements that changed the world.

The fifty-eight-year-old Stewart is both a student and product of that revolution, a man with pop culture in his pores. It is apparent in the way he looks—hip-casual wardrobe, bleached blonde hair, goatee, glasses that could have been swiped from a Buddy Holly display. And it is manifest in his eighty-year-old lakeside mansion in the Cleveland suburb of Bratenahl, an edifice that some have dubbed the "mini-Rock Hall."

Indeed, the house is as much a place of reverence as a place of residence. Nearly every inch is crammed with Stewart's memorabilia. More than a dozen antique jukeboxes crowd the living room and hallways. Shelves are stocked with pop merchandise—a Rolling Stones pinball machine, a Donny & Marie lunchbox, a Bobby Darin ballpoint pen, a Carly Simon "You're So Vain" mirror. Stewart owns Buddy Holly's first business card and a Roy Orbison tax return. Hanging from one wall is a row of guitars signed by Jimmy Buffett, Paul Simon, Bonnie Raitt, and John Lee Hooker. Upstairs, a hallway lined with several dozen gold records by various artists leads to a pink-and-black room devoted entirely to Elvis. One of his most prized possessions is the sign that hung over Harlem's Apollo Theater marquee for decades.

"I give stuff to the museum, probably weekly," says Stewart, who lives with his second wife and his teenaged stepson. "Everything in my life is willed to the museum. Of course, as a collector the problem is you're very likely to go broke before you die." He allows an only slightly embarrassed grin and adds, "There's about a third as much stuff downstairs in the basement that I don't have room to put out, which I actually have to rotate. That's how bad it is."

In the bowels of the house, past the indoor pool and the 200,000-plus records packed in boxes, the saxophone Stewart played in his high school marching band in Alabama sits undisturbed. But it is there—in the tiny hamlet of Daphne, light years from suburban splendor—that the seeds of Stewart's music mania were sown.

the ballad of Terry Stewart is not unlike the story of Eugene Gant in Thomas Wolfe's *Look Homeward, Angel*, in the sense that he was a restless and energetic young man whose passion to experience life took him from the rural South to the Ivy League. But while Gant escaped into books, Stewart took flight with music.

He was an only child. His mother, Carmen, was a runaway from Mississippi, and his father, Bruce, a merchant mariner from the Bronx. They met at a boarding house in Mobile, married, and moved to the eastern shore of Mobile Bay, where Carmen worked as a cashier and Bruce took odd jobs when he could find them. "A lot of what we ate came out of Mobile Bay and the Gulf. My father hunted and fished. If you killed it, you had to eat it," says Stewart, who still speaks with a Southern tinge and professes a lingering taste for squirrel and rabbit.

So, How Do You Get To The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame?

This year the Rock Hall welcomed its nineteenth induction class, and there are now 139 artists or bands enshrined in the performer category. It's a peculiar crowd, with Bob Marley and Frank Zappa rubbing shoulders with James Taylor and AC/DC. The relative merits of each inductee are a subject of hot debate among the rock cognoscenti, particularly in recent years, as the induction classes have grown at once more contemporary (last year greeted the Police and the Clash) and, some say, less impressive. This year's class, which includes Bob Seger and ZZ Top (and, in the lifetime achievement category, *Rolling Stone* founder—and Hall of Fame Foundation vice-chairman—Jann Wenner), is no exception.

Part of the selection challenge lies in addressing a deceptively basic rock &

roll question:

What is it? "I

can tell you the

first jazz record,

the first blues

record, and the first

hip-hop record," Terry

Stewart says. "But there is no

first rock & roll record. It's all con-

jecture." The museum defines the genre broadly,

touching on everything from jazz, blues, and gospel to swing, country, and folk. The

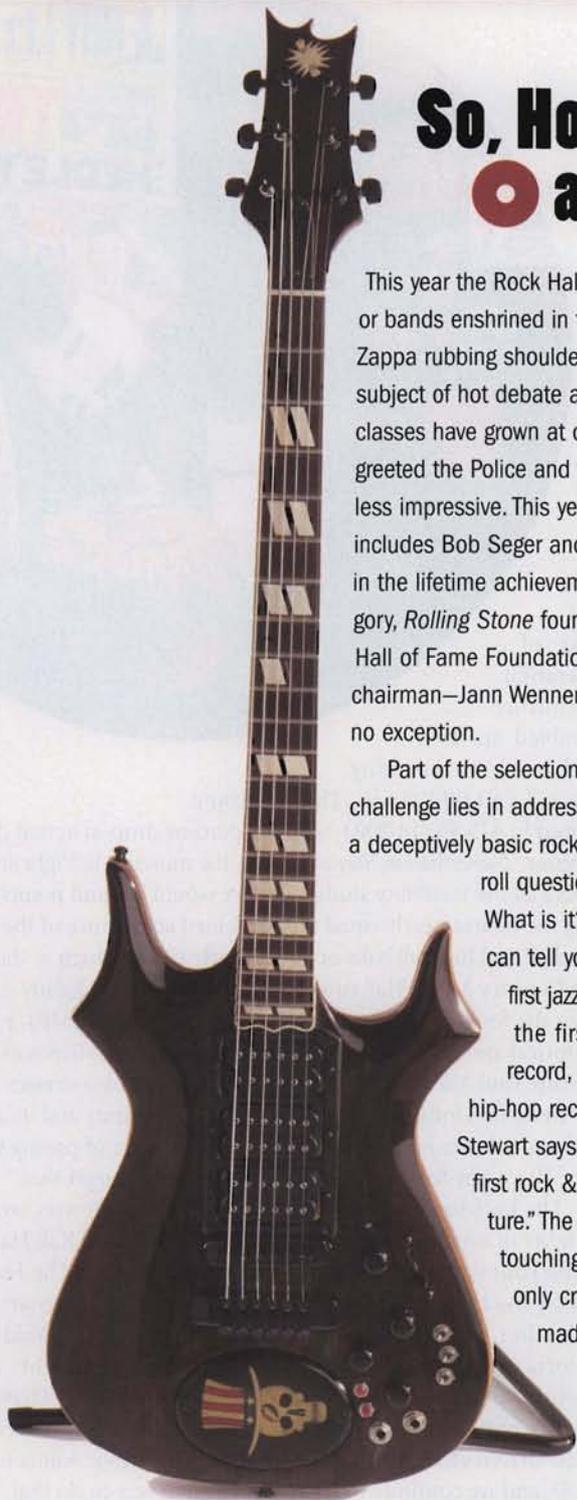
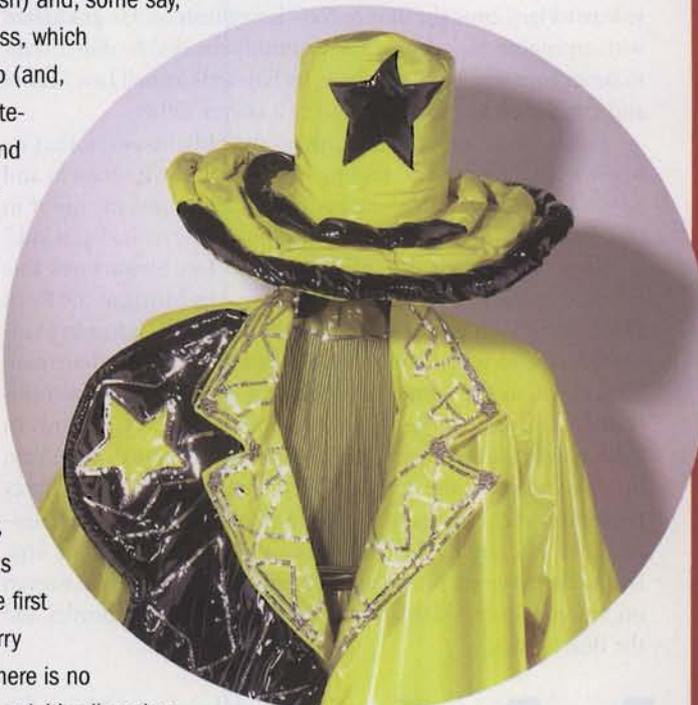
only criterion for being nominated to the Hall of Fame is existence of a record

made at least twenty-five years earlier.

Stewart is one of seventy-five people—past inductees, producers, writers, historians—who gather each June to formulate a list of several dozen nominees for the performer category. (There are also three other categories—for non-performers, early influences, and sidemen—with sep-

arate nominating committees.) Through e-mail, the committee then reduces the list to about fifteen, who are then placed on a ballot sent to some 900 voters—music writers, historians, past inductees, and industry people. Fifty percent of the vote is required for induction, which usually translates to about a half-dozen new members annually.

Despite the rigors of the selection process, it has become clear to Stewart that you can't please everybody. In recent years, Stewart has pushed for more material from younger bands as a point of entry for potential visitors who don't know Otis Redding from Helen Reddy, and he believes rock's constant now-ness offers a challenge but also an opportunity. "This art form is never going to be solely about history," he explains. "It's also about what is and what's coming."



Toys in the attic: Jerry Garcia's custom-built guitar "Top Hat" shares display space with one of P-Funk bassist Bootsy Collins's inimitable outfits.

It was the Jim Crow South. Stewart's high school didn't integrate until 1970, six years after he graduated. "There were all these boundaries about what you could talk about and what you could do. You could play with black kids, but only until you were a certain age," he says. "But my whole life has been about music, and my first love was rhythm & blues and black culture in music."

He began attending concerts at the age of twelve. His mother would drop him off in Mobile, and he would stand slack-jawed, listening to Ray Charles or James Brown or Billy Stewart. But it wasn't easy to find R&B on the radio in Alabama, where music by black artists was often seen as a threat to American youth, which is one reason Stewart always knew he was going somewhere else. For a time, that appeared to be West Point, reluctantly. But a last-minute scholarship to Rutgers (Stewart was high school valedictorian) brought him to New Jersey instead. He graduated with an engineering degree and promptly decided he didn't want to be an engineer. Five years later, he finished Cornell Law School and concluded he didn't want to be a lawyer, either.

It was while he was studying on the Hill, however, that he began collecting records, finding old gems at thrift shops in and around Ithaca. "Suddenly, it became like that was my quest in life," he says. "To finally have all this music I never had as a kid."

More than a quarter-century passed before Stewart was able to translate his passion into a profession. His hiring at the Rock Hall followed nine years at Marvel Entertainment Group in Manhattan, first as president and CEO and later as vice chairman, during which the comic-book empire endured a tumultuous transition from privately held to publicly traded company. In 1991, Stewart was named CNBC Marketing Executive of the Year, but five years later the company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection after a string of ill-fated acquisitions. "It was like Business 101, 102, and 103 all wrapped up into nine years," he says. By the time Marvel returned to profitability, Stewart had moved on, trading Spider-Man and the Silver Surfer for the Beatles and the Beach Boys.

When Stewart was hired from Marvel five years ago, "Saturday Night Live" comedian Colin Quinn joked about the new gig. "My spider-sense is tingling," he said, "and it tells me the problem is location, location, location."

It was at the old Cleveland Arena, on March 21, 1952, that WJW disc jockey Alan Freed hosted the first-ever rock concert—the Moon-dog Coronation Ball. Fifty years later to the day, a brass urn containing Freed's ashes was delivered to the Rock Hall by his daughter-in-law. Stewart had negotiated to have them moved from New York, telling reporters, "It's certainly appropriate in a rock & roll sense to have his final resting place here." Much the same sentiment—plus a massive promotional effort by the Cleveland business community—had led the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Foundation, an organization started by Atlantic Records founder Ahmet Ertegun and *Rolling Stone* publisher Jann Wenner in 1983, to choose the Ohio city for the location of its museum in 1986.

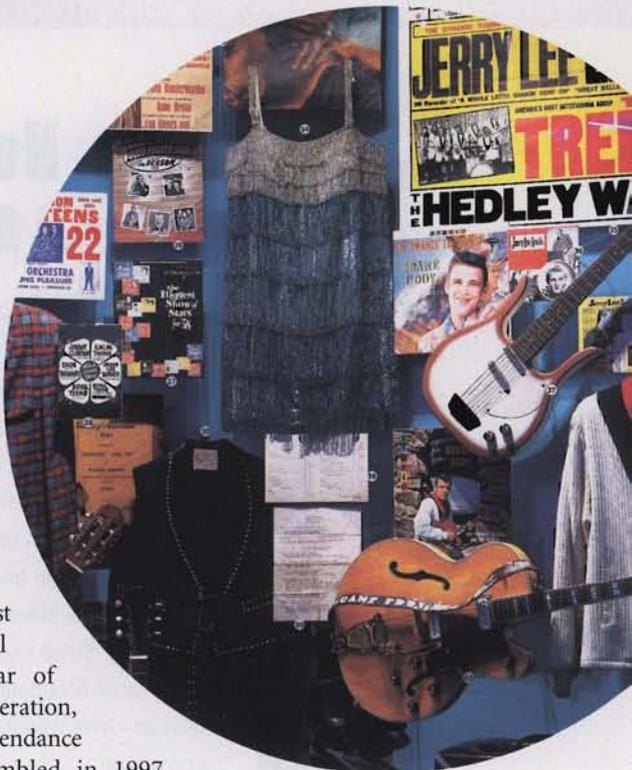
Skepticism about the wisdom of that choice has persisted since opening day in 1995. The city's long winters mean that almost two-thirds of the museum's visitors come in June, July, and August. Although nearly 900,000 people arrived in 1996, its

first full year of operation, attendance tumbled in 1997

and has been hovering around 550,000 since. The headcount dipped to 475,951 in 2003, with a 6 percent drop in actual door revenue. Nevertheless, Stewart claims the museum is "right about where all the feasibility studies said we would be" and points out that the figures nearly equal the combined attendance of the pro baseball and football halls of fame, nearly twice as high as that of the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville, and slightly more than the four-year-old Experience Music Project (EMP), a less historical and more interactive rock museum that Microsoft billionaire Paul Allen bankrolled in Seattle. Stewart also stresses that the museum's influence in the Cleveland community and its educational role are just as important as the number of paying visitors. "It's a not-for-profit," he says, "and people forget that."

The location of the museum also presents Stewart with a number of unique challenges. For one, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Foundation remains based in New York City. The Foundation also hosts the Hall's highest profile event, the glitzy annual induction ceremony, usually held at Manhattan's Waldorf-Astoria and attended largely by industry heavyweights and celebrities who pay four-figure prices for their dinner. "That's an issue of consternation," Stewart admits. "It has always been an artist-driven affair, not a citizens' affair. The public wants to be there, and we continue to try to figure out a way to do that." He says the Cleveland museum may host the ceremony at any time—and it did once, in 1997. But the induction banquet serves as the New York-based Foundation's only annual fund-raiser, and museum management would have to ensure it could sell \$1 million worth of tickets to the event, a much easier proposition in New York. This has left some observers with the perception that the Hall of Fame Foundation gets the rock stars while the Hall of Fame Museum merely gets their guitars.

Friction between the Cleveland and New York camps con-



Blast from the past: A display evokes 1950s rockers.

tributed to the early exits of some of Stewart's predecessors, according to curator Henke. "I think Terry has done a better job than the others of keeping the boards happy," he says. "The board in New York, their goal was to preserve the history of the music. And quite frankly, the reason Cleveland went to such lengths to get [the Rock Hall] was they wanted a tourist attraction. There has always been this tug-of-war between whether we're a tourist attraction or an educational facility."

Compounding the Rock Hall's identity crisis is a corporate sponsorship crisis: the recent economic downturn and the war on terrorism have chased off all of the national sponsors it enjoyed when it opened. Corporate underwriting that still accounted for nearly one-fifth of operating revenue in 2000 declined to zero in 2002, forcing Stewart to slash the budget by more than \$2 million and lay off twenty-one full-time employees. "The whole world of sponsorship has changed dramatically over the past seven or eight years," he explains. "It used to be just about slapping your name on something. But now people want to quantify how much product is going to be sold. Just being in Cleveland with 600,000 people is not going to interest most large national sponsors. It's not enough eyeballs."

but rock & roll, as its many detractors have learned over the last fifty years, is a durable institution, and Stewart is determined to make sure that the museum that celebrates it proves just as resilient. He has hired Icon Entertainment, a division of advertising giant J. Walter Thompson, to renew the search for sponsorship, and is planning a \$50 million capital campaign, which would ease dependence on revenue and corporate dollars while allowing construction of a world-class library and archives. "We need to become more traditional in the way museums are, in terms of finding benefactors and people who can make donations to us," says Henke. "Because the earned income side—what we make in ticket sales, in our store—is unlikely to get any stronger."

Some 50,000 students, from kindergarten through high school, now visit the museum each year as part of an annual Rockin' the Schools program that teaches them about the history, poetry, and culture of the music. An annual five-day Summer Teacher Institute takes an interdisciplinary approach to bringing pop music into school curricula. And a university-level Master Class Series provides students an intimate forum with an accomplished artist. "Our big challenge right now is to convey that this is a public institution with an art form that deserves to be funded philanthropi-

● Hail, Hail Rock & Roll ●

Since the idea of a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame was first proposed, several critics have suggested the very concept is antithetical to the spirit of the music. When the museum opened in 1995, singer Chrissie Hynde of the Pretenders complained that "rock & roll was meant to be anti-establishment and renegade—you're not supposed to be displaying your gold records." It's an argument that Terry Stewart has heard before. "Rock & roll is very iconoclastic, so I can understand why people would say that. But the case I make is anything that powerful deserves to be memorialized and understood," says Stewart. "This music has reached more people than any art form that I know of. I mean, yes, Degas, Picasso—these are important. But the average man on the street, does he care about that? Has it changed his life? No. But you get a guy working in a steel mill who listens to a Bruce Springsteen song, and it reinforces who he is, and it makes him think."

It is an observation echoed by historian Glenn Altschuler, PhD '74, the Litwin Professor of American Studies and author of *All Shook Up: How Rock 'N' Roll Changed America*, published last year by Oxford University Press. In the book, he argues that the music that transformed the nation in the 1950s and 1960s "continues to solidify youth consciousness and bring meaning and order to the lives of millions of people." It's a revolution, Altschuler says, that deserves its own monument. "It's one of the most significant developments in music history," he says. "A rock & roll museum is a perfectly appropriate way of allowing people to examine that legacy."

Rock music should feel equally at home in the halls of academia, says Judith Peraino, an associate professor in Cornell's music department. "All sorts of issues are embedded in a study of rock and pop music—race, class, economics, gender, sexuality, youth culture, aging, technology, freedom of speech, not to mention musical issues," says the Berkeley-trained musicologist, who began teaching a course called History of Rock Music in 1997. It's one of the most popular courses on the Hill. "It's not that art music or jazz don't have these issues embedded in them, too. They do. But they do not have the same exposure to a mass market, nor do they have the same degree of political and cultural impact, especially for people in their teens and twenties."

cally," says Stewart. "And that's going to come from taking our educational programs to an even higher level."

Currently, the education experts at the Rock Hall are designing a curriculum for a course to be offered next year at Case Western Reserve University. An occasional lecture will be given by the Boss himself—Stewart, that is. But don't expect him to quit his day job. Despite all the financial challenges, promotional obstacles, and heady responsibilities, his is, after all, a life immersed in rock & roll. "I tell people I can't believe they pay me to do this," he says. "I'm afraid they're going to remember that they do." ●

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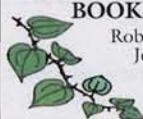
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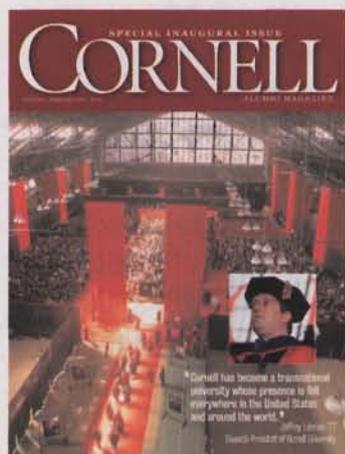
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Grads and students network in Texas

By Stephanie Fox '89

The Dallas-Fort Worth Area Cornell Women's Networking Group was founded in 2003 by Lynne Goldsmith '78 and Stephanie Fox '89 as a way for alumnae in the region to get together for networking and sharing of best practices. Since this part of the country has a smaller alumni base, it seemed even more important to have a way for us to meet each other. Although the Dallas area has an active alumni group, there had never been a subset specifically geared toward women. The DFW Cornell Women's Networking Group (CWNG) addresses that need. The concept has been eagerly embraced by area women, and after a kickoff meeting in the fall, we had our first event in January 2004.

We wanted our first event to center around reaching out to Cornell women who are approaching graduation. With this in mind, we held a student tea for DFW-area Cornell students to meet with local alumnae. The event targeted women who are currently juniors and seniors and offered them an opportunity to talk to alumnae in various stages of their careers. We enjoyed a great turnout of eight current students out of the twenty-three in the area. We had alumnae from four decades of graduating years, as well as representatives

from the Board of Trustees, Alumni Federation Board, and President's Council of Cornell Women.

One of the purposes of the tea was to give students a chance to express their chief concerns about life after Cornell. They talked about everything from finding an affordable apartment in New York City to being accepted to graduate school. It was a great opportunity for students to voice their thoughts and get some sage advice from alumnae who have gone through similar experiences.

A key part of the program

involved having alumnae give advice to those approaching life after graduation, including:

- Find a mentor. This doesn't have to be another woman, but should be someone in your chosen field who can provide professional guidance in your arena. Since few workplaces offer a formal mentoring program, it will likely be up to you to find your own mentor. Don't be afraid to ask for help.
- Promote yourself. This is an area where men have traditionally been better than women. It involves networking and marketing your skills both within and outside of your work group.
- Be flexible. Improve and develop your skills so you can take advantage of new opportunities as they arise. Don't be afraid to make a change if things aren't working out.

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Texas Tea: Dallas-area alumnae gather for networking and advice.

Calendar of Events

May 15 – July 15

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NY/Ontario

CAA/Central New York, May 18—CAF speaker Christine Schelhas-Miller on "Don't Call Me; Just Send Money" at the Lafayette Country Club. Contact Lindsay Hazelton, lhazelto@hancocklaw.com, 315/471-3151.

CC/Greater Capital District, May 19—CAF speaker Thomas Gilovich on "Why Smart People Make Big Money Mistakes and How to Correct Them." Contact Ellen Mitchell, emitch1274@earthlink.net, 518/257-1443.

CAA/Greater Rochester, May 19—Alumni Book Club at Barnes & Noble in Pittsford. Contact Kristen Hallagan, 585/242-0199.

CAA/Mid-Hudson, May 20—CAF speaker Thomas Gilovich on "Why Smart People Make Big Money Mistakes and How to Correct Them." Contact Jon Wechsler, jfwechsler@prodigy.net, 845/266-8943.

CAA/Central New York, May 20—Thirsty Third Thursday at the Syracuse Suds Factory. Contact Michael Wirtheim, michaelwirtheim@hotmail.com, 315/464-3010.

CAA/Greater Rochester, May 21—Vinification Gala at Casa Larga, Fairport. Contact Tom Cummings, tom@cummingscreative.com, 585/248-8676.

CC/Greater Buffalo, May 27—Young alumni meeting at SPoT Coffee. Contact Tiffany Wong, spilch@yahoo.com.

CWC/Syracuse, June 7—Annual meeting and plant sale to benefit the Margaret Crouch Nottingham Scholarship Fund. RSVP by June 1 to Janet Fallon, jbf28@cornell.edu, 315/696-0167.

CAA/Central New York, June 12—First annual Seneca Lake winery tour. Contact Janet Fallon, jbf28@cornell.edu, 315/696-0167.

CWC/Cortland County, June 15—Open meeting: "A Visit to Cornell Plantations Azalea Garden and Gift Shop." Contact Amy Simrell, 607/347-6621.

CAA/Central New York, June 17—Thirsty Third Thursday at the Syracuse Suds Factory. Contact Michael Wirtheim, michaelwirtheim@hotmail.com, 315/464-3010.

CC/Greater Buffalo, June 17—Young alumni happy hour. Contact Tiffany Wong, spilch@yahoo.com.

CC/Greater Buffalo, June 24—Lasertag at Lasertron. RSVP by June 18 to Tiffany Wong, spilch@yahoo.com.

Metro NY

CC/Fairfield County, May 16—CAF speaker Gene German on "Is There Life After Wal-Mart?" Contact Dotty Kesten, dotkest10@optonline.net, 203/222-7830.

CC/Rockland County, May 17—CAF speaker Gene German on "Is There Life After Wal-Mart?" Contact Robert Levitan, 845/638-0491.

CC/Northern New Jersey, June 6—Bike ride through the Great Swamp, leaving from the Loantaka Brook Reservation Bike Path in Morristown. Contact Doug Goldstein, dggldstn@juno.com, 973/227-1227.

Northeast

CC/New Hampshire, May 15—Volunteer at New Hampshire Public Television Auction, Durham. See www.nhptv.org. Contact Jill Mayo, ljm28@cornell.edu, 978/373-5728.

CC/Greater Hartford, May 22—Mystic Aquarium. Contact Amy Fairchild, amyfairchild@comcast.net, 860/569-1464.

CC/Cape Cod, June 9—Board meeting. Contact Richard Urban, rjurban3@aol.com.

CC/Boston, June 10—Young alumni happy hour at Lir. Contact Laura Little, lbi2@cornell.edu, 617/557-4168.

CC/New Hampshire, June 26—Trip to the Shoals Marine Laboratory, Portsmouth. Contact Jill Mayo, ljm28@cornell.edu.

CC/Cape Cod, June 27—Cape Cod Canal Cruise followed by supper. Contact Richard Urban, rjurban3@aol.com, 508/548-4424.

CC/Boston, July 8—Young alumni happy hour at Redline. Contact Laura Little, lbi2@cornell.edu, 617/557-4168.

Mid-Atlantic

CC/Lancaster, June 8—Club crab feast and picnic. Contact Rick Faulkner, rmfaulkner@msn.com.

CC/Lancaster, June 17—Annual golf outing at the York Country Club. Cost: \$85 for golf and dinner; \$25 for dinner only. Contact John Richards, 717/845-1600.

Midwest

CC/Pittsburgh, May 17—Luncheon lecture: Linda Benedict-Jones, executive director of Silver Eye Gallery, on "Photography at Silver Eye: Part of Pittsburgh's Cultural Landscape." Contact Madeline Bauer, mab79@cornell.edu, 412/831-9039.

CC/Minnesota, May 18—Reading group at Amore Coffee: Heller's *Catch-22*. Contact Judy Morgan, 651/688-6113.

CC/Southwestern Ohio, May 22—Canoe trip down the Little Miami River. Contact Michelle Vaeth, vaeth.mj@pg.com, 513/627-7434.

CC/Minnesota, May 23—Club Ezra, dinner/brunch club to welcome new Cornellians to the Twin Cities. Contact Mariah Michalovic, mkm9_cornell@

hotmail.com, 612/310-5262.

CC/Pittsburgh, May 31—Luncheon at the Engineering Society of Western PA. RSVP by 11 am, May 31 to Mady Bauer, mjbauer@switch.com.

CC/Minnesota, June 15—Reading group at Amore Coffee: Soyinka's *Ake: The Years of Childhood*. Contact Judy Morgan, 651-688-6113.

CC/Minnesota, June 20—Scholarship fund-raiser at the home of Dave Boehnen: special guest Terry Stewart, CEO of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. Contact Betsy Leis, betsy.leis@target.com, 612/929-0799.

CC/Pittsburgh, June 25—Luncheon at the Engineering Society of Western PA. RSVP by 11 am, June 25 to Mady Bauer, mjbauer@switch.com.

CC/Southwestern Ohio, June 27—Annual family picnic at Winton Woods Park. Contact Michelle Vaeth, vaeth.mj@pg.com.

Southeast

CAA/Charlotte, May 15—Hands on Charlotte Day. Community improvement project; celebration will follow at Marshall Park. Contact Debra Alzner, dla32@cornell.edu, 704/446-6261.

CAA/Charlotte, June 20—Charlotte Symphony's outdoor Summer Pops concert at Symphony Park in South Park. Contact Deb Alzner, dalzner@carolina.rr.com.

CC/Gold Coast, June 24—Alumni year-end happy hour. Contact Douglas Pfeiffer, 954/746-6833.

Southwest

CAA/Greater Houston, May 16—Houston Grand Opera production of *Turandot* at the Wortham Center. Contact Robert Taylor, oprmt@cs.com, 281/494-3969.

CC/Colorado, May 20—All-Ivy happy hour at the Squealin' Pig in Denver. Contact Peter Quinn, pjq1@yahoo.com.

CC/Austin, May 25—Evening of art with Connie Arismendi. Contact Cathy Cocco, ccocco@austin.rr.com, 512/838-0659.

CAA/Greater Houston, June 5—Reunion Day in Houston. Contact Christine Gorman, christinec_g@hotmail.com.

CC/Colorado, June 10—All-Ivy happy hour at the Attic in Boulder. Contact Peter Quinn, pjq1@yahoo.com.

CC/Colorado, June 17—All-Ivy happy hour at the Squealin' Pig in Denver. Contact Peter Quinn, pjq1@yahoo.com.

Western

CC/San Diego, May 25—CAF speaker Stephani Robson on "Turning the Tables: The Psychology of Restaurants." Contact Lisa Stewart, lbr7@cornell.edu, 619/464-7211.

CAA/Orange County, May 26—CAF speaker Stephani Robson on "Turning the Tables: The Psychology of Restaurants." Contact Usama Abdali, usama.abdali@skyworksinc.com, 949/360-0938.

CAA/Northern California, May 27—CAF speaker Stephani Robson on "Turning the Tables: The Psychology of Restaurants." Contact Charles Wu, 650/254-1417.

CAA/Northern California, June 20—San Francisco Giants baseball. Tickets \$24 for CAANC members and guests; \$29 for non-members. To register, visit www.cornellnorcal.com. Contact Alex Barna, alexander.barna-1@nasa.gov, 650/604-5074.

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- Life has phases. Your life path may be very different from what you imagine at this time. Perhaps you will take time off to raise a family before continuing your career, or you may stop working and focus on volunteering. Only you know what is right for you, and when it is right.

- Just do it . . . don't wait. For example, if you are twenty-eight and always wanted to go to medical school, take the MCATs and apply. If you are not accepted, it may be time to let go of that ambition. If you are accepted, you will really be in a position to make a decision.

Overall, the function was deemed a success and we look forward to making it an annual event!

The Student Tea was hosted by Lorraine Heffernan '78 and student-hosted by Leslie Flanagan '03.

Attendees included: Andrea Lee Carboni '90, Elizabeth Crowder, JD '86, Stephanie Fox '89, Lynne Goldsmith '78, Caren Kline '75, Irene Lueling '85, Gail MacDonald '73,



Irene Lueling '85 (left) chats with Gail MacDonald '73.

Anita Moran '75, Diane Parmerlee '79, Amy Schwab '02, Kim Stevenson, MBA '01, Sherri Stuewer '73, Stephanie Tan '85, Shawna Evers '06, Malkia Hutchinson '05, Lisa Pena '04, Anar Rathod '04, Maressa Valdez '04, Anne Wallach '05, and Lillian Yim '04.

Alumni Federation Announces New Board Members

The Cornell Alumni Federation's Nominations Committee presented slates of candidates for five director-at-large and six director-from-the-region positions to the full Federation board at its January 23, 2004, meeting. Unanimously endorsed to begin terms in April 2004 as directors-at-large were: Dean Burrell '79, Andrew Chang '74, Nancy Abrams Dreier '86, Ann Ferreira '88, and Sally Anne Levine '70, JD '73. With this appointment, Nancy Abrams Dreier, Ann Ferreira, and Sally Anne Levine begin their second terms on the Federation board. Directors-at-large represent the alumni body as a whole and serve two-year terms.

Retiring directors-at-large, whose terms ended in April, are: Mary Maxon Grainger '79, MPS '87, and John Kaufman '89. Approved by the board to serve two-year terms as directors-from-the-regions were: Charles Schilke, JD '88 (Mid-Atlantic); Eliese Fisher '89 (Midwest); Ross Lanzafame '77, MPS '79 (New York/Ontario); Bruce Stirling, MBA '73 (Southeast); David Harap '89 (Southwest/Mountain); and Mark Newman '92, ME '93 (Western). With this appointment, Ross Lanzafame and Bruce Stirling begin their second terms on the Federation board.

In all, there are eighteen directors-from-the-regions, representing Cornell Clubs and Alumni Associations from nine regions around the globe. Outgoing directors-from-the-region are: Elizabeth Haussman '91 (Mid-Atlantic); Jon Wardner '79 (Midwest); and Nancy Neuman '90 (Southwest/Mountain).

View From the Hill

Alumni-elected trustee bids farewell

By Denise Meridith '73

As I sat in one of many pro-Africana studies, anti-Vietnam War demonstrations on campus during my freshman year at Cornell, the farthest vision from my mind would have been of me sitting in Barton Hall listening to the inaugural speech of Cornell's eleventh president. Yet here it was, thirty-four years after I first set foot in Ithaca, and I was not just a member of the audience; I was a Cornell trustee in full regalia. It was one of many highlights during my four-year term as an alumni-elected trustee. Jeff Lehman's inauguration in October 2003 was a very emotional experience for me on many levels. I have experienced a myriad of emotions during my tenure.

I admit that, like many alumni, I was ignorant of the process of how trustees are chosen until I got the call that I had been nominated, and I was skeptical that an African-American, middle-class federal bureaucrat could compete for such a prestigious post. But I was thrilled when then-President Hunter Rawlings called to tell me I had achieved my first elected position. I am proud of my role in administration of the University, having chaired the Cornell Council's Public Affairs Committee and served on the Academic Affairs and Campus Life Committee and the Athletics Task Force.

Finally, I am sad that my term is coming to an end this year. Was it worth the time and effort required for the many cross-country trips from Phoenix to New York, numerous conference calls, and committee work? You bet! I have been awed and humbled by the intelligence, talent, and commitment of my fellow trustees, the Cornell staff, and the alumni and students I have met as a trustee. They have enhanced my life and career.



27 “Like mother, like daughter.” That’s how a local newspaper began its story about **Gertrude Godfrey Ronk**, BA ’29, of Williamsburg, MA. On a crisp Saturday late last November, just a month shy of her 100th birthday, Gertrude accepted the “Boston Post cane,” a symbolic gift given by the Williamsburg selectmen to the town’s oldest resident. Several decades earlier, Gertrude’s mother had received the very same honor, “sitting in the same chair in the same room in the same house.” As the *Daily Hampshire Gazette* described it, Gertrude was “a lifetime resident of Trumansburg, NY, until she retired to Williamsburg with her late husband **Edward** [PhD ’34] in 1964. Her mother came to live with them several years later.”

“Gertrude’s cheerful and lively demeanor,” the article continued, “puts to rest any myths about elderly women being docile or complacent. When the selectmen drew near to present her with the cane, she wagged her finger at the chairman: ‘Speak more slowly when you speak in public,’ she said. Then she offered an assessment of local politics, calling the current board ‘the best-balanced trio that we’ve had since we’ve lived here.’”

Friends, family members, and neighbors gathered to celebrate the occasion and to praise Gertrude as an independent, feisty woman with a mind of her own. “She is always bringing something wonderful to other people’s lives,” said one neighbor. Gertrude, very appreciative but somewhat embarrassed, said that she enjoyed the company. “I think you’re making a lot out of a thing that doesn’t deserve it, but I thank you all.”

What is the secret to the family’s longevity? “Genes,” says Gertrude. “And I’m not talking about the ones spelled J-E-A-N-S.”

Our best wishes go out to Mrs. Ronk, and the magazine thanks **Priscilla Alden Clement** ’46 for sending us a copy of the article. ♦ Class of 1927, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850.

31 **Len Gordon**, our longtime class vice president, has sent in an addition to the Legacy Lists from his new permanent address (6350 NW 62nd St., Apt. 111, Tamarac, FL 33319-6281; tel., (954) 726-5029): **Emily Horwitz Gordon** ’07, daughter of **David Gordon** ’64, niece of **Peggy Gordon Miers** ’60, and Len’s granddaughter. **Frank Principe** (Francis J., 53148 63rd St., Maspeth, NY 11378) has again been honored in his hometown for his life-long community service (for which the local newspaper has dubbed

him “Mr. Maspeth”). This time he has gone national! The American Concrete Inst. has granted him their highest award, “Honorary Membership.” Since the institute was established in 1926, it has elected only 17 persons to this position. Frank’s award is for “his foresight, perseverance, and determination to improve both technical and commercial aspects of the concrete industry.” Congratulations, Frank!

Way back in May 2003, **Ruth Laible** Tallmadge (81 Coniston Dr., Rochester, NY 14610) reported on a busy day in her garden in the category “What I accomplished yesterday”: “Planted one dozen petunias and two veronica, one dozen cosmos. Spring planting now finished. Just hope the deer don’t feel the urge to nibble.” Ruth, we hope the deer got to somebody else’s garden first, and that your 2004 planting is even more successful. Back in June 2003 our faithful correspondent **Rosemary Hunt** Todd (200 Alliance Way, 239C, Manchester, NH 03102) told of “rounding out seven months of living in a retirement spot in the wooded hills of Manchester.” She has one daughter living nearby and planned a summer trip to see another daughter in New Jersey and a son near her old stamping ground, his summer home on Lake Michigan. At this age, there’s nothing quite as enjoyable as visiting the descendants, is there?

Even farther back, in April 2003, **Bill Vogel** (William H. Jr., 12 Strawberry Lane, Warren, CT 06777) crossed out all the suggested categories for response and sent in the following: “What do I write that would be of interest to my fellow classmates? Thankfully, my health is good, I enjoy living in my own home, but things that I enjoy doing get harder to do. My honeybees died during this past winter. Now, do I replace them? I hope I can. Fortunately, my eyes are good and I can drive my car, have many interests, and keep active. In September (2003) a fellow Cornellian and fraternity brother **Ed Matthews** ’37 and I will go to our reunion of the 1st A.W. Co. in Lambertville, NJ. In February 1941 we both were called to active duty in the Army Signal Corps (Bill was in the ROTC Signal Corps at Cornell) and sailed to Iceland in July and set up the Air Defense System there. It was operational by September—three months before Pearl Harbor. I hope to make our 75th Reunion in 2006! Best wishes to all.” To answer your initial question, Bill: “Just what you wrote.”

Helen McCurdy Grommon, MA ’37 (Mrs. Alfred H., 501 Portola Rd., #8025, Portola Valley, CA 94028) was very single-minded in her responses to the suggested categories—what she was doing, what she had been doing, and what she hoped to do. Her answers referred to her



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Duffield at dusk: Construction
nears completion on Duffield
Hall, home to nanotechnology
research and education.



continuing ambition: "To clean up my desk." When you finish, Helen, I have an Augean task here on the Cape for you. **Tom Kelley** (Thomas D., 11770 NE Yeomalt Point Dr., Bainbridge Island, WA 98110) reported back in April 2003 that he gets around and keeps busy, but has to use a walker. He also sent along a letter for Frank O'Brien reporting on a visit he had made some years before to the Castle in Ireland that was the ancestral home of the clan O'Brien. Some excerpts: "They had a medieval dinner for all the visitors, and I was 'Lord of the Manor' that night . . . They sat me up on a throne with a diadem on my head, and then put my wife on a lower seat with a smaller diadem. She got mad when I told her that was appropriate. Then we had medieval food and drank mead, which comes from fermented honey. (Bill Vogel never brought any of that to Reunion!) There was a commotion when two medieval guards dragged a chap before me and said, 'Sire, we caught this varlet trifling with the ladies! What shall we do with him?' I went back to my medieval Irish and ordered, 'Throw him in the dun-john!'" ♦ **Bill Vanneman**, 237 N. Main St., S. Yarmouth, MA 02664-2088; e-mail, ggrampi@gis.net.

32 During the holiday season I received a greeting card from **James Whiskeman**, 8424 E. Via De Encanta, Scottsdale, AZ 85258-3908. Jim was a memorable pitcher about whom the *Ithaca Journal* once printed a headline that said "Whiskeman Defeats Colgate," or words to that effect. The card included a snapshot of a smiling Jim with a handsome dog on his lap.

As I write this, western New York is in the grip of a frigid February, but by the time this issue reaches you baseball will be a suitable topic. And so I report that today's paper carried the obituary of **Robert Newman**, loyal Cornellian and classmate. To tie in the baseball connection, I quote from the report in the *Buffalo News*: "The 93-year-old Buffalo native would later become the friend and lawyer for Baseball Hall of Fame Joseph V. 'Marse Joe' McCarthy,

Bernard Falk and I regularly communicate via e-mail and he recently sent me a page entitled "How Did We Survive?" With his permission I plan to insert a paragraph in this and a few subsequent columns with the title "Musings from Ben Falk." For example: "My mom used to cut chicken, chop eggs, and spread mayo on the same cutting board with the same knife and no bleach, but we didn't seem to get food poisoning. My mom used to defrost hamburger on the counter. And I used to eat it raw sometimes, too, but I can't remember getting *E. coli*. We all took gym, not PE, and risked permanent injury with a pair of high-top Keds (worn only in gym) instead of having cross-training athletic shoes with air-cushioned soles and built-in light reflectors. I can't recall any injuries, but they must have happened because they tell us how much safer we are now."

For those of you who may wonder how I can be so stupid as to lay myself open to charges of plagiarism and violation of Ben's privacy, be advised that Ben sent me a message saying I may present for publication anything he sends me. ♦ **Jim Oppenheimer**, 140 Chapin Pkwy., Buffalo, NY 14209; tel., (716) 886-1314.

33 Your class secretary is regretfully giving out and up, at only 90. **Ted Tracy**, our class treasurer, has been forewarned. By the way, he is coming along fine with his new knee. I've just finished a stint in the hospital. If there's nothing wrong with you, they can always find something at this age. The taped copy of my rendition of "Streetcar Sam" lies in the Tompkins County Museum, right below the *Cornell Alumni Magazine* office on East State Street, for future generations. This will be my last column. Do stay tuned to this space, however, for future Class of '33 columns, and continue sharing your news by sending your friendly updates directly to the magazine (see address at the bottom of this column).

From **Deane Dunloy**: "Your pitiful plea for material touches my heart. But not my blind eyes or wobbly brain. With advanced macular

volunteers, starting with the five-member board of directors, who are supported by the chairs for various committees—very democratic. Elections are held each year. Once a month the board holds an open meeting. The chairs relate what their committees accomplished the past month, and homeowners can relate their complaints or express their praise to the board. Then my turn comes. I relate the problems that people have directed to me and explain what I did for them—but without giving any personal information. It is all confidential.

"One day when I was out walking, I saw this younger couple. The husband was holding a cute puppy, and that's always an invitation to speak, at least about the puppy. Before I could open my mouth, the woman said, 'Aren't you the ombudsman?' I didn't know what to expect. She said, 'I listen to you every open board meeting.' (That was very nice to know.) But she was not through. She put icing on the cake by saying, 'I find your reports very interesting.' When it was my turn to speak at the next open board meeting, I related what the woman had said, and ended by saying, 'To that couple, whoever they are and wherever they are, I hope they get as much pleasure from the puppy as they gave to me.'"

Bill Neff (4031 Kennett Pike, #62, Wilmington, DE 19807): "Our 70th Reunion was great and well organized, thanks to Ted and his associates. We were pampered beyond expectations by the Statler Hotel staff. The receptions, dinners, and lunches at Barton Hall were most enjoyable. Our class picture was great. It would balance if somebody would make up a key chart showing the names and picture locations and send a copy to those in the picture." (This task was laid on Ted Tracy.)

Here is an excerpt from a letter to Ted from our Cornell Tradition scholarship recipient, **Gina Testa**: "I am writing this letter to thank you for your class's generous contribution to the Cornell Tradition, and for giving me the opportunity to attend such an outstanding university. I am a third year student in Arts and Sciences and have just recently declared Sociology as my major. I have taken a great variety of classes in the department and have decided on a concentration in organizational business. I am currently studying gender inequality and economic sociology, both of which interest me very much. I plan to attend graduate school, and will most likely study business or economics.

"I am originally from Drexel Hill, PA, a small town outside Philadelphia, and my family now resides in Lancaster, PA. I have two brothers and one sister. I have a great passion for sports and this helped spark my interest in Cornell. I was recruited by field hockey coach Michelle Tambroni, and several other Ivy League schools. However, Cornell was able to give me everything I was looking for—a healthy mix of academics and athletics. I am also a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. This organization has opened many doors for me and allowed me to discover specific friendships. My field hockey team participated in several service projects last spring, including assisting in the landscaping of a local park. I am looking forward

'My rendition of "Streetcar Sam" lies in the Tompkins County Museum, right below the Cornell Alumni Magazine office.'

HENRY E. HORN '33

the first manager to win pennants in both major leagues and the first to win the World Series four times in a row."

Bob and his wife regularly attended class reunions until his failing health precluded travel. He served in North Africa during WWII, and upon his return stateside met Women's Army Corps Sgt. Helen Wilson, whom he married in 1947. Helen told the *News*, "I outranked him. He was a private first class." That apparently was the recipe for a happy marriage.

degeneration, I can't even see this as I write. Hope you can. Tried to get to our 50th—with a suite on campus for granddaughter **Allison Dunloy '00** and son **James '72**—but never made it, as my wife Martha died and I went to her funeral—blind. Sorry not to be there." Could have been any of us!

Lt. Col. **Alfred Bennett** (25212 Village 25, Camarillo, CA 93012): "I am the ombudsman for Leisure Village, a retirement community of 2,136 homes and about 3,500 people. It is run by

to my next years at Cornell, and once again would like to express my appreciation for your generosity. You have played a major part in helping my dreams to come true. Thanks so much."

And finally, an admission from your departing secretary: We—**Catherine (Stainken) '36**, MS '39, and I—have ten children: four Cornell; four Harvard; Gettysburg; UMass; Wellesley. Four with PhDs; all with master's. We will ALWAYS be Cornellians! ♦ **Henry E. Horn**, 47-1 Trowbridge St., Cambridge, MA 02138; Class of '33, *c/o Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850.

34 Since I work on the premise "Better late than never," I hope this makes the May/June issue. We will have our 70th Reunion this year and I hope all who can will get there.

Caroline Bissell Capper tells of two dentists, one doctor, and one pharmacist among her five grandchildren. There are also six great-grandchildren. She still plays golf and is an active hospice volunteer. Caroline is thankful to still be here to enjoy family and friends. **Elsie Starks** Shreeve sent in a wonderful letter with so much information that I must shorten it. I truly love getting these news cards and wish I could include everything you tell. She now has 11 great-grandchildren, including a darling adopted from China. She is still driving, enjoys living with husband Al, and finds her home in the retirement village most pleasant.

Beulah Hyman Perskin is another Florida transplant. She lives with her daughter and family in Boca Raton and celebrated her 90th birthday—but then, who among us hasn't! There was a note written for **Mary Jewell** Willoughby and I hope she is well enough to know that we are glad to hear from her. She still owns the farm in Kansas where her grandparents settled.

Elizabeth Barber Evans has moved to 55 Harris Rd., Troy, NY 12182 and regrets not being able to get to reunion. **Mary Terry** Goff is still in her own house. She went on a ten-day cruise to Mexico and then a two-week cruise to Hawaii.

I've exhausted all the news cards and hope to get more for another letter. ♦ **Eleanor Mirsky** Bloom, 463 77th St., Brooklyn, NY 11209; tel., (718) 836-6344.

This is the last Class Notes before our 70th Reunion, June 10-13, at the Statler Hotel in the midst of the Cornell campus. 70 years is a long time! We worked hard then, but we had a great time! This reunion will give us all an opportunity to reminisce and rehash those great and happy memories.

I had a long phone visit with **Max Dercum**. I roomed across the hall from him in Boldt Hall our first year at Cornell. Max was a fine skier in college and active in the Cornell Ski Club. When he graduated he ended up in Colorado in the heart of that state's ski country. He became involved in the development of some of their fine ski facilities. He built a lovely home right there, raised a family, and taught them all to be very adept on the slopes. Max became a legend in the ski world out there, and in his honor they

named one of the mountains Mount Dercum. I think that's another first for our class! What a wonderful success story. He turned his hobby into a successful career. Congratulations, Max. It couldn't happen to a nicer fellow.

Jim Hirshfeld, ME '37, an active member of our class in college, long since retired, is now living in Roscommon, MI, on the beautiful upper peninsula of Michigan. It was so good to catch up with Jim after too long a time. Glad to find him in good shape, discounted somewhat for age! Our good friend **Hugh Westfall** will be unable to make our 70th, which is a disappointment not only to Hugh but to his classmates. He's a great Cornellian and has been a regular reuner and great supporter of our class and of the Hotel school. We thank you for all your support, Hugh, and hope you continue to feel better.

Our reunion is shaping up well. We will have a fine attendance, and it will be a great get-together. We will have our first opportunity to meet and visit with Cornell's new president, **Jefrey Lehman '77**, an impressive figure. We will also have a special visit and tour of the new headquarters of Cornell's Laboratory of Ornithology—a truly magnificent edifice.

Please make every effort, each of you of the Class of '34, to attend this reunion. This will be our class's big finale. Let's make it one you will long remember!

We will also be concluding our 70th Reunion Capital Campaign. Our goal is to set a new record for the number of class donors to the 70th Reunion. We are doing well so far, and with lots of effort we can set a new record. So please be sure to make a gift by June of this year, large or small. We want your name on our Class Honor Roll. Remember this is the last year your class will be asking you to make a gift to Cornell or seeking class dues from you. Let's end it on a high note! Thank you so much for your support. You are why Cornell '34 has always been a "Class Act." ♦ **William R. Robertson**, 143 Rivermead Rd., Peterborough, NH 03458; tel., (603) 924-8654.

35 I was saddened at year-end to learn that **Ann Sunstein Kheel '36**, the brilliant and lovely wife of classmate **Theodore W.**, had died. After raising five daughters and a son, she devoted many years of service as a civic leader and an environmentalist to New York City and New York State. On behalf of the Class of 1935, I wish to offer sincere condolences to Ted and their entire family.

Elizabeth Williams Stavelly of 10961 Gurlley Lane, Mendocino, CA 95460 writes that in 2002 she completed 50 years of service as a member of the League of Women Voters, as well as welcoming her first grandchild. She frequently sees **Barbara Anderson** Everett '60. **Ward Luther**, who lives in Freedom Village, 6404 21st Ave. W., #H-503, Bradenton, FL 34209, serves on the finance and well-being committees. He has four children and four grandchildren who live nearby. Ward, it's great to hear that you are enjoying life so fully.

♦ **Doris Struss** Huster of 727 Berkshire Rd.,

Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230 writes that she and husband Frank are doing well and that she is enjoying the pocket calendar. **Florence Nusim** Greville, who played the piano for the group singing at our 65th Reunion, is also pleased with the calendar. Florence lives at 505 Pebble Hill Ct., Charlottesville, VA 22903. Florence, our next reunion is not so far off that you might dust off the old songbooks and start rattling the keys.

Dr. **Tevis Goldhaft**, 3300 Darby Rd., #3225, Haverford, PA 19041, used e-mail to call my attention to a front page *New York Times* article about the Class of 1933 at Princeton that sounded like it could have been written about the Class of 1935 at Cornell. Thank you, Tevis.

If you have no News, you must have a Memory that you would like to share. Send it to: ♦ **Albert G. Preston Jr.**, 252 Overlook Dr., Greenwich, CT 06830; or e-mail, davada35@aol.com.

36 Greetings. In our last column I bemoaned the fact that our news was drying up—but not so!

Since then we have all received our letter asking for our annual dues, and included in that letter, as usual, was the News Form, which 28 of you (so far) returned with information about yourselves. Thank you! However, I'm sorry to report that of those 28, eight were without a name. We have been getting that same form for as long as I can remember and I'm sure that it is unique among all forms ever designed—it doesn't ask for a name. At first glance that makes sense because if the university sends it to us they must know our name. But apparently that doesn't work.

Over the years, by trial and error, most of us have figured out the system. When we first started, we got the letter and form and sent in a check and that seemed to keep the people in Alumni Affairs happy. So the next year they knew we were still around and sent us another letter and form, and we sent in a check, etc. But then one year we sent in some news about ourselves along with the check, but the check and the news got separated. By habit or pure intuition, some of us signed our name to the form, which was sent to old Bill, who jumped up and down and told his wife that he had some news and could use it.

For those of you who haven't figured it out yet, there's hope! Now we have a university president who for the first time in Cornell's history is one of us, and he's been getting that same form each year. I can see him now, sitting in his office at the U. of Michigan saying to himself, "I'd love to be President of Cornell, and if that should ever happen, the first thing I'm going to do is change that form. No, that's not right, the first thing I'm going to do is change the football team, and the *second* thing I'll do is change the form." But of course presidents are too busy with more serious matters, so I guess that won't happen. Therefore, if you should ever get a form with a blank box at the top and no instructions, that box is not there for decoration or to take up space, and it's not there for a message like, "Hail, Cornell," or "Merry Christmas." Nor is it for a

photograph. It's for your NAME! Of course, there's a more simple solution, but . . .

Happily, one of us who has figured it out and who also was kind enough to send me a letter is **Frank "Bob" Drews**, which follows: "I just received the new issue of the alumni magazine and enjoyed your remarks about the Dartmouth game. That must have been senior year. As I remember, our junior year we played Richmond, supposedly a warm-up game. They beat us 6-0. On the Richmond team was Lyle Graham, later an executive with Philip Morris. He is now a close friend and former golfing partner, despite losing his left arm as a Navy pilot in WWII. We often joke about that game. They were not on the schedule the next year, and he says they dropped us because we almost beat them. You are right. Our classmates on our senior year team were a great bunch of men, **Hack Wilson, Bill Borger, Jeff Stofer, Hank Godshall, Andy Peirce, Ev Bragg, Ron Wilson** . . . I could go on forever. Many went on to graduate school to become lawyers, doctors, architects, and leaders in the business world. Were college football teams today composed of men like them, I think it would be better.

"You certainly have a tough job. The attrition rate of our classmates is high and those who are left sit in our retirement communities. We go to exercise class, play bridge and gin, have putting contests, and generally lie about what we did in our 20s and 30s. Almost no one is old enough to question what we say. At present only **Howie Heintz, Paul Mattice**, and I are still here from the Phi Gam Class of '36. Incidentally, the recent directory of Cornell Phi Gamma Delta has an address for **William Borger**: 76 Woodley Rd., c/o Helen O. Glower, Winnetka, IL 60093. For years we had no address for him."

Thanks, Bob. Wonderful letter and I'm sure the university will be glad to have Bill's address. It would be great to hear from Bill, Howie, and Paul, and also Hank Godshall, who played an important role in our class activities. Speaking of which, the honors continue to increase for **Harry Bovay**, who has just been awarded the 2004 Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award. He will be honored along with the eight other honorees at a ceremony in Ithaca on October 15. Harry can be reached at 2200 Willowick Rd., Unit 12H, Houston, TX 77027-3925. In our next column I'll happily have lots of news for you from those who have learned to sign those forms. ♦ **Bill Hoyt**, 8090 Oakmont Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95409; e-mail, subilhoyt@SBCglobal.net.

37 Dr. **Alfred Freedman**, although retired for 13 years, is still engaged in national and international boards of psychiatry and general medicine that are involved in issues concerning capital punishment. The boards investigate the role of physicians, particularly psychiatrists, in legal executions, and are campaigning for a moratorium and eventual abolition. Alfred and Marcia's son Paul is the Chester D. Tripp professor of history at Yale, and son Dan is Washington correspondent of Hearst Press.

Millard and Genevieve **Coggs** celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary last October in Clermont, FL. **Wendell Fairbanks** has moved to an assisted living facility at Columbia Ridge, 2300 W. 9th St., Apt. 226, Washougal, WA 98671. When they're not "wintering" in Lake Worth, FL, you'll find **Ellis Jacobson** and Dorothy, a retired registered nurse, at home at 156 Osborne Rd., Sacandaga Village, Northville, NY 12134-3472.

Bernard and **Adele Massell Diamond '38** say they stay at home base in White Plains, NY, these days, where children and grandchildren visit often. The Diamonds have two sons, two daughters, and eight grandchildren, including Adam, who is working on a PhD in history, Lauren, a teacher, David, playing guitar and working with computers, and Jessica, just out of Oberlin, in India. **Edward** and **Lenore Speiser** are very proud of their sons' successful careers. Mark is CFO of a large local company, and Andy the senior vice president of the Philadelphia 76ers in the NBA. Four grandsons, all in college or high school, round out the family. Former extensive travelers, the Speisers haven't been away in the past few years.

Col. **Edwin Moran** had a 30-year career with the US Army Corps of Engineers. Ed and Barbara enjoy living at Kendal of Ithaca with lots of Cornellians. He continues his interest in writing and historical research, gets out on the golf course, and is a bank director. The Moran clan includes four children and eight grandchildren, all graduates of an assortment of colleges, and one great-grandchild.

At the Call family reunion in Letchworth State Park, **Alden Jones** was the eldest member among 70 family celebrating the 150th anniversary of ancestor Robert Call's coming to the US. Many of Alden's cousins were Cornell grads, including his sister **Eileen Jones Lye '41** from Raleigh, NC. ♦ **Robert A. Rosevear**, 2714 Saratoga Rd. N., DeLand, FL 32720-1403.

38 **C. Monroe Albright Jr.**, MS '40 (Wilmington, DE) is still working at The Furniture Exchange Ltd., which he started in 1981 with his second wife, Nancy, after each had lost their first spouses. After three operations in 2002 he now operates with a cane. "Otherwise, life is great. My son **Clayton M. III '76** lives here in Wilmington. He is married with two children. His daughter is entering Bucknell (hopefully) next year. Miss Ithaca; maybe see you for the 70th."

Ruth Barclay Wright (Cape Porpoise, ME) and husband **Harold '36**, MD '39, are enjoying family. Two great-grandchildren live just around the corner. Daughter Doris is now in Florida with a cabin cruiser that she uses to sail back and forth via the Intracoastal Waterway. Their son Charles's art gallery in Kennebunkport is thriving. Son Edward, a professional guitarist, is always performing, and his two sons are also in music and the arts. **Dorothy Godfrey Crowther** (Elyria, OH) reports that she is living in a nice retirement center with others of the same age and having a wonderful time. Two of her children (Jack and Judy) live in Elyria. Oldest

daughter Dee lives on Kelley's Island in Lake Erie, and daughter Cecily Jean resides in Chicago. Dorothy has nine grandchildren. One of them, **Casey**, is now a freshman at Cornell. "She loves it, of course!"

Harold Segall (hasegall@hklaw.com; Harrison, NY) and wife Edith had a wonderful trip to Venice and Paris last fall. Shortly after their return, the National Guild of Hypnotists published his article, "Golf—The Role of Hypnosis," in its newsletter. If any member of the class would like a copy, please send Harold your home address or e-mail. His e-mail address is above. After 55 years, his former firm, Gilbert, Segall and Young, had a happy and successful merger with his present firm, Holland & Knight. "I am still hard at work," he writes, "although I come to the office only four days a week. Since I live in Westchester I commute to Grand Central and then take the subway to Fulton Street. Edith and I enjoy the company of **Lenny** and **Gloria Roberts**, who are members of our country club. We enjoy our geriatric golf."

Sylvia Gluck Grossman (Roslyn, NY in summer; St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, in winter) says that she is comparatively healthy, but no longer plays tennis at her club—"only bridge and food." She and husband Irwin no longer travel the world. Sylvia still serves on the Visiting Nurse Assn. of Long Island executive board and on the board of ethics for the Town of North Hempstead, Long Island. She was cited as Volunteer of the Year by Ronald McDonald House, which she visits every two weeks with cakes from Entenman's. She has three sons and one grandson. One of her sons drafts healthcare legislation for Congress to consider. **Frederick Tropp's** daughter **Caroline Beale** (bealecons@aol.com) let us know that her father passed away suddenly on October 7, 2003. "He remained very active," she wrote, "until an acute illness in mid-September, playing tennis and golf several times per week."

Elizabeth Burgess Benedict (Manlius, NY) wrote us about her children and grandchildren. Her son **Dale Benedict '62**, ME '63, lives in Michigan and is married to **Marion (Krause) '66**. Grandson Eric received his undergraduate and master's degree at Purdue and his PhD at the U. of Wisconsin. Granddaughter Brenda earned her BA at Hope College in Michigan and her MA at the U. of Oregon. **James** and **Ruth Pierce Moyer '41**, PhD '69 (Ellenton, FL) said they had no particular news. "Not very active anymore. *But*, still active and kicking!"

Keep sending your news! ♦ Class of '38, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Ste. 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, cornell_magazine@cornell.edu.

39 Perhaps the bitter cold and heavy snows of the worst winter in 50 years in Ithaca spread out across the land, because news has been sparse indeed. We huddled indoors, and I suppose you did, too. At any rate, reunion time is here, and the onset of summer, and we can all warm up together as we celebrate our 65th. I have not heard yet how many of our classmates

will return to the Hill, but can assure you we'll have a wonderful time exclaiming over the many changes on campus, renewing old friendships, and making new ones. Sixty-nine years ago, we were belting out "Hi-Yi-Ki-I-Kus, nobody like us, we are the freshmen of Cornell." Remember? It's hard to believe.

Meanwhile, our lives have gone in many different directions, all influenced by special interests and circumstances. **Priscilla Buchholz Frisbee's** interest in local history, developed over many years with her husband **Edward '38, JD '40**, resulted in 2003 in the naming of the Edward Frisbee Center for Collections and Research at Historic Cherry Hill, a wonderful museum honoring early settlers—the Van Rensselaer and Rankin families of New York. As Priscilla said, "It was one of the biggest days of my life." She sent clippings of the celebration of the opening, and I shall send them to the archives at Cornell.

Barbara Babcock Payne, after a busy career as an assistant dean at Cornell, a fund-raiser for the United Negro College Fund, and other academic roles, now concentrates on her first love, gardening. She, with her children, gave Cornell a natural area for research in memory of her son Edward. Her latest effort is helping to track the migration of the viburnum leaf beetle in Ithaca. She looks after the funds we raise to support our garden at the Plantations, to which I hope you will remember to contribute to honor your friends and relatives.

Elvira Falco Bass, a noted research scientist at Sloan-Kettering in New York City, retired to Blue Hill in Maine and took up a whole new activity, getting involved in the Historical Society, collecting historical materials and books for their town library, and running the library book sales. **Helen Ziegler Carr** and husband **John '41** have become avid boaters on Puget Sound in all kinds of weather. She says she's exchanged snow for rain, but doesn't seem to mind, pitying us poor Ithacans who get both snow and rain.

Now I'm looking forward to seeing those of you who can make it back to Cornell, to hear about your families, your activities, and your adventures. See you at Reunion! ♦ **Ruth Gold Goodman**, 103 White Park Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850; tel., (607) 257-6357; e-mail, bg11@cornell.edu.

John D. Hull Jr. and wife Astrid will make their usual trip to Sweden later this year so they can attend our 65th Reunion! They also plan to attend their granddaughter's high school graduation in May. **Edward Holcomb**, MD '43, and wife **Nancy (Eggleston)**, MS '41, spent their spring and summer in the Isle of Palms, SC. Edward still enjoys tennis, skiing, and photography . . . and traveling, too, as they showed slides of their trip to the Galapagos Islands. Their timber harvest produces some ash hardwood and is used to produce baseball bats!

Frank McAleavey tells us that he and wife Jane celebrate their wedding anniversary every five years in Pacific Grove, CA. He hopes to return for reunion in June. **Harvey McChesney** and his wife spent February and March in Stu-

art, FL, as usual. After visiting his grandson in Phoenix, AZ, they went on a tour of Copper Canyon and the Sea of Cortez in Mexico. In October they were blessed with a great-grandchild, the first McChesney of that generation.

Mark T. Muller now lives with wife Helen in a high-rise condominium in Dallas. He is legally blind and listens to books from the Library of Congress. One of Mark's wartime experiences was recounted in his building's paper: He was commissioned with the Army Signal Corps and was among the first to land in

ern California. He continued to serve Cornell as a class officer and council member. We were also informed of the death of Dr. **Robert Griffith**. June **Lash** reported the death of her husband and our classmate **Ralph** on Sept. 12, '03.

We always have news of **Bette Limpert Mayhew** (10429 W. Monterosa Dr., Sun City, AZ). She and daughter Beth took their first cruise aboard the *Norwegian Sky* to Canada and Alaska. At a sorority gathering in June, Bette received an award for being an active member of Kappa Gamma for 65 years. She continues to

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FRANK "BOB" DREWS '36

New Guinea. There he met his wife-to-be, a former Red Cross and Army nurse in the 153rd battalion hospital in the first MASH unit set up in New Guinea. He retired from the service as a full colonel with 17 decorations. Their careers cover WWII, the Vietnam War, the Washington photography staffs of presidents Kennedy and Johnson, and MIT and UT professorships in Austin, teaching telecommunications. He encrypted codes for several generals, including General MacArthur, who signed papers permitting Mark and Helen to get married. They hope to be at reunion!

John Ogden works part-time as a realtor in Milwaukee for his two sons, who run the business. His third son, **Christopher '82**, is in the restaurant business in Hilton Head and Myrtle Beach, as well as in Savannah, where he owns and runs three shops. John hopes to see many of his classmates at the 65th Reunion. **Alexander Yaxis** keeps busy as a semi-retired dairy consultant. As a hobby he maintains his 28-ft. sailboat and fabricates boat parts, cruises on it in summer, and charts it in the British Virgin Islands during winter. He is looking forward to attending our 65th. **Jerome Schneck** says that the year 2003 marked his 60th wedding anniversary, as well as his graduation from medical school. He has retired from his practice of psychiatry and is now an honorary senior psychiatrist at St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center in New York City.

I hope you'll come to Ithaca next month for our 65th Reunion—the trip will do us all good! ♦ **Phil Twitchell**, 1963 Indian Valley Rd., Novato, CA 94947; e-mail, philtwitchell@comcast.net.

40 Class President **Bob Schuyler** lost his friend **Norman Briggs** of Fullerton, CA. Norman earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering at Cornell, where he was a "wearer of the C" in 150-lb. football and a violinist in the university orchestra. His working years were spent in aeronautical engineering and, later, as president of his own real estate firm in South-

be active in the AAUW. A switch in locale for **Ruth Maughan Russell**: she moved to 1010 Waltham St., # 427, Lexington MA, leaving sunny Sarasota, FL. This keeps her in easier touch with her son **Alan Maughan MacRobert '72**, who lives close by. Ruth sends an affectionate "hello" to sophomore year Balch roommate **Marge Baker Tummons**.

Certainly not retired is Dr. **Thressa Campbell Stadtman**, MS '42. She has reached what I think must be the peak of her career, working in the biochemical research lab at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD. In December 2003 she helped present a symposium celebrating the 30th anniversary of their discovery of Selenium as an essential component of an enzyme, and the identification of the Selenium in Selenocysteine. She lectured at an international symposium in Rome in September 2003, as well as at a symposium in Ventura, CA. She also lectures in chemistry departments at universities in Los Angeles, Auburn, AL, and Louisville, KY. Thressa is married. No children, but what a contribution of worldwide service to all humanity! She can be reached at tcstadtman@nih.gov.

Laurence Gardner spends winters at 14186 Cancun Ave., Fort Pierce, FL. He has been a limited farm consultant for many years. He also enjoys repairing his home and serving on the Bath Country Club Clubhouse and Pro Shop committees. His travels have taken him to Duke U., Wintergreen Golf and Ski Resort, Fort Augustine, and Key West. His son Dean has been promoted to restaurant development manager where he works. His granddaughter will be graduating from U. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in May 2004. **James Trousdell**, MD '43, is a retired physician living in Oyster Bay, NY. He enjoys gardening and following sports activities. He corresponds with **Roy Dietrich** of Stamford, CT, and **Al Lotz** of Buffalo, NY. James spends summertime in his house in Townsend, VT. He and wife Marjorie have four children, six granddaughters, and one great-grandson.

William Fisher (26206 Mesa Dr., Carmel, CA 93923) is retiring s-l-o-w-l-y from the practice of law. He is active in the community, including the

art museum, York Prep School, and the symphony. His other interests include skiing, music, tennis, rowing, canoeing, reading, aviation (now grounded), mountaineering (now grounded), and woodworking. Bill spent four years in WWII and two years in Korea in the US Army. At Cornell he was on the freshman and varsity crew, as well as in ROTC and Quill and Dagger. He has enjoyed cruises, including an icebreaker trip through the Northwest Passage. Quoting Bill, he has "two daughters (approaching their 50s), one wife, one ex-wife." ♦ **Carol Clark** Petrie, Box 8, Hartford, NY 12838; tel., (518) 632-5237; e-mail, floydharwood@juno.com.

41 **Marjorie Lee** Treadwell and husband Don continue their busy lives in Naples, FL, and Grosse Ile, MI. They are enjoying physical comfort, thanks to modern chemistry, and are busy on committees at the Naples Country Club and the retirement complex, Glenview, where they live in the winter. **Betty Carpenter** Block sent greetings last Christmas, saying she and husband Roland are in good health and are able to travel to visit their son in Vermont, as well as entertain their two daughters who live nearby in western New York.

It was a nice surprise to hear from **Betty Niles** Gray, who has been living at The Forest in Durham, NC, for the last ten years. A broken leg in August did not prevent Betty and husband John from making a trip to Costa Rica and Panama on a small French cruise ship in November. Betty, as usual, is continuing to be very active—growing flowers (14 orchid plants) and vegetables and playing bridge and golf. **Shirley Richards** Darmer is happy to write that she and her husband have no major health problems and are able to leave snowy, frigid Albany, NY,

7629; e-mail, flower@localnet.com.

Bill Webber spent last Christmas visiting children and grandchildren in Minneapolis and St. Paul. He planned to be at the Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) Mid-Winter Meeting in New York City in late January. **Jean Way** Schoonover, class treasurer, and **Eleanor Slack** Foster-Randles, MS '78, past president, will be there with Bill also.

Walker "Pete" Peterson Jr. should be recognized as a member of our class. He doubts we remember him, as he graduated from Lehigh after his dad stopped paying tuition at Cornell. "I have lived in Baltimore all my life, and retired from a small manufacturing company at age 75. I have three daughters—one went to Wells College. I lost my wife, who died of cancer three years ago. I've been abroad several times and soon will go to New Zealand, where I was stationed in WWII. I see **Bob Herrmann** and **Travers Nelson**. I also have a friend who has a summer place in Jaffery, NH. He wanted to see **Ray Kruse**, but Ray was sick."

Bob and **Elsie Harley** have moved to 976 Tracey Lane SW, Decatur, AL 35601. "We have downsized for the third time. Our daughter Gretchen is at nearby Spring Lake. At age 85, it is not a bad idea to live near some spring." **Howard Schuck**, MS '43, has written a book about the threat of an atom bomb. He can send you a description of the book, or the book itself, if you write to him at 14000 N. Lobelia Way, Tucson, AZ 85737-7142.

Two of our favorite honorary classmembers, Jeanne and Ted Thoren, are great correspondents. Ted has some health problems. He still likes to hear from former Cornell athletes he coached in many sports. He was head coach in baseball and still stages the annual alumni game at reunion. It would be a most welcome tonic if those who

good, indeed, before 60 million viewers, thus becoming Nixon's image maker. Ted, at age 30, had produced "The Lone Ranger." In 1956, he brought Nixon to Cornell for a televised Q & A session. In 1960 when Nixon ran against Jack Kennedy, Ted arranged "The Great Debates," produced by Don Hewitt (of "60 Minutes" fame). Following his Nixon era, Ted remained a media executive, bought two Florida radio stations, and wrote a novel warning of the "threat of image superseding substance in elections"—much in evidence today. Ted remained the same funny, interesting guy he was when he was a Hotelier, a Deke, and on all our class committees.

The Adult University's (CAU) bulletin for 2004 sounds interesting. If anyone decides to go on any of the attractive tours offered or to the classes in Ithaca, please let me know because this may encourage others in our class to attend. Could be fun.

I received a nice e-mail from **Bessie Kaufmann** Grossmann (beekg@aol.com), who loves living in my hometown of Rockville Centre, NY. She spends her winters in Sun City, AZ. Whatta life! **Ed Markham** (Bainbridge Island, WA; chiefredsneaks@bainbridge.net) is very busy in retirement with his horticulture travel tours, writing, and photographing. He serves as a board member of an enviro-political organization, and recently traveled to Vancouver, BC, to the 40th anniversary of the United Flower Assn. He enjoys woodworking, biking, hiking, gardening (of course), and his "zillions of friends old and young." **Joe Kandiko** (Appleton, WI) sends lovely photos and remarks, "When your child turns 53 you are lucky to be walking and talking." Joe, how about when they turn 60! He enjoys Florida visits and is proud of his grandchildren, who are all in pursuit of higher education and careers—including **Cammy '02**, who is at U. of Pennsylvania for an ME.

Art and **Fay Foster** (Bellevue, WA) are welcoming their first great-grandchild and are pleased at the progress, health-wise, Art has made this year. **Dick** and **Rosey Thomas** (Meadville, PA) are proud of their grandson, who starred on the local high school hockey team that won the state championship. Their travels included a Caribbean cruise with Rosey's sisters, trips to Myrtle Beach and the Outer Banks of North Carolina, and a special guided tour of the Gettysburg battlefield by Rosey's son, a Civil War re-enactor. They feel most fortunate that six of their eight children live in the Meadville area and all visit frequently.

Virginia Young Scarlett (Pittsburgh, PA) took her four daughters and grandson on a fun tour of Ireland in a rented van. Her daughter Lynn is currently Assistant Secretary of the Interior in Washington, DC. **John '44** and **Edith Sheffield Lesure** (Altamonte Springs, FL) celebrated the 60th anniversary of their Sage Chapel wedding with their eight children and families "for a memorable weekend of love."

Richard Wagner (Boca Raton, FL; wag561@bellsouth.net) is brushing up on his Spanish to keep in touch with the times. He still visits prisons as a church volunteer and has become a Marlins fan since moving to Florida—even get-

'I'm in the process of building 13 kitchen cabinets for the Boy and Girl Scouts of Castile.'

FRANK WALKLEY '43

for Punta Gorda, FL, for three winter months. In the summer they live in Northville, NY, in the Adirondacks.

Mary Munson Benson and husband Clarence celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in Lansingville, NY, at a surprise party their daughters organized. The Bensons stay close to home these days, enjoying their large family, many of whom live nearby. **Barbara Benson** Mansell reports she is keeping body and soul together. She is very happy with Medicare, which paid \$166,000 to the hospital and untold amounts to surgeons for her October 2002 heart surgery—and she is still alive! She's able to travel to meetings and to visit family ♦ **Dorothy Talbert** Wiggins, 415 Savage Farm Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850-6504, tel., (607) 266-

played for him would write Ted at 3 Sandra Place, Ithaca, NY 14850. Ted also mentioned that present baseball head coach Tom Ford uses current endowment funds to pay air fares to the Sun Belt area for pre-Ivy League games. Why not honor Ted by giving to the Fund?

Need the address of a classmate? Just let me know. ♦ **Ralph Antell**, Beaufort Towers, 7015 Carnation St., #408, Richmond, VA 23225.

42 Trust the *New York Times* to feature our **Edward Rogers**, who passed away recently, in their "Lives They Lived" for 2003. I met up with Ted at one of our reunions and learned he had produced the 1952 "Checkers Speech," making Richard Nixon look very

ting excited over the World Series. He and Tess hope to return to Ithaca in 2007 for reunion. **Joe Hoffman** (Scottsdale AZ; joehoff592@msn.com) volunteers at the Mayo Clinic Hospital. He and Roma visited China again. They cruised the Yangtze River, among other interesting activities.

Ed and Jane Holub (Media, PA; jbh1919@riddlevillage.com) are happy they moved to the Riddle Village life-care community. They limit their travel to their second home in Maryland. They do keep in touch with **Edson** and **Marjorie** "Midge" **Millison Ryder** (S. Yarmouth, MA) and **Bob Wright**. **Geraldine Backus Berg** (hbergjberg@aol.com) volunteers with church groups and Kappa Alumni. She and Harold boast five great-granddaughters. **Ruth Simes Morgan** (Bonita Springs, FL) reports on the long and arduous recovery of husband **Rex '39** following a serious operation. After two months in the hospital and four months' recovery, he is "back to bridge, half mile walks, and eating out." Ruth's good golf continues as she won her last two tournaments.

John Baer (San Diego, CA; dajackbaer@coy.net) sent dues but no news. And **Arthur Jones**'s passing in September 2003 is sadly acknowledged. **Mildred Jane Haslett** Williamson's daughter writes requesting friends to write to her mother at 4225 N. Askew Ave., Kansas City, MO 64117. Jane enjoys receiving mail now that she is in a long-term care facility.

You can visit the new Cornell Sports website, <http://victorious.alumni.cornell.edu/>, for the latest news on the successful athletics campaign to improve Cornell's standing within the Ivy League. Pres. **Liz Schlamm** Eddy's newsy letter urges all to visit our website, <http://classof42.alumni.cornell.edu/>, for the latest info on class activities. Our new Memorial Scholarship goes to **Kathryn O'Regan '08**, granddaughter of **Kenneth Fuller**. Katie will boost Cornell sports, as she is a fine soccer, field hockey, and cross country athlete. Do write to all those submitting their e-mail addresses, and to me. ♦ **Carolyn Evans** Finneran, 8815 46th St. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335; tel., (253) 265-6618; e-mail, CeeFinn@juno.com.

43 I'm home and navigating—with the help of sundry contrivances. They remind me of a marketing meeting we held at the shirt-works perhaps 30 years ago. Straying well off-track, we considered a line of apparel for the elderly, but abandoned the idea as soon as we realized that our factories were not equipped to make sweats or sneakers. Not soon enough, however, to cancel the prestigious labels I'd ordered: *Crutch & Walker*.

Also upbeat and navigating—no word on sweats and sneakers—**Sallie Atlas** Hewett (White Plains, NY): "I have been living in a senior residence for the past year. No marketing, laundry, cooking, or cleaning to do. Plenty of good company at mealtime, and bridge games three or four times a week. Wonderful current events programs and diversified recreational events like poetry workshops."

Robert R. Clement (Lynchburg, VA): "2003

has been full of the unexpected! Lightning in May caused major fire and smoke damage to our 42-year-old house, but we hope to be back home long before you read this. My only brother, **Gordon '44**, BS Chem '47, died of asbestos cancer in June '03. Tragic. Lost my left eyesight in a cataract operation that went sour; artificial replacement due in January '04. We keep busy visiting our five children's families—21 grands and four greats. Retired from GE in 1983, and 20 years later concluded my electric utility consulting business. Wife **Janet (Sutherland) '46** is my real anchor and soul mate. We love living in the Blue Ridge of Virginia."

Ruth Ohringer Frank's husband **Jim '40** died suddenly in January. Urbane, suave, genteel, natty, Jim was my idol and mentor in Ivy League 101. He, along with the late **Greil Gerstley '41**, who went down with his destroyer in 1944, made me—and many of my peers—want to become urbane, suave, genteel, natty ZBTs. A few of them made it. **Jim Lorie**, **Dexter Kohn**, **Ted Hankoff**, for three.

More sad news. Ebullient, blithe spirit **Hugh Brown**, erstwhile stroke of the lightweight crew, died Dec. 30, '03. Ever stuck at 150-plus pounds, he wrote this for the "Compendium": "I sat on Carl Snavely's bench for a season until **Bill Buxbaum** persuaded me to join him on the 150-pound football team. We were both too heavy and had to make weight, so he had me don a sweat suit and go into the laundry room, sucking on a lemon and perspiring. It worked. Sort of. I lost the pounds, but was too weak to play any football. In one game, I was deemed a running back and Bill would block. I was a second stringer. Sometime during play the coach decided to put me in. The opponents weren't dumb; they knew what I was there for. Bill's blocking ability failed and they hit me hard, knocked me down, and knocked me out. I was carried off. From then on, Bill called me 'One-play Brown.'" Writes Hugh's widow Mary: "He was very proud of his class- and crewmates."

We heard from Gladys **Totah** (Rockville, MD) that husband **Edward** died Oct. 7, '03. "Edward and I have attended '43 reunions since 1963, and Adult University (CAU) with the children. For the past 20 years, we were fortunate to have our son **Thomas '83** join us for reunion weekends." During Ed's long career in design and development of ordnance systems, he was involved with avionics and satellite systems at Fairchild, and wire-guided torpedoes, surface-to-air and ballistic missiles, and anti-submarine warfare systems at Vitro Laboratories.

"I'm in the process of building 13 kitchen cabinets for the Boy and Girl Scouts of Castile," writes **Frank Walkley** (Gainesville, NY). "It will probably take me until some time next summer. **Pat (Curtis) '44** and I hope to spend most of the winter at Habitat Headquarters in Americus, GA. There are numerous Cornell alumni near us in Wyoming County, but I think I'm the only male '43er. **Marydith VanCise** DeGolyer still sings in our church choir."

Bruce Pope (Osprey, FL): "Still in good health. Bike riding with two clubs—some out-of-town rides, but not out-of-state." Bruce writes

that he lost a grandson, an undercover drug enforcement agent for the government. He was a victim of an identity leak and was murdered. "Have six great-grandchildren in the Midwest keeping everyone jumping. Sold our big house and moved over to the other side of the main highway. A small house—better for old people."

Christian Fenger (Old Saybrook, CT): "I went from Cornell to the Navy and served (without incident) as engineering officer of USS LST 119. Following my service, I worked two years each for Cummins Engine Co. and Baird Associates in Cambridge, MA. The rest of my working life was with Pratt & Whitney Aircraft. After retirement, my wife Joan and I traveled to Europe, Mexico, Costa Rica, and islands of the Bahamas and Caribbean. Two trips to Spain followed my completion of the Spanish language course at Connecticut College in New London."

Some musings from **Charles Harris** (Island Heights, NJ): "In reflection, I'm on the take, having received much more from this land than I have given . . . but that's the way a lottery works. Almost everyone bitches about the cost of welfare, but just add up what we elders have received. I hope all who read this have the lucky numbers. Present-day Cornellians may live past 100. I hope there will be something left for them." Having just seen what my rehab hospital charged Medicare, I can only say "Amen." ♦ **S. Miller Harris**, PO Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA 18968; e-mail, millerharris@netcarrier.com.

44 This is the last column before Reunion. **Art and Dotty Kay Kesten** are expecting a banner turnout. If you can't buy the package, do come by for at least one event.

CCC is the news of the day. More and more classmates are settling into Continuing Care Communities, delighted with the good easy life and the many activities. **Arthur Widmer** took the plunge in April in Webster Groves, MO, but still volunteers at BBB and his Lions Club. A few weeks later **William Kaegebein** and wife Marion moved two miles from home into The Estates at Carpenter's in Lakeland, FL. He gave up hospital volunteering but still does Habitat for Humanity and plays golf with old buddies. In June **Eleanor Bloomfield Scholl** found a new home in Delray Beach, FL, overlooking the inland waterway and the ocean beyond. She celebrated her 80th birthday in New England with family, then on to New Jersey for a visit with friends. **Greta Wilcox Leighton** and **Paul '42** made the move in July to The Classic Residence by Hyatt in Scottsdale, AZ. This is similar to Friendship Village Life-Care Retirement Community in Milwaukee with which Paul was involved for many years. They have enjoyed Tucson, especially Catalina Foothills Church where they "have had the opportunity to serve the Lord." As of August 15 **Christine Sexauer** Simons and Bill are happily ensconced in Suncoast Manor in St. Petersburg, FL. She says, "At last, even I get to retire!"

Now about legacies. **Marilyn Wise Douglass** claims a grandson **Patrick Douglass** who graduated in '02 and is now a paralegal in NYC.

Marilyn, widow of **Gael '43**, has been living in the same house in San Jose, CA, for many, many years. **Norman Brandt's** grandson **Harrison Leavens**, son of **Laurel Brandt '72**, will graduate in June '04. **Peter** and **Nancy Miller** have three grandchildren on campus: **Elizabeth Sargent** in a graduate program, **Anne Sargent '04** returned from Bologna, and **Morgan Miller '07**—"three good reasons to visit Ithaca." **Barbara Gans Gallant** spent a week at the Cornell Club in NYC going to theaters and visiting grandchildren, of whom **Becca '06** is one. **Dotty** and **Art Kesten's** daughter **Lynn Kesten Coakley '74** is the mother of **Ahannon Coakley '07**. **Norman** and **Gertrude Durfree Allen '45** of Schaghticoke, NY, say, "Four of our five children are grads of Cornell, two grandchildren are grads of Cornell, and two grandchildren are now attending Cornell." **Gene** and **Nancy Clancy Hoffman** left cool Wayzata, MN, for hot Tucson to attend a grandson's graduation from the U. of Arizona. The family reports graduates from Cornell, Northwestern, Missouri, Indiana, Pennsylvania, and Swarthmore as well. "Cornell still seems the most special."

Many of us are traveling. **Jean Abbott** Ault and daughter **Jane** tour yearly with Tauck Tours. This year they did England—"What a beautiful country." **Arnold Tofias** of North Easton, MA, traveled to London, St. Bart, then Highland Beach, FL, to celebrate his 80th in February. He has an office in Boston that he uses from time to time. And he sold a condo in Florida, but bought another (unfinished) at the same location, Toscana. "Not too smart, but gives us another opportunity to 'howl' elsewhere." **Jim McTague** went to New England, then to canyons before taking his four girls (sans husbands) to Berlin, Prague, etc. He lives in Naples, FL, where he was involved in the 5th annual Catholic Charities' "Undy Sunday" collection of underwear and socks for needy school kids, abused spouses in shelters, etc. Forty-five churches and synagogues participate. 2003 yielded 50,000 pairs of underwear! **Joseph** and **Jeanne Neubecker Logue** have been traveling since they sold their Bahamas home. They toured Pueblo ruins and Los Alamos Laboratory in New Mexico, then cruised Alaska before attending a grandson's wedding to a Romanian girl in her country. **Pete** and **Gloria Bellis** cruised the coast of Norway from Lapland to Bergen to Oslo and home. **Bob Greenburg** and friend **Sally** cruised New Zealand on a small ship, then with 14 of her family cruised Alaska. He still plays tennis with **Ed Carman**, takes courses at American U., and visits his granddaughter as well as his roommate **Peter Tolins** in San Francisco. **Bill Falkenstein**, recently a widower, has been taking monthly trips that included Homecoming (with **Bob Dillon**), Saratoga Races, Grand Canyon, and Germany.

And then there are reunions. **Frederick Allen** of Stamford, NY, wrote about Memorial Day weekend '03 when all the children, grandchildren, wives, and significant others gathered at The Roost in the Catskills. "Eighteen of us had loads of fun barbecuing, parading, fishing, and visiting." **Ann Bode** Muth Jennings toured New England,

devoting one week to hosting a biennial Muth family reunion. All five children plus mates and grands camped in two ski lodges near Okemo Mountain. They numbered 18 also. **Carol Goldfarb** Schreiber tells of reunions with old friends **Amy Hall** Bronstein, BA '43, **Zelda Guttman** Damashek, and **David** and **Frieda Diamond Lawrence**. She keeps busy with tennis, bridge, French, piano lessons, and a reading group.

See y'all June 10-13 at our 60th! ♦ **Nancy Torlinski** Rundell, 20540 Falcons Landing Cir. #4404, Sterling, VA 20165.

45 Co-president **Tod Knowles**, MBA '49 (Annapolis, MD) led a small delegation from our class at the 99th annual Mid-Winter Meeting of the Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) in New York City. The information received has been distributed and will be useful, especially concerning reunion, only a year away. Our other co-president, **Maxine Katz** Morse (New Castle, NH), still didn't have her joints working well enough to attend, but she's on the mend and will be ready to lead the reunion parade. We had previously been informed that headquarters would be at Statler Hall, but we will be back in Hurlburt House, where we enjoyed the great facilities last time. You will receive all the information in plenty of time. Apparently there was a lot of talk in New York about websites and Home Pages. I have been informed that my effort, which has been online for about eight years, is obsolete and I should get with the program by following the instructions of the young techies on the Hill. If I can get what's left of the brain into gear, we will see. I was forced to change e-mail address and also our Home Page address (see below) and sent out a notice to my entire class e-mail address list. Over 20 bounced, meaning that our requests for updates on the Home Page and in annual mailings may not be making enough of an impression. If yours has changed since last reunion, please e-mail me with your current one. We also have a long list of "lost classmates" with bad addresses in the university's files. If, as requested, we put it on our Home Page, look through it and let me know if you can help us shorten the list.

Thinking of co-president Max reminds me that she sent a good report on last fall's "absolutely wonderful" Rhodes Award dinner, at which she was rightfully honored for her long commitment to our alma mater. **Helene Scheuer** Rosenblatt, **Wayne** and **Maralyn Winsor Fleming**, and **Lib Hemsath** DeProse (Ithaca) also attended. Max and Maralyn spent time with the Alumni Fund staff discussing plans for our 60th Reunion campaign and had a most enjoyable luncheon with undergraduate **Jean Lee**, one of our Tradition Fellows. Max was prowling the bookstore and bumped into Dr. **Bob Harwick** (Wyncote, PA), who plans to be present next June. Another class officer, secretary **Ann Lynch Pape** (Garden City), also reported in with some news, including satisfaction with her new knees. Ann traveled to Los Angeles last year to celebrate her great-grand-

daughter's second birthday and to Springfield, MA, for a visit with her cousin and a reunion of USS *Manning* (DE-139), the WWII ship of her late husband **Bob '43**, which she enjoyed immensely. A year ago, in May, Ann hosted a combined family reunion/Mother's Day/80th birthday celebration at her beloved Cherry Valley Club. These days our classmates are specializing in 80th parties, and the accounts are too numerous to mention. The most important part of this phenomenon is not the 80, but the party. Keep it going!

Frohman Paul Davis (Guilford, CT) has been making use of the BFA degree he received from Florida Atlantic U. by indulging his spare time with sculpture, etching, and photography. Fred also serves on the board of his local association, both in Connecticut and at his condominium in Hillsboro Beach, FL. He quit traveling after 9/11, but for the previous five years enjoyed visits to Australia, China, Thailand, Japan, France, and Spain. Others have likewise been discouraged, such as **Caroline Rattelman** Esperson, BA '44 (E. Falmouth, MA), who did travel to Tortola, BVI, to check on her house, now rented, but says that she is "turned off" by the airlines, so keeps busy with church activities, fund-raising for the local library, the Cornell Club of Cape Cod, and erratic bridge-playing.

Even our most inveterate traveler, **Frances Shloss**, BArch '44 (Beverly Hills, CA), says she has been staying close to home, keeping occupied with the same sort of activity as "Rattles," but, more importantly, carrying on a major campaign against the ineptitude of her post office—with results. However, Fran says she did not want to lose her frequent-cruiser reputation, so booked on *Caronia* for a Med cruise. Likewise intrepid, **Seaward**, PhD '55, and **Mavis Gillette Sand '46** (East Aurora) attended the XIX International Congress of Genetics in Melbourne, Australia, hoping to visit the Great Barrier Reef and check up on the kangaroos. Sandy and Mavis have joined the Continuous Reunion Club, so expect to be on the Hill often.

From Dallas, **Roy Hughes** sends word that he will be at the big 60th if for no other reason than to reunite with **Bill** and **Mary Lib Mershon Hoffmann**, whom he misses since their move to Annapolis, which he terms the "Eastern Establishment." I'm not too sure that **Doris Klein** Lelchook would agree with that, since she inhabits Newton Upper Falls, MA, but does venture as far west as the Berkshires in the summer. She is glad to stay home and enjoy visits from her two Israeli granddaughters, one of whom took leave from the military to be there. Doris did dare a trip south a year ago to participate in an Elder-hostel in Miami Beach, during which she enjoyed a visit from **Mitch '43** and **Betty Reiner Kurman** (Westport, CT), who drove from their winter digs in Boca Raton to reminisce among the palms at the outdoor pool. ♦ **Prentice Cushing Jr.**, 713 Fleet Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23454; e-mail, CescoVA1@aol.com. Our class Home Page: <http://hometown.aol.com/CescoVA1/CU1945.html>.

46 I'd already written the March/April news that was due December 15 when these Christmas cards arrived. **Charlotte Cooper Gill** (Hurley, NY), our faithful writer: "Husband Jack has had two bypasses plus one artery too blocked for a stent. Life and its challenges. Grandson **John** graduated from Cornell in May and is back on the farm." **Ruth Critchlow Blackman** (Newtown, PA) wished us good luck on our anticipated move. "My move to Pennswood Village was one of the smartest moves I ever made. I can't believe it has been five years." A poem arrived from **Jan Bassette Summerville** (Sackets Harbor). "Six grandchildren, 5 to 22 continue to thrive." **Jerry Finch's** wife Ann (Blufton, SC) calls their move three years ago from Cayuga Lake "enough to last a lifetime." Jerry is active in three clubs: bike, computer, and woodworking. He is also on a community planning commission and volunteers on a local safety and community committee. Ann, into genealogy, has found a connection to my husband Phil. They have four grandchildren: "oldest granddaughter majoring in math at U. of Illinois and youngest, a high school junior on the honor society and swim team; oldest grandson accepted at U. of Illinois but also interested in the Air Force and youngest in eighth grade and on the football team."

Now the rest are my AOPi sisters: **Orrie**, LLB '48, and **Ann McGloin Stevens** (Wyndmoor, PA) wrote to thank us for sending their 1947 wedding invitation back. (I returned all "old" invitations, newspaper photos, and birth announcements that I'd saved—it really helps to move. Besides, everyone enjoyed reminiscing when they arrived.) Ann reported five grandchildren, ages 13-18. "Matt is a frosh at Colgate, and Brad has been accepted at Princeton. The only traveling we did this year was on a riverboat cruise on the Rhine." We eagerly awaited the annual letter from Bill and **Nancy Aungier Beveridge** (Staten Island). "We added canalizing this year with a dozen locks going up to Lake Champlain. Bill has improved his golf from a slicer to a hacker." All their grandchildren are active in sports. "Daughter Beth's children: Brian on four high school teams and mascot at U. of Delaware; his brothers Charles (captain) and Ken on Oneonta College swim team. Son Bill's children, Julie, 9, and Jackson, 7, on the soccer and swim teams. And Aliqae is finishing her college major in library sciences. Daughter Peggy is registrar at Hunter College, and daughter Annie is a New York City teacher." Harry and **Mary Lou Rutan Snowden** (Palatine, IL) wrote the usual for our age. "We've had an exciting year healthwise. Old age ain't for sissies." Also heard from AOPi spouse **John Eckerson** (Akron). "Rather quiet 2003—eight days in Holland in April with Holland Society of NY. Busy as town and village historian."

After 42 years, we are on the move. It is hard to go from a three-bedroom house to a one-bedroom apartment. Had to get rid of many things, but healthwise it is necessary. Let us hear from you. Our new address as of March 16 is 9 Reading Dr., Apt. 302, Wernersville, PA

19565. Phone (610) 927-8777. ♦ **Elinor Baier Kennedy**.

Lacking news, I phoned classmate/subscribers from whom we haven't heard recently. Each interviewee claimed he had nothing to report—yet they furnished an interesting column. Send news and reduce my toll charges.

Richard Beard (Fort Wayne, IN) is walking two miles daily to recover from a mild stroke. Extra motivation for all this exercise is the impending visit of his first great-grandson, born on January 2. Dick was class correspondent before **Richard Turner**, with whom he keeps in touch. Both understand slow news periods and sympathize. Dick is volunteer supervisor of a Talking Books project for the visually impaired. After his crew of fellow GE retirees repairs quality cassette players, he tests them against a 25-point check list. Dick reminisced about his visit to California's Napa Valley wine country and its Wine Train. But his primary interest was in the GE Alco locomotive. It is a descendant of the model used on the Freedom Train national tour, which Dick helped to create.

Lewis Bonsall Beatty, BS '45 (Media, PA) and **Arthur Harold Bernstein** (Los Angeles; ahh10@cornell.edu) fondly remember each other—even remembering the other's middle name though they haven't seen each other since college days. It would be wonderful to get them together for our 60th in '06. We last heard from Lew in the Sept. '99 issue. He and Peggy were about to celebrate their 50th anniversary on 9/9/99, yet avoided activating the Y2K bug with that string of nines. Lew still practices law five days a week and chairs the board of his area health care system. One son, David, married a Spanish singer he met in New York and whisked her off to teach in Kuwait. David teaches third grade while wife Patricia is a specialist, teaching

venture capitalism, he has retired to the good life in Southern California with wife Barbara.

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47 The *New York Times* prints their corrections each day, but we can set the record straight only every other month. So we'll start with a correction. In the Jan/Feb issue we made a few mistakes when reporting on **Richard Greenfield**. His correct e-mail address is rkgggs@IN2L.com. Further, we left out his long career in higher education as a faculty member, dean, founding president of two community colleges, and chancellor of the St. Louis Community College District. Richard has retired from his position as executive of the College Consortium for International Studies and currently serves on the planning commission for the City of Lafayette, CO.

Ed Gouvier wrote to say that 2003 was a year of tranquility with no moves and no major medical problems! He and wife Mary enjoyed the opera, *Riverdance*, and a day at the Detroit Casino. In addition, Ed served as a ring bearer at his brother's wedding in 2003. **Joseph Barclay** (jobar3802@cs.com) and wife Nancy live in Bradenton, FL, but have been traveling to Ireland, Las Vegas, Virginia, and Texas. **Marjorie Montrose Ault**, who is interested in archaeology and is studying history, traveled on the Dominguez/Escalante Expedition through Colorado, Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico.

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PRENTICE CUSHING JR. '45

music in several grades and schools. Fortunately, there have been no repercussions from the violence in neighboring Iraq. Lew has good health, having just beaten a prostate problem, as has your correspondent. We remarked on how many of our contemporaries have had similar experiences. We agreed, "It's a big club."

Art, too, enjoys good health and swims daily. He is very active in Cornell's '50 Law class. After graduating from Chem E and a Navy tour, Art graduated from Cornell Law School, practiced some law, then changed careers to corporate finance. He was an early employee of Ryder Systems in Miami, then moved on to Lazard Freres in New York. There he was deeply involved in the creation of Norton Simon from Hunt Foods, Canada Dry, and McCall Corp., and became their VP of finance. After a fling at

link.net) is taking organ classes and continues to play the piano. **Marilyn Miller** Vince wrote last spring to say that he was moving to a new address in Savoy, IL. **Vera Hakanson** Fox corresponds with many Cornell friends from her home in Ithaca. **Elizabeth A. Brown**, BS '46, MS '53, is also in Ithaca, living at Kendal and volunteering at the Kitchen Cupboard. **Eileen Farley** McDonnell always returns to Ithaca for her high school reunion. Her other travels take her from her home on Cape Cod to Vermont, Maine, and Williamsburg, VA.

Herbert Berman (eberman728@aol.com) was appointed to serve on the Morris County (NJ) Historic Preservation Trust Fund Review Board. He also consults for the National Executive Service Corp. (NESC). Retired veterinarian **Robert Wayne Ormsbee** lives in Los Altos, CA,

with his daughter Susan. He has six children, 19 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. **Arlene O'Hara O'Connor** is a retired elementary teacher. She is active in the Camillus Historical Society and is a lector and eucharistic minister at St. Joseph's Church. She is president of Golden Agers and enjoys reading and gar-

nally from Bath, NY, Helen earned her Nursing degree at New York Hospital and went on to be Nursing Arts Director at Duke U.

I am grateful to class president **Pete Schwarz's** wife **Elaine (Drobner)** for writing the March/April column and part of this one, and also to my daughter **Beth '80** for her help

'We can learn anything from Bach to Baloney.'

GERRY HAVILAND '48

dening as well as walking and water aerobics. Arlene has seven children, seven in-laws, and 13 grandchildren. She says she loves to go to musicals and shows, and "to spend time with family and wonderful friends."

Robert Schultz spent January 2003 touring Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji and played a little golf in New Zealand. He says, "I enjoyed all three, but think New Zealand is my choice." **Jean Kuttler Schreiber** had a trip to China and Tibet. She especially enjoys nature walks. She has children Robert, Peter, and Tatiana. **Donald Sperling** went bone-fishing in the Bahamas. His hobbies include bird-hunting and fly-fishing. Donald has five children and seven grandchildren.

Betty Miller Francis serves on the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Board, Pikes Peak Arts Council, and the Fine Arts Center Advisory Council in Colorado Springs, CO. In June 2002 she took a river cruise through the Netherlands and a bit of Belgium. "The highlight" she says, "was a day at the Floriade, which only happens once every 10 years. Betty has two stepchildren, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. **Renee Gaines** Wallace (Rwallace@vitaliv.org) is the executive director of Vita Living Foundation. Her travels have taken her from Houston, TX, to New York, Boston, and San Francisco. She enjoys art collecting. Renee received the "Giraffe Award" in 2002. What is it? It sounds interesting.

Jerome Hausman (Jeromehausman@aol.com) is active on the Evanston Public Art Committee and a board member of Collaboration-Chicago. He planned two weeks in Provence last summer and also attended meetings of the International Society for the Study of Education Through Art in Stockholm, Sweden. He continues to teach at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. **Muriel "Mike" Welch Brown**, BS '46, sent a copy of the Hotel school's Winter 2004 *Bulletin* that had a dashing photo of her late husband **Dick '49** on the cover. Inside the *Bulletin* was a lovely article celebrating Dick's life and his contributions to the field of hospitality and to Cornell. Few people know that before Dick got to Cornell he was an MP in North Africa during World War II.

Sandra Brock '80 let us know that her mother **Helen Eells** Brock of Daytona Beach, FL, died just before Christmas last year. Origin-

ally from Bath, NY, Helen earned her Nursing degree at New York Hospital and went on to be Nursing Arts Director at Duke U.

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48 Stanley Wallach, St. Petersburg, FL: "Physician, administrator, teacher, researcher, clinical professor of medicine at New York U. School of Medicine. Executive Director, American College of Nutrition. Also collect stamps and loaf. Will retire from executive director position at ACN in January 2004. My 50th reunion of the Class of '53 SUNY Downstate Medical Center graduation prevented me from attending our 55th Reunion. Celebrated 30th wedding anniversary. I'm a member of a small group of classmates who graduated from Winthrop Junior High School in Brooklyn in 1943. We go on a three- to five-day trip or cruise every year or two. Would be interested in such groups arising among our huge Cornell class. Numbers overwhelm potential value. Today's problem is inequality among groups. We need to create more stockholders in a peaceful world. I learn something new every day, but haven't discovered the meaning of life (me and Ambrose Bierce)."

Bob McKinless, Alexandria, VA: "I brought my bicycles to reunion so I could train for a ride across Iowa in July. On July 6, a kid ran a stop sign and cut in front of me. We crashed and I broke my femur. Helmet got three cracks in it, but my head is fine. Partial hip replacement—new ball in old socket. On a walker the next day; home in three. Did rehab for three months and walked without cane; rode stationary bike at gym. Attended Homecoming in October to receive my Frank H.T. Rhodes Alumni Service Award."

Lillian Soelle Austin, Chapel Hill, NC: "Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) Committee, NASDAR recording secretary, neighborhood book club (we book a table in a restaurant each month). Also, church volunteer work. About to go on an Adult University (CAU) trip to Spain with Prof. Ross Brann to study interaction of Muslim, Jewish, and Christian faiths in early Spanish history. After 55th Reunion, took CAU course in Memory into Memoir with Lydia Fakundiny. Excellent! Also, family reunion in Pennsylvania and

Tripp Island, SC. Had 50th anniversary with our five children on November 7. Received fifth grandchild in November 2002. The '48 Sigma Kappas continue our Round Robin correspondence that began when we graduated, chronicling the sagas of our lives. This month should bring the Round Robin from **Sally McGowan** Rice in New Hampshire to me in North Carolina. Each Robin flight takes about a year! World's problem is economic inequities. (Solution?) Still perfecting computer skills."

Bill Purcell Jr., Wallingford, PA: "Woodworking. Had cataract operation. Son Bill Purcell re-elected Mayor of Nashville with 84 percent of the vote. Enjoyed trip to Nashville for swearing-in ceremonies. Problems: our foreign policy in Iraq, Afghanistan, Palestine, and Israel, and domestic economy. Solution: reverse tax cuts. Settle Palestine/Israel issue first. Stop settlements in West Bank and Gaza." **John "Skeeter" Skawski**, EdD '57, Dryden, NY: "Golfing, bridge, poker, reading." (John is Reunion Co-Chairman for the 60th in 2008. We will be in the Statler.)

Girard "Gerry" Haviland, Brunswick, ME: "Tennis, sleep. Almost made reunion, but the drive was too much alone. We moved from Naples, ME, to here last year. The 'reduction of things' was horrendous, but now we know where the 'Luzzi Good Will Store' is, even in the dark. Thornton Oaks is an intellectual retirement community. Close by are Bowdoin College and U. of Maine Senior College, where we can learn anything from Bach to Baloney. We're in the well-known lobster and seashore mid-coast of Maine. Today's problem is out-of-control people and governments. Solution: control results of passion and greed... but don't ask me how. Life is love!"

Herb Lobdell, Trumbull, CT: "Consulting geotechnical engineer, sailing, tennis, and woodworking. Enjoyed meeting son of our correspondent, **Bob Persons III '73**, ME '74, at our 55th and his 30th reunions." **Ed Brenner**, Boca Raton, FL: "I consider myself very fortunate. Wife Lee and I spend 7-1/2 months in Florida and 4-1/2 months in New Jersey. We live the good life, including cultural and social activities. Lee teaches part-time at Florida Atlantic U.'s Lifelong Learning Society and Elderhostel Program. I play bridge six days a week and look forward to each day."

Jim Hudson, Nashville, TN: "I'm busying myself writing articles along with colleagues at Vanderbilt in the *Nashville Tennessean*, advocating single payer universal health insurance—thereby making myself completely obnoxious here in the ground-zero epicenter of for-profit corporate health care. I believe Anna and I were at the 55th Reunion, weren't we?" (Yes, Jim, you and she were there.)

Arnold Turetsky, White Plains, NY: "Teaching Jewish history, philosophy, and Talmud. Last year was hoping for a good new year. I lecture twice a year in Prague and Budapest. Plan to continue as long as I can. Shavot restrictions on travel, etc., made it impractical to attend reunion. Bar mitzvah of grandson Zev Moshe Turetsky. His father (my son), **Jonathan '77**, was

in the Ag college. Great adventures in post-Communist Central Europe. Problem: time flies. Solution: fly swatter. World's problem: hatred. Solution: start with you and me. Be kind. Meaning of life: "Don't quit. Never, never, never" (Winston Churchill). Some of my favorite moments have been preaching in Sage Chapel." ♦ **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone/fax, (516) 767-1776.

49 Doesn't our 55th Reunion schedule of events look great? Our co-chairs **Jack and Inger Molmen Gilbert** have been busy and given us lots to look forward to—a fun, interesting time, plus each other! **Richard Schreiber** in Springfield, OH, is in a "hotbed" of Ohio State football fans, but he enjoys reminding them that the only two times they played Cornell, we were victorious! **J. Nadine Hoyer Rumke** says life gets better all the time! After retirement as an elementary music teacher in 1983 and the death of her husband in 1994, she went back to school. She graduated from the IM School of Healing Arts with certification as a Rev. She now has workshops in her home, and clients as well, and uses therapeutic touch, healing touch, reconnection healing, dowsing, and power of thought modalities.

Craig Voorhees is retired and lives in Rockville, MD. The Rev. **Willett "Will" Porter**, though officially retired, has been pastor of the Mount Hope UMC in Mahopac, NY, for the past ten years.

George Howitt gives us a quick summary of his life since Cornell: 1) worked at Fairchild Camera and Instrument; 2) designed TV sets at Allan B. Dumont Labs; 3) VP engineering at Charles Beseler Co.—there 25 years; 4) retirement 13 years. Volunteer work included Riverdell Regional Board of Education for 30 years and president Bergen County (NJ) School Board Assn. for three years. He traveled extensively for business and pleasure to much of the world, and now spends six months in Palm Beach Gardens, FL, playing golf and tennis three or four times a week. **Marjorie Mayer Roberts** plays tennis four times a week, with bridge a close second at three. She drove from Bradenton, FL, to Loudonville, NY, to visit her son and family, renting a condo for three months. Oldest grandson is a graduate of Eastman School of Music with a full scholarship to Harvard Grad School.

Jack Sheinkman, lawyer, labor leader, and classmate, died Jan. 29, '04. A graduate of ILR and Cornell Law, with a certificate in economics from Oxford U., he first worked as a lawyer for the International Pulp, Sulfite, and Paper Mill Workers. In 1953 his career with the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America started: general counsel, sec.-treas., and from '87-95, president. As president he won praise from union workers and management alike. He led labor's efforts to help poor workers and their labor leaders in Central America, and engineered mergers with smaller unions, resulting in the unionization of J.P. Stevens and the strengthening of the Textile Workers Union and the Int'l Ladies Garment Workers Union. Jack chaired

Americans for Democratic Action, was a member of Cornell's Board of Trustees and of the Council on Foreign Relations, and served on the President's Advisory Comm. on Trade.

A few miscellaneous items: Rev. **Franklyn Cism Jr. and Gilberta (Stevens) '45** celebrated their 60th anniversary last August; **Bernice Gray Whitney** is hopping about to the tune of a 1-year-old golden retriever puppy given to them by their children; **Mary Daniel Nelson** has a new address as of last October—7431 Willow Rd., Cottage #39, Frederick, MD 21702, tel., (301) 644-4286.

Richard Reynolds summers in Stamford, CT, and winters in the Florida Keys at Tavernier and in Naples, FL. Had ankle replacement surgery last year which put golf, etc., on hold for a while. "Looking forward to the 55th." Me too! You too? Hope so! ♦ **Mary Heisler Allison**, 1812 Puerto Bellow Dr., Lady Lake, FL 32159; tel., (352) 259-0203.

50 Here we are just a little over a year away from our 55th Reunion. Be sure to place June 9-12, '05 on your calendar now! On January 24 ten of your class officers met to discuss reunion planning. **Stan Rodwin**, reunion chairman, was already thinking there will be a super time for all. Our class dinner at the Cornell Club on that same day was attended by 23 classmates and spouses. **Blanche Elster Kaplan** (Teaneck, NJ) and **Peter Rotolo** with wife Arlene (Saddle River, NJ) were first-time attendees. **David Dingle** and wife Susan joined us as well. Dave entertained us with his great piano music. Dave and Susan sold their NYC co-op and moved "down east" to New Suffolk, NY, 70 miles east of Broadway. David still goes into NYC each week to keep in touch with clients, fellow Rotarians, and Masonic brothers. **Marion Steinmann** and husband Charles Joiner were with us. Marion gave an updated report about her study of the '50 class women. We are anticipating a published book in the near future about our class coeds.

We are enjoying reading your responses to our new Class News form. We hope you like our format. We welcome any comments for improvement, changes, and the like. Two additional 50th wedding anniversaries are reported by **Bill Brockway** and wife Cass (Hagerstown, MD), along with **Warren and Betty May Greening Wigsten '49** (Pleasant Valley, NY). Betty retired from teaching Home and Career skills, while Warren is retired from exporting dairy cattle. **Fred Shaner** (Greenwood, SC) and wife Elinor have moved to Wesley Commons, a retirement community in Greenwood. They are enjoying the low home maintenance, maid service, three meals a day, pleasant staff, and cheerful residents. They miss the beach and friends at Pawleys Island, but not the hurricanes. **Ramon Aires** (Granada Hills, CA) reports that WVBR is finally available in streaming audio at WVBR.com. "I spent a lot of time working on the audio equipment when this station was part of Cornell. WVBR is a better connection here in Southern California than it was in the dorms in 1948-50." Ramon further tells us that you can

listen to the Cornell chimes at www.chimes.cornell.edu/sounds.

Recent correspondence from **Dick Pogue** (Shaker Heights, OH) tells us he has returned to Jones Day, now the second largest US law firm, as counsel to the managing partner on business development, strategy, and special assignments. Dick had been with Jones Day for 37 years (1957-94) and as managing partner for nine of those years. He then joined a corporate public relations firm, Dix & Eaton, as senior advisor, where he has been until January of this year.

We are sad to report illnesses and especially deaths of our classmates, but think you want to know. **Stewart Cudworth's** wife Emily (St. Charles, IL) reports that he suffered a stroke and can't write news to us, but looks forward to reading our class column and following the rest of us. Classmates we have lost to death include **Robert Hammon** (Cherry Hill, NJ), with notice from his wife Mary, and **Pat Gleason Kerwick** (Rochester, NY), as reported by husband **Tom**. Both died last August. In addition, **Anthony Del Duca** (Santa Barbara, CA) died last November, as reported by his daughter. We will miss them all and send condolences to all these families.

Tom Kerwick writes that he turned 80 in December. "They say the people who berated you for slowing down so badly in your 70s will start solicitously helping you instead." In addition he tells us that last son Matt is producing the first and only grandson. The Kerwick name can live on, and it is quite rare. "Not bad for an only child of an only child."

On a personal note I wish to thank all of you who have called, written, and e-mailed your sympathy upon the death of my husband last fall. It's meant more than you will know to me. He was my column editor here at home, among other things. Our column is a little shorter this issue, as all of our members had not renewed as of Feb. '04. If you are in this category, send dues and news asap. ♦ **Ruth "Midge" Downey Kreitz**, 3811 Hunt Manor Dr., Fairfax, VA 22033; tel., (703) 860-2991; e-mail, rdk12@cornell.edu; **Paul H. Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50131; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phj4@cornell.edu.

51 The Nov/Dec issue of this magazine reported on the April 2003 dedication of a lightweight rowing shell to Cornell in memory of **Thomas Kelly**, who was a member of the lightweight crew team while at Cornell. Kelly, an aerospace engineer employed by Northrop Grumman for 38 years, was the "father of the lunar module." The gift came from friends, family, teammates, Sigma Nu brothers, and his employer.

Dev and **Kitty Welch Munn** cruised the Windward and Leeward Islands in February 2001 with a group from the North Carolina Zoological Society. The seven of them were delayed two days in joining the cruise because of a cancelled flight. In August 2002 they traveled to Ireland with a Cornell Alumni Federation group. Kitty says, "It was a great trip. None from '51 in our group, but other Cornellians were good company on our day trips from Ennis, County Claire." Living in Raleigh, NC, they are active in the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

and the state's Learning in Retirement (Encore) programs. Kitty helped host Questers during their international convention held in Raleigh. Much of her time is spent with weekly Care Team meetings and the Health Ministries Committee at church. In 2003 they spent a week at the J. C. Campbell Folk School in western North Carolina, where Kitty had classes in watercolor painting and Dev in woodcarving.

Hurricane Isabel was the bad news for 2003. Kitty wrote: "The eye of the storm went over the town of Oriental, NC, causing flood water higher than ever recorded, three to four feet in the main streets of town. We had five feet of water in our entrance hall and lower level. The water flowed in slowly, left in a hurry when the wind shifted, and broke out four windows—leaving the basement and its contents in shambles. It took in excess of 40 man-hours to sort, bag, shovel, hose down, and generally clean up the mess. In the yard, everything that was not tied down and could float was washed away. The yard was clean as a whistle."

Shelley Epstein Akabas traveled to Mongolia on an Adult University (CAU) trip with husband Aaron and two oldest grandsons. They stopped over in Seoul, South Korea, for a visit with former doctoral students. Shelley teaches at the Columbia U. School of Social Work and was named Professor of the Year. She is a board member of Cornell's Hillel and CAU and a member of the University Council. Last summer Shelly participated with daughters **Miriam '82** and **Sharon** in **Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76**, and **Ross Brann's** course, *The Ambiguities of Assimilation*; *The American Jewish Experience*.

Jay and **Jerri Ann Reilly** Peck have retired from Peck Furniture and are living in St. Petersburg Beach, FL, where Jerri Ann is serving her third year on the Board of Directors for Silver Sands #3 Condominium and is chairman of the Atrium & Welcoming Committee. She celebrates still being here after a heart catheterization that went awry and ripped up 18 inches of her femoral artery. She ended up with a bypass. She writes, "Every day is a gift," and reports that she and Jay had a wonderful cruise on board the *Sovereign of the Seas* with a number of Jay's Ft. Schuyler (NY) '46 classmates.

We received word that **Marcella Norgore** Janes died on January 20. She had been living at the Providence Marianwood nursing home in Issaquah, WA, and had previously sent us an update on her active life. On the legislative committee of the resident council, she was also grandmothering two Sudanese Christians serving as nurses aides there, who escaped massacre by the Sudanese Muslims by walking 900 miles to a refugee camp in Kenya. Her actual grandchildren lived far away, but she designed holiday decorations for them to make, earning her the nickname "Crafty Grandma." In 2003 Marcella showed she could cope with multiple sclerosis by accepting an offer by the local HOGs of a ride on a Harley motorcycle. She also had a letter published in *TV Guide*. Son Nathan is a homicide detective in Seattle.

CAU's Whose Promised Land? drew attendees last summer from our class: **Charles Mund** and **Bob Nelson**. **Marjory Lyons** Thayer attended

The Way Bugs Work, and **Donald Regula** participated in A Spring Theater Weekend in New York.

Don '52 and **Mibs Martin Follett** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at St. Croix with the entire family (eight adults and seven grandchildren). Then it was the Tequesta, FL, condo from January to May before returning to Easton, PA. They found the Life Learning Society courses at Florida Atlantic U. stimulating; last year it was Great Decisions 2003, and this year they've signed up for Issues in the Middle East. The highlight of the year was a visit to New Zealand, where their eldest granddaughter is doing a study abroad at the Victoria U. of Wellington. "What a fantastic country and such friendly people. It is truly one of the great places on this planet!"

Despite medical problems **Jack** and **Marybeth Weaver Ostrom** managed two months at their Cape Cod cottage with a family reunion and visits from MB's '51 roommates **Louise Squire** Bishop and **Betty Grimm** Hague. The Ostroms' final word: "We look forward to 2004—it's got to be better!"

Barry Nolin's '51 webpage is <http://classof51.alumni.cornell.edu/>. Please send your news to **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond@ee.net.

52 A copy of **Ina Perlstein** Loewenberg's new book, *The View from Seventy: Women's Recollections and Reflections*, arrived just before deadline. Ina has interviewed 41 women born in 1931. Three are Cornellians: Ina, **Rhoda Ratner Barr '51**, and **Roz Zalutsky** Baron '53. In this book's photos and life stories, many of us will find traces of our parents, our friends, and ourselves. It is interesting, and available from the U. of Iowa, 1-800-235-2665.

That's just the beginning. The latest mail brought 23 postcards. Added to the 20 remaining, we have a good bit of news, much of it from heretofore silent people. The format allows for much information, which sadly must be abridged. **Raymond Gallagher** writes from Waukesha, WI, that having sold his small business in January 2003, he is now completely retired: "Retirement takes some time to get used to and I am just now getting to accept it." Nonetheless, the Gallaghers spent three weeks in Alaska in August and three in Kenya the year before, and hoped to visit Spain and Portugal in 2004.

Arthur Franz writes from Bolton Landing, NY, "It's never too late to try something new. At age 75 I climbed my first four high peaks in the Adirondacks, including Mt. Marcy, the highest mountain in New York. Great views from the top." **Clifford** and **Jen Eddy** of Webster, NY, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 25, '03. **Matthew Zak**, Rochester, NY, writes that he wasn't at our 50th reunion because **Jean (Sprott)**, his wife of 50 years, died prior to the event. He writes of his son **Bradford '80**, who stayed with him during that sad time. Bradford has managed hotels throughout the Far East and is currently creating a new hotel group in Costa Rica, Tanzania, and China. Matt closes with, "All

the best to our classmates."

Arthur Reader, Arden, NC, says, "I'm still kicking after a cardiac episode Dec. 13, '03 that landed me in Owen Heart Center, Asheville, NC, for eight days. Living with defibrillator and lots of medications." He and Pat made it to the Mars Rover launch meetings in Cocoa Beach, FL. He says, "Great meeting all those bright Cornellians!" Art has set up a website for his regional alumni club. It's at <http://caabrm.alumni.cornell.edu>. **Bob Messner**, Warren, VT, is still actively skiing, biking, hiking, and flying powered aircraft and gliders. He manages a small private airport. He continues, "Sailed across the Atlantic last month on a beautifully maintained 360-foot square rigger ex-private yacht," and reports, "three kids (no longer 'kids') and five grandkids all doing well."

Tom Martin writes from Valatie, NY, "Moving from Chapel Hill, NC, after six years, to Columbia County, NY, in order to be near my daughter and granddaughter." Last spring he was an overnight guest of **Bill Denton** and his wife in Hilton Head, SC. Bill and Tom were Phi Gamma Delta brothers and roommates in their senior year. From **William Koschara**, Mt. Morris, NY: "They tell me I'm retired (nine years of teaching and 16 years of other state service). I still have one foot in farming, one foot in church work, one foot in private aviation (a private airstrip on the farm), and one foot in being an adult officer for the Children of the American Revolution." With four feet, he sometimes runs into himself. His wife **Barbara (Shear) '50** is equally busy. They also pull a wagonload of stuff with five children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He closes, "Hey, it all keeps you going so you don't have time to get old."

When **Richard Clark** wrote from Osterville, MA, he was feeling the Red Sox seventh game loss to the Yankees. He expects the Red Sox and the Cubs will meet in a Series, but not in his lifetime. Rik wrote, "Volunteer work keeps Sandy and me busy and involved, along with golf, biking, and boating. Future travel will take us to Bermuda, Palm Springs, CA, golf school at Pine Needles in NC, and a Portugal cruise next fall. We are very thankful for good health and satisfying lives."

Robert and **Jeanne Irish Lewis** are almost settled in their new house in Webster, NY, about seven miles from the house they built in Rochester 40 years ago. They finally signed up for an Elderhostel, only to have it canceled, so they went to Hawaii. In June they celebrated their 50th anniversary with daughter Ellen and her three boys, son **Giff '82** and his wife, **Jerry Irish '58** and his wife, **Cindy Brandt** Johnson '77 and her children, and **Joe Meldrim '00**, ME '01.

Robert, MS '54, and **Eleanor Hospodor Conti**, MS '54, have returned to Cumberland, RI, from five months at the U. of Cambridge, where Bob was a visiting professor in the engineering department. He has retired from Bryant College and is on a "permanent, unpaid sabbatical" as an emeritus professor. They look forward to spending more time with their 12 grandchildren. By Feb. 1, '04, **Jack** and **Patricia Thornton Bradt** expected to be in residence in

Bethlehem, PA, just seven miles from their Easton home. (This seven-mile thing is odd.) They sent their new address and an interim address, but that's all.

Those who attended the joint dinner at the New York Cornell Club of the classes of '51 through '54 following the January Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) Mid-Winter Meeting had a good time. Consider it for next year. ♦ **Joan Boffa** Gaul, 7 Colonial Pl., Pittsburgh PA 15232; e-mail, jgcomm@aol.com.

53 It was colder than (you could look it up) Helsinki when a horde of Old Reds from all over descended upon the frozen heart of Manhattan for the 99th meeting of the Assn. of Class Officers (CACO), Jan. 23-24. About 600 heard President **Jeffrey S. Lehman** '77 once again sound his Alumni Call to Engagement, i.e., to think hard about the vintage 2015 Cornell and tell him what comes to mind. An opportunity to be heard!

The '53 contingent was told that its exchequer is healthy and considered ways to use it wisely. Plans for '53 gatherings in the coming year were revealed, including the traditional annual Homecoming festivities with friends from other classes of the '50s, like the 50 or so who met and et Saturday night at the Cornell Club-New York. Quite a few after-dinner songsters were on at least approximate pitch and actually remembered many of the words. Pianists **Tom Foulkes** '52 and **Dave Dingle** '50 were in mid-reunion form. So here's to organizer **Mitzi Sutton** Russekoff '54 for another triumph. And she wants to do an encore next year!

Retired medic **Sam Cassell** (Wyckoff, NJ) spent a sultry week in the tropical wilds of Haiti last November on a medical mission to Jean Fond Noel, a primitive mountain village four hours by truck from Port-au-Prince, with four other Jersey docs. The team is one of several that have donated time and skill to the village, which has been "adopted" by The Church of Presentation of Upper Saddle River. It has no fresh water, no electricity, and no medical care. The volunteers worked from dawn to dark to see between 100 and 120 patients daily, treating a long list of medical challenges from hernias to a pig bite (but neither malaria nor AIDS). They were able to help people who walked for miles through the jungle, including a father who was carried to the clinic on his son's back. The visitors experienced Haitian poverty (and affluence) close up and were moved by Haitian crafts and a Sunday Mass to a drumbeat of African-based rhythms. "Will I go back? After seeing everything, how could I not?" says Sam.

A doctor with a lawyer daughter, **Stanley Landau** (Hewlett Harbor, NY) proudly notes that she (**Leslie Landau**, JD '83) has been appointed Superior Court Judge in Contra Costa County, CA. Retired five years from the practice of adult and pediatric urology, dad manages time for golf and bridge, digital photography, writing short stories, and pursuing culture at theaters, symphony halls, and museums, just as so many of us thought we'd be

doing when we quit punching the clock. He stays current with developments in his field and is part of a panel that reviews legal cases of possible malpractice for both plaintiff and defendant. He made time for a 16-day Russian river cruise from St. Petersburg to Moscow last year. Cardiologist and Harvard Med School prof. **Julian Aroesty**'s most recent son, Adam, a high school junior, is checking out colleges (he's on course to matriculate in Sept. '05). "Once he starts college," says Julian, "I will spend more time away from the snow in the winter."

"Daughter Laura was married in California (first time) at age 42," reports **Ann Baskett** Kaiser (Wheat Ridge, CO). Son Jeff runs a business in Maui, so, says Ann, her travel schedule is reduced to Hawaii, California, and Ithaca. Dancing, mainstream jazz events, and gardening keep her busy near home. **Recie Miller** Scott (Cincinnati) gives high marks to Adult University (CAU) trips to Sicily and Martha's Vineyard last year. **Caroline Mulford** Owens, now living year-round in the family's summer place on a lake at Bridgeton, NJ, her old hometown, is dealing with a half-year of renovations. "Now that," quoth she, "is a learning experience."

Sonny Bloser Monroe (Cocoa Beach, FL) says "retirement is great" and "modern medicine is wonderful." She's striving to keep her golf score down and her portfolio figures up. After years of tennis, she found herself in need of two new knees and one new hip (all in 18 months). At last look, all were working fine. **Elaine Cohen** Levitt (Philadelphia) isn't traveling far "till things quiet down in the world," but can't find enough time for all the golf and bridge she'd like, partly due to service on the boards of Franklin Inst., Liberty Museum, and the Y. **Virginia Falk** Stout (Seattle) is deeply into a second career as a life design consultant. Through her business, called NewLife Design, she advises scientists, engineers and health professionals. There's a daily bird walk with husband Bill, plus Unitarian Church activities and other worthy works. Like many, she "could use a few hours more in a week." **Nancy Walldorff** Harvey (Vir-

unteer hospital work and running his model railroad. **Art Harre** (Cincinnati) keeps model airplanes aloft, besides golf and Kiwanis. **Bob Dilatush** (Cranbury, NJ) was still in the insurance game when last we looked and has a full schedule of grandchildren's athletic events. He and Elfriede make regular visits to Germany to see his frau's family and friends. For **Carl Hobelman** (Washington, DC), leisure means "reading, bridge, travel, and snow-shoveling."

See you at Tanglewood July 11? ♦ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 1st Ave., #8B, NYC 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

54 Can you hear the Dixieland music? Are your hiking/running/golf shoes packed? Is your all-weather wardrobe selected? If so, Ithaca must be on your travel schedule for June 10-14. It would appear there are hundreds of us headed back to "tread the Hill again." Check the new address for our class website at the end of the column for up-to-date information on events and those returning. You should have received your reunion packet by now, but if you haven't, please e-mail reunion co-chair **Rosemary Jung** at rojung@aol.com, or call **Chick Trayford** at (800) 470-8847. You have until May 25 to return your registration form.

A few notes from those planning on returning for our 50th. **Barbara (Loreto)** '55 and **Leon Peltz**, who divide their time between Manhattan and Sag Harbor, left last August for a cruise around the Baltic, with St. Petersburg as a highlight. Judy and **Stephen Kaplan** are looking forward to reunion and more Adult University (CAU) trips, which they find the "best." **Allan Griff** got his 70th birthday wish, which was to go fishing on the Chesapeake with his three children. In July 2003 he and Nancy spent a month in Iceland, where they visited with **Bjorn Sigurbjornsson**, PhD '60, and **Halldor Grondal** '52. They drove around and across the country discovering puffins, dirt roads, Iceland ponies, volcanoes, hot pots, skyr, and more.

Fred Battaglia has become professor emer-

'The volunteers worked from dawn to dark to see between 100 and 120 patients daily.'

JIM HANCHETT '53

ginia Beach, VA) tells of trips to Russia and Ukraine to lead marriage retreats.

Louis Pradt (Wausau, WI) fondly recalls an all-day lunch in Naples a while back with **Bill Lewing**, **Jim Bowman**, and **Frank Delle Cave** '54 (and spice—that's the plural of spouse, right?). Retired surgeon **John Hartzell** (Grosse Pointe, MI) is concentrating on golf and grandchildren, one of whom was adopted from China. His son John went to Thailand last year to be married after a longtime, long-distance (Detroit to Bangkok) courtship. **Bill Welsh** (Rochester, NY) keeps his days golden with vol-

itus of pediatrics at the U. of Colorado. This spring Fred will be the recipient of the Howland Award, the American Pediatric Society's highest award. This award has been given since 1952 to honor those who, by their contribution to pediatrics, have aided in its advancement. Fred does winters in Sanibel, fall on Cape Cod, and fly-fishing at Steamboat. A nice balance. **Francis Fletcher Jr.** has remained true to his Carolina roots. When he was on the Hill he was one of the very few students from North Carolina, but fortunately times have changed. Francis is active in the Cornell Club of Charlotte and has taken

In the Garden

JOEL MALLIN '55, BS ENG '56, AND
SHERRY VOGEL MALLIN '55, BS HE '54

Sculpture enthusiasts Joel and Sherry Mallin have spent nearly four decades amassing one of the nation's largest privately held contemporary art collections. Each year, 4,000 art lovers visit their Pound Ridge, New York, estate, among them international curators and local alumni. "We truly believe it's an obligation to repay the people you learned from," says Sherry Mallin, who spent hours in museums as a child. "Sharing art is the way we say thank you."

Last November, the couple hosted a five-hour Saturday tour for fine art professor Buzz Spector and sixty undergraduates. "I was deeply moved by the value they placed on relationships with artists as people rather than as investments," says Spector. "To be a guest in a couple's house is to see the work they think is important. Their tastes and values are on the line."



Sherry Mallin says her tastes change daily, but her favorites include Andy Goldsworthy's "The Wall" and the works of Robert Gober and Damien Hirst. "I enjoy pieces that speak about memory, time, the cycle of life and death, and especially those that speak to our emotions and challenge our intellect."

—Lauren Beach '04

several alumni trips. **Linda Stagg** Long will venture from her mountaintop in Big Sur, CA, to return to reunion for the first time. Ed and **Cynthia Tuccillo** Kowalczyk winter in Key Biscayne, but return north to Toms River, NJ, when the temperature rises.

Serga and **Daniel Nadler** will be back in June, hopefully with a couple of Dan's books to share. Dan's civil engineering career took him all over the world, and his love of photography has given the world some marvelous books including: *The Faces of Man: Iran the Beautiful; China to Order*, his book on Chinese export porcelain; and his yet to be finished "The Lure of Silver: From Fetish to Fashion," which will accompany the Nadlers' silver jewelry collection when it is exhibited by the Johnson Museum in spring 2005.

Dr. **Richard A. Jones** of Clermont, FL, will head north in June to join in the fun **Ken Hershey** and Rosemary are planning. Dick sums up his life's résumé as fairly average, to wit: military service, graduate school, marriage, two kids, four grands, several employers, heart attack, prostate

cancer, and shoulder reconstruction. Retired in central Florida, he is still active with Cornellians thereabout and his Hotel school class. **Carmen (Lovre) '57** and **Bus Ryan** will be back, of course. They are still chasing the perfect 70-degree living conditions between their three locations in Naples, Atlanta, and the hills of North Carolina. Bus says it is fun but fairly insane. I can't argue the benefits, but the thought of all that moving leaves me exhausted. **Betty Siebert** Libera moved her permanent address to Stuart, FL, but has yet to totally sever her ties to Rochester, where she and husband Donald spend their summers.

Noah Fuhrman of Albuquerque, NM, has been president of a citizens' grassroots organization, New Mexico Citizens for Physician Retention, since 2001. The group is working to enact changes in state and federal laws in order to improve the economic climate for physicians in New Mexico. **Seymour Feldman** continues to teach one course each year in philosophy at Rutgers, saying it keeps him young. **Robert Hell-**

mann's first grandchild joined the family last November. Perhaps that is why I haven't had more stories about wildlife as seen from a library window. **Martin Zeluck**, after 40 years, is still a practicing ob/gyn in Haddonfield, NJ. **Phil Eastman** has just completed a year-long stint as interim school administrator in the Whitesboro school system. Phil said it was enjoyable and fulfilling, but he will be happy to re-retire. **Rob Sinacore** of Staten Island volunteers at the Senior Center, travels, and manages to go to the theater several times a week, mostly off-Broadway. He has stopped square-dancing at the request of his knees. **June Burnett** Gurnett, M Ed '57's hobbies include watercolor classes, creative writing, and, in the winter, shoveling snow, that great upstate New York pastime.

We had hoped to have our class directories to you before reunion, but a few glitches in the university's computer systems have led to a later delivery date. Chick Trayford is doing a very detailed search for all class members so as to make the directory as accurate as possible. Your class council met in January and voted to pay \$10,000 toward our scholarship pledge, made at our last reunion. The pledge was \$37,500, with a matching challenge gift of \$12,500, for a total scholarship of \$50,000. **Peggy Hill's** handmade quilt will be raffled off at reunion, with all proceeds going to the scholarship fund. ♦ **Leslie Papenfus** Reed, 500 Wolfe St., Alexandria, VA 22314; e-mail, ljreed@speakeasy.net. Class website: <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu/>.

55 Your class officers and members of the Class Council put in some very productive discussion time at the annual Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) meeting in January. Topic A for the group? Our upcoming 50th Reunion, of course! Under the capable leadership of co-chairs **Dick Estey** and **Phil Harvey**, preliminary plans are well under way for a truly memorable, once-in-a-lifetime event. Members of the Reunion Committee are **Joan Weisberg Belden**, **Elizabeth "Hilly" McCann Dearden**, **Bill Doerler**, and **Ann Overbeck**. **Ned Arps**, our Cornell Fund representative, will be working with Participation Chairs **Dick Pew** and **Nancy Livingston Hopkins**. Nancy is also scouting for appropriate accessories/souvenirs, and Joan Belden will be heading up the Affinity Groups program. In the works is a wonderful variety of events, some familiar and some new. Remember to notify **Janet Scanlan** Lawrence that you're planning on joining us (e-mail, louis dixneuf@aol.com).

Here's a recent note from **Art Dommen**: "As a historian of Indochina, I am enjoying going through the latest batch of Oval Office tapes from the Nixon Administration," released by the National Archives and Records Administration. "From Roosevelt to Ford, the most inscrutable and unpredictable president that the Indochinese dealt with was Nixon," says Art, "and these recordings reveal his rather incoherent approach to policy-making during the Vietnam War." **Rona Kass Schneider** sells American fine prints from 1860 to 1940 through various venues, notably her website

(ronaschneiderprints.com). Frustrated with "all those Religious Right nuts who are trashing this country," Rona has joined the Freedom from Religion Foundation, an organization based in Madison, WI. She is also involved with Brooklyn Heights issues, "as the city tries to chip away at our lovely neighborhood."

Libby Milliken Klim, an Education for Ministry mentor, says her family is all healthy, including an autistic grandson who is improving. Libby, whose nephew is safe in Qatar "somewhere in the desert," participated in a peace vigil, and continues gardening, writing, and "arting" in her spare time. **Charlotte Schneider** Rubashkin says she's "living life as well as I can, feeling lucky to be here with no major ailments." To keep her brain going, Charlotte tackles the *New York Times* crossword puzzles and plays mah-jong. She received a Master of Letters from Drew U. in 2000—"very different study from my BS in ILR." Now retired from AT&T/Lucent, Charlotte has more time to volunteer, serving as president of the board of a music school and as an officer of the local AAUW.

Marcia Willemen Sutter is on the board of the North Museum of Natural History and the Cornell Club, and recently traveled to Peru with husband Phil. They took a small boat trip on the Amazon River, which provided some thrilling moments: "We almost had an anaconda land in our laps from a tree on a night excursion, and we went fishing for piranhas!" They also visited the Andes, where they viewed Machu Picchu, in an area native to over 300 species of orchids. Since **Samuel** "Skip" **Salus** retired, he's devoting himself to cultural pursuits such as music, theater, art, and historical restoration. But he admits he'd rather be "an 80s golfer." Now getting used to life without a secretary, Skip is working on his computer skills. As for Cornell contacts, he's spoken to **Tom Litwin** and **Jerry Flagg**, and congratulated **Jerry Rosenau**, a college teacher, on his textbook on merchandising, which is used by several colleges.

Marty Gorman King and husband Bruce celebrated their 50th anniversary last August with a week-long celebration with family and friends at their Hidden Valley, PA, summer home. Painting, singing (with the Venetian Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines International), cooking, needlework, travel, and reading keep Marty busy, as well as helping to care for her brother-in-law with Alzheimer's. **Priscilla Rice** Ebert writes a bi-monthly column for the local paper—"nothing particularly political or controversial, but more a commentary on life experiences." She's also working on the 50th anniversary history of her church (when she's not playing bridge, or tennis, or taking part in the local amateur theater group). Like so many of our classmates, Priscilla finds that now's the time to travel, and she enjoyed a Cornell Alumni trip last fall up the Rhine from Budapest to Vienna, ending up in Prague.

Keep on sending me your news; remember that the length of our column depends on how many duespayers we have. ♦ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nsm55@juno.com.

56 **Wayne Wisbaum** received the Root/Stimson Award for community service in his hometown of Buffalo, NY. Wayne is a lawyer with Kavinoky and Cook, where he has been for over 40 years. He almost singlehandedly raised the money for restoring the Kleinhans Music Hall and was involved in every facet of this endeavor. He is also involved in many other charities in his city. I knew his father, Franklin, who was also a fine lawyer, and have been a close friend of Wayne and his wife Janet for all these many years. Congratulations! **Syrell Rogovin** Leahy has been writing mysteries under the pseudonym Lee Harris. *Murder in Hell's Kitchen* has been doing well and her new book is *The Bar Mitzvah Murder*. Her second home is in Tucson, near **Tom** and **Marilyn Way Merryweather** '57. Up north, she has recently moved to Fort Lee, NJ.

Another writer from our class, **Steve Katz** has a new novel just published, *Antonello's Lion*. He has four grandchildren and makes his home in Denver, CO. Also in Colorado, **Nancy Marx** Thorpe (Carbondale, CO) is still working at The Aspen Inst. She visited our classmate in Madrid, **Sharon King** Fernandez-Cavada and her husband Luis.

Ronnie Hartman (Long Beach, CA) says he is another one of the crazies who is still working (not so fast, there are a lot of us). He is practicing ophthalmology and teaching at UC Irvine. Ronnie is the grandfather of eight; one of his sons is his partner, his other son is an orthopedist, and both are Chief of Staff at their hospitals. **Stanley Komaroff**, JD '58 (New York City) was formerly managing partner of Proskauer Rose, a law firm in New York. He has joined Henry Schein Inc. as senior advisor, focusing on those areas with his considerable expertise. We wish him luck in his late-life adventure. Also in NYC, **Howard Schneider**, JD '59, is still senior partner at his law firm and serves on the board of PJM Interconnection, which runs the power grid from New Jersey to West Virginia.

J. Anthony Burton has retired from the practice of law and is living in Amherst, MA. He publishes scholarly articles dealing with Shakespeare and teaches occasionally at the U. of Massachusetts. His main travels are to London. **Patricia Brodie** is still working part-time as a psychotherapist in Concord, MA. She has four children scattered across the country and one in London with her new grandchild, Isabella. **Judith Jabloner** Bumble (Bryn Mawr, PA) is retired and involved in the world of art. She paints, sculpts, and remodels houses and gardens. Judith belongs to The Art League in Philadelphia, as well as other groups. She loves her new grandchild, Benjamin.

Grace Goldsmith Wahba was recently named the I.J. Schoenberg Professor of Statistics at the U. of Wisconsin. She and her partner David Cullan have a home in Madison. **Bob Boger** (East Lansing, MI) has just retired from Michigan State U. after 36 years on the faculty. **Bonnie Smith** Whyte (Reston, VA) has retired from the US Dept. of Agriculture. She is now very involved in the Reston Historic Trust, plan-

ning interpretive walks. She has taken some wonderful cruises and spent a lot of time with her cousins.

Allan Bean of Manchester, CT, writes: "After attending reunion with me in 2001, my dear wife Cindy died of leukemia. Since then, I have gotten engaged, moved my fiancée twice, moved her mother once, moved my office in the house, gotten married (my new wife is Cheri), sold our house, and moved the household and business from one Connecticut town to another. I'm still working as a freelance advertising writer every day as 'Beanwriter.'" It was nice hearing from **Al D'Agostino** of Arlington, TX. He is semi-retired, but still consulting on marketing matters out of his home office. He is a member of the Optimists, Korea War Veterans, and WWII Merchant Marine Veterans. Al has six grandchildren.

Keep well and keep those letters coming. I'm still here with **Phyllis Bosworth** after more than 35 years in this magazine! I can't believe it. ♦ **Stephen Kittenplan**, 1165 Park Ave., #2A, NYC 10128; e-mail, catplan@aol.com.

57 The arrival of **Roger Jones**'s 12th grandchild lends a symmetrical shape to his family—four children each have three offspring. He and Peg continue to live in the Spruce Creek Fly-in Community in Port Orange, FL, although he has sold his airplane. They took their Nordic tug through the Bahamas during the winter. Roger writes ballads and waltzes and has a direct computer link between his organ and computer so that he can print out the sheet music as he writes it. (How did Mozart get so far without that capability?) Roger has seen **Phil McIndoo**, **Ted Raab**, and **Joe** '56 and **Sue Derosay Henninger** recently. The latter couple was also on a Cornell Alumni Association tour of Fiji/New Zealand/Australia with **John Maclay**, who has given up the trumpet after 25 years of activity in various community bands and orchestras in the Walnut Creek, CA, area. Unlike Roger, he still flies his Cessna 182, and also spends time enhancing his automobile collection of Alfa Romeos. He is 11 behind Roger and family in the grandchildren department, in good health, and looking forward to the 50th.

After retiring from a career in public education, **Dick Gross** now owns his own company and does consulting in the education field. He has two new grandchildren and took an extended trip to Italy last spring. **Rick Freeman** is also retired from 35 years in education, having taught economics and environmental studies at Bowdoin. While Dick was in Italy, Rick was in South Africa for three weeks. Last summer he saw my old Baltimore high school buddy **Beach Kuhl**, who is still litigating in San Francisco. **Rick Knittel** was in Italy at approximately the same time as Dick, and shares a musical involvement with Roger and John, becoming increasingly active as a jazz trombonist.

Ted Engel, MBA '58, MS '64, is also a grandfather, as of last year, and is still in the business of breeding, training, and racing standardbred horses. He is also involved with the Indianapolis Indians baseball team, the Triple-A affiliate of the

Milwaukee Brewers. **Sam Leadley**, PhD '67, is also involved with animals as a calf and heifer management specialist, and served as a presenter at the Western Veterinary Conference and World Dairy Expo last year. He reports having seen classmate **Don Williams** recently.

Chuck LaForge has been honored by the Village of Rhinebeck, NY, upon his retirement as proprietor of the Beekman Arms, "America's Oldest Hotel." He has moved to Florida, stuffing the local Goodwill with excess family treasures in the process. **Phil Gravink** sends along news of a reunion of the greatest crew (my phrase) in collegiate history. In addition to watching the "Victory at Henley" film, they golfed and walked and in general relived a glorious past—a past that makes all of us proud. ♦ **John Seiler**, 221 St. Matthews Ave., Louisville, KY 40207; tel., (502) 895-1477; e-mail, suitcase2@aol.com.

The annual Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) Mid-Winter Meeting was in January in New York City, and about 35 classmates gathered for a Moroccan dinner while catching up on travels, grandchildren, high school reunions, and assorted ailments. No backaches or knee problems for **Dori Goudsmit** Albert, however, as she participated in the group lesson on belly dancing, with **Bert Grunert** DeVries and others applauding her efforts. Class officers met the next day to discuss a number of items. A class directory is to be prepared for our 50th Reunion, and get ready for new red and white vests (**Betty Starr** King has volunteered to be chief seamstress). In the evening **Marcia Wishengrad** Metzger, **Judy Richter** Levy, LLB '59, **Judy Madigan** Burgess, and I were among those who attended a marvelous Pan-Asian Chinese New Year banquet in Chinatown sponsored by the Cornell Asian Alumni Assn. The fund-raiser for the library featured the traditional lion dance, a 12-course dinner, door prizes, and remarks by President **Jeffrey Lehman** '77.

Did you watch the Westminster Dog Show in February? **Margaret Keller** Curtis owns the sire of the Sussex spaniel who won the Sporting Group. In the last 12 months Margaret has been to Vancouver, Peru, and Maui for judging, and this past March she took her champion Clumber Spaniel to England for Crufts. **Audrey Jones** Cauchois was in London for Thanksgiving, enjoying museums, galleries, the War Rooms, and theater. Last year she toured Alaska for a few weeks and made it as far north as Barrow. Now that spring is here Audrey enjoys tending her roses in Quogue, NY.

Barbara Baltzel Burton celebrated her 50th high school reunion last summer in Plattsburgh. Then she and **Sandy** '58 joined **Shirley Caloway** Lindsay, **Gina Turnbull** Christie, **Marylou Fleming** Veit, and their husbands for a mini-reunion in Old Forge. Much of the Burtons' travels these days have been from Bar Harbor, ME, to Kettering, OH, to visit children and grandchildren (six of them). Another grandmother of six, **Sue Davidson** Braun writes that her kids live in three different cities and "rely on me to come and help after a baby is born." Such an event prompted a visit to the NYC area,

where she toured the NY Historical Museum with **Mina Rieur** Weiner. In January Sue and her husband tried an Elderhostel trip in Yellowstone Park, describing it as a gorgeous experience and one where the park staff said it was the most beautiful winter they had seen. No snow in Rochester last September when Sue attended her 50th high school reunion. Sue asks, "How come some of us have a better time at these reunions than we ever remember having when we were attending the school?"

Judy Madigan Burgess's former husband Jack died of lung cancer in October and was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery in December. ♦ **Judith Reusswig**, 5401 Westbard Ave., #813, Bethesda, MD, 20816; e-mail, JCRauss@aol.com.

58 We have just returned from a wonderful visit in Florida at the home of **Jack and Diane Baillet Meakem** '61. **Glenn and Maddi McAdams** Dallas were also there, and aside from having a wonderful time, we discussed some changes for our big 50th Reunion. Upon arriving home, I received an e-mail with the dates, June 5-8, 2008. Mark your calendars now—it will be great! Of course, you can always keep informed by checking out our class website, <http://classof58.alumni.cornell.edu>. Last October, some classmates attended a party hosted by **Al Podell**. He helped produce a show called "Listen To My Heart" with music by David Friedman. Classmates who attended were: **Joe and Barb Buehrig** Orlando, **Charlie and Betty Anne Steer** Merritt, **Alan Goldman**, **Jon and Mary Ann Howell**, **Micky Benowitz**, **Sy and Helise Bucholz**, **Mike and Jane Griffinger**, **Dick and Lynn Rothenberg Kay** '61, and **Liz Fuchs** Fillo and **Chris Coucill**.

Fred Sherman lost his wife last November. She had had cancer since 1991 and died six days after her last day of work as administrator for a law firm. **Jim and Annette Fogo Harper** went to France last October with **Dick and Nancy Hoelt Eales** '60 and then into Spain. For Christmas, Annette and Jim went to Florence, Italy, to visit their son Jamie, an art history professor studying and writing on a grant. The Harpers expect to have two weddings this year and have added grandchild number three, so it should be a busy year!

Ronni Schulbaum Strell went to Cornell for the inauguration of President **Jeffrey Lehman** '77, representing the Cornell Club of Northern New Jersey. She retired in 1999, but is still doing freelance editing of elder-law books. She also enjoys ushering at classical concerts in the Morristown Community Theater and all crafts. Her longtime project is crocheting a bedspread for a queen-size bed (into the fourth year!). **Lois Bates** Walnut and husband spent the Christmas holiday in England with their daughter and family. She keeps busy helping to oversee the renovations and major addition to her church, for which she was on both the design and building committees. **Barbara Streicher** Magid and husband Len traveled to Russia last summer with Harry and **Irene Lazarus** Soskin. Last December,

they went to Australia and New Zealand. Len is retired, but Barbara is still teaching and doesn't plan to retire for a few more years.

Philip Coombs Jr. has four children, all Cornell grads. Last year he and a party of eight, including some older grandchildren, took a week's vacation and went down the Grand Canyon. He enjoys hiking and community projects. He retired from the NY State Dept. of Corrections as the commissioner. Philip also runs a 200-acre farm with his brother and family members. **Dick Metzgar** has retired and moved to Clayton, GA. He enjoys tennis and hiking and finally has a grandchild! **Martin Steinberg** manages to travel a great deal while keeping very busy with his work and research. His daughter is due to marry this June in Toronto—to a hockey player! Have a great summer! ♦ **Jan Arps** Jarvie, 6524 Valley Brook Dr., Dallas, TX 75254; e-mail, jjarvie386@aol.com; and **Dick Haggard**, 1207 Nash Dr., Fort Washington, PA 19034; e-mail, rhaggard@voicenet.com.

59 Festivities for our 45th Reunion kicked off on the evening of January 23, when some three dozen people gathered for a very enjoyable class dinner at the Cornell Club in NYC. Though the group consisted mainly of people from the NYC and Ithaca areas, five people came from California: **Carol Vieth** Mead, **Gerald Schultz** and his wife, **Mary Jo Sigler** Tennant, and **Bob Weinman**. **Dick Vincent** came from Texas. So did **Gwen Woodson** Fraze and her husband, though they came via Russia and Finland, rushing to the Cornell Club after the long flight that ended an exciting trip. Gwen and her reunion co-chair **Fred Harwood** spoke about reunion plans, and co-president **Marian Fay** Levitt discussed the Class of '59 Scholarship endowment. She also noted that over the years 23 members of our class have set up fully endowed scholarships on their own.

The next day, 20 classmates attended the annual Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) Mid-Winter Meeting, where we had the great pleasure of meeting and listening to Cornell's new president, **Jeffrey Lehman** '77. At an afternoon class meeting, Gwen and Fred went into greater detail about class events during reunion. "We'll have an opportunity to visit the fabulous new Laboratory of Ornithology—impressive even if one isn't a birder," said Gwen. "And we'll take a bus tour through the F.R. Newman Arboretum, complete with an interpreter from the Cornell Plantations staff." Note: In addition, the Plantations will offer nine guided tours open to all returning alumni; they'll be listed in the reunion program available upon arrival at our dorm, the air-conditioned Town Houses on the new North Campus.

Later, Gwen told me that the class is sponsoring a musicale by some of the university's gifted music students. "Many of us are not aware of the high level of excellence of Cornell's music undergrads," she noted. The musicale will be held in the renovated Lincoln Hall. You may recall that our Class Gift at our 40th Reunion in 1999 was designated for a practice room and a piano in Lincoln Hall.

The class meeting at CACO also included a discussion led by **Dave Dunlop**, chair of the Nomination Committee. The committee includes **Stephanie Lipsit** Tashkovich, Dick Vincent, and as ex-officio members, our current co-presidents. The committee will present a slate of candidates to fill the following positions for the next five years: President(s), Vice President(s), Secretary, Treasurer, Class Correspondent, Reunion Chair(s), Class Fund Representatives(s), and Class Webmaster. The responsibilities assigned to each of these class officers are described in the Class of 1959 Constitution, adopted in January 2003.

Who's coming to our 45th Reunion? You can find out at <http://reunion.alumni.cornell.edu/>, which maintains up-to-the-minute lists of Cornellians who have registered for reunion. The site also includes on-line registration for class reunions and other events taking place on June 10-13. There's a ride-share board, too!

Other useful sites are <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu>, where you can pay class dues, and <http://giving.alumni.cornell.edu/>, where you can make contributions to the Class of '59 reunion campaign. And don't forget our own class website, <http://classof59.alumni.cornell.edu>, where you can read about classmates, find contact information, and—by the time you read this—see photos from the January class dinner.

By the way: Our class continues to hold the record for attendance at a 25th Reunion, with 428 classmates attending back in 1984. The record for the 45th Reunion, held by the class of 1955, is 228. Help us set a new record this year!

In an e-mail to **Ron Demer**, **Beck Brown** of Williamsville, NY, recalls how **Steve Friedman** was the very first Cornellian he met in 1955: "He helped us unload our family car at University Hall #4. **Jack White** (of the Kennedy Center in Boston) was the second, and you, Ron, were the third Cornellian in my new life in Ithaca." Beck's post-graduation contributions to Cornell have included sending outstanding students to the university from the high school classes he taught, first in Westport, CT, and then in Amherst, NY. In 1991, Beck retired from the classroom and expanded a financial planning practice—"which even now keeps me focused on servicing a few splendid friends."

Joining the don't-have-to-get-up-and-go-to-work crowd is **Eleanor Applewhaite**, who retired at the end of 2003 after a long career in communications law—25 years at CBS and for the past 13 years at Channel 13, New York City's public television station. In February, Cornell's Office of Alumni Affairs announced that Ellie was one of the winners of the 2004 Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award. The award is given in recognition of extraordinary service to the university, in both length and quality of contribution by the individual. Commented Class Co-President **George Schneider**, "I believe Ellie is the first member of our class to receive this extraordinary honor. We are very proud of her and her dedicated service to Cornell."

See you "far above Cayuga's waters" on June 10-13! ♦ **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, jet24@cornell.edu.

60 June 9-12, '05 are the dates for our 45th Reunion, so mark your calendars now! Ten class officers met in New York City on January 24 to begin planning for the big event, and things seem to be shaping up, despite the absence of our longtime, highly effective reunion chair **Ken Ackley**, ME '66, whom we sadly lost to cancer in October 2003. Volunteers who have already taken on some of the major assignments include **Bill Fisher**, **Geoffrey Bullard**, **Linda Jarshauer** Johnson, and **Irene Kleinsinger**. **Sue Phelps** Day, M Ed '62, will coordinate the process. We still need two classmates to do some computer projects, such as creating a class directory. If you're willing and able, please contact Sue at spd6@cornell.edu.

The highlight of the Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) Mid-Winter get-together on January 23, ably organized by **Gale Jackson**, was seeing the Broadway musical *Never Gonna Dance*, which was produced by classmate **Jay Harris**. The evening included a pre-theater cocktail reception at the Angus McIndoe Restaurant on West 44th St., and by all reports it was a great success. Ross and **Janice Petro** Billings came all the way from Corona Del Mar, CA, to attend; **Bob Cohen** and wife Amy made the trip from Bethlehem, PA; and **Frank, LLB '59**, and **Fran Pennisi Giruzzi** came from Utica. More than 20 others, primarily from the greater New York area, joined in.

George and Linnea Hoberg Bartling of Roanoke, IN, report happily that their first grandchild was born in July 2003. Both Bartlings are still working hard; Linn is a ceramicist who now exhibits her pottery at a new gallery in Columbia City, IN, and George serves as treasurer of the Fort Wayne Civic Theater, where, he says, he is "trying to wrestle the finances of that 75-year-old organization into submission!" **Judy Rothenthaler** Rochester writes from Cape Elizabeth, ME, that she plans to retire from her position as professor of law at the U. of Maine Law School in June 2004, but will continue her private law practice in Maine and will also teach at law schools in Archangel, Russia.

"At a stage when most of my contemporaries are heading for the golf course, I'm headed for a new career," writes **Carolyn Huntoon** Russell from Whitmore Lake, MI. Carolyn now works on a business/government partnership program at the Environmental Protection Agency, recognizing employers who provide transportation benefits that meet the national standard of excellence. "After a lifetime career in the private sector, this glimpse into the federal government is fascinating," she says. "The opportunity to work on a program that contributes to cleaner air kind of takes me back to the 1960s!" Cornell has been honored by the EPA as a Best Workplace for Commuters Employer, notes Carolyn. **Emil Cipolla**, MBA '63, of Poughkeepsie is semi-retired and now teaches information systems courses at local colleges. His son **Jeffrey '92** received a PhD in Engineering from Cornell, and daughter Kimberly got her PhD, also in Engineering, from Lehigh in 1996. The two younger Cipollas have been awarded several patents and

have been presenting the results of their research at international conferences.

Now back in Boston after what she describes as a "wonderful year and a half" working in the area of human nutrition at the Agricultural Research Service of the US Department of Agriculture, **Johanna "Toddy" Dwyer** has returned to the faculty at Tufts U. and is "trying to catch up on friends in Boston, research, and teaching." **Sharon Lasky** Mishkin reports from Indianapolis, IN, that her husband Sid is in remission following a bout with non-Hodgkins lymphoma. On the first anniversary of his diagnosis, he went to Antarctica to shoot videos of penguins and icebergs. The Mishkins' daughter **Tracy '88** lives in Indianapolis and teaches at Butler U.; daughter Jen teaches at a Waldorf Charter School in Northern California; and son Joe is an entertainer in Portland, OR. Sharon is busy with her duties as co-manager of her synagogue's gift shop.

"In April 2002 I sold my company, Hudson Hills Press, a publisher of books on fine art and photography," says **Paul Anbinder**, "and after a year or so of continuing involvement, I retired completely." Wife **Helen (Rabinowitz) '62** joined him in full retirement in November 2003. Paul and Helen, who live in Dobbs Ferry, have made several trips to Europe and travel regularly to Manhattan to visit museums and art galleries and attend the opera and theater. Paul works one day a week as a "cuddler" at a hospital neonatal intensive-care unit, and also enjoys the activities he didn't have time for during the high-pressure years as a publisher, such as cooking, bicycling, and reading for pleasure. Also delighted with life in retirement is **Anita Albert** Karasu of Mashpee, MA. She enjoys living on Cape Cod, she says, and is "again painting and continuing with my photography. Retirement is lovely—there is time for all my interests!" **Nora Heller** Freund reports from Toronto that she and John are "leading a good life, with lots of traveling and visiting family," which now includes ten grandchildren.

Susan Wood Brewer writes that she and **Don '59** have now been in Chapel Hill, NC, for more than five years "and are really enjoying its many opportunities." Nevertheless, the Brewers travel regularly to Ohio and NYC to visit their

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two sons and three grandchildren, and in Spring 2003 they took a long trip to the Netherlands, France, and Belgium. "Although people there opposed the US government policy toward Iraq," says Sue, "we were treated well as individuals." 2003 included several personal landmarks for **Eva Metzger** Brown of Amherst, MA: her oldest child reached age 40, two of her grandsons celebrated their bar mitzvahs, her husband Norman retired from the practice of gastroenterology, and Eva began the process of retiring from her clinical practice. The Browns enjoy having time to spend with their seven grandchildren and recently took an ecological tour in Costa Rica. "If you like that sort of thing, it is a great trip," says Eva.

I'm sorry to report the death of **Kathleen Rogers** Pettit of Lockport, NY, who passed away in September 2003 after a two-year battle with cancer. Send news to ♦ **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, 146 Allerton Rd., Newton, MA 02461; e-mail, jw275@cornell.edu.

61 **Irene H.S. So** has been selected as a winner of the 2004 Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award. The announcement was made by Director of Alumni Affairs **Mary Berens** '74 and **Muriel Kuhs**, president of the Cornell Alumni Federation. All classmates join in congratulating Irene, who is being recognized for her long service in leadership roles. **Peter Eveleth** of Washington, DC, was appointed General Counsel of Office of Compliance, which was created by the Congressional Accountability Act to enforce labor relations, occupational safety, and health laws in the Legislative Branch. A graduate of the ILR school, Peter previously worked at the NLRB. **William Magee** of Cazenovia, NY, is a member of the NY State Assembly and chair of the Agriculture Committee.

Vic Levinson and son Nick have started a new investment advisory firm in New York City. His other son, Tom, has written *All That's Holy*, based on interviews he conducted with Americans about their faith. On the other coast, **Mark**

lyn, VA, to visit their grandchildren.

Phil Bereano, MRP '71, continues to represent environmental and consumer groups at international negotiations (e.g., WTO) dealing with genetic engineering of foods and crops. As a National Board Member of the ACLU, Phil chairs a committee that develops ACLU policy in the area of balancing privacy, freedom of information, and government oversight. He's looking forward to retirement in 2005 and spending more time at his seaside home outside of Barcelona. **Jerome Elbaum's** CowParade is a popular art exhibit around the world. To date, over 3,000 works of art have been created by artists who paint three-dimensional cows. Periodic auctions benefit art education and charitable causes. Classmates are invited to check out this unique venture at cowparade.com. Jerome and wife **Judy (Brody)** '62 enjoy visiting their five grandchildren, all of whom live nearby in Connecticut.

Tammy Greenberg Goell performs as a tap dancer in the Boston area. Husband **Jim**, PhD '65, is working for a start-up company. The Goells enjoy living in Lexington, MA. **Sylvia Cottingham Smyth** is on the board of Ten Thousand Villages, a fair trade craft organization. Last year, she completed a nine-foot-tall stained glass window for her local chapel. In her spare time, Sylvia pursues the study of Western North Carolina history (which she describes as rich and diverse). **Helen Kiefer** left Chicago after 37 years to set up urgent care centers in New Mexico with a partner. Before leaving, she drove by and/or visited every house and hospital that had been in her life in the Evanston/Chicago area. From her Santa Fe home in the "Land of Enchantment," Helen can relax in her hot tub and look out over a valley. In her spare time, she has written two new screenplays, produced a two-hour TV documentary shot in Taos, NM, shot a mystery thriller set in the famous Canyon Road artist colony, and worked on a long-term writing project on "brain-mind integration."

During a "once in a lifetime experience" in New Zealand and Australia, **Jeannie (Springer)**

wedding of Marilyn and John's daughter Allison. Also last year, Jody cruised the South Pacific, visiting eight ports in 16 days. **Pat Dunning** retired from IBM in San Jose, CA. Last summer, she traveled to Russia for a river cruise between St. Petersburg and Moscow. Back home, Pat has held volunteer positions with the Los Gatos Museum, the San Jose Landmarks Comm., the Obsidian Studies Assn., and San Jose State U.

In January, the Cornell Club of Miami held a party aboard a Celebrity cruise ship. The Cayuga's Waiters entertained. Among the classmates at this gala were **Loretta Carlson** Lustig, **Sheila Weinrub** Trossman, **Knobby Holmes** and wife Norma, and **Fritz Spitzmiller** and wife Bonnie. Previously, we had received a note from Sheila in which she regrettably reported the death of her beloved husband Marty. Her daughter Ilene married Daniel Salzmann in February 2003 and lives in Switzerland.

Arthur Kroll has continued to fund research into new protocols for the treatment of leukemia. Several hospitals have benefited from this research. His Douglas Kroll Research Program, named in memory of his son who died of AML in 2002, accepts contributions. Can you believe that two of our classmates participated in a Senior Olympics competition (in Hampton Roads, VA)? **Frances Shapiro** Ivker and **Margie Seybold** played in 3-on-3 basketball games. Frances is still practicing ob/gyn in New Orleans. ♦ **David S. Kessler**, dsk15@cornell.edu.

62 Bicoastal **Judith London** keeps her New York City apartment, as well as one in Palo Alto, where she has moved to be grandmother to three grandsons. Both of Judith's daughters live in the Bay Area. She is a licensed psychologist in California (and New York), and works at Laguna Honda Hospital in San Francisco. Also in California, **Lucy Fried** Koster is in Santa Monica, where she's with Loeb & Loeb LLP (LKoster@loeb.com). Lucy's nephew **David Baker** '90 was married last year in Palos Verdes. David's parents are **Michael** '61 and **Alice Fried Baker** '64. **Sue Buchman** Ota '64 was among the guests.

William "Farmer Bill" Brozowski (txfarm erbill@yahoo.com) is full of news: **Dan** and **Kay Kopp** are rebuilding a lake home in Scandia, TX. Skip and Bill enjoyed a cruise to Chile, Peru, Costa Rica, and Grand Cayman. They visited the Portillo Ski Lodge in Chile, owned by **Henry Purcell** '55. The Brozowskis have four grandchildren and live in McAllen, TX.

Linda Himot (SunshineFarm3135@aol.com) has retired to Charlottesville, VA, and hopes to hear from Cornellians in the area. She and **Jane Brody** Engquist enjoyed a day touring the rose gardens at the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens. **Liz Belsky** Stiel was enthusiastic about a pre-SARS trip she made to China last year, and is ready to return. Meanwhile, she's living in La Jolla, CA (lstiel@sarv.rr.com). The grandchildren of **Virginia Swanson** Neville recently moved from Beijing to Arizona with their parents. Virginia enjoys teaching kindergarten in Millbrook.

Four classmates joined the Cornell Council: **Alan Flaherty**, **John Lowrie**, **Peter Slater**, and

'The opportunity to work on a program that contributes to cleaner air takes me back to the 1960s!'

CAROLYN HUNTOON RUSSELL '60

Fleischman and wife Mimi have opened an exercise studio in West L.A. that features a system combining yoga isometrics and orthopedic back exercises. Mark still operates The Century Club, the largest supper club in West L.A. A frequent vacation destination for the Fleischmans is the Baja Peninsula. **Marlene Alpert** Tein has gone into business as a paid tax preparer. She also does volunteer tax assistance work in Chapel Hill, NC. Marlene and husband Arnold travel frequently to Coral Gables, FL, and Ross-

'63 and **Walt Cottrell**, MBA '63, hiked through the countryside, mountains, glaciers, and rain forests of New Zealand, hiked in the mountains outside of Sydney, and went diving on the Great Barrier Reef. **Jack** '60 and **Pat Laux Richards** have also traveled to those two countries (Alumni Federation trip in 2002). Last year, they visited Japan and took a Loire Valley barge trip with Marilyn and **John Sobke**. The Richardses, Sobkes, and classmates **Dick Tatlow**, **Jody Dreyfuss**, and **Robin Bissell** were together last summer at the

Don Juran. All four have been active in class activities. With that, the news file is totally empty! Your friends and classmates would love to know what you're doing these days—how about sharing? E-mail, snail mail, or the telephone—they all work! ♦ **Jan McClayton** Crites, 2779 Dellwood Dr., Lake Oswego, OR 97034; e-mail, jmc50@cornell.edu.

63 The Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) met in New York City on the last weekend in January. **Ed Butler**, class president, reports that six of our class officers attended and had a lot of fun. They reviewed our 40th Reunion and thought of ideas for the next one. Our 40th roughly broke even, which was a good thing! Ed encourages everyone to pay class dues, which will be coming up soon. This helps keep the class going and helps Cornell as well. Anyone who is interested in helping with class activities should e-mail Ed at Ebutler24@aol.com.

Marty Lustig retired on January 5 after a career with Sprint, GTE (now Verizon), and Xerox. He and wife **Dianne (Flannery) '66**, who also retired from Sprint in 2000, plan to work with a small number of clients who want to improve performance of their organizations. Their two children and soon to be seven grandchildren, their interest in Cornell, travel, gardening, and good food keep them busy. Marty has been active in Cornell alumni activities since graduation and he currently serves on the Cornell Council. He is also Tower Club chairperson for the greater Kansas City area. Marty and Dianne are active with the Committee for the Twenty-First Century supporting Cornell Planations. **Joe** and **Nancy Cooke McAfee** have made a big change in their lives—they've moved to Ithaca. Their home has a "fabulous" view of the lake. Joe is VP for Finance and Business at eCornell. Ithaca for them is "instant comfort" after all those years of visiting. They plan to actually do all the things they had always wanted to do: lectures, endless libraries, art exhibitions, concerts at lunchtime, hiking, Finger Lakes, wineries, and hockey.

Margaret "Polly" Pitkin adopted two Peruvian children in 1990 and 1991 and they are now 14 and 13. She received her CPA license in 2000. Although quite busy, she had a fun week on the Oregon coast a few summers ago. **Helen Perry** and **Terry '61** and **Vicki Scoble Oldberg** were also there. **Patricia Hoffman** Axelrod works in commercial real estate in San Francisco. She does sales and leasing of industrial and office properties. Her daughter Jill married in March 2003 in New York City and now lives in London, where both she and her husband work for Goldman Sachs. Patty attended a pre-reunion party at the Cornell Club last March. She saw **Cynthia Raymond**, **Janet Stein** Davis, **Judy Kross**, and **Marsha Wineburgh**.

Peter Cummings has had a sequence of seven sonnets called "The Adirondacks: A Crown of Sonnets" published in *BlueLine* magazine. Another sequence of seven called "The Invention of the Kayak" was accepted by *Canoe*

and *Kayak* magazine. **Joan Travers** Barist owns Primitive Art Gallery, which recently moved to 65 West 13th St. in NYC. The gallery specializes in museum-quality African, Pre-Columbian, and Indonesian sculpture and textiles.

George Ehemann has spent 39 years with RCA/Thomson and is still active in CRT design. George and Diane live in Lancaster, PA, and have four grandchildren. **Alexis** and **Pamela Sommers** live in Guilford, CT. Alexis is a professor of industrial engineering at the U. of New Haven. He is also president of the Connecticut Assn. of Purchasing Management. **Charles "Jay" Abbe**, MS '65, was named to the Board of Directors of Sonoma Design Group in Santa Rosa, CA. Jay retired in 2001 as president, chief operating officer, and director of JDS Uniphase Corp. He was also president and CEO of Optical Coating Laboratory Inc. Jay has his MBA from Stanford to go along with his Cornell engineering degrees.

Cornell and **Alice Dawson** live in Hyde Park, NY. Through spring of 2003, Cornell had been the project engineer for a unique construction project in Salem, MA—they rebuilt a Chinese home that was originally built over 200 years ago. It was dismantled, the pieces were shipped to Massachusetts, and it was reconstructed in a warehouse before being permanently built as part of a major expansion to the Peabody Essex Museum. Opening was planned for June 2003. Cornell's son was the project superintendent and thought his dad could do the job with his engineering background. The Dawsons' first grandchild was born last May.

Jim and **Sheila Mack** are in Arlington, VA. Jim retired from the Foreign Service and is now working for the Organization of American States. **Judith Ruth Bloom** retired from teaching in July 2001. She taught high school art for 36 years! She joined the Alliance of Queens Artists and exhibited with them on several occasions. She has been taking courses and trips with the United Federation of Teachers Learning Centers Program, has done some political work, and attended Adult University (CAU) last summer. **Fredericka "Ricky" Heinze** is semi-retired and has moved to the Poconos. She has joined many civic groups and a new church group and took a barge tour through the Netherlands.

Larry and **Nancy Levine** live in Poughkeepsie. They stay busy with gardening, golf, and hiking. Larry is involved with the lightweight (Sprint) football annual reunion. Their children are Cornell graduates: **Christopher '93**, **Caren '96**, and **Joseph '02**. They also took a trip to Ireland in July 2003. That's all for this month. E-mail me your news and it gets in the column right away! ♦ **Nancy Bierds Icke**, 42 Campus Ct., Racine, WI 53402; e-mail, ickc@execpc.com.

64 It's never too late! Please register now for the best 40th Reunion ever, June 10-13! Our three wonderful and tireless reunion co-chairs (**Barbara Lutz** Brim, **Susie Mair** Holden, and **Don McCarthy**) report as follows:

"The three of us, with a large reunion committee, have been having a wonderful time plan-

ning what we hope will be the best 40th Reunion in Cornell's history. So far (as we write this on a cold early February night), we have a tremendous early response of classmates planning to attend, but we are setting our sights on an attendance record—for which we need YOU! Please register online at our class website, <http://classof64.alumni.cornell.edu>, or send the registration form you received in your reunion packet to **Judie Pink Gorra**. And don't forget to return the class questionnaire. We are looking forward to sharing the results at reunion and laughing together at ourselves.

"After you register, check out the long lists (on our website) of those already planning to come. Most have their e-mail addresses listed, and we are hoping classmates will use them to be in touch before reunion. We know these contacts are what prompt others to decide to make the trek to Ithaca. Nothing is more disappointing than to get to reunion and find that the friend you assumed would be at the party is missing. **Ed Dealy**, MBA '66, our Affinity Chair, will be happy to send you contact information for anyone not listed whom you would like to see again at reunion. Ed has done a wonderful job for the past several months putting classmates in touch with one another.

"We have made what we feel are excellent decisions, including superb meals throughout the weekend. We have planned an Italian picnic as our welcoming dinner Thursday evening at our Headquarters in Riskey (with singing and piano music by our own **Tom Sturdevant** after dinner), deluxe continental breakfasts, a western barbecue with live banjo and fiddle music, a picnic buffet lunch on the shore of Beebe Lake, several educational and special interest forums/symposiums featuring our classmates, an elegant reception on the Willard Straight terrace, followed by a filet mignon with Chilean sea bass banquet dinner in Willard Straight, and a Class of '64 rock 'n' roll party with the band Backtalk in our tent behind Riskey. (This a revival of a class tradition. Do you remember the Shirelles at our 25th?) Go to our class website to check out all the exciting events in greater detail.

"We have a terrific class uniform, or souvenir, which is included in your fee. It is a soft, lightly laundered red nylon windbreaker with a hidden hood that packs in its own bag and sports our updated class logo—perfect for a hike in the gorges! All class activities, and nearly all of the university events, are included in your reunion fee. Please check the Reunion 2004 Highlights brochure included in your mailing for the many intellectual, athletic, and cultural events the university has planned.

"As you can see, we have planned a fabulous weekend of fun and friends. All we need is you! We cannot wait!"

In other news, congrats to **Ed '63**, **MS '64**, and **Nancy Taylor Butler** and **Emmett** and **Carol Britton MacCorkle** for being named recipients of the 2004 Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award in February. The award is in recognition of extraordinary service to Cornell, through activities within the broad spectrum of Cornell's various alumni organizations, associa-

tions, and related groups. The Butlers, MacCorkles, and other award recipients will be recognized at a banquet in Ithaca October 15, during Homecoming weekend.

Sad news: **Sonia Kosow Guterman**, MS '67, sends word that her husband **Martin**, PhD '68, died February 4 after a two-year battle with esophageal cancer. Martin had taught mathematics for 35 years at Tufts U. He lived to attend the wedding of one of their daughters and also to see his other daughter perform a solo at Lincoln Center. Sonia still lives in Belmont, MA, and works at Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo P.C.

Don Zuckerman has retired from the NY State Attorney General's office, but still has a small practice specializing in criminal and civil appeals and matters pertaining to parole release, rescission, and revocation ("the three Rs"). Don and wife Donna hope to fully retire in 2006 and move to western or central Massachusetts to be closer to their children and to escape "the unbelievably high taxes and costs of housing here in Westchester County." Don adds that he is coming to "our glorious 40th" (he hasn't missed one yet) and so are **Pete Gogolak** (whom he encountered in Grand Central Station in January) and **Jack Litman**, a friend with whom he serves on the Executive Committee of the New York State Bar Assn. Criminal Justice Section. He adds that his ex-roommate **Herb Adler**, also a lawyer with an office in White Plains, is "leaning toward" attending, but his ophthalmologist, **Bruce Gordon**, "is most unlikely to jeopardize his record of having missed all seven prior reunions!"

Reunion committee member **Joanne Heron** will have a shorter trip to Ithaca this time. Feeling the need for a city and activity after living at the beach (near Santa Barbara, CA) for four years, she moved to New York City last September. Having done very well on renovating a beach home and several others before that in San Francisco, and deciding she needed an adventure, Joanne bought a pre-war condo in a great area and completed a major renovation in December. As of January, she was deciding whether to start a major job hunt or sell her place and find another place to work on now that she knows how to get things done in NYC.

See you next month! In the meantime, please send me your news. ♦ **Bev Johns** LaMont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont@tribune.com.

65 I recently came back from the CACO Mid-Winter Meeting. Although it was bitterly cold in New York, it was warm and comfortable at the Grand Hyatt. I'm pleased to report that the planning has begun for our 40th Reunion. **George Arangio**, one of our reunion co-chairs, and his committee have started to work on the activities of the weekend, so save the dates—June 9-12, 2005—and be ready to get together in Ithaca for a great time. By the way, George needed a little help to get around. He is recovering from hip replacement surgery. But I'm sure he will be fine in June '05. Other class members who attended Mid-Winter Meeting

included class president **David Roitman**, **Barry Cutler**, **Fay Thomas** Bakhru, **Penny Skitol** Haitkin, **Bob Kessler**, **Sharon Williams**, **Joan Elstein** Rogow, **Grace Hershberg** Morganstein, **Judy Kellner** Rushmore, **Roberta Kupfrian** Tarbell, **Arnie Rabinor**, and **Ron Harris**. Hope I didn't miss anyone.

A highlight of the weekend was the luncheon address by President **Jeffrey Lehman** '77. More than 600 Cornellians were present to hear him follow up on the theme of his inaugural address: what should Cornell be like when it celebrates its sesquicentennial in 2015, the year of our 50th Reunion. He is hoping to hear back from many more of us on the "Questions for Engagement" from his Call to Engagement e-mail in December.

Kathleen Gaffney, MD/MPH, of Williston Park, NY, reports that after two years of retirement she has accepted a full-time teaching position as clinical professor, health policy and management, at the Mailman School of Public Health of Columbia U. "I'll be using my 25 years of public health administration to teach a new generation of public health professionals." From Teaneck, NJ, **Alice Schaeffer** Nadelman and husband Manny report they have been spending a lot of time in Ithaca over the past four years. Their son **Joel** '03 graduated last May from the ILR school. Their older daughter Rachel graduated from Brown in 2000. Now that they are finished with tuition checks, Alice reports that she and Manny are beginning to look toward retirement and have recently bought a cabin in the Berkshires (Lake Buel). Alice still has a thriving practice as a child psychologist.

Charles Bigelow III, ME '66, brought us up to date on his family and career. His son Glen is a captain with Net Jets, daughter Linell is a sophomore in high school, and younger daughter Emily is in sixth grade. On the career front, Charles reports that he is closing his investment business in real estate. He and wife Nancy live in New York City. From Hollywood, FL, **Bert Gaines** reports that he and wife Eileen are into long distance running, Bert in triathlons and Eileen in ultra-long distance running. As far as family is concerned, Emily, 8, is a violinist and actress, and son Aaron is a drummer and actor. During the summers they journey "north" to Georgia.

Alan Fleischman has lots of news to pass along. He and wife Denise have two children. Daughter Courtney is a senior at the Spence School in NYC. By the time you read this, her college search, which included Cornell, should be completed. Courtney excels in art and drama. Son Morgan started high school at Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School this fall. He loves sports and is an outstanding hockey goalie, as well as a good golfer and tennis player. Alan is active as a real estate broker specializing in commercial properties—restaurants, bars, retail stores, office space, warehouses, and industrial buildings. For recreation, he likes biking around NYC and New Jersey. He has been active in recreational biking for 20 years, getting in 50-100 miles a week.

Arline Sroka Sumner reports that her son **Joel** '93 is married and lives with his two chil-

dren in Austin, TX. Both Joel and wife Elisa work in the computer industry. As for Arline, she has been with the NY State Dept. of Environmental Conservation for more than 17 years as an environmental chemist and toxicologist. In 2002 she attended an international conference in Brisbane, Australia. In her free time she has been singing as a member of a number of choruses. Recently Arline has been volunteering with a group in the Capital District called the ARISE Organization. It is engaged in bringing church, community, and political support to bear on issues involving youth, education, and after-school activities.

Leslie Steinau lets us know that he changed law firms a couple of years ago. He is now with Siller Wilk, a firm doing corporate and intellectual property law in NYC. Les has been actively involved in *Cornell Daily Sun* alumni activities. At a recent *Sun* alumni event at the Cornell Club, he caught up with classmate Bob Kessler. He also worked with Class of '65 members in raising funds for the *Sun's* first permanent home—a building it purchased on West State Street. Les and wife Suzanne live in Scarsdale, NY.

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

66 Hello, people. I am writing this column shortly after participating in the annual Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) Mid-Winter Meeting, held annually in New York City. Predictably, there was too much snow on the ground to have it in Ithaca. There was a lively and interesting discussion about where our class is headed over the next two years, and about getting ready for our Big 40th. It really isn't that long until June 2006! Your class officers, especially **Alice Katz** Berglas (akb66@aol.com), are beginning to solicit ideas for our next class gift. Others at the class meeting included **Susan Rockford** Bittker, **Diane Stein** Dobrow, **Larry Eisen**, MS '67, **Herbert Fontecilla**, ME '67, **Rolf Frantz**, ME '67, **Dick Lockwood**, MNS/MBA '68, **John** and **Mary Loosbrock Miers**, **Betsy Bierds** Schenkel, and **Bill Schenkel**.

I hope that many of you have responded to President **Jeffrey Lehman** '77's Call to Engagement (calltoengagement@cornell.edu). President Lehman is very serious about hearing ideas from all corners, and especially from alumni.

Speaking of alumni, I have a note from the American Philosophical Society that **Caryl Gepfert** Emerson has been elected to membership in that group. Caryl is A. Watson Armour III University Professor at Princeton U. **Bruce** '64 and **Toni Leroy Berger** (vailberger@comcast.net) write from Baltimore that daughter **Jill Berger** Inbar '91 has a son and twin girls. Toni is still doing residential interior design, but

devoting more time to painting. Sue Bittker and husband Don were in Baltimore in late February for the American Craft Council show that Sue's brother does. "He gets us into the wholesale show, which is very interesting. We also stay for the first day of the retail show, as new artists come just for that part."

Geri Sussman Marcus (gerimarcus@aol.com) is married to **Averill, M ILR '67**, and they are looking forward to grandparenting. They live in Miami, where Geri is a speech-language pathologist and Ave is a lawyer. They like to travel and are looking forward to China and Hong Kong. **Lawrence Berger** (lhb6@cornell.edu) reports that his son **Matthew '00** married **Kelly Chesbro '00** in July 2001. Son **Michael '03** is planning on law school. **John Deasy**, MPS '72, lives in Doylestown, PA, where he flies his '51 Beechcraft Bonanza and enjoys spending time at their remote camp in the Adirondacks.

One member of our class, **Ira Drukier**, ME '67, is now vice chair of the Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art Advisory Council. The Johnson Museum has presented "one of the finest collections of Surrealist works on paper in the world." Ira lives in New York, where he is a real estate developer and hotelier. **Bruce Bergman** has written two supplements to a three-volume series entitled "Bergman on New York Mortgage Foreclosures" that was presented to the New York State Land Title Assn. when they met in Boston.

That's all for now. Send in your updates and be sure to look at the Class of '66 website, <http://classof66.alumni.cornell.edu>. **Roy Troxel** really does good stuff! ♦ **John Miers**, John_Miers@nih.gov; **Bill Blockton** (rbsfabrics@aol.com); and **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com.

67 **Barbara Weinflash** Denerstein (Pine Plains, NY; barbara.denerstein@usma.army.mil) recently changed her job at West Point from Child Development Services Coordinator to Community Coordinator. She's also a ballroom dance instructor. **Pamela Mattice** Thompson (Brimson, MN) is a writer and herbalist (see www.givingground.com) and writes that daughter Alexandra (whose middle name, Rogers, was after her maternal grandmother, **Martha Newcomb Rogers '39**) spent a year in Americorps tutoring children of Hispanic migrant workers in Florida and has now started at the U. of South Florida in Tampa. **Arthur Amberg** (Solana Beach, CA; aamberg@acgjobs.com) expanded his staffing consulting business to California and currently recruits and places technical professionals and managers in manufacturing companies nationwide.

Class VP **Judy Silverman Kaufman** (Stamford, CT; judykauf@aol.com) reports the arrival of her first grandchild, Lauren Heather, last July to daughter Jane, who completed her residency in ob/gyn at Cornell-New York Hospital and is now an attending physician at Columbia Presbyterian. Judy's other daughter, Abby, married fellow Yale and UMass medical student Micah Hernani last October and is working at the Goodwin Proctor & Hoar law firm in Boston.

Judy's husband **Bill '65** started a second career teaching TV production at Norwalk Community College.

Pat Huy Baxter (Los Angeles, CA) is associate dean for administration in the UCLA School of the Arts and Architecture. **Jeff Serfass** (Washington, DC; jeff72345@aol.com) has been president of Technology Transition Corp. for almost 20 years. **Mark Schiffman** (mark_schiffman@haks.net) is senior VP with Haks Engineers PC and has three children in their teens, Roger, Erica, and Wendy.

Marvin Marshak (marshak@umn.edu) writes that his new project is taking over Homestake Gold Mine in the Black Hills of South Dakota and converting it to an underground science lab. **Susan Jossem** Mitloff (Sarasota, FL; sjm6

68 Hope you have had a good spring. **James Kirkpatrick** is executive associate dean in the College of Liberal Arts at the U. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. He's also a professor in the geology department. Jim recently received the Dana Medal, which recognizes outstanding scientific contributions through research in the mineralogical sciences. **Judith Winter Andrucki**, MST '69, practices law in the Lewiston, ME, area and is also active as a trustee for the U. of Maine. Her husband Martin is professor of theater at Bates College. Their son Max is completing a master's degree in geography and applying to PhD programs.

Jane Frommer Gertler and husband **David '67**, ME '68, went on a cruise in Alaska last sum-

“Fast Eddie” Tuleja has a 50-acre farm and reportedly “the best air and water in the world.”

GORDON H. SILVER '68

@comcast.net) wins the irregularly awarded “Where in the world is **Myron Kaufman?**” prize for this year by reporting that the elusive Mr. K is in Marina del Rey, CA, at myronkau@earthlink.net.

Noël Relyea (Mountain View, CA; nrel.yea@yahoo.com) became project manager with Roche Molecular Diagnostics in Alameda, CA. **John Lynchski** (Clinton, PA; jlynchski@cohenlaw.com) lives “on a 150-acre ‘gentleman farm’ in a dream stone-and-cedar home.” He enjoys golf, hunting, and fishing, and raises English setters. John adds that he and wife Kathy have three grandchildren. He also chairs the AHILA labor and employment committee, is on the ALFA legal advisory council, and was listed in Best Lawyers in America for labor law.

Janetta Rebold Benton (Greenwich, CT; jrbenton@pace.edu) directs the honors college at Pace U. in Pleasantville, NY. Her book, *Art of the Middle Ages*, was published in 2002 by Thames & Hudson, London. She and husband **Elliot '65**, ME '66, have children **Alexander '95**, MS '96, Ethan, Meredith, and Leland. **Anthony Borwick** (aborwick@aol.com) writes that he's been a judge on the General Services Administration Board of Contract Appeals, hearing and resolving government contract disputes. Daughter Abigail is a junior at Beloit College, and wife Nina substitute teaches in Montgomery County, MD.

Two belated deaths to report: **Anthony Robb** on Oct. 9, '00, “tremendously missed by his two daughters, his girlfriend, and family”; and **John “Jay” Gilmour III**, on Nov. 27, '01, “after a three-year battle with kidney cancer.” ♦ **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

mer and met **Chuck Levitan** and wife Ellen, along with **Jerry Levitz** and wife Pam, on the ship. Jane reports enjoying an Alaskan salmon dinner; the chef used a 20-pound salmon that Jerry caught! In November the Gertlers attended the bat mitzvah of the daughter of **Corrine Ertel** and her husband Ken Sachar in Cambridge, MA. It was a “mini-Donlon, freshman corridor reunion” with Jane Frommer Gertler, **Jane Friedlander** Gerard, **Nonie Diamond** Susser, **Nancy Bloom Brenner**, and **Ruth Mandel** Pincus.

Cle Austin and wife **Penny (Smith) '69** live in Erie, PA, where Cle is president of a contractor and construction management firm. After Cornell, the Austins moved to the San Francisco area where Cle received his MBA and MS from Stanford. He worked for a few years in California before moving back home to Erie. Cle is active in a variety of civic organizations, including public TV, economic development, and the trade association. He enjoys golf in Naples, FL.

Rob Kaplow is an attorney in Farmington Hills, MI. Rob frequently travels to Boston to see his children. Daughter Julie received a PhD in child psychology from Duke and is completing a postdoctoral fellowship at Boston Medical Center. Son Jeff is finishing a master's in public policy at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. **Bill Besgen**, MBA '69, and his wife live in New Canaan, CT. Bill is COO at Hitachi Credit America and enjoys spending time at his second home in Key Largo, FL.

Ed “Fast Eddie” Tuleja lives in Tasmania, Australia, and is a guitar teacher. Eddie has private students and teaches at several schools. He has also recorded CDs and is active with several bands. Eddie has a 50-acre farm and reportedly “the best air and water in the world,” as well as a freezer full of his own meat. **Vicki Nelson** lives in Newark, NJ, and is active as a freelance writer

and tenant association officer. She had previously worked at Essex County College as Head Tutor in English, but retired in the '90s due to a variety of health problems. Since then she's made steady progress and last year she had support of the mayor and others in her election to office to a major local tenants association.

James Keen was named dean of the Jefferson College of Graduate Studies at Thomas Jefferson U. in Philadelphia. He is professor of microbiology and immunology at Jefferson Medical College and also director of the school's Kimmel Cancer Center. Jim's research has focused on biochemistry and cell biology factors relevant to diseases as diverse as atherosclerosis and cancer, and he has received important grants from the National Institutes of Health. Jim previously was associated with Temple U. School of Medicine. He lives in Melrose Park, PA. **David Gorelick** and wife **Noami Feldman, MD '77**, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary last year with a trip to Paris. David and his wife are both physicians and during their trip David presented some of his research on marijuana abuse. They also had time for sightseeing and fine eating in France. Their son **Jonathan '02** is married to **Orley Stahl '04**.

That's all for now. I look forward to hearing from you. ♦ **Gordon H. Silver**, Putnam Investments, 1 Post Office Square, Boston, MA 02109; fax, (617) 760-8349; e-mail, gordon_silver@putnaminv.com.

69 There have been numerous retirements among our classmates. The Human Ecology News reports that **Carol Hudson** of Richmond, CA, retired from the USDA, but she is still active in the American Assn. of Cereal Chemists. **Thomas Levanduski** has more time for tennis, skiing, and horses now that he is retired after 30 years of service to the state of New York and 28 years in the Army Reserves. **Chuck Pearson** retired from Visteon to work with The Nature Conservancy on habitat restoration at one of their preserves. Chuck also tells us that his son **George '97** lives in Berkeley, CA, and works in finance at Dreyers Ice Cream (east of the Mississippi, it is called Edy's). **John McGraw** writes from San Francisco that after the sale of one of his start-up companies and finding a CEO for the other one, he and wife Lynne will spend more time growing grapes and wine-making in the Sonoma Valley. However, John expects to remain involved in the venture capital community. After 31 years at Air Products and Chemicals Inc., **Richard Gobrecht** retired from the global IT department. He also celebrated 35 years of marriage with two weeks in Hawaii. Richard writes, "Our first time there—it was wonderful."

Another classmate celebrating milestone anniversaries, **John Wilkens** reached his 26th year with DuPont, where he is in central research and development. At the same time, he

and wife Lucie have celebrated as many years of marriage. Their son Chris is a freshman at MIT planning to major in electrical engineering and computer science. And as many of you know, John has been ably serving as our class webmaster from his home in Kennett Square, PA. **George Chapman** and wife Deborah are still residing in Maumee, OH.

Speaker and author **Emily Parke Chase** has written a book, *Why Say No, When My Hormones Say Go?* (Christian Publications, copyright 2003), which is in its third printing. She and her husband **Gene, PhD '79**, have grown children. Tim is married and working in Texas, Prisca was married last June and lives in Maryland, and John is attending college. Emily tells us that she traveled to Bosnia for two weeks in 2003. Also a writer, **Lawrence Levy** is a Writers Guild Award winner for excellence in comedy for the show "Seinfeld," and a two-time Emmy nominee. His daughter Erin shows a similar interest. She is at USC Film School in the screenwriting program, and son Josh attends UCLA, where he excels as a high jumper on the track team.

John Kiesendahl, president and owner of the Woodloch resort and golfing community in Hawley, PA, writes that the business continues to prosper. Presently, he is starting construction on a destination spa nearby. Sons **Bob '92** and **Matt** are both in the business. **Bradley '98** works for Four Seasons in Philadelphia. John also has four children from his second marriage who are all in school or involved in the business. **Robert Lightfoote's** son **Stephen '07** is the fifth generation of his family to attend Cornell, beginning with the class of 1888! Robert is an administrator in county government and his wife Diane works at SUNY Potsdam. **Ronald Arlas** is serving his third term as mayor of Larkspur, CA, his fourth term on the city council, and his fourth term as the chairman of the Twin Cities Police Council. In his capacity as an attorney, Ronald is chief litigation counsel for a large publicly traded wholesale mortgage company. Son Nick, 17, is a senior at Redwood High School and participated in the 2003 US Junior National Rowing Championship. He rowed in lightweight eight, and came in second. Jessica, 13, is on a traveling soccer team and plays softball in the Senior League. Ronald's wife Madeline works for United Airlines, and the family has enjoyed traveling to many parts of the globe, including Central America, Australia, the Cook Islands, and a climb up Mt. Fuji in Japan. Ronald includes his e-mail address, Raras@ci.larkspur.ca.us, for anyone who would like to get in touch.

Harris Raynor and wife **Dr. Denise (White) '70** tell us about their children. **Derek '97** graduated from the ILR school, Shelley graduated from U. of Michigan in 2000, and Keith is a senior in high school. Harris is employed as the International VP and Southern Regional Director of Unite, AFL-CIO. **Marie-Celeste Scully** has been with PeopleSoft Consulting for over five years and since 2003 she has been commuting to Dallas. Marie-Celeste says, "It's great for the frequent flyer miles, but it means I only have visitation rights to my vintage home in Rochester,

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NY." Meanwhile, her daughter Celeste wound her way through New Zealand and Australia for three months. "We are doing our part to keep the airline industry in business."

I hope to see you at our 35th Reunion. ♦ **Arda Coyle Boucher**, 21 Hemlock Hill Rd., Amherst, NH 03031; e-mail, aboucher@airmar.com.

70 **David Novick** (dnovick01@msn.com; Lower Gwynedd, PA) and his wife Liz are back on the East Coast from the Midwest. David is VP, human resources for David's Bridal in Philadelphia, and is having lots of fun. Liz is continuing her career as a school guidance counselor. Their daughter Linda, who has her master's, is a business development officer for a Chicago bank. Son Andrew is a junior at UNC, Chapel Hill, majoring in chemistry. David is planning to become active in Philadelphia-area Cornell activities. **Jerry Roller** is also living and working in Philadelphia. He is a member of the board of directors of the American Inst. of Architects, serving a three-year term as the representative from Pennsylvania. He had been president of the Pennsylvania AIA. His daughter **Liz** graduated from Cornell in May 2003.

Jay Styron (jstyron@adelphia.net; Fallbrook, CA) says that he is alive and well and living in San Diego County. **Richard, JD '71**, and **Kathy Law Orloski** (kathyorloski@hotmail.com; Allentown, PA) report that their third son graduated from Cornell last May. All three boys, **Richard '94**, **Kevin '99**, and **Joseph '03**, graduated from the College of Arts and Sciences. Their little sister Katherine wants to be in the Class of 2010. **Dick Roberts** lives in Bridgewater, NY, and can be reached at crroberts@peoplePC.com. **Bette Lillis McMorrow** and husband Tim are happily retired in Little River, SC. Golfing takes up much of their time now. Bette would love to hear from her Nursing school classmates.

In June 2002, **Mike, MS '72**, and **Barbara Fuchs Turell '69** enjoyed a visit to Ithaca for both Cornell and Alpha Phi Delta reunions. Even though APD went "off the Hill" in 1968, the reunion attendees numbered 200 brothers and spouses. It was a truly remarkable experience. In February 2003, Mike and Barbara went to Hawaii, where Mike spoke at a conference on West Nile virus. They had a great time spending several days with **Calvin Wong, MD '74**, and his family. In June 2003, Mike spent a week hiking the Appalachian Trail with their children **David '94** and **Suzanne**, who are "thru-hikers" hoping to complete the entire trail during the summer of 2003. After Mike carried a 40-pound-plus pack up and down mountains in Virginia, he realized he had many muscles that he had not used in years. Mike and Barbara live in Frederick, MD, and his e-mail is mturell@erols.com.

Charlie Shafran, ME '71 (shafrc@pfizer.com) is still with Pfizer in New York and is now vice president of strategic planning for the global manufacturing division. His wife **Robin (Begun) '72** continues her practice in psychotherapy and psychoanalysis in NYC as well. Their older daughter, Rachel, graduated from

the U. of Pennsylvania in 2002. Younger daughter **Hannah '06** is a sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences, with plans to be a theater major. **Paula Noonan** (penoonan@juno.com; Littleton, CO) is president of Frontline Solutions, a training and recruiting consulting company. She is content expert, course designer, and faculty for Jones International U. Her son **Raleigh Walsh** graduated with a degree in photojournalism from Metropolitan State College in Denver. Her grandson Connor Walsh is almost 3 and very sweet. Paula reports that both her 105-year-old grandmother and her 102-year-old great-aunt died in early 2003. She says they were both sharp to the end.

Hugh Stedman (hstedman@mindspring.com) lives in Marietta, GA, and has retired as general counsel of an insurance holding company. He is currently in private law practice specializing in health care issues. On a trip to Cape Cod in the fall of 2002, he visited with **Mike Handy**, **Bernie Neenan, Ed Kemp '68, DVM '70**, **Carl Schellhorn '66, MBA '68**, and **Bob Inslerman '67**. In March 2003, while his daughter visited Georgetown U., Hugh saw **Pete Chase** in DC. **Connie Kamens, MFA '73** (ck@constancekamens.com) has her own business as an art consultant in NYC. The website is www.ConstanceKamens.com. She has become a member of the Appraisers Assn. of America and as such is qualified for appraisal work in impressionist and modern art, American paintings and drawings, contemporary paintings and drawings, and 20th century American and European sculpture.

Patricia Mulvaney Kelley (PKelley731@aol.com; West Paterson, NJ) is director of education, quality, and corporate compliance at the Saint Barnabus Hospice and Palliative Care Center in Millburn, NJ. CBS has ordered nine episodes of a TV series created by **Ed Zuckerman** for mid-season 2003-04. "Century City" is a drama about a small law firm in L.A. in 2054. That would be the year before our 85th Reunion! Ed urges all classmates with Neilsen boxes to tune in. Ed's home is in Manhattan Beach, CA, and his e-mail address is ezucker199@aol.com. **Grace Denton Holmes** is in family medicine in Norwich, NY. Her son Christopher finished Williams College in 2003 and is now studying at Cambridge U. Her daughter Laura spent a year in Germany as an exchange student and is now in her second year at Bucknell U. ♦ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, 16 James Thomas Rd., Malvern, PA 19355; e-mail, conimae@aol.com.

71 Warning. This column is different. The names are different. Most, if not all, have never appeared in the Class of '71 Notes before. You see, it started on a wintry Saturday afternoon. You know the kind of day . . . nothing moving outside except the wind-blown snow, sleet, and freezing rain. What else could a class correspondent do but build a warm crackling fire—in the fireplace—then hunker down and spend some quality time on the Internet searching for "lost" classmates to write about. Of course the people I refer to are not really lost. Certainly someone

knows their whereabouts. It's just that Class of '71 alumni records don't. So I set out to see what I could find with my laptop, a broadband connection, and a search engine. What fun when more than 20 "missing" classmates turned up. The data was mostly professional, but some personal stuff did appear. I hope you enjoy reading about them as much as I did finding them.

If you have eaten at a diner restaurant lately, it is quite possible that you owe at least a small thanks to classmate **Richard Gutman**, known in the industry as "Dinerman." Richard lives in the Boston area. He received his BArch from Cornell in '72, then went on to write two definitive works on the history and design of diners. His books have inspired people to buy, restore, and reopen diners across the country. *The Wall Street Journal* said, "More than any other individual, Richard Gutman has stimulated the revival of the quintessential eating establishment."

Several '71 classmates can be found among the many contributors to the advancement of computer science. Scientific computer users likely have benefited from classmate Prof. **Cherri Pancake's** work in identifying how the needs of scientists and engineers differ in the computer science and business communities. I found her at Oregon State U. According to her website bio, Cherri's route to a PhD in computer engineering took an unusual route. She investigated social change through ethnographic field studies of Guatemalan Indians. Cherri's training led to research into how software tools might support users' conceptual models and computing strategies.

In a similar field, **Mark Ardis** teaches software engineering at Rose-Hulman Inst. of Technology in Terre Haute, IN. His research interest is teaching methods for software engineering and technology transfer. Mark's faculty website offered some real nuggets of personal information. Paul and wife Cheryl live in Terre Haute. He has two boys and loves skiing and soccer. He admits to the irrational act of wearing a pumpkin costume to mid-term exams and says, "If I could do it over, I'd make all the same mistakes, but in different situations." Mark formerly taught at Wang Inst., as did database architect and Microsoft researcher **Phil Bernstein**. Phil studies the management of metadata, which is data about data, and has authored numerous articles and books on the theory and implementation of database systems. Phil is located in Redmond, WA.

Here is a brief summary of the other classmates I found that you may know. Professor **Izumi Shimada** began his study of Andean civilizations at Cornell under Prof. John V. Murra. Izumi joined the faculty at Southern Illinois U., Carbondale, IL, in 1994. His research in Peru is the longest continuous archaeological project in South America. **Howard Califano** lives in Singapore, where he is CEO of Johns Hopkins Singapore. **Arthur Levin** can be found in Geneva, Switzerland, where he is the senior legal and policy officer with the International Telecommunications Union (ITU). Also outside the US, **John Hockenhull** teaches at the The Royal Veterinary and Agricultural U. (KVL) in

Copenhagen, Denmark.

Many companies and celebrities who get into a crisis call on **Allan Mayer** of Sitrick & Co. to help manage the public relations fallout. A journalist, author, and magazine publisher, Allan lives in Los Angeles. **William Dale** practices law in Maryland. He lives with wife Jody, has four children, and volunteers his time for numerous charitable groups. Another Marylander, **Jeffrey Lubbers** teaches at Washington College of Law of American U. **Bonnie Dushin** is a high school guidance counselor and lives in Augusta, ME. **Fred Evers** is a professor of sociology at the U. of Guelph, Ontario. **Regina Hilbert** heads the Suffolk County (NY) Public Employees retirement plan.

Near Regina in Stony Brook, NY, linguist **Robert Hoberman** teaches at Stony Brook U. His fields of specialization are the morphologies and phonologies of Semitic languages. **Susan Johnson '72**, BS Ag '71, works in the field of geriatric nursing at the La Jolla, CA, Alzheimer's Disease Research Center. **Lee Kilmer** teaches animal science at Iowa State U. in Ames, IA. Commercial developers in the tri-state area around NYC may encounter **Wayne Lemmon**, BArch '72, director of market research for Pleasantville, NY-based Baker Companies. Dr. **Harvey Levy** holds dual appointments at Boston Children's Hospital and Harvard Medical School.

And to all Cornell '71ers lost or not, here's hoping things are well with you and your families. We love to write about our classmates, but we need your news, your thoughts, and your interests. When you get your dues mailing, please send in your payment with a personal note for our class column. *Cornell Alumni Magazine* comes to you through your class dues. ♦ **Matt Silverman**, mes62@cornell.edu; and **Linda Germaine-Miller**, linda_germaine-miller@vmed.org.

72 As I'm writing this column, it was announced that the Evil Empire (aka "The New York Yankees") traded for League MVP Alex Rodriguez. By the time you read this column, the Yankees may already be printing World Series tickets. Just shows what you can do if your payroll is equivalent to the Gross National Product of many Third World nations.

Legacies at Cornell are common in our class. **Henry "Bud" Nestler** writes that son **Tim '03** graduated from Arts and Sciences, where he majored in History and Government. Tim graduated with distinction in all subjects and is now attending Cornell Law School. Bud and wife Emily continue their trips to "sunny" Ithaca to see their son as he progresses through his law school education. Dr. **Eric Norman** reports that son **Michael '03** graduated from Arts and Sciences in December 2002. The whole family spent two very enjoyable days in Ithaca celebrating and reminiscing. Eric visited Geneva, Switzerland, where he reconnected with his freshman roommate, Dr. **Tahir Ali**, who is working for the UN High Commission on Refugees.

Karen Brandhorst relocated to Southern California five years ago and is enjoying life at the

beach. In 2002, she became president of New Century Education Corp., an educational software company that provides LAN-based curriculum programs to school districts nationally. **Joel Friedman** and wife Vivian celebrated their 16th anniversary in 2003. Their children, ages 6, 4, and 4, are thriving. Joel was named the Jack M. Gordon Professor of Procedural Law & Jurisdiction at Tulane Law School. He published a new law casebook, *The Law of Civil Procedure* (Friedman and Collins), and a new edition of his other casebook, *The Law of Employment Discrimination* (Friedman and Strickler). Joel is working on an authorized biography of the late US Circuit Judge John Miner Wisdom. He also continues to lecture at law schools across the country on the integration of new technologies into law school teaching, and to provide continuing education seminars for all Federal judges under the auspices of the Federal Judicial Center.

Bob Shaw is living the good life on Monterey Bay in California. He is coaching lacrosse at Santa Cruz High School. Both sons (Jake, 18, and Luke, 17) are lax players. Luke wants to go to Cornell to play lacrosse and bring back an NCAA Championship. I saw Bob at the Cornell Football Assn. meeting in San Francisco in May 2003. Among the former Big Red athletes also attending this function were **Tom McLeod '70**, ME '71, **Brick McIntosh '71**, and **Ed Marinaro**. **Steve Alms** is another Big Red lacrosse player who moved to Northern California. Steve lives in Burlingame and started a youth lacrosse team a few years ago. **Daniel Fischel** is dean of the U. of Chicago Law School and author of *Payback: The Conspiracy to Destroy Michael Milken and His Financial Revolution*. **David Hall '71** reports from Colorado that daughter Jennifer graduated from U. of Missouri and is now producing the morning news on weekends for the CBS affiliate in Denver. Dave's younger daughter Melissa attends Jacksonville U.

William "Wes" Schulz, ME '73, reports from Houston, TX, that daughter Amy is a theater arts major at Texas State U. in San Marcos. She loves acting and play-writing and was in several productions. Amy's college mentor, Larry Hovis, recently passed away from cancer. You might remember him from the "Hogan's Heroes" and "Laugh In" TV shows. Wes's son Douglas passed the exam and is now a certified paramedic. He works for an ambulance service in the Clear Lake/League City area south of Houston. Wes's wife Diane continues her glass-beadmaking and has a studio under construction as part of a group of artists in the Houston Art Center. Wes goes on to report that his karaoke rendition of "Woolly Bully" at a party earned the coveted "Sounds Most Like a Wounded Buffalo" award. Wes also expressed bitter disappointment that he was not invited to Snoop Dog's party when the Super Bowl was in Houston in February.

The *Tampa Bay Tribune* featured a story about **Barbara "Ann" Fearney** Paul and husband Rich as longtime guardians of Tampa Bay's nesting-bird colonies. For them, it's a way of life. The winged things they protect will never know how many poisonous snakes and venom-tongued

picnickers the Pauls have shooed from coastal islands where rare species flirt with extinction each spring. During mating season they patrol Tampa Bay to post warning signs and shoo boaters away from sensitive areas. Boaters often don't realize that their presence alone is enough to drive adult birds away from nests long enough to expose the eggs to destructive sun or predators. Bird-watching was an acquired taste for Ann, who grew up in Gainesville, FL. After majoring in biology at Cornell, she earned a master's degree from Trinity U. in San Antonio, TX. There, she was an assistant land steward for The Nature Conservancy and stumbled upon her avian affinity through volunteer work with the local Audubon Society chapter. "Mammals run around at night," Ann says, "but birds are behaving when we're up."

After moving to Tampa in 1990, Ann joined the Tampa Audubon Society and later served three years as president. Among her proudest achievements is securing funding for restoration of about 500 acres on Tampa Bay near Gibsonton. Ann became an assistant to Rich Paul in the early 1990s. In January 2000, they conceded they were birds of a feather—they got married. Long-time acquaintances say Ann and Rich live for the birds, and that has meant a boon for environmental causes. "They are a dynamic duo," says Hillsborough County Commissioner Jan Platt, who has served on numerous boards with the Pauls. "They have a true love of the environment. They have dedicated their lives to it." In 1996 Ann received the Outstanding Individual of the Year award from the Environmental Excellence Foundation. She has two sons, Sam and Ben Schnapf, both of Tampa, FL.

Steve Kane, MBA '73, joined the San Francisco office of Boyden Global Executive Search as managing director of the firm's new Life Sciences search practice. Boyden has more than 300 consultants in 64 offices in 41 countries. Steve has 25 years of experience holding senior positions in health care and life sciences. For 15 years he served as VP of human resources and then corporate affairs at Baxter International. Prior to that, he directed employee relations at American Hospital Supply Corp. Most recently he was a corporate officer at Neoforma Inc., an e-commerce healthcare supply chain firm in San Jose, CA. In addition to his bachelor's degree and MBA from Cornell, Steve has a JD from U. of Akron. He is active in alumni activities in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Ken Light, MD '76, was inducted into the Cornell Sports Hall of Fame in October 2003. An outstanding diver for the men's swimming team, Ken was a two-time All-American and a three-time Eastern finalist on both the high and low boards. At the Eastern championship in 1972, he was 12th on the 1-meter board and seventh at 3 meters. At the NCAA championships, Ken placed 10th on the 1-meter board to earn All-America honors. In 1971, he was sixth at the Easterns on the 1-meter and fifth on the 3-meter event. He placed 11th in the finals of the 1-meter board competition at the NCAA championships to earn All-America honors. As a sophomore, Ken was fourth in the 1-meter

and fifth in the 3-meters at the Easterns and was named to the All-Eastern Intercollegiate Swimming and Diving League team. Ken makes his home in Tiburon, CA. Send news to ♦ **Alex Barna**, alexander.barna-1@nasa.gov; or **Gary Rubin**, glrubin@aol.com.

73 It's ten below here in Michigan in the middle of February. Thankfully, by the time you read this column the Arctic blast will be but a winter memory. For now, let's hear from **Rich Isaacman**, who enjoyed the riches of travel when he and his wife found themselves, at long last, as empty nesters. They travel extensively both for business and pleasure. Trips last year included Belize for scuba diving, a conference in Hawaii, and a driving tour of Switzerland, northern Italy, and southern France. Their sons are in college, **Sibren**, due to graduate from Arts and Sciences in '05, and **Gabriel**, "flourishing as a freshman at Wesleyan U."

A bit further away from "liberation" but nevertheless an important step, we have news of the bar mitzvahs of two classmates' sons. **Alan Rosenthal** writes that son Benjamin was to have his bar mitzvah in December 2003. Alan hoped to see classmates **Kevin Kramer** and **Fred Andrew Levine** there. **Patrick Knapp** of Clinton, NY, helped celebrate **Saul Garlick**'s son's bar mitzvah, along with classmates **Sam Baum**, DVM '76, and **Mark Granick** in Boston. Saul's daughter **Keren '99** has scheduled a June 2004 wedding and Mark's youngest daughter, Jackie, will be going to Harvard.

Carl Ferrentino, ME '74, updates us from Delmar, NY, and sang the praises of reunion as a place to gain perspective and to get together afterwards with other alums. Carl and wife Jeanne joined **Jack Lawler**, ME '74, and wife Lucy, along with **Norm Marcus** and wife Roberta, at the Cornell Club-New York during the Labor Day weekend. The City and club were terrific venues for their trip. Carl attended the graduation of his son **Joshua '03** in May and visited his son **Justin**, currently in the Ag college, who stayed in Ithaca last summer for a job. Their daughter Cara attended the three-week Summer College program course taught by Prof. Nick Salvatore. Carl's reunion visit reactivated a lot of memories, although he felt like he was in a time warp seeing all those young people of his children's generation running about campus while simultaneously reliving all those events with reunion goers from '73.

Ann Prezyna married Gordon Lewis on Jan. 4, '03. It was a first marriage for both of them. They purchased a second home in Palomina, AZ, a 1940s adobe on five acres. They hope to buy the adjoining 103 acres with the Nature Conservancy to restore it to native grassland. Ann and Gordon live in Seattle where Ann remains the Deputy Regional Counsel for the US Environmental Protection Agency. Ann also let us know that **Meg Silver** is also an attorney with the EPA and recently had a three-month stay in NYC. Arizona seems to have an allure for Cornellians (did your sister send you pictures of 60-foot snow banks in Fulton, NY, too?).

Charles Amerise recently moved to Oro Valley, AZ, where he was promoted to the manager of commercial sales for Sigler & Reeves Inc., a Carrier Company air conditioning distributor.

Some of us have stayed in the frigid Midwest, as **Robert Joehl** wrote to us from Carmel, IN. Robert's daughter Jaimie graduated from Notre Dame in 2003 and was accepted at the U. of Indiana medical school. Jaimie's sister Erin entered the U. of Kentucky this fall as a fresh-

The Cornell website continues to improve and help classmates share thoughts and stories. **Doug Glenn** responded to the "favorite teacher" link that he took Astronomy 201 as an elective. Doug just finished recomposing two of the chapters from Dr. Sagan's book *The Cosmic Connection* (see www.season4design.com/Starfolk/). **Gilbert Rosenthal**, BArch '75, dropped a note to say that his eldest daughter is at Wellesley and his youngest is advancing through a

'Gil Rosenthal uses our tax dollars to transform the worst public housing into newly revitalized mixed-income communities.'

STEVE RAYE '74

man. **Glenn Cantor** recently left Michigan for Princeton, NJ, which he loves (what, Princeton over Kalamazoo?!). In any case, Glenn worked for Pharmacia in Michigan and moved to New Jersey to do research at Bristol-Myers Squibb. His daughter Alida is at Simon's Rock College in Great Barrington, MA, although she spent the fall doing an internship at Spannocchia, a farm in Tuscany, Italy.

Back in NY, **Christopher Huyck** lives in Saratoga Springs, NY, with wife Jane, where they recently moved to a new house. Christopher's medical practice is busy in Troy, and he hopes to expand to Saratoga Springs soon. Christopher and Jane appeared in the "Nutcracker" at the Egg in Albany. Their son **Justin '01** is completing a master's in theology at the Chicago Theological U. and is looking at PhD programs. Christopher's daughter Jackie is headed toward nursing school. Lastly, Christopher and Jane miss **Linda Krause** very much.

Thanks for all the news. We can always use more, so please forward it to ♦ **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, 1531 Woodside Dr., E. Lansing, MI, 48823; e-mail, Phyllis.Grummon@scup.org.

74 Our 30th Reunion is only a month away—June 10-13! You can register online by visiting <http://reunion.alumni.cornell.com> or www.cornell74.com and clicking on the link. Don't miss this opportunity to see old friends and re-connect with Cornell. Lectures, tours, picnics, wine tasting, beach parties, and just hanging out (like the old days)—it's going to be a great weekend! If you have any questions contact **Carolyn Gregg** Will at cjwill@aol.com (865-453-2494), **John Foote** at jhf25@cornell.edu (617-924-5777), or **Joe Kowalik** at joseko@comcast.net (781-932-0430).

Renee Alexander, **William Walker**, and **Linda Berk**, MPS '76, have been working hard to galvanize minority turnout for Reunion Weekend. The response has been so positive that minority class members from the early to mid-'70s plan to join the festivities. Contact Renee at rta3@cornell.edu for additional information.

Quaker high school, while his wife is completing a divinity degree for ordination as an Episcopal priest. Gil says he continues to travel about the country using our tax dollars to transform the worst public housing into newly revitalized mixed-income communities.

More than 30 classmates, along with spouses and friends, enjoyed hot hors d'oeuvres and cold drinks in January at the annual Class of 1974 Mid-Winter Meeting reception in New York City. This year's dinner party was at Tabla, and in addition to many class officers, attendees included **Ethel Ziselman** from Philadelphia (now the parent of a Cornell freshman), **Sandra Smith**, **Marcia Wade**, a physician, with her husband **David Officer**, MBA '74, JD '75, Doug Glenn, **Eric Haas**, a New York lawyer, and **Jeff Lang**, who runs a medical practice in New Jersey. Also seen at the bar were **Kathi Platis** Grace, BArch '75, who earlier in the afternoon had given interested Cornellians an architectural history tour of Grand Central Station, freelance media maven **Randee Mia Berman**, **Carol Friedman**, **Doug Johnstone**, and **Linda Stillman**, who works at the UN. Other classmates included **Jessica Bram**, **Alice Brown**, **Renee Alexander**, **Eunice Jackson**, **Jeff Boak**, and **Marleen Pasch**.

From Bala Cynwyd, PA, **Ann Buckler Addis** wrote to say she is continuing a private practice in speech-language pathology in Narberth, PA, and also teaches part-time in communications sciences at Temple U. She notes that husband **Reid** is working as a CAD specialist at the Grnary Assoc. in Philadelphia. **Zack Mosner** noted that daughter Leah is in Spain for the final semester of her junior year at UC Berkeley, and Carrie is a freshman at BU. Samantha is a freshman in high school, and Mallory is scheduled for a bat mitzvah soon after reunion. Zack has been elected VP of the States Assn. of Bankruptcy Attorneys while winning their first "Spirit" award. He also just won a key case before the Third Circuit on a test tax program worth hundreds of millions of dollars for the states, and just celebrated his ten-year anniversary with the Attorney General's office for the

Urban Makeover

MARK STRAUSS '75, BARCH '76

At age six, Mark Strauss moved into a development full of identical homes. "I took out my crayons and started marking the house," he says. "I wanted to become an architect so I could affect what happens with future communities." Last fall, Strauss applied his lifelong interest to win the Boston Society of Architects' density competition.

Strauss's redevelopment design for the fishing town of Gloucester, Massachusetts, preserves open land, provides business space, and transforms recycled shipping containers into 351 apartments with convertible interiors. "We didn't want to look at it in terms of just putting as much development as you could on a particular site," says the architect. "We wanted to look at it from three areas of concern: economic, environmental, and communal."



The ideas in "Gloucester Green: Renew, Rejoice, Recycle" aren't reality yet, but they could be. Says Strauss: "We've been contacted by a number of developers wanting to explore how to make this idea work."

— Sarah Brubaker '06

State of Washington.

My grade school in Valley Stream, NY, had a 50th anniversary celebration, which offered the opportunity for an impromptu reunion with **Karen Farber Freedman** and **Jayne Spivack Barruch**. The three of us went through elementary school, high school, and college together. And judging by the comments of our grade school peers, none of us looked a day over 39. **Karen** and **David '73** live in New City, NY, where David has run a small animal vet practice for the past 20 years and Karen manages the office and books. Karen comments that with two in college and a wedding on the way, retirement is not in the cards. Oldest daughter Emily graduated from Ithaca College in 2001 and is now finishing her master's in speech pathology. **Amanda** is following mom's footsteps in Hum Ec in the class of '05.

It may be spring when you read this, but we're still in the depths of winter as I write. I had planned a visit with **John Ramsay** on a visit to DC, but a major snowstorm (defined as 2-plus inches) down there interfered. Given the fact that JR was born and raised in Canada, one can only assume he's been fully assimilated. **Florence**

Higgins, DVM '81, is continuing veterinary relief work in the Rochester area. She attended the NYS Veterinary Conference last fall in Saratoga. Son Gregory Lebens-Higgins, 13, made both all-county and area all-state orchestra for excellence in the viola. Younger brother Zach triumphed at his grade school's Math Olympiads. **Kathleen Denis** is the Associate VP of Technology Transfer at Rockefeller U., commuting to Manhattan from home in Bryn Mawr, PA. Husband **Albert Rohr** is an allergist at Bryn Mawr Hospital. Their son Mike is in tenth grade and daughter Anna is in seventh, and all are planning to be at reunion.

Scarsdale resident **Eric Roth** and wife **Laurie (Michael) '75** proudly advised us that daughter Ariel was accepted at Cornell, joining her brother **Jason '05**. Ariel's cousin Sarah Koenig, daughter of **Scott '73** and **Robin Michael Koenig '75** will be there as well. Eric had a reunion dinner with apartment-mates and fellow TEP brothers **Michael Gould**, **Perry Gould**, **Mitchell Pollack**, and **Jamie Burr**, MBA '75. The distilled version of the evening was that they are all remarkably well preserved—if you don't count presence of hair (on the head). Vis-

iting campus was evidently a shock for **Jerry Neuwirth's** high school senior daughter Esther—too big and too cold—and she opted for the heat and humidity of Emory in Atlanta. **Kristen York Gerling** was elected national leader for the 300,000-strong Presbyterian Women organization.

Dana Beyer dropped a note to say she's been getting comfortable in her new skin, reconnecting with family and friends and raising her sons in a slightly different family environment. She's becoming more active downtown at the Human Rights Campaign, as well as with school and group outreach educational events. Son David is at Carleton College and other son Yoni is on the hockey team at Chevy Chase High School. **Stephen Duch**, MBA '75, recently started a new job as a financial manager for Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in Manhattan. **Milton Lorig** ran the Boston and NYC marathons. He saw classmate **Jeff Diamond** while in New York, and visited in San Francisco with **Bonni Shulman** Dutcher.

Amy Jacoby Budish and husband Armond were chosen to be included in a book about 40 of Cleveland's happily married couples. Son Ryan is at Swarthmore. He was a semifinalist for a Rhodes scholarship and has been accepted at NYU law school. **Irene Ovitt Werner**, one of my wife **Sue St. Clair Raye's** roommates, wrote in with a very brief update on the last 30 years. She married **Fred '72**, ME '75, stayed in the Syracuse area after med school, and has been an ER doctor at Community-General Hospital for 22 years. She has two sons in college, one scheduled to graduate from RPI this year. Please send in your news to ♦ **Steve Raye**, spr23@cornell.edu; **Linda Meyers** Geyer, lgdesigns@cox.net; or **Betsy Beach**, eab52@cornell.edu.

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While we've been away from the Hill for more than a quarter of a century, it still amazes me when I hear of classmates "retiring" from their chosen professions. In June 2000 **Betsy Grover** retired from her job as VP of Human Resources at Veritas Software, and is now enjoying time with her children Alison, 16, and Andrew, 14, in Palo Alto, CA. Betsy's involved in a lot of volunteer work with her children's schools, as well as shuttling back and forth to their activities. She also had an opportunity to vacation in Europe, bicycling through Normandy with her son. She'll be heading back East with her daughter, who will graduate from high school in 2005. She's looking to Cornell for higher education.

Around the Capital Beltway from me, **Steven Senz**, ME '76, is CEO of System 1 Inc., specializing in providing information assurance practices to the government. He's also been actively involved in local government, serving as a director on the Loudoun County Board of Education, and putting his kids through college! Also in the DC area, **Ruth Zafren** Ruskin lives in Falls Church and continues to see clients in her private psychotherapy and medical hypnosis practice in Alexandria, VA. Ruth recently joined the Cornell Alumni Club of Washington in their

tour of impressionist paintings at the Corcoran Art Gallery. She and her daughter share a love of art and spent a wonderful two weeks at the Chautauqua Inst. in upstate New York, where they sang in the Mozart choir, painted, attended lectures, and enjoyed opera and other musical performances together. Ruth's son attends Bucknell and is a member of the wrestling and rugby teams. **Wendy Sneff** has returned stateside to live in Alexandria after four years overseas—two in Mexico and two in the Caribbean. She is still with the State Dept., working for the US Mission to the Organization of American States (OAS). Wendy's daughter Caitlin is 12 and participates in a bilingual Spanish-English program in Washington, DC.

Landscape design is the chosen profession of **David Wright** and **Tom Fisher**. David is practicing in New Jersey, where he is also president of the Newton Lion's Club. He returns to campus once a year, usually for a Cornell vs. Union hockey game, and writes that it is *still* hard to get hockey tickets! Tom lives in St. Paul and is dean of the college of architecture and landscape architecture at the U. of Minnesota. He writes that he is surviving the teen years with two daughters, Ann, 17, and Ellen, 13, and that he's been active with Habitat for Humanity with his older daughter. Tom also enjoyed the opportunity to see and sing with the Cornell Glee Club during their Midwest winter tour.

Two of our classmates are with IBM. **Norman Cohen** lives in Suffern, NY, and has been a research staff member at the IBM Thomas J. Watson Research Center since 1987. His ties to Cornell are still strong, with daughter **Ilana** now in her second year at Cornell, and his involvement in interviewing applicants for the Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN). A financial planning manager at IBM, **Sandra Belsky** Auerbach says that she runs into another Cornell alum at the corporation every year. Sandra has been married for 28 years to Richard and they live in Somers, NY, with daughter Alissa, a high school junior. Son **Jonathan** is a Class of '05 bioengineering major at Cornell, a sports columnist with the *Cornell Daily Sun*, and a clarinetist with the Big Red Marching Band. Sandra's brother **Jeff Belsky '77** also has a son, Jason, who was accepted to Cornell's Class of 2008. Congratulations to yet another Cornell family!

Tom Goettel writes from Amherst, MA, where he is regional chief, Office of Refuge Law Enforcement for the US Fish & Wildlife Service. Tom will be returning to Cornell soon, as his daughter Kate was accepted early decision to the Class of 2008. Congratulations to **Peter Johnston**, who recently celebrated his 23rd anniversary! He has four children ranging from 7 to 21 years, and is president of the Texas Center for Family Rights.

Julia Loeb Aurigemma is administrative judge of Middlesex Superior Court in Connecticut. She and husband Andrew are planning a family trip to Italy with their two sons, who are currently pursuing higher education at Providence College and Boston U. Julie's an avid runner and coaches Model Court. **Kathryn Johnson** Schneider is an entrepreneur running her

own environmental consulting business and teaching full-time at Hudson Valley Community College. She's active in various environmental causes and participates with Cornell in the Berkshires. Kathryn's son graduated *magna cum laude* last June from Harvard, and her daughter is a freshman at Wellesley, where she is coxswain for their Varsity II boat. **Charles Carnegie** was promoted to full professor in the anthropology department at Bates College near his home in Lewiston, ME. His book, *Postnationalism Prefigured: Caribbean Borderlands*, was published by Rutgers University Press in 2002.

Please don't be shy about sharing your news with your classmates—and pay your class dues! ♦ **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com; **Mitch Frank**, mjfgator@aol.com; **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; and **Karen DeMarco Boroff**, boroffka@shu.edu.

76 I can't believe that in this year when so many of us turn 50 I've heard relatively little news from you. What? No embarrassing surprise parties? No "amusing" gifts? No wild swings into all-new wardrobes or sporty cars? Please send your updates for this historic year. However, to the few noble classmates who have so graciously sent news, I return a correspondent's grateful thanks.

Thanks, for example, to **Lowell and Susan Pancost McAdam** for sending news from Mendham, NJ. Lowell continues as COO at Verizon Wireless. Their son Ryan is at RIT in Rochester, NY, and daughter Jennifer is in high school. Susan is active in volunteer work. From Burr Ridge, IL, **Zed and Cheryl Parks Francis** write, "We are pleased to report that our son Zed will be attending Cornell in the fall. A continuation of a good relationship for our family and another great reason to get to Ithaca." I can count on old friends for a word or two. It's good to hear a bit of news from **Bill Thom**, who lives in Waldwick, NJ. He is with Jet Aviation Inc. He and Annette have children Eric, 10, and Nick, 3. **Bill Owens** is in the classics department at Ohio U. He kindly responded to my plea for news last year, and I am late in passing on his greetings to all. My old housemate **Ellen Cord** Dember and husband Andrew celebrated their son Sam's bar mitzvah in December. Sadly, I missed out, but I know that **Karen Polivy**, **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, and **Larry Epstein** were all there.

Part of the great southern migration, **Brian Boland** writes that he has been in Charlotte, NC, since June 2002, having taken a job with Wachovia. He writes, "I visit NYC and the Jersey Shore regularly, where I keep a residence. Still single! Making new and good friends in Charlotte and keeping those in New York and New Jersey. Joined the Cornell Alumni Assn. in Charlotte." **Kari Weil** and spouse Michael Roth are in Berkeley, CA, where Kari divides her teaching time between the California College of Arts and Crafts and the comparative literature department at UC Berkeley. "I would love to hear from anybody I knew at Cornell," Kari writes. Her e-mail address is kweil@ccac-art.edu. **Gregg Swanzey** writes, "Our daughter Alyssa is gradu-

ating from Interlochen Arts Academy this year with Emily in high school back here in southeastern Massachusetts. My wife Emma teaches science at Friends Academy in Dartmouth, MA, and I direct the Schooner Ernestina Commission that uses an historic schooner to connect communities and explore coastal New England waters." Check out this fascinating ship at www.ernestina.org.

For our part, **Bill Hanavan** and I have bought our empty-nest house, aka "The Spider Hole," on a lake not far from our old house (new address below). Bill will have a great spot to take out the little wooden boats he likes to build—so far, a sea kayak, a Cajun flat-bottomed canoe, and an Annapolis wherry that's in the works. Our daughter Louise graduated from Western Washington U. in March with a Spanish major and minors in theater and international studies. She has been studying Chinese and hopes to teach English in China next year. Younger daughter Emily will be off to Oberlin College in the fall.

Times are hard when I'm forced to pad the column with our own news. Please don't force us to sink so low again; send us your 50th-birthday report or other update! ♦ **Pat Relf Hanavan**, 15585 Locke Lane, Richland, MI 49083; e-mail, relf@tds.net; **Lisa Diamant**, 31 Ingleside Rd., Lexington, MA 02420; e-mail, ljdiamant@aol.com; and **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, 5 Juniper Dr., Great Neck, NY 11021; e-mail, Krinsk54@aol.com.

77 Being relatively new at this job, I am tremendously impressed with the diversity of the activities and accomplishments that members of our class are pursuing and have achieved. When one talks to alumni from our sister institutions (which shall not be named so as not to impugn Yale, Penn, etc.), it seems to me that our Cornell class has a greater diversity.

Maxine Borsuk Siegel is a senior sensory project leader for *Consumer Reports* magazine. Her husband Joel is still working for Hewlett-Packard, and eldest son Matthew is a junior at Harvard. Her youngest son, Jonathan, will be entering Harvard in the fall. Maxine also reports that she is now the committee chair for her local Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) Committee. She highly recommends that more alumni get involved meeting prospective Cornellians. It is rewarding, it helps one keep in touch with what's going on in local high schools, and it spreads the gospel of the wonders of the Cornell experience. After five years in Denver, **Richard Meisenzahl** and his wife JoAnne have decided to move back to their hometown, Honeoye Falls, NY. Richard is remodeling his family's farmhouse and looks forward to the change of seasons that he missed in Denver (the choice being winter or July). He also reports visiting **Lance Greenberg '76**, ME '79, over Labor Day and is looking forward to visiting Ithaca and Cornell.

Sarah Henderson McClure and husband **Charles** "Chip" '75 still live in Bloomfield Hills, MI. Chip is CEO of Federal Mogul. Sarah

reports that after years of working outside the home, she gave that up several years ago. She has two teenagers who swim competitively and have other activities, so she stays busy coordinating them. She is also on several boards, including the board of the Cranbrook Schools. Her son C.G. will be attending the Cornell Engineering college next year. Congratulations on this accomplishment. **Susan Lewis** Solomont is a senior advisor at the Philanthropic Initiative in Boston, working to help corporations and foundations implement strategic giving programs. She is also involved in numerous civic activities and currently chairs the board of the New England Aquarium, an outstanding place to visit. She encourages all Cornellians to take advantage of the wonderful aquarium and other beauties of Boston. Susan is married to Alan and they have daughters Becca, 17, and Stephanie, 12.

Frederick, BA '76, MS '77, and **Marlene Weiss Barken** '78 live in Ithaca. Son Jeff, second of their four kids, was just accepted into the Cornell Class of '08 in Arts and Sciences. **Stephen Yale-Loehr**, JD '81, is another Ithacan. He recently co-authored a report about immigration changes after September 11, which received a lot of press. He also testified twice before Congress this fall on immigration issues and continues to teach immigration law at Cornell Law School. Clearly, Steve is playing a major role in the evolution of this important issue. **Patty Lopez** has landed the most wonderful job she has had in 20 years. She is nursing supervisor in the Clinical Triage-Customer Care Center of the Visiting Nurse Service of New York. This involves telephone triage with the support of computer-accessed guidelines and assures safety and proper disposition of patient problems, health crises, and questions after hours. She works three evenings a week, travels in between, and says this is a beautiful life. Congratulations on the accomplishment.

Annie Wong and **Calvin Cheng** '74, MBA '76, are delighted to report that their daughter Alison will be a Cornell freshman in the Fine Arts program starting in fall '04. I think we are beginning to see a strong trend here of Class of '77 parents sending their children to Cornell. **Seth Berman**, ME '78, recently completed his second master's in engineering, this time at MIT. He notes that it has been a long time since he earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees at Cornell. "I didn't think that I'd ever use the word 'fantastic' about studying, but now I can. This time around it was fantastic."

Cynthia Leder reports that her son David Leder Glekel celebrated his bar mitzvah on Dec. 6, '03 at Central Synagogue in Manhattan. They continued the celebration that evening, snow storm and all! **Elaine Rosen** Weitzman is currently the executive director of the Frisch School in New Jersey, after spending the first 19 years of her professional life in nonprofit health care. Frisch is a private Jewish high school and she has been there for five years. Many graduates of Frisch attend Cornell, and I'm sure that Elaine is doing her best to spread the gospel of the benefits of a Cornell education. She notes also that she is married with two sons, and lives in New Rochelle, NY, near

some of her Cornell classmates.

Margaret Brown Meldrim and husband Bruce purchased a 120-acre farm in October 2002 in Palermo, NY. She has a small fold of Scottish Highland cows and will be using them for beef and to reclaim pasturelands, which have been taken over by scrub. She became interested in Highland cows after a trip to Scotland last year to visit her husband's ancestral home in Old Meldrum, Scotland. She now is on her second career since leaving Cornell—as a registered nurse in the recovery room of Upstate Hospital in Syracuse. Since buying the farm, she has registered to restore the 1840s poultry barn and made it a horse barn and has also done lots of remodeling on the farmhouse—again, a tremendously exciting achievement.

Lewis Ward reports that he won second place in the Abstract Carving Division of the 2002 International Woodcarvers Congress held at the Putnam Museum in Davenport, IA. The maple burl "bowl" was carved with a power carver, hand scraped and sanded, and finished with 12 coats of linseed oil. Lewis has photographs, and I encourage him to put them on the Class of '77 website once it is up and running. Congratulations on this tremendous achievement. About a year ago I had the opportunity to visit the Putnam Museum in Davenport. It is truly an amazing place. **Daniel Schaul** reports that he is the proud father of an amazingly cute and precious boy named Gabriel, born May 29, '03 at, of all places, Cornell New York Hospital. Congratulations to Dan and his family.

Ian Friedland notes that after eight years of spending summers glued to the Weather Channel watching hurricane warnings and wondering if his house on the Outer Banks of North Carolina survived yet another close call, the house was sold and the proceeds used for a more "ridiculous pursuit"—reconstructing his home in Arlington, VA. He has become a general contractor, managing a slew of trade folk as he upgraded electrical systems, landscaping, and drainage, replaced windows, and had a sunroom built. The worst is yet to come, as there were plans for a new kitchen, and a reconfigured dining room. Selling the North Carolina house also freed Ian and his family to travel more and visit friends and families over the three-day weekends they take twice a month. Ian is trying to figure out ways of not having to work for the remaining four days of the week. Ian, if you manage to do this, please share this secret with the rest of us.

I would like to report that my daughter Miriam ("Mimi") had her bat mitzvah on Feb. 14, '04. She so thoroughly enjoyed the process that she is planning to become a regular Torah reader at our synagogue. The reception was held in the planetarium at the Franklin Inst. in Philadelphia. It was truly an enjoyable event. Thanks to all of you who sent in information about yourselves. I encourage anyone to do this either by e-mail or snail mail. We look forward to your comments. Again, the diversity of interest and accomplishments of our class is truly amazing. Till next time, I wish the best to all of you. Have a great spring and summer. ♦ **Howie Eisen**, eisenh@tuhs.temple.edu; **Lorrie Panzer**

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78 To start things off, we received news forms from a few classmates with only the bare bones of their lives. With luck, they will write back and flesh out those details! **Mary Zitwer** (msgzmm@aol.com) and her husband Gerry Millman live in Manhattan and have one child. **David Brown** (dbrown@guidancemortgage.com) lives in Boston. **Stephen Sullivan** (saintsully@cox.net) is married with five children and lives in Chandler, AZ. **Joseph Vickroy** is married with two children and lives in Salt Lake City, UT. **Gregg Dietrich** (gregg470@aol.com) and his wife live in Manhattan and have one child. **Jill Sandler** (jill51056@aol.com) and her husband and three children live in San Francisco.

Paul Brenner, MBA '79, is living in the Ithaca area, but commuting to Syracuse, NY, and working as executive director of development for Syracuse U.'s School of Information Studies. Part of his job is raising money for the renovated new home of the school. The Brennens and their two children enjoy cross-country skiing out of their back door or driving to Greek Peak (approximately 20 minutes away) for downhill. In the warmer weather they enjoy "freestyle frisbee," which includes doing trick throws and catches as part of a routine performed to music. **Debra Slotnick Miron** (dsmi ron@aol.com) says she and husband **Michael** '77 are happily residing in Greenwich, CT, where they are raising their daughters Jessica and Alyssa. Debra directed US marketing efforts for two home furnishings companies, but put her career on hold to relocate from Princeton, NJ, to San Francisco, and then to Greenwich. They enjoy visiting family in Switzerland and California, and Debra keeps busy with everything from jogging and tennis, to skiing and photography.

Sarah Thole Fischell, ME '79 (estec@com cast.net), who lives in Fair Haven, NJ, said she is having fun working for a start-up company after leaving AT&T. **Laurie Kraiman** Steinberg (elle belle8589@aol.com), living in Lafayette Hill, PA, expresses thoughts that many of us are feeling as our children enter the college years. She notes, "I wish I were still in college because I wouldn't have to worry about how I was going to finance my oldest son's college education, when one year's expenses will equal almost ten times the cost of my entire college education." **Suzanne Bishop** Romain (sbomain@aol.com) writes from Sudbury, MA, that she has been seeing **Barbara George** Lewis on a regular basis—they freeze together at cross-country skiing races. Barb's son, the skier, is a senior at rival Concord-Carlisle High School, says Suzanne, and Barb's younger son is a freshman fencer.

Angela DeSilva DeRosa (zamad@houston.rr.com) and her family rang in the New Year in the Caribbean on the SS *Norwegian Sea*, celebrating her mother's 70th birthday with her sister **Donna DeSilva** '82 and her family. "My son Andrew is in seventh grade and wearing 'boarder' clothes," Angela writes. "I knew that teenage girls were full of raging hormones, but

because I grew up with only a sister, I didn't realize how tough teenage boys can be. However, I am on a rapid learning curve."

Angela, along with class officers **Mary Bowler Jones**, **Nina Silfen**, **Roger Anderson**, **Jeanne Arnoldschwetje** (née Arnold), and **Sharon Palatnik** Simoncini, attended the Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) Mid-Winter Meeting in NYC at the end of January, 12 degree weather and all. Ah, no sacrifice too big for their class!

Michael Bernard said his visit to Cornell for the 25th Reunion was an example of why he is a high school teacher: he took three weeks to drive to Ithaca, seeing **Gerard Badorrek** in Washington, DC, the Blue Ridge Parkway, and Shenandoah National Park along the way. On the way home to New Mexico, he saw three national parks: Great Smoky Mountains, Mammoth Cave, and Hot Springs. "A little over 6,000 miles in an old Mazda truck!" he writes. "Now I've been to over half the national parks—my goal is to hit them all." Speaking of reunion, it not only gave us a chance to reconnect with old classmates, but gave our children a chance to get to know their children as well. **Jane Sabin Sklar** and her family stopped by our home during their annual visit to the warm climes of Scottsdale, AZ. Not only did we enjoy spending time with her and husband Michael, but our teenagers had a chance to continue a friendship initiated in Balch last June and continued via the Internet.

Here's the type of class note that can really get us in trouble. **Stephanie Mitchell**, JD '80 (sjm46@cornell.edu) writes, "I worry about telling you that last August (2002) I left Beijing, where I had finished a two-year stint with the European Commission and moved to Brussels, where I am now exploring exotic Europe and trying to brush up difficult languages with real grammar. I worry about this because every time I have told you of previous moves, they have been published so much later that invariably I have moved to the next country by then. As I moved here to be with my husband, posted permanently here, that would be a bad omen. So, please, come and visit and enjoy the chocolate, the mussels, and the gorgeous architecture—but don't make me move again!" ♦ **Eileen Brill Wagner**, brillcon@aol.com; **Pepi F. Leids**, pleids@aol.com.

79 As you read this column I hope that you have made your plans to attend the best 25th Reunion ever. Reunion chairs **Brad and Mary Maxon Grainger**, MPS '87, promise to make this a weekend to remember. Mark your calendars and make plans, even if you can be there for only a day.

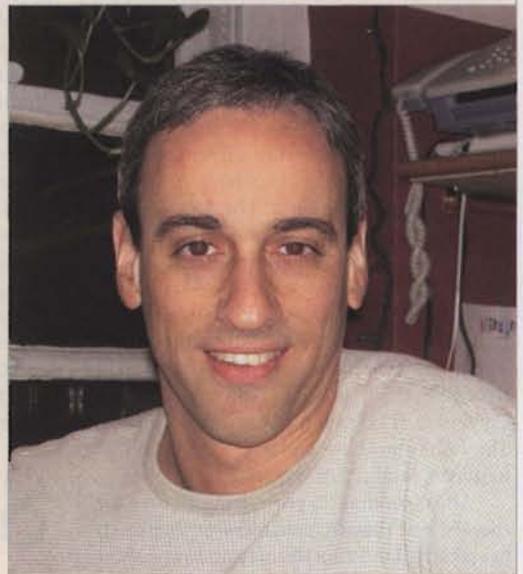
W. Scott Gould (gouldws@erols.com) is planning to attend reunion with his wife Michele Fournoy and children Alec, 6, Victoria, 4, and Aidan, 1. Scott spent eight years in active duty in the Navy following graduation and then moved on to eight years in government working at the White House, Treasury, and Commerce Dept. He has spent the last nine years in the public sector and is currently the president and CEO of the O'Gara Company. Michele is a sen-

On Broadway

LON HOYT '79

Cornell's animal science program typically prepares students for careers as veterinarians. Lon Hoyt took his undergraduate degree in an entirely different direction. While his classmates were marching off to vet school, Hoyt was heading for the Big Apple to try his hand in show business. "I just came to New York and thought, Let's see what happens," he remembers. Twenty years later he's found his home as musical director for *Hairspray*, Broadway's wildly popular winner of eight Tony awards. "I've given up the onstage glory for a more important job," says the self-taught pianist, who worked his way up from playing at a nightclub to running auditions and now directing the show's orchestra. "While I'm not performing, I'm pretty much helping run the show."

Currently Hoyt looks forward to traveling around the country super-



vising *Hairspray's* national tour. After that, he anticipates a move to the international stage with productions in Toronto, London, Japan, and Australia. "There's always room for more if I can find a little less sleep," he says. "I'm going to stay with *Hairspray* as long as it goes."

— Natalie Gingerich '04

ior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. **V. Scott Zelov**, MBA '81, is also planning on attending reunion with his family, which now includes three children. Sencker William Zelov was born in January 2003. Scott and wife Liz live in Haverford, PA, and can be reached at vscottzelov@comcast.net. **Jeff Hirsch** writes that he is looking forward to seeing many classmates at reunion. He is a partner at the law firm of Robinson & Cole LLP in Boston, and is co-chair of the firm's labor practice. He represents employers in labor matters. He and wife Deborah live in Newton, MA, with their sons Jake, 14, and Nate, 11.

Attending a Cornell football game this fall has enticed **Russell Stahl** (Russell.Stahl@cmchealthsys.org) to return for reunion in June. Russell, **Dan Leonard**, and **Dave Rupert** went to the game to remember **Mike Tanner** and **Frank Santamaria**. Although Cornell lost the game, the group had a great time seeing old teammates, touring campus, and visiting Buttermilk Falls. **Jesse Cohen** (shorthills@stratis.net.com) writes that he is looking forward to

seeing ATO buddies and **Gregg Popkin** at reunion. He and wife Felicia have children Ben, 13, and Rachel, 12. Both children are great students and are involved in many sports in Summit, NJ. Jesse left Wall Street after working as a trader for 17 years in 1998. He started his own executive suite business in 1999 and has two active centers running. He is really enjoying the commercial real estate business.

Also in New Jersey, **Janet Goldin** Rubin (jarubin@comcast.net) writes that her son Eric just celebrated his bar mitzvah in fall 2003. Numerous Cornellians were in attendance, including classmates **Nancy Sverdluk**, Lou '76, JD '79, and **Sue Landzberg Schatz**, **Debbie Moses**, **Maureen Nash**, and **Rhonda Carniol**. **Leslie Hoggard** Taylor (lsltay@aol.com) writes from Rosedale, NY, that her daughter Lauren is in seventh grade. Also in New York, **Lori Glass** Citak writes that her son Jordon, 17, has been accepted early decision to the Applied Economics and Management Program in the Ag college, Class of '08. Lori lives in Great Neck with husband Donald and daughter Carly, 13. She is an

active interviewer for Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAN) and enjoys meeting prospective Cornell candidates. Lori can be reached at lgconsulting@aol.com, where she is a human resources consultant specializing in executive search and recruiting.

Considering Cornell for 2004 is **Michael Accardo's** son Adam. He is a senior at Eastchester High School in Scarsdale, NY, and is number one in his class. Michael (Maccardo@segal.co.com) has been a consulting actuary with the Segal Company for five years, and was promoted to vice president in 2003. He and wife Jina recently celebrated their 20th anniversary. They are also parents to Katie, 14, who is a great student and excellent violinist. The Accardos, like many of us, are looking forward with dismay to paying two college tuitions in the near future. **Elizabeth Gnau** Robinson, M Ed '86, writes that she and husband Oscar are still living on their Brown Swiss dairy farm in South Otselic, NY, where they are certified organic producers. In November, they received the Chenango County Conservation Farm of the Year Award for 2003. The Robinsons have children Elise, a college freshman, Sarah, 15, and Peter, 8.

After spending 25 years living all over the country, **Eric Hansen** (enhansen@earthlink.net) has returned to Pennsylvania and lives in Lincoln University, 15 miles from where he grew up. He is still getting around the world as a pilot

with Federal Express, flying international routes. He loves his job and only wishes he had thought of it earlier. **Lisa Fernow** writes from Seattle, WA, that she has completed the first draft of a murder mystery set in the Argentine tango community in Atlanta. She finds living in Seattle similar to living in a "big" Ithaca. **Holly Davis** Kinch writes from Lake Worth, FL, that she can be reached at Holly@kinches.com. **Daniel Muser** would like to update his e-mail with classmates and can now be reached at dmuser@ptd.net.

With reunion drawing ever closer, I hope that you will contact your old friends and encourage them to attend. If you need to find an updated address for them, check out the online Alumni Directory on the www.cornell.edu website. You can also communicate with your class correspondents about locating long-lost friends and other news. You can use the class e-mail address, classof79@cornell.edu, or contact us directly. ♦ **Kathy Zappia** Gould, rdgould@sus.com.net; and **Cindy Ahlgren** Shea, cynthia.shea@hotmail.com.

80 Wedding bells help us ring in this column. **Brian Myers** provides us with this Cornelian-packed news item: "The weekend of Nov. 15, '03 may have appeared to be a Phi Delta Theta reunion. However, the place was not Ithaca, but Providence, RI, and the real main event was the wedding of **Dave Schrage** to Diane Thompson. My wife Carol and I traveled from North Carolina and joined in the celebration with Sue and **John LoBosco** from Maine, **Lester Knight**, MBA '81, and **Hank Slingerland** from Chicago, **Richie Turi**, BArch '83, in from NYC, Terri and **Brad Hanpeter** from Detroit, Willemien and **Jim Patterson** from Cincinnati, Kim and **Bob Parry**, MD '85, from Cleveland, Tata and **Jose Rossi** from Puerto Rico, **Bruce** and **Kathryn Christ Haupt** from Atlanta, and Sabina and **Charles 'Lumpy' Perry** all the way from Germany.

"A wonderful rehearsal dinner was held at the Clarke Cooke House, a historic inn and restaurant on Bannister's Wharf, during which untold numbers of toasts, stories, and lies were shared. We took mansion tours on Saturday, including the fabulous Breakers, and then it was on to the wedding in the neighboring town of Portsmouth. The Glen Manor House overlooking the Sakonnet River was a beautiful backdrop to the ceremony, at which Dave's lovely daughter Catherine served as an attendant. The reception was wonderful, as the champagne, wine, and cocktails flowed, as did our collective spirits. Amazingly, among a group of 45-year-olds, the ages of our kids ranged from 3 up to 19-year-old Cornell and MIT freshmen! Besides a great mini-reunion, we have all pledged to do our best to make it back for our 25th Reunion." Your faithful correspondent reads this as a challenge from the Phi Delt men to everyone else—be there or be square! And thank you, Brian! Brian, by the way, lives in North Carolina and works for Roche Pharmaceuticals.

Valentine's Day—how romantic—in Rock-

ville, MD, was the setting for the wedding of **Albert Wu**, MD '84, and Diana Sugg (BA, Villanova; MA, Ohio State). Albert is an associate professor at Johns Hopkins U., with appointments in both the School of Medicine and the Bloomberg School of Public Health. Diana is a Pulitzer prize-winning journalist for *The Baltimore Sun*. You know, I think this is the most current news I have ever reported!

Celebrating his first birthday as this issue arrives in your mailbox is Henry Leister, son of **Laura Chessin**, tenured member of the Virginia Commonwealth U. faculty in Richmond, VA, in the communication design department of The School of the Arts. Laura's husband Don Leister is a violinmaker. Husband Fred and I, **Jill Abrams Klein**, recently had dinner with **Debbie Moses '79** and husband Bob Mazer. Debbie manages to juggle everything she does with such elegance and ease, including their children Matthew, 13, and Rebecca, 10, along with her career at Boston Properties in DC.

A recent phone call from **Karen Vecchio** Simons provided some news: Philip and **Vicki Butler** Miles live in Millburg, MA, with children Tory and Ben, who coincidentally share a birthday! Karen and Dr. **Nancy Brass** had hoped to rendezvous in Dorset, VT, where their parents each have a vacation home—maybe next Christmas. **Stacy West** Clark lives in Devon, PA, with husband Peter and daughters Sara, 11, and Molly, 6. **Russ Bernard** works in real estate investments and lives in Westport, CT, with wife Terry and their three children. Russ keeps in touch with **Bill Niedrach**, a urologist in Medford, NJ, and busy family man, also with three children. A Cornell wedding for **Kathy Boor** and her Food Science dept. colleague **Martin Wiedmann**, PhD '97, took place this past June. When she is not busy traveling for PegaSystems, **Nancy Twombly** lives in Needham, MA. Karen, thanks for the "newsy" call.

The winter chill and freeze did not stop **Martha Bonthuis** Sutyak and me, along with our daughters Lexi, 4, and Susie, 11, from feeding the seagulls on the beaches of Cape Cod in January! Martha lives in Beverly, MA, where she is always working on a fun design project. Whether it is her home or the decorative hand towels she sells to gift stores, Martha has something creative going on. And speaking of the cold winter, especially for the East Coast crowd, by now the ink in your quills or ice on your keyboards has thawed, so what's stopping you? Please drop a quick line to Cynthia or me. Let us know who you most want to see at our 25th Reunion next June! ♦ **Jill Abrams Klein**, jfa22@cornell.edu; and **Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco**, caa28@cornell.edu.

81 2004 certainly has brought many changes for me. I moved not just cities, but countries. Moving from Toronto, Ontario, to Delray Beach, FL, has brought many new adventures. I left a wonderful city filled with fabulous people—exemplified by the magnificent send-off hosted by **Scot Martin**, MBA '83. Scot showed his true graciousness by having 65 of my Canuck friends



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over for some cheer and hugs. **Richard Box '78**, **Steve Napier '78**, and **Robert Winslow, MBA '00**, were there; **Brock Tredway** couldn't make it but sent his regards. A fantastic time was had by all, and memories of my 2-1/2 years in Toronto will never be forgotten. The next chapter of my life has opened up in southeast Florida, where the beautiful Atlantic Ocean is just a stone's throw away. My folks are in Boca Raton (17 minutes by car vs. three hours by plane) and there's lots of wonderful outdoor life. Should any of you be in the neighborhood, let me know. I would love to hear from you.

In Toronto, I heard **Fred Tomczyk '77** speak to the Cornell Club. Fred is VP, corporate operations for TD Bank Financial Group. He talked about his career path and how he got to where he was today. **Andrew Harrison '84** introduced Fred with his usual vim and vigor and the crowd asked many questions. Shortly after I arrived in Florida, I had lunch with **Jeff Sass '80**, CEO of Barpoint. I had the pleasure to attend a welcome event for President **Jeffrey Lehman '77** at the Boca Raton Art Museum, where I met **Zorik Spektor**. Zorik is a pediatric otolaryngologist in West Palm Beach and Boca Raton. I re-met **Sherri Klein '84**, who knew me from my days in New York; she's been living in Boca for two years and has her own PR business. **Roz Bernstein Squires '47** was at the event, too—a friend of my mother's! It truly is a small world. Jeff was an inspiration and was received warmly by all.

Alan Cohen, BS Ag '86, retired after many years of public service to Ithaca as its mayor. Alan has had many accomplishments and served the city well. He has had to wrestle with many of the same kinds of economic and social problems that have faced most of the towns throughout upstate New York. Even in his final days in office, Alan was no lame duck. He managed to forge a strong relationship with President Lehman shortly after the announcement of Jeff's presidency. Alan drove to Ann Arbor, MI, just to have lunch with Jeff and wife Kathy Okun (gives a new twist to the term "road trip," doesn't it?). Alan's effectiveness is evidenced in the university's multi-million-dollar pledge of support to the City of Ithaca and Cornell's plans to build a downtown office park. As Alan turns the page to the next chapter of his life, he leaves the mayorship with a strong legacy and big shoes to fill.

Ithaca and Cornell also have been the beneficiaries of the significant efforts of **Lanny Joyce**. Lanny both conceived of and then implemented Lake Source Cooling at Cornell, an environmentally friendly and extremely cost-efficient initiative that involves cycling cold water from Cayuga Lake through underground pipes up to the Cornell campus, where it circulates throughout campus buildings. This provides a method of cooling the heat generated by machinery and equipment, as well as being the alternative to air conditioning. The water cycles back into Cayuga Lake. Cornell and Lanny have received much recognition for this innovative approach.

I had lunch with **Dave Philp '84**, who owns a consulting firm and does real estate development projects. Thanks to **Paul Jensen** who

introduced me to a fellow Delray Beacher! Class president **Jim Hauslein, MBA '84**, spent his free time this past fall leading the charge on Peter Ueberroth's lively campaign for governor of California. Obviously, the "Terminator" was a force to be reckoned with. **Robin Rosenberg**-Segall and husband Bruce attended the bar mitzvah of Joshua Natbony, son of Bill and **Cheryl Adler Natbony**, on November 1. "We sat at a table of Cornellians at the party—**Sherri Samilow Rozansky** (husband Marc), **Rhonda Eisner Batt** (husband Jay), and **Linda Schechter Giove** (husband **Steve, JD '85**)—and all had a great time." Robin also attended the CACO Mid-Winter Meeting on January 24 at the Grand Hyatt in NYC. She enjoyed the luncheon and hearing President Lehman speak. Also in attendance were **Fred Cohen, Heidi Fleischman, MS '83**, and **Celia Rodee**.

Please do let us know what is going on—we want to hear from you! ♦ **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@adelphia.net; **Kathy Philbin LaShoto**, kathleen_lashoto@equityoffice.com; or **Jennifer Read Campbell**, ronjencam@aol.com.

82 We are happy to announce that **Mark Fernau** has joined me as a class correspondent, succeeding **Donna DeSilva**, who is our new vice president. We thank Donna for her contributions to the column for the past seven years and welcome Mark (mef29@cornell.edu)! To fill you in on Mark, he writes, "After 15 years of doing air pollution research, I've spent the last five honing my editing skills as a technical editor of professional journals at the American Meteorological Society on Beacon Street in downtown Boston. Wife **Melissa (Duncan) '83** and I celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary last summer in the Adirondacks in the company of fellow Lambda Chis **Bill Stasiuk '80**, **Joe Kane '79**, **Steve Keegan '80**, and **Brian Rooney '80**. I live in Clinton, MA, and spend my spare time teaching Cornell songs to children Gwen, 11, Leanne, 14, and Fletcher, 16, who at 6-foot-4 towers over diminutive Dad."

We officially welcomed Mark at the annual Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) Mid-Winter Meeting, which was held in New York City on January 24. Along with workshops and a lunch that featured a speech by our new president, **Jeffrey Lehman '77**, we held a class meeting that was attended by many of the bold-faced names you read about in our column. Although you hear about some of our officers ("frequent contributors") all of the time, there are a few who keep under our radar but deserve recognition for their work for the class, as well as accomplishments in other areas:

Catherine Cull Chatfield participated in the 5K American Heart Assn. Heart Walk at Rocky Neck Park in Connecticut in October. She writes, "Husband Phil and weimarner Mosby tagged along, although Mosby was a tad surprised to be taking a walk with 5,000 of his closest friends." **Michi Yamaguchi**, BArch '83, recently made his New York theatrical debut as a producer of the Off-Off-Off-Broadway musical *Sharing a Dance*, *Sixty Years with Bruhs and Gean*. He writes, "It is

a lively one-hour musical that traces the remarkable relationship of Bruhs Mero and Gean Harwood, two gay icons of the twentieth century who met in New York in 1929 and remained together until Bruhs's death in 1995. Their story covers the breadth of gay history from the closeted early days through the McCarthy era and beyond Stonewall." With the success of the initial run, Michi is planning to take the show on the road this summer. You can contact Michi at michiyamaguchi@hotmail.com.

Miriam Honore Akabas was also in attendance and reports that, in addition to teaching upper and middle school, she spends a lot of time watching her children in their after-school activities. Daughter Ariel, in first grade, enjoys gymnastics, bicycling, swimming, baseball, and spending time with Mom. Son Eli, in fourth grade, adores karate, soccer, bicycling, baseball, and swimming; he also loves a wide variety of games. She adds, "My husband and I relish them." Miriam's on-campus connections to Cornell include a nephew who is a member of the Class of 2007.

Class secretary **Nancy Duboise** made a valiant effort to get to NYC from Columbus, OH, but a comedy (now looking back) ensued. Son Eli, almost 10, went along for the ride. Bad weather delayed flights, bad hydraulics caused an even further delay and a change in plane, a bad engine caused another change in plane, and de-icing meant a further delay that led ultimately to a crew member passing her legal limit for the amount of flight time so that the flight was finally cancelled. Three planes later, Nancy and Eli hunkered down at a "dumpy motel" at the Columbus airport, and they were happy to get home the next morning. More details about the lost cell phone due to the automatic flusher in the airport bathroom only add to the "Teacher, the dog ate my homework" kind of story as to why Nancy was a no-show, but she's now recovered and well-equipped again.

Tracy Stone wrote from Los Angeles that 2003 was a year of real estate transactions and renovations. She sold her 1906 craftsman house in a historic district of L.A. and bought two warehouses by the L.A. River ("and there really is an L.A. River!") that she has been busy converting into an office for her architecture firm and a residence for her family. In addition, she is renovating a condo on the beach, which should be available for vacation rental. Interested alums are welcome to call, she writes.

To find Tracy and fellow alums, sign up for the online Alumni Directory at <https://directory.alumni.cornell.edu/index.asp>? ♦ **Nina Kondo**, nmk22@cornell.edu; and **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu.

83 If the adage "no news is good news" still holds true, then the Class of 1983 must be doing very well indeed. I'm feeling as lonely as a Maytag repairperson as I write this column, with only four (count 'em, four!) news items arriving during the winter months. Thanks to those who sent their news, and please let us hear from the rest of you when the annual News and

Dues mailing arrives this spring!

The American Inst. of Architects (AIA) selected **Paul Woolford**, senior VP of Hellmuth, Obata + Kassabaum and director of design for HOK Atlanta, to receive the National Emerging Architects Award. This award is conferred, irrespective of age, to those in an early stage in their architectural careers. It honors those who have shown exceptional leadership in design and made significant contributions to the profession. Paul was presented with his award at the AIA National Convention in San Diego, CA.

Susan Wasserman Guerin writes that she started a new job at Cendant Corp. last fall and now serves as CFO for vehicle services, which includes Avis, Budget, PHH Fleet Management, and Wright Express. Susan has also taken on the formidable job of co-chairing our 25th Reunion along with **Andy Sosa**. Before attending our 20th Reunion (her first), she admitted thinking "How much work can it be?" when longtime chum **Ellen Bobka** asked her to serve as a reunion chair. Of course, after Reunion Weekend, the amount of work involved became clear but did not dissuade her from making the commitment. Susan congratulated the previous class officers and reunion chairs for all their hard work: "Our class officers did an amazing job of organizing the event, getting donations for the Cornell Fund and ensuring that not only we but our entire families had a wonderful weekend. And while true Ithaca weather was there to welcome us, the events were so well organized that it just didn't seem to matter." She adds, "It was wonderful to see how many of my friends from U-Hall 4 attended the event, especially **Joanne Poggi** Quirk and **Mike**, ME '84, and **Norine Ng Sedayao** traveling all the way from California!"

Those of you with babies and young children may be surprised to hear that some of our classmates have reached a milestone in parenting: class president **Lisa Esposito** Kok writes that **Dietrich** and **Christine Pichler Schulze** now have a son **Karl** in his first year at Cornell. Any other Cornell or prospective Cornell parents out there? We'd love to hear from you!

After many years of practicing medicine and serving as a consultant in her field, **Judi Binderman** has chosen to pursue some very different interests. She is now serving as director of education for an Arizona bead company, working to create "Beadbox University." The goal of her project is to create some standardization in the world of beading, with respect to certifying teachers of various kinds of beading techniques. In her spare time, Judi serves as our class webmaster.

Speaking of our class website (<http://www.classof83.alumni.cornell.edu>), did you know that you can submit class news directly to your correspondents via this site? The website also includes links to a wealth of information, including Reunion photos, highlights from President Lehman's inauguration, and class officer contact information. You can pay your dues online, update your address for alumni records, and even check Ithaca weather if you're feeling nostalgic (15 degrees and rainy—surprise!—as I write this column in February). Another intriguing link is to CyberTower, which bills

itself as the "newest way to enjoy Cornell . . . from the Web!" CyberTower allows alumni to continue their Cornell educational experience from afar by participating in study rooms (with new rooms added to the site every month) and interactive forums with faculty members, and reading thought-provoking views and reviews from the Cornell faculty "bully pulpit."

Several of our class officers participated in the Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) Mid-Winter Meeting in January, and they've asked me to relay a few requests to you. First, please let us know if you have served as a class officer for any period of time since graduation. Include which office you held and for what dates. We will forward this information to Cornell so that the alumni records can be updated.

Your class officers are working to create a DVD record of our 20th Reunion, as well as a record of some memories of our days on the Hill. Please send us photos of you and your buddies back in '79-'83, as well as at Reunion. If you have digital photo files, please send them to my co-correspondent **David Pattison** at d.pattison2@verizon.net. If you have prints, please mail them to Andy Sosa at 4911 Magdalene Ct., Annandale, VA 22003-4363. Be sure to include a self-addressed, stamped envelope so they can be returned. However, if they are priceless to you, make copies before you send them. We plan to have copies of the DVD available in the fall, so send your memories as soon as you can.

As Dave wrote in his last column, not only births, marriages, and promotions are newsworthy. We want to hear about your everyday lives—what you do for a living, what you do for fun, places you've been, places you want to go, old friends you've seen, and those you'd love to hear from.

As a clinical social worker, my job is to ask questions. In the spirit of generating news, I have a few discussion questions for you: What is the one thing you remember most fondly from your time at Cornell? What is the one thing you regret most about your Cornell years and would change if you could? Who is the old Cornell friend you would most like to hear from? What has made you the most proud since leaving Cornell? What do you hope to report in this column before our 25th Reunion? Tell us about your mid-life crisis: most unusual career change, accomplishment, hobby, relationship, etc.

Most of all, keep the news coming! ♦ **Dinah Lawrence** Godwin, dinahgodwin@msn.com, and **David Pattison**, d.pattison2@verizon.net.

84 One sad note to begin this column: our classmate **Tobb Dell-Oro**, MS '85, MBA '86, was a victim of the December 2003 earthquake in Iran. Our condolences go out to his family and fiancée **Adele Freedman '86**. A short article on Tobbs' death appeared in the "From the Hill" section of the Jan/Feb '04 issue of this magazine.

Reunion is right around the corner! If you can join us, register at <http://reunion.alumni.cornell.edu/>. This site will give you highlights of

university reunion events, lists of classmates who have registered (updated by the minute), a ride-share board, and online registration for class reunion, athletic events, and the youth program. Specific class events can be found on our class website, listed at the end of the column. Have you written a book? If you have a book for the Class of '84 Book Table, please let **Janet Insardi** know at insardij@hotmail.com. Janet and **Kitty Cantwell** are always welcoming reunion volunteers—they could use assistance in small amounts of time—to host class functions, greet classmates at headquarters, help decorate, etc.

Reunion calls and e-mails: **Hansen Hashim Clarke** writes that as an undergraduate he was elected to serve as senior class president in 1984. Most students knew him as "Bubba." Hansen subsequently graduated from Georgetown U. Law Center, and is currently an elected Michigan State Senator. Hansen led a trade mission to Ghana in November '03. He plans on helping at reunion. From California, we've heard from **Charles Oppenheim** and **Doug Durkin**, and from Ottawa, we've heard from **Peter Pakeman**. Reunion Headquarters: **Sue Morris** Wilkey is helping with music, and **Karla Sievers** McManus is heading up "kid central." **Amy Brown** Fraser is planning her reunion trip from Connecticut and is helping with reunion planning. **Philip Harris** is general counsel for VIP's Industries Inc., a privately held hotel company with 15 mid-market limited service hotels in four western states. Phil is planning to come to reunion from Oregon.

The award for most informative e-mail for this news cycle goes to . . . **Luke** and **Becky Dimmick Scrivanich**. Luke was named general manager of PPG's Fine Chemicals business, one of their strategic business units. The business provides products and services to the pharmaceutical industry (APIs, intermediates, and starting materials) and specialty phosgene derivatives to diverse end markets, including agricultural chemicals, artificial sweeteners, plastics, and photographic chemicals. Becky recently received her real estate license, thereby providing an occasional escape from the chaos of raising the five Scrivanich children (three boys and two girls, ages 2 to 12). About two years ago, the family moved into a big old house in Sewickley, PA, near the Pittsburgh airport, with a great commute into the city.

The Cornell network is alive and well. I called **Jon Kimball** and asked him for an informational interview for a relative and he was a great help! Jon is general manager of the Westin Hotel in Charlotte, NC, and he also supervised the construction and opening of the property. Jon and his wife have two daughters under the age of 7 and are pretty happy that Starwood Hotels brought them back East. Jon's twin, **Louis**, is still in San Francisco, involved in the Pluto's restaurant chain. Pluto's is known for American and California cuisine, including excellent vegetarian fare, in a modern setting. **David Sangree** is living with his wife and two children in the Cleveland suburb of Lakewood. David is with US Realty Consultants and heads up the Cleveland office and the firm's hospitality consulting

practice. David says, "We are going to try our first cruise this spring in the Caribbean."

Phil George is "really getting psyched to see everyone after so many years. I have not made it back since our 5th Reunion. Living in California was far enough to make it difficult. I am planning to drive from our new home base in Massachusetts with my wife Kristin and our children Kyle and Grace." **Paul Barresi** practices law and lives in Hanover, MA. **Steve Shippee** and **Wayne Darragh** made their way down from Boston to Atlantic City to spend a very busy 24 hours. First they saw a series of boxing championships (various weight classes were fought, mostly to determine current champions). Steve says, "I've never seen a live boxing match, nor did I really care to, but it was quite a scene and more fun than I expected." They successfully visited the casinos till the wee hours and left the next day only to be greeted by a snowstorm.

Carol Leister is looking forward to reunion. After ten years in public broadcasting at Channel 13 and WNYC radio in New York, she has found her way to "Sesame Street," starting an individual giving program for Sesame Workshop. Exciting vacations Carol has enjoyed included hiking to Machu Picchu, Peru, and driving 2,000 miles in Alaska visiting Denali, Anchorage, and the Kenai Peninsula. Carol is heading up the registration effort for reunion. **Ben Lynfield** is living in Israel and still writing, and was recently married. Was it really that long ago that I typed Ben's freshman papers? I guess he's learned his way around a keyboard by now!

Judy Fried Siegel is a solo urologist in private practice in New York specializing in female and pediatric urology. "Going on (is it possible?) 14 years of great married life to Jon, a lawyer (Colgate '79—the little red). We have brought our three boys, Sam, Gabe, and Eli, to Colgate for several events and plan to bring them to Cornell for the first time this summer for reunion. I enjoy mentoring Cornell undergrads in January each year as they shadow me in my work. **Rachel Eggert** Chevalier writes, "After living in France for nine years, we decided to return to North America in 2001. We fell in love with Stowe, VT, and built a house on ten acres. Our daughter Alexandra finished high school here and is continuing her studies in France. Our son Max is 11 and enjoys skating, piano, and soccer." Rachel's husband Marc does consulting work in North America and France. Two years ago the Chevaliers bought a favorite local hangout called the Depot Street Malt Shop, a '50s-theme restaurant that was mentioned in a recent *New York Times* article on Stowe. A frequent Malt Shop guest is **Darcy Curran** Walsh '83, who works at the Trapp Family Lodge in Stowe.

Despite the miles, '84 friends **Kathy Thorne Barlow**, **Pat Connell** Wheeler, **Brigitte Siefringer** Gouchoe, and **Sue Fiero** Colbert manage to keep up with each other's busy lives. Kathy lives in the Washington, DC, area with husband **Bruce** '82 and children Nicole and Stephen. They get together with Pat and husband Don and sons Ryan and D.J., who live in beautiful Warrenton, VA, having left corporate life behind in Stamford, CT. Kathy is VP and

general counsel to The Bernstein Companies, one of Washington, DC's oldest real estate development, investment, and management companies. Sue is a manager of compliance for CVS corporate headquarters in Providence, RI. She and her husband have daughters Samantha and

the Billy Goat Curse on the Cubs?) **Robin Baker** is keeping law and order as Deputy Chief of Appeals in the Criminal Division of the US Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York. (No word on whether Sam Waterston or any of his "L&O" castmates has ever sought

'Jonathan Miller is sharing law stories of a different kind.'

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Alyssa. Brigitte Gouchoe is the morning news anchor for the Fox News Channel, appearing nationwide on cable TV. Brigitte and husband Dave moved to Westport, CT, two years ago, and recently had their third child, Rudy, joining sisters Jennifer and Stephanie. The group and their spouses and children are very excited to be reuniting in Ithaca in June.

Lee Bender says, "I am bleeding Cornell red these days: I attended the inauguration of President **Jeff Lehman** '77 this past fall (as a member of the University Council), hosted Cornell student interns at my law firm, interviewed applicants for admission, and am the long-standing Scholarship Chairman of the Philadelphia Cornell Club. In my 'spare time' I've been trying to write a movie involving the early years of the university, and have been rounding up my fraternity brothers at Phi Sig Ep and Lightweight Crew for reunion." Thanks, Lee! ♦ **Lindsay Liotta** Forness, fornesszone@aol.com; and **Karla Sievers** McManus, klorax@comcast.com. Class website: <http://classof84.alumni.cornell.edu/>.

85 So few missives from classmates have reached my inbox that I will soon have to resort to Google-ing folks at random. Have you ever Google-d yourself and seen what comes up? Oh, yes—everything from that note in the church bulletin congratulating you on winning the hot dog eating contest at the spring picnic to, well, things that can't be mentioned in a family magazine such as this one. Don't let this happen to you! Write us, write us, write us! Okay, enough desperate groveling. On to the news.

New mothers are, thank goodness, still showing me the love. **Carolyn Walter** Calupca wrote to tell me that she and husband John welcomed son Joshua Charles on September 26. **Michele Payne Koch**, MBA '92, and husband **Bill**, MBA '93, celebrated the arrival of daughter Natalie Marie on October 15. Says Michele, "She's quite a handful and loads of fun. Very cute, but we're more than a little biased."

I admit to being a little biased, too, in favor of my fellow barristers, who are thankfully continuing to send in news. **Doug Masters** sent word that he had joined the Chicago office of Loeb & Loeb as a partner, and that he continues to focus his practice on litigation of trademark, copyright, and "unfair competition" matters. (Does this mean you can do something about

her advice on how to "keep it real," but I do think our Robin would make a terrific guest star. Dick Wolff, if you're reading this—give Robin a shot!)

For **Michele Coleman** Huresky, watching lawyers on TV just did not cut it. She wanted back in the action, so she "rejoined the ranks of working attorneys" and signed on with Goldstein, Lem & Isaacson, where she is practicing bankruptcy law and commercial litigation on a part-time basis. Her children Matthew and Allison are now happily enrolled in pre-school, which, as Michele writes, "enables me to reclaim a portion of my career."

Lisa Bluestein has opened her own firm, "Law Offices of Lisa M. Bluestein LLC," where she focuses on commercial litigation and construction law. She also tipped me off (no pun intended; well, maybe just a little) to the fact that **Rich Strassberg**, partner and chair of the White Collar Litigation department in the New York office of Goodwin Procter, is involved in the Martha Stewart case, where he is representing Peter Bacanovic, Ms. Stewart's former Merrill Lynch advisor. He certainly should have some great war stories to share at next year's reunion. (More on reunion in a moment...)

Jonathan Miller is sharing law stories of a different kind. He is the author of the novel *Rattlesnake Lawyer* (Cool Titles 2000), the paperback edition of which should be available in bookstores and on Amazon.com by the time this column hits your mailbox, along with his second novel, *Crater County*, and a non-fiction book, *Amarillo in August: An Author's Life on the Road*. Jon also practices criminal and entertainment law, and lectures at Texas Tech and the U. of Southern California. Classmates who want to catch up with Jon (and/or arrange to get their copies of his books autographed!) can contact him at Rattlesnakelaw@aol.com.

Another '85er Lawyer Jon, Mr. **Jon Lewis**, sent word from Hong Kong, where he writes that he and his family are "still living and enjoying ourselves, in spite of SARS and the changes it has brought to our daily lives. We have been here since before the handover in 1997. It looks like we will be living with the fear of SARS for a long time. Even so, you take the best precautions you can and then you get on with your life."

Speaking of getting on with our lives, we will next year be celebrating our 20th Reunion. Mark your calendars now (June 9-12, '05), because our ageless and tireless Reunion Co-Chairs **Jennifer**

Sidell Cornelissen (who wed **Robert Ellis '82**, brother of **Bill Ellis** and **Jean Ellis '80**, in a ceremony that featured Bob's daughter Karla and Jen's daughter Libby) and **Margaret Nagel Gnegy** will once again be organizing a weekend of activities designed to delight and dazzle us. We welcome the involvement and attendance of all classmates. Please e-mail Jen at jms81@cornell.edu if you are willing to contact classmates and promote reunion attendance (we'll give you the e-mail lists and mailing labels), be a greeter at registration or a class event, organize a reunion event, plan class souvenirs and welcome gifts, or help out in any other way.

Please also lend a helping hand (or paragraph) to me and my co-columnist **Ed Catto** by sending us your bon mots, birth announcements, and/or best classmate tidbits, so that we can appear witty, or at least well-informed, in this space. ♦ **Risa Mish**, rmm22@cornell.edu; **Ed Catto**, edcatto@hotmail.com.

86 In the words of the *New York Times*: "All the news that's fit to print." Well, we don't have much! Not because we've been receiving news of an objectionable sort, but because we've run out of news from those handy little forms that you sent in with your dues last year. Remember, it doesn't have to be dues time to be news time. Please feel free to drop us a line anytime if you have anything to share with your classmates!

In line with scaring up some more news for the next column or two, I thought I'd ask a few thought- or news-provoking questions in this column. You can send your answers to any—or all—of the correspondents listed at the end of the column.

1) Many of us are turning 40 this year. What do you feel is your greatest accomplishment to date? What are your goals for the next 40? 2) What are you doing now: career, family, creative, or other projects? What would you rather be doing? 3) Current "Day Job." Current "After Day Job/After Hours." Current "Dream Job." 4)

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STACEY NEUHOEFER SILBERZWEIG '87

Recent excursions, ventures, outings, encounters, awards, observations, musings, publications, promotions, family events?

Speaking of recent encounters, an old high school acquaintance from my hometown of New Rochelle, NY, and Class of '86 classmate **Dylan Schaffer**, surprised me with an e-mail. We had a great chat, catching up on the changes in our lives over the past 18 years or so. Dylan is a criminal defense lawyer in the San Francisco Bay Area, doing high-profile appellate work—the sort of cases that get in the media, and get Dylan in the media, quite often. Dylan is also a

published author. This summer his new book, *Misdemeanor Man*, the first in a series about a slacker public defender who is obsessed with Barry Manilow, will hit bookstores. Early press and reviews of the book are very positive, and the book sounds like it will be a great read. I went to the book's website, www.misdemeanorman.com, to read a few excerpts, and Dylan certainly can write. One of the reviewers aptly called Dylan "the thinking man's John Grisham." Prior to *Misdemeanor Man*, Dylan wrote another book, *Dog Stories* (Chronicle Books, 1997), which you might also want to check out. When he's not writing or working in his law practice, Dylan resides in the Bay Area with his wife, Dr. Jennifer Dykes, and "a couple of medium-size mutts."

I also got a note from **Mark Brandt**. As a member of the University Council, Mark and wife Grace attended three days of inauguration and education programs. "My trip started with a carpool from Cleveland with neighbor **Jack Rupert '49**, JD '51. It happens Jack was my dad **Richard '55's** RA when he was a freshman in Cascadilla Hall. The University Council is a real honor to be chosen to, and after being active in Chicago, San Francisco, and Cleveland, many of the faces were familiar. The inauguration was the highlight of the weekend for me. It really hit me when President **Jeffrey Lehman '77** mentioned that Cornell is an educational resource to the world. The weekend was capped off by Grace driving up to spend a significant birthday with the rest of Cornell at the inauguration, with the small enticement of a suite at the Buttermilk Falls B&B. For those of you looking for a quaint place in Ithaca, Margie is the host, and this place is a real find."

Mark also recently founded a venture capital fund, the Maple Fund, which focuses on early stage technology investments with a particular eye on nanotechnology. For more information, you can check out the fund's website at maplefund.com. Mark says, "I think I get the record this fall (2003) for five trips to Ithaca: looking at technology, visiting professors, and serving on

boards." In Cleveland, Mark is quite active in economic development activities, having started two networking groups: one with a focus on reaching out to current and former Clevelanders (yescleveland.org), and one with a nanotech focus (nano-network.org). Mark notes that he would love to hear from classmates or other fellow Cornellians.

And so would we! Until next time, ♦ **Jackie Byers** Davidson, jackiekd@sbcglobal.net; **Allison Farbaniec** MacLean, aaf9@cornell.edu; and **Hilory Federgreen** Wagner, haf5@cornell.edu.

87 Have you seen the acclaimed movie by Sofia Coppola from last fall? For two weeks in February, I was *Lost in Translation* myself. I was traveling in Asia on business, changing hotels every three to four days and sleeping, on average, 5-1/2 hours each night. At least I was not feeling completely lost—I was mostly visiting cities where I had gone before. However, for the first time, I set foot in Beijing, China. Walking through the gate of Tiananmen, I was awed by the imposing Forbidden City, its sheer size and the bright colors, not to mention its glorious and infamous past. I felt a visceral connection to the "Middle Kingdom." At the same time, I couldn't help but feel sad and helpless when I looked back at the immense public square, where thousands of idealistic students died or were wounded on that fateful night of June 4, 1989.

Just before Thanksgiving last November, I got an early holiday e-mail from **Chris Nielsen** Berg in Washington, DC: "Here in Washington, all is pretty well. Our oldest son Peter, 7-1/2, is in second grade at a private school in Rockville, MD. Katy, 6, is in first grade and is working hard to learn to read, write, and do math. She had to have her tonsils out about a month ago, but the great part was I had the surgeon pierce her ears while she was unconscious. That was pretty neat! All the other moms are mad at me because their daughters are demanding the same! Stephen, 4, is in pre-kindergarten at our elementary school and is happy as a clam. My husband Dick is still working as a consultant to the defense mapping agency (NIMA). He's been diligently practicing his banjo, which I gave him for his birthday in 2002. I've taken up a new hobby this past year—learning how to decorate cakes; I've been taking night courses with a friend. It's been great to learn something new and get out of the house one night a week. House, pets, and garden take up the rest of my time."

Rebecca and I were back in Ithaca in early December for the Harvard-Cornell hockey game at Lynah Rink. The team picked up its first home win with a 1-0 victory. Afterwards, **Heidi Russell** met up with us at the Statler for a celebratory drink. I almost didn't recognize her at first because she was sporting a new short hairdo. A month later, I flew to Cambridge for the rematch. Among the Cornellians in the rink were **Heidi Claus Perry** and husband **Duncan '84**, MBA '88. Harvard's rink has become the annual meeting place for me and the Perrys. We all enjoyed watching Cornell take an early lead of 3-0, before winning with a final score of 5-3. However, I missed seeing **Mary Hohenhaus** in Providence. She had left for Kenya less than a week before on a medical mission:

"I'm working with an intern, as well as a recent 'house officer' grad (similar to an American physician's assistant) with responsibility for as many as 18 to 24 patients at a given time. We're very limited in what we can do in the way of diagnostics or treatment—medicine available from the pharmacy one day may be woefully absent the next." Mary did find time to take in the natural beauty of this African country:

"Spent last weekend in the Kakamega rain forest hiking and bird/primate watching, and stayed at beautiful English colonial-style lodge. Spent the second weekend on Mount Elgon—heavily forested, so you have to work at seeing the animals (monkeys, baboon, Cape buffalo, bushbuck, waterbuck, tons of birds). No luck with the elusive elephant or forest hog, however. Visited Kitum Cave, suspected home of the Ebola outbreak way back when."

Another classmate who caught the hockey fever is **Stacey Neuhofer** Silberzweig: "Husband Jeff, son Ian, and I went to the RPI game with **Carina Laguna** and husband Pat after a fine dinner at Souvlaki House. We enjoyed reliving the Lynah experience despite the disappointing outcome of the game, especially since Ian has recently taken up skating. It was challenging to explain some of the fans' exploits to a 6-year-old!"

The holidays brought news from both coasts. From Bethesda, MD, **Gail Stoller Baer** sent a handsome photo of her son and two daughters and wrote about life after Singapore: "We do miss our Asian travels, but we are starting to travel much more now that husband **Michael '88**, MBA '89, is the director of treasury operations with USAirways. Since the kids have seen Asia, we need to plan some European adventures." Nearby, in Los Altos, **Karl** and **Karen Fann Townsend** sent a lovely letter: "Sierra started kindergarten in September and absolutely loves her teacher. Austin turned 3 the day before Thanksgiving; he is taking music and gymnastics, and learned to swim this past summer." Karen had LASIK surgery and underwent two months of physical therapy for a bad knee. Then she and Karl decided to "see what the triathlon bug was all about." She completed two races in Monterey Bay, while Karl finished four, including the famous Escape from Alcatraz.

Noah Price, ME '88, of Campbell, CA, sent a simple home-made card that said, "Noah's team created the new 20-inch iMac; wife Heather graduated from San Jose State with a BA in graphic design. In September we spent a relaxing vacation in Hawaii; we added environmentally friendly solar power (with a photo of panels on the roof); and Noah designed the lighting for a local production of *42nd Street*." Fellow EE alumna **Phyllis Ng**, now living in Newburg, NY, used to work for IBM until July 2002 when she took "early retirement" and became a full-time mom to son Jonah, who is now approaching 3. She reported, "We had a nice surprise (in 2003). **Gordon** and **Lillian Yee Lau** and Andy, 2-1/2, came by to visit us (when they were visiting Lillian's parents in Bayside). I sold my house in Poughquag, NY (and was waiting for my new condo in Newburg, NY, to be ready." Phyllis also completed an MBA from RPI in Aug. 2003. Gordon and Lillian live in Livermore, CA.

Two weeks after the hockey road trip to New England, I returned to frigid New York City for the annual Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) Mid-Winter Meeting and the CAAA lunar new year gala, in Chinatown this year. Class president **John Gee** and fellow officers **Melissa Hodes**, **Mary Bowman**, **Scott Pesner**, Heidi Russell,

Stacey Silberzweig, **Fred Barber**, and **Debra Howard Stern** all braved the cold from near and far to attend the once-a-year class meeting. Among the items discussed: a possible coast-to-coast 40th birthday bash in 2005. Stay tuned for more details. At the CAAA dinner, I enjoyed seeing **Laura Szeliga**, **Albert Chu**, **Marina Ho** and husband James Panella, and **Bob** and **Lindsay Liotta Forness '84**. I also visited with President Emeritus Frank H.T. Rhodes and wife Rosa, and am happy to report that President Rhodes appeared fully recovered from his accident two years ago.

I think all of you would agree that the most exciting class news in the first half of 2004 was the appointment of **Jim Knowles** as Cornell's 25th head football coach on January 30. Athletic Director Andy Noel had these words of praise to say: "Jim brings a great deal of leadership and experience to our program and has an in-depth knowledge of the university and the tradition of Cornell football. I respect him very much as a person and a coach, and I could not be more pleased." Jim had spent nine seasons as an assistant coach at Cornell (1988-96). In 2003, he served as the linebackers coach and recruiting coordinator at the U. of Mississippi, which won the Cotton Bowl. Before that, Jim coached at Western Michigan U. for six years. Jim and wife **Nancy (Schlie) '83**, MBA '89, have a daughter Halle and two sons, Luke and Jack.

Send in your fall football predictions, office pools, and news to ♦ **Tom S. Tseng**, ttseng@stanford.edu; or **Debra Howard Stern**, dstern@acksys.com.

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Hello, Cornell classmates! After a rather frigid winter in many parts of the country, I hope that by the time you read this, April showers have passed and a warm and comfortable spring has settled in for your enjoyment.

Just before the holidays last December, I had the pleasure of a visit from class webmaster **Howard Greenstein**. Officially, Howard was in Northern California on a business trip in the capacity of his new job as director of the Center for Management at the NYU School of Continuing and Professional Studies. Howard and I caught up over dinner in Oakland, CA, then visited the new enterprise of entrepreneurial classmate **Jennifer Kaplan**. Jennifer and her partner Edward Wong opened a store named Red Feather Mercantile shortly before Thanksgiving last year. Red Feather "offers an eclectic mix of furniture, home décor, and accessories, a bit of clothing, a bit of jewelry, and a wide range of sensational gifts." If you live in or visit the San Francisco Bay Area, why not drop in to say hello to Jennifer and Edward and browse their offerings. Red Feather is at 5418 College Avenue in the Rockridge section of Oakland.

Just after Christmas, I was able to spend a day with **Steven** and **Anna Barnsley Werblow '90**, who were visiting family in the Bay Area. Steve, Anna, and children Shoshana and Ilan had just moved back into their house in Ashland, OR, after a major remodeling. Before the holiday season, Steve was invited to join a small

group of journalists from Africa and Europe to see the UN World Food Program's school feeding efforts in the Cape Verde Islands, 400 miles off the coast of West Africa. Steve found the islands fascinating, and the trip most exciting as "school feeding looks toward building a future for children rather than rescuing people from current cataclysms." Closer to home in Oregon, the Werblows visited with **Karen Franklin Smith**, husband Jimmy, and kids Andrew, 7, and Shannon, 3-1/2. The Smith family has moved back west to Lake Oswego, OR, after spending several years in Massachusetts. Karen works for transportation company CNF Inc. in Portland, managing their 401(k) and pension programs.

The news cards and e-mails have slowed to a trickle lately, but fortunately, some of you do write in reporting news of other '88ers. **Nancy Michalski** Wall e-mailed recently that her family would be relocating back to Okinawa for what should be her husband Michael's last assignment before retiring from the Army and Air Force Exchange System, known to many as the PX system. Nancy keeps very busy with her three children, the oldest of whom was born in Okinawa and hopes to go to Cornell one day! Nancy is thankful that e-mail is much more prevalent than the last time they were there and is already planning visits to Tokyo Disney, Australia, New Zealand, and a family gathering in Hawaii. Nancy wrote that she had chatted with **Natasha Petrackis**, who is also engaged in raising a family of three. She and husband **Jim Casey**, JD '94, have moved to a new home in Burke, VA.

Vicki Trabattoni Sullivan has also added another member to her family. She is a stay-at-home mom raising sons Connor, 5, and Brady, 2, and the new addition as of last June, daughter Amelia. Vicki was a Cornell TriDelta who is active in the Denver alumnae chapter as co-chair of the silent auction committee for an annual fashion show fund-raiser for The Children's Hospital. Another TriDelta, **Christine Brown Piller** and husband Ken welcomed their third, son Lucas, in May of 2003. Lucas joined siblings Jacob and Katie at their home in Davidson, NC, where the Pillers are in the midst of building an addition. And if you need any more proof of three being a "magic number," **Ken Szydlow** sent news that he and wife **Lisa Simpson '89** brought their third, daughter Emma Molly, into the world on Nov. 25, '03. Emma joined brothers Ben, 3-1/2, and Nathan, 2. Ken and Lisa have started a new business specializing in decorative architectural glass, while Ken also keeps busy in his job as VP for business development for Health Quest, a health system based in Poughkeepsie, NY.

Marc Weissman has also made an addition to his household, one of the canine variety! Last November, Marc brought home a 6-month-old bichon friese and named him, quite appropriately, Ezra—"Baron von Ezra" to be complete. The name follows in the tradition of the breed's royal ancestry and this particular dog's lineage, including a king, queen, and prince. On the professional front, Marc was on the project team that had a patent granted recently on the Summit® Total Hip Replacement from DePuy/John-

son & Johnson. Another patent is pending for a future total hip design. In academia, **Victor Seidel** is now on the faculty of the business school at Oxford U. Victor teaches technical entrepreneurship and states, "It is a very exciting time as we build a new business school in an 800-year-old university." Victor would love to have visitors and recently saw **Pete Lee** and **Steven, David '89**, DVM '93, and **Michael Santisi '91** at a favorite sushi restaurant in Manhattan.

For our last bit of classmate news, we received an interesting e-mail from **Eric Way**. When he wrote last October, Eric had recently participated in Overseas Americans Week in Washington, DC, where about a dozen organizations of Americans living abroad descended on the Capital "to bring awareness of the special challenges our group faces, most of which are caused by our very own government." Eric was in from Lyon, France, and was happy to meet another Cornellian, **Mark Stenzler '82**, in from Zurich, Switzerland. The main issues Overseas Americans are concerned with are taxation, census, voting rights, citizenship rights, and public diplomacy of, by, and for Americans living abroad.

In wrapping up, I'd like to note that our class website has received a wonderful face-lift through the efforts of class officers Howard Greenstein, **Jane Scannell**, and **Larry Goldman**. If you have not looked lately, please check it out at <http://classof88.alumni.cornell.edu/>. The additions to the site include some photos taken at our 15th Reunion last summer. Also updated on the site is the list of "missing" classmates. When you visit the site, be sure to read through this list of classmates with whom we have lost touch. If you have information about a name you see, please use the link provided to submit an update.

I hope you enjoy the summer that is nearly upon us. Let's hope that it is warm and sunny, but not nearly as hot as the winter was cold! As always, please send any news about yourself or classmates at any time—the supply is low and the demand is high. Tell us what you do on your summer vacations! ♦ **Steve Tomaselli**, st89@cornell.edu; and **Suzanne Bors Andrews**, smb68@cornell.edu.

89 We'll be celebrating our 15th Reunion shortly after you read this—hope to see everyone in Ithaca! And here's something to put in your Palm Pilots for later this year: e-mail your news to your correspondents in the dead of winter. News seems to pile up at certain times of year (when class dues mailings go out), but as I write this column in February there are just a few items.

Thanks to **Jim Hilsenteger**, who provided the following update: "After 12 years of working as a mechanical engineer in the freight railcar industry with Gunderson Inc., I walked away from a perfectly good job as senior design engineer in June 2001 and began law school that fall at Lewis & Clark College Law School. I'm in my last year now and am pursuing patent law and patent litigation as a new career path. In the intervening years, I picked up a side passion of

coaching rowing. I coached seven years for a local high school level club, Oregon Rowing Unlimited, before stepping down from the club. Since then I've been helping out with Lewis & Clark College's undergrad crew. I hope to continue coaching after law school. If folks come through my beautiful hometown of Portland, OR, feel free to contact me (hilsy@hilsy.com) and I'll show you great beer and great coffee."

Ardys Brinkmann Persson and husband Scott wrote to tell us of their "new Cornell legacy." Kyra Sage Persson was born on June 4, '03, joining her 3-year-old brother Sean, who calls her "his sweet princess." Another beautiful little girl was born to **Andy Paterson** and his wife Jenny Lim last year. Maggie Kai Lin Paterson will be turning 1 on May 27. Andy, Jenny, Cate, Logan, and Maggie live in Silver Spring, MD, and Andy works for the National Geographic Channel. Last we heard he was filming in India.

Mike and Lauren Kidder McGarry report the arrival of daughter Kerith Brooke in December 2003. She joins brother Thane, 6, and sister Jillian, 4, at their new home in Hamburg, NY (see below for new address). Mike continues to work from a home office for a small environmental consulting firm and gets to travel all over the country for work. Lauren is busy being a full-time mother and using her HDFs degree and life experiences writing and speaking for local mothers' groups. Mike extends this invitation to classmates: "Stop by for a visit if you're driving across New York State on 90—we're two minutes off the Thruway and there's always food in the fridge."

See you all at Reunion—and send in your news next February! ♦ **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, 105 Overlake Park, Burlington, VT 05401; e-mail, ac98@cornell.edu; **Mike McGarry**, 210 Highland Ave., Hamburg, NY 14075; e-mail, mmcgarry@dma-us.com; **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, 5 Glenwood Rd., Plainview, NY 11803; e-mail, savidon1@hotmail.com.

90 Do you want a good laugh? I was sorting through my attic recently, and I stumbled upon a box of old papers and junk that I had evidently lugged home from Cornell. I found a flier that had been stuck into my RPU mailbox during freshman year advertising a "back to school" sale at the Cornell bookstore. According to the ad, I could have purchased a brand new Apple Mac (not a Mac II, not a Mac Plus, a Mac), a dot matrix printer, and a "handy" carrying case with shoulder strap (ouch!) for the bargain price of \$1,999! Amazing! I think I'll save this bit of history to show my kids someday. As a freshman without my own computer, I was one of the many forced to camp out in the Mac labs when freshman seminar papers were due. I wasn't even lucky enough to have a roommate with a computer, but I'm sure **Ellen Braitman** has one now. Ellen lives in New York City with husband David and daughters Lilith and Basha. The former editor of the *Cornell Daily Sun* still regularly appears on Bloomberg TV, reporting on the stock market. My former roommate stays in touch with

Susie Levy and **Colleen Kapklein '89** through her monthly book group, and with **Jeremy Kalmanofsky '88** (formerly **Jeremy Kaplan**) who is rabbi at Anshe Chesed, the synagogue where Ellen is a member of the board of trustees.

We heard from **Stephanie Rowe**, who regularly stays in touch with **Karen Murray**, **Christie Fanton**, **Sue Comba** Ernenwein, and **Cheryl Donnelly Burgess '89**. Stephanie tells us she moved to Knoxville, TN, to be a project control manager for SAIC (Science Applications International Corp.) and that she's been busy settling into her new home. Home improvement projects are also in the works for **Laura Calvert** Richardson, who is renovating the family farmhouse outside of Ithaca. Laura lives in Princeton, NJ, and still works for Pharmanet Inc., where she is the manager of clinical research. The Richardsons have daughters Chelsea and Sarah. **Anna Barnsley Werblow** has been keeping busy with a major remodel on her 100-year-old house in Ashland, OR. Anna is looking forward to the result so she can enjoy the refurbished home with son Ilan and daughter Shoshana.

While some of us have been remodeling our homes, others have been retooling our careers. **Ken Fidge** of NYC has finished his MBA and has started a new job with Vornado Realty Trust, one of Manhattan's largest real estate investment trusts. **Geoffrey Morgan** of Alameda, CA, is also in real estate development, but in Northern California. **Patrick Dowden's** new position is with Quick and Reilly/Fleet Boston in Garden City, NY.

John Cayer is now a sales manager for one of my favorite companies, S.C. Johnson in Minneapolis. Let's congratulate **Shelly Emens** DiGiulio of Snyder, NY, who was promoted from regional sales manager to vice president of Accudata Search Inc. **John Wolff** has left his business career with Digital Telemedia in NYC behind (for now, he says) and has moved to L.A. to break into the film business as a writer and producer. Anyone who wants to audition, send your head shots to jpw21@cornell.edu. Just kidding.

Also switching coasts is **Rob Bogart**, who recently left Piedmont, CA, and has moved to Washington, DC, with wife Rachel and girls Isabel and Ava. Rob left his job as head of human resources at GAP Inc. Direct to join the State Department as the senior advisor for the chief financial officer and assistant secretary. He will be "leading initiatives supporting the President's management agenda around the strategic use of human capital, improved financial performance, and expanding e-gov." I'm not sure what that means exactly, but it sure sounds intriguing. In my opinion, however, it's nothing compared to the mystery surrounding **Steven Rueben's** new enterprise. Steven, who lives in Las Vegas, tells us that he has founded another company, Metropolitan Entertainment, that is developing "leisure lifestyle projects." Steven, could you fill me in on this one, or is it something that can't be printed in a "family publication"? Nothing surprises me in Las Vegas!

"What's new is that we did not move this year!" reports **Karen Prymak**-Oldick. The previously nomadic Karen and husband **Brad Oldick '91** have now settled in Granger, IN,

although they both travel quite a bit for work. We also have a new address for **Katherine Reynolds**, who recently moved into a great new building in downtown Hamilton, NY. Katherine works at the Colgate Bookstore, and she and her husband still do lots of canoeing all over Central New York and beyond. She says she misses "all the fun things to do in Ithaca," so maybe she should contact Laura Calvert Richardson about renting that Ithaca farmhouse! Last year, Dr. **Lisa Baylor** David started a new ear, nose, and throat practice with a friend from residency in Lafayette, LA. **Nadja Peter** has joined the U. of Pennsylvania faculty in adolescent medicine, doing mostly patient care and teaching medical students and residents. She and her husband have a 2-year-old son Lucas, who is "the greatest." Nadja also tells us that **Becky Holmes** married Victor Johnson in Denver in October 2002, and that **Antoinette Romanelli** Buckley had her third daughter, Emily, in May 2002.

I would be remiss if I didn't report on some of the other new Class of 1990 legacies that we've heard about, because there are so many! **Gary Weinstein** and Diana Carbonell were happy to e-mail us their birth announcement for Justin Daniel Weinstein. Although he was only born last June, Gary tells us "he should be snowboarding soon!" **David Cohen** and wife **Shelli Bodnar '91**, MD '95, of San Jose, CA, welcomed a baby girl, Mia Rose Bodnar-Cohen, born in May 2003. Enthusiastic new parents **Moody** and Julie **Kwok** even e-mailed us a jpeg of Kevin Moody Kwok, born in January 2003. **Rachel Pargeter** and husband **Chuck Lerch '91**, who live in Portland, ME, are proud parents of Caroline Iris Lerch, born in February 2003. **Karen Fingar** Kahane of Delray Beach, FL, sent us news about her new daughter Brianna Sue Kahane.

Becoming a parent is an unbelievably life-altering event. My husband and I were well aware of this fact when we became new parents almost five years ago. However, we were quite unprepared for the experience of having that second child. It takes multitasking to a new level! Learning this first-hand are **Susan Mrozek Cavaliere** and husband **Jim '91** of Oakland, CA, who had their second child, Sean James, last June. Big sister Sophia is managing her best to welcome her little brother. **Eric Skolnick** and wife **Julie (Rosenbaum)**, JD '96, welcomed son Avi on Mar. 18, '03. Big sister Dalia was very excited, we hear. Eric, let us know what Dalia thinks when Avi starts getting into her "stuff!" **Laura Glazier** Dufort, of Norwalk, CT, has given her 3-year-old son John David a baby sister: Julia Michelle was born in June 2002. **David Schoenfeld**, who has started his own dermatology practice in Carrollton, GA, is the father of both Claire Peyton, 2, and Max Harrison, 5.

A friend of mine once warned me that having a third child involves going from a "man-to-man" to a "zone" defense. I hope this analogy helps **Tracy Evans** Krantz of Rockville, MD. Tracy is mother to Stuart, 7, Gabriel, 4, and new baby Sophie Ilana, and what has surprised her most about life beyond Cornell is "loving being a family of five." **William Reisacher** and wife

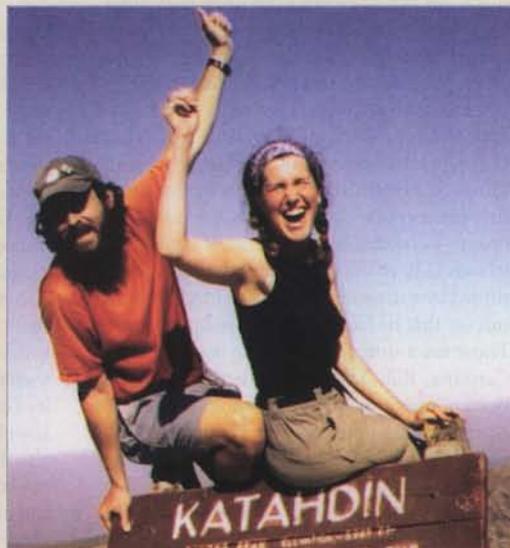
Hitting the Trail

ELIZABETH KLEINBERG '91

after Elizabeth Kleinberg's legal clerkship ended last spring, she and her husband, Mike Kanarick, set out to hike the 2000-mile Appalachian Trail and raise money for the Child Welfare League of America. Besides, says Kleinberg, "we really wanted this great adventure together."

Starting in March 2003, the pair spent 201 days traveling on foot from Georgia to Maine. They stopped in towns to re-supply, but mostly they slept in tents and trekked through the woods—in all weather. "It was awful hiking for the third or fourth day in a cold downpour," says the former government major. "But we'd see amazing wildlife or fantastic views, and it would be enough to keep us going."

When the hike ended in October,



the two had raised \$42,000 and gained a new perspective. "It's good to be back working, but our priorities have adjusted," says Kleinberg. "We want to spend more time together enjoying the wonderful outdoors."

— Sarah Brubaker '06

Cynthia live in Monroe, NY, and are having a ball with children Mariana, Matthew, and baby William Robert III. **Marla Porter** Gross is mother to a new son, Mason Alexander, born last March. Mason will be looked after by big sisters Gabby and Lily. Marla tells us that she runs her own law firm and international adoption agency in Weston, FL.

As a parting note, Alisa and I would both like to congratulate **Karen Mitchell** and **Rob Choddock '89** on celebrating five fabulous years of marriage! Mazel tov! ♦ **Carole Moran** Krus, ckm42@cornell.edu; and **Alisa Gilhooley**, alisa.gil@aol.com.

91 Greetings, everyone. It is once again time for an edition of the Class of '91 Class Notes. We are weathering a very "harsh" winter here in the Carolinas. Of course, the winter is nothing compared to what people in more northern climates are facing, but for those of us whose blood has thinned with prolonged southern exposure, this feels pretty bad all the same. We are running a little light on news this time around. Everyone must be mulling over their selections in the upcoming congressional and

presidential elections rather than being out there meeting up with fellow Cornellians or doing what appears to be a popular pastime with our class, adding to the list of potential Cornellians for the Class of '22 and beyond. Make sure to send in your News when the annual Dues mailing comes this spring, or write us any time of year at the e-mail addresses below.

What news we do have kicks off with information from **Michelle May** Koellmermeier. She writes that she left the indentured servitude of the military physician's life in the US Navy and entered a private ob/gyn practice in Neenan, WI. Her son Adam Vance was born on Dec. 14, '02. Michelle, if you find yourself humming the tune of "On Wisconsin," then you know it is time for a trip back home to East Hill. **Lucinda Rosenfeld** wants us to go out and buy her new novel, *Why She Went Home*, being published by Random House and available as of March 2004. This is the follow-up to her first work, *What She Saw . . .*, published four years ago. If you want to see her, she will be doing readings and signings of her new book in New York City, Boston, and the Bay Area in March as well. She also says she will be moving into her new home in Boerum Hill, Brooklyn, with her significant other, John.

Other literary announcements include one from **Nat Jarvis**, who writes, "If our 'kinderku' birth announcement left you scratching your head, you can now read one for yourself in my wife **Marcy Porter Jarvis '82's** latest book, *A Broad in Swabia: Memoir from the Black Forest*. It's a hilarious, thematic account of the culture shock our family experienced when my California product design company transferred us to Germany in 1998." The book can be obtained from Amazon.com and other online outlets.

Bill Munze gives us the news that he and fiancée Janine Dowling eloped in Tuscany on Oct. 5, '03. No mention of whether Diane Lane showed up or whether it was under the Tuscan sun. However, he does note that the small ceremony—attended by a handful of family and friends (I have the wrong friends)—was interrupted by a shotgun-wielding hunter. Thus, Bill can say that he had a shotgun wedding in Italy. Those are a dime a dozen here in rural North Carolina, Bill. The couple then returned to Boston, where on Nov. 8, '03, he and Janine had a reception and met up with **Sameer Desai**, as well as **Karen Schmeidler Sagor** and her new husband David.

Lastly, the news ends on a sad note. Classmate **Scott Houser** died on Oct. 30, '03, at Inova Hospital in Fairfax, VA. With the permission of his wife, Emily Yance-Houser, we note his passing in this column and send our thoughts and prayers to his family and friends. He was co-valedictorian of his 1987 Westminster (MD) High School class and lettered in soccer and track. At Cornell, he was a National Merit Scholar and earned his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering while on a Cornell Tradition Fellowship. He would later earn a master's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Virginia Tech and worked for Logistics Management Institute in McLean, VA, where he recently received an award for an analysis of European air traffic management that was presented in Budapest, Hungary. He and Emily

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92 The hint of spring is in the air and I imagine the flowers in front of my house will be in full bloom by the time this column hits your mailbox. In my life these days, spring and good weather mean lots of playground trips for my two children (now 2-1/2 and 1) and lots of hiking for my husband and my dog. Please share the news of your springs and summers so we can report it this fall. Our traditional news sources sometimes run low, so please e-mail me, Renee, or Wilma Ann with your updates.

Laurel Beverley writes that after finishing an orthopedic surgery residency in Boston, she completed a sports medicine fellowship last year at the Cleveland Clinic. She states, "It was actually pretty cool to be able to stand on the sidelines of Browns games, work with the Cavaliers, attend spring training with the Indians, and also work the Gravity Games." Laurel is now in private practice in Lowell, MA, doing mostly sports medicine. She is also the team physician for the professional AHL hockey team the Lowell Lock Monsters. At the end of her fellowship, Laurel traveled to Scotland and Ireland and then saw **Drew Ries** while he was finishing up work in London. Laurel writes that Drew has now relocated to the US, but is traveling extensively "throughout the planet" while he plans his next career.

Jon Simon filled me in via e-mail of the latest happenings in his life. Jon and his wife **Diana Maxant '94** welcomed their son Jeremy Wendell on Nov. 29, '03. He notes, "Of course, life has not been the same since." Jon is currently a sixth year associate at Van Ness Feldman PC in Washington, DC. He represents utilities and natural gas pipeline companies in the environmental permitting and development of electric transmission lines and natural gas pipelines. He also represents companies that provide visitor services in the national parks, including an association of

in Ithaca. Gabrielle works in Syracuse at Alderman and Alderman, a matrimonial law firm, and Mitschka is a wildlife biologist for Audubon at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

Last year, **Alex Hoffert** opened a sales promotion unit within a NYC advertising agency. He writes that "the long hours and commute from Connecticut have all but prohibited keeping in touch with my long-lost friends, but I do stare at a computer screen all day, so e-mail should help get me back in the loop." (You can e-mail Alex at ash26@cornell.edu.) On the home front, Alex and wife Sarah celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary in February, and Alex notes that his 4-year-old son Harrison makes sure he makes time "just to play." Alex serves as the vice-chair on Harrison's preschool's board of directors.

Allison Abel-Kahn is in touch with many '92ers and wrote me the following update. Allison is still working at Charles Schwab in San Francisco, where she was promoted to Vice President last fall. She works in the Schwab Center for Investment Research, helping to establish advice policies and guidelines for Schwab's brokers. Allison writes that **Ellen Ho '93** and **Steve Ongchin '91** recently moved to Johannesburg, South Africa, with their son Justin. **Tanya Steinberg** Schreiber, husband Dave, and their children Alana and Benjamin are relocating from New Haven to Sarasota, FL, where Tanya, a doctor, will be in private practice. **Kate Grossman** and **Peter Fidler '94** had their first baby, Talia Sorell Fidler, on Jan. 18, '04. Kate, Peter, and Talia live in Chicago.

Allison recently saw **Kathy Halsey Connolly**, **Amy Sugarman**, and **Adam Greene** in New York City. Amy is a clinical psychologist at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in NYC. Kathy recently moved to Garden City, NY, with husband Jimmy and sons James and Luke. Kathy is a VP in finance at Goldman Sachs. Adam married Carolyn Fink on July 12, '03. Cornellians in attendance included **Liz Weinreb Feely**, **Marjorie Shapiro**, **Allyson Wenig**, **Cindy Spera**, **Jim Conroy**, BS '91, MBA '92, **Rich Stockton**, Amy Sugarman, and Allison. Adam is currently a director of Global Specialized Finance at West LB in NYC. Allison is also in touch with **Karen McCalley**, who is extending her stay in Berlin, Germany, for one more year (until July 2005). Karen would love visitors!

Tracy Furner Stein writes that she plans to do the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer Research in Chicago on June 5-6, 2004. Tracy thanks classmates **Sarah Chambers Potter**, **Pam Murray Bilfield**, **Shelley Halloran Holland**, **Heather McHugh**, **Colleen Durham**, and **Laurel Beverley** for supporting her efforts and the cause. Tracy recently visited Heather McHugh at her new home in Austin, TX, where Heather works for Fox Hollow selling medical devices. In February, Tracy visited with **Bob** and **Carol Heppes German** and saw their "adorable" twin girls Isabelle and Katie. Tracy is also in touch with **Anne Fogarty Kain** who, along with husband Syd, welcomed a baby boy, Conor Jonathan, on Feb. 11, '04.

Alyssa Cohen Goldman dropped me a note

'Laurel Beverley is the team physician for the AHL hockey team the Lowell Lock Monsters.'

DEBBIE FEINSTEIN '92

married on Nov. 2, '02. A scholarship fund is being established for a graduate of Westminster High School in his honor. Contributions to the Scott A. Houser Scholarship Fund may be sent to WHS at 1225 Washington Road, Westminster, MD 21157.

That is the news for now, everyone. Next time I write, I will be in the beautiful Spanish countryside near Vitoria. Until then, everyone be safe and secure, and of course, keep sending news and notes to your friendly neighborhood class correspondents. News can reach us at the Class of '91 website, <http://classof91.alumni.cornell.edu>, or by e-mailing us. ♦ **Dave Smith**, docds30@yahoo.com; **Corinne Kuchling**, kuc

river rafting outfitters and guides in the Grand Canyon. Recently, Jon was elected First VP of the Cornell Club of Washington after serving as VP of Programming for a year. Jon is in touch with **Scott** and **Terra Smolker Samuels**. Nathaniel Jackson, born Jan. 27, '04, recently joined Scott, Terra, and big sister Marissa.

Gabrielle Mollo writes that she and **Mitschka Hartley** met at our 10th Reunion (they both lived in U-Hall 2 freshman year) and began dating long-distance from NYC to Ithaca. They became engaged Dec. 31, '02 and were married in Auburn, NY, on Oct. 25, '03. Gabrielle notes that there were about 30 Cornellians at their wedding. The couple now lives

reporting her family's good news. She and husband David had another baby boy on Nov. 12, '03. His name is Noah Benjamin, and he joins big brother Ari, who turned 4 on Mar. 27, '04. **Andy Yonteff** and wife Kim recently had their first child, Adam. I received this bit of news from **Vivek Chopra**, who writes that Andy thinks that Adam is a Yankees fan, and Kim is pulling for the Red Sox. **Benkai Bouey** writes that he has joined the Los Angeles-based private equity firm Triton Pacific Capital Partners as a director. In addition, he has been selected to join the Financial Advisory Board to the City Council of Rancho Palos Verdes, CA.

That's all for now. Keep us posted. ♦ **Debbie Feinstein**, Debbie_Feinstein@yahoo.com; **Wilma Ann Anderson**, Wilpower1@aol.com; **Renee Hunter Toth**, rah24@cornell.edu.

93 Hi, everybody, and welcome to the spring edition of your Class Notes. Thanks to those who have been sending in news via News and Dues forms and e-mail! **Esther Semsei** Greenhouse, MS '03, wrote that in the summer she completed her master's at Cornell, which examined how lighting can minimize the visual deficits associated with Alzheimer's Disease. Her 4-year-old son is learning to read, and her husband **Brooke '91** is growing a home building company. He is also vice president of the NY State Builder's Assn. **Jason Halio** wrote that he has switched jobs to help start the new Boston-based sales trading desk at Morgan Stanley in Boston.

Tenleigh Blomquist recently passed the CPA exam and is currently working as an internal auditor for Chubb Insurance in Warren, NJ. **Jennifer Derow** e-mailed, "I have moved back to Pennsylvania and taken a job at my alma mater, Strath Haven High School, as a guidance counselor in Wallingford, PA. My sister **Alison Derow Gaudet '96** lives in Pittsburgh with her husband and my niece, who will be 1 in January. My good friend **Priscilla Skarada King** is still living in London with husband Steven and their newborn son Thomas." **Pankaj Talwar** sent an e-mail to say, "I am enjoying my role as the director of strategic planning for a consumer packaged goods company, George Weston Bakeries. For those of you who are in Manhattan, drop me a line at ptalwar@mha1998.hbs.edu or (914) 673-3650 to get together for drinks or dinner."

In wedding news, **Paul Trisket** wrote that he was married on Sept. 27, '03, and in addition to a wife, acquired a stepdaughter, Rachel. **Irene Herman** and Joshua Goldstein were married at Chelsea Piers in New York on Nov. 15, '03. Josh is a pediatric neurologist and Irene is a vascular surgeon. Cornellians in attendance were **Jocelyn Spielman**, **Kathy Fleming**, **Miriam Plavin** and **Jon Lobell** (along with their 9-month-old son Jason), **Bryan Fuhr** and his partner **Matthew Zucker '92**, **Rebecca Zulli** Lowe and husband James, and **Dan Appelbaum '91**.

Moving from weddings to births, **Edward Andre "Andy" Velez** and wife Marti had son Jason Scott on Mar. 15, '03. **John and Ellen Johnston McDonnell** wrote, "We had our third child, Sarah Anne, on Aug. 21, '03. Her two older

brothers treat her very well. She is, of course, a joy. John continues as a quality engineering manager at Hyperion Solutions, and Ellen does consulting for Beck Evaluation and Testing Associates, working on all those newly required state tests, thanks to the No Child Left Behind Act." **Alison Amsterdam** sent in the information that **Debbie Silverman** Rothschild and husband Jeff welcomed son Jonathan Evan into the world on Sept. 14, '03. **Eva Johnson** Schenkman also sent baby news: she and husband Thomas welcomed their son Thomas on Nov. 25, '03. He joins his big sister Hannah, who just turned 3. Eva is employed as a senior embryologist at J.T. Mather Hospital in Port Jefferson, NY, and her husband is an executive VP at Goldman Sachs in Manhattan.

In January, a number of your class council members met in New York City for the Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) Mid-Winter Meeting. They discussed the success of our 10th Reunion, as well as ideas for future events. If you are interested in getting involved with the class, you should contact our President **Todd Rethemeier**, ME '94, MBA '95, at todd_rethemeier@hotmail.com. That's about it for this edition, please keep the news coming and happy spring! ♦ **Yael Berkowitz**, yberkowitz.y@mellon.com; and **Erica Fishlin** Fox, ericazzz@aol.com.

94 It's another cold, wintry day here in New Jersey—snow on the ground and more coming! But with our 10th Reunion upon us, I'm sure I'm not the only one doing a bunch of reminiscing these days. Where have the years gone! Clearly, many '94 alums have spent the past ten years getting married and having babies. I have a bunch to report today, starting with my fellow Kraft colleague **Brett Elias**. He and wife Julie welcomed James Robert to their family on November 9, and the clan moved to New Jersey the same week! On November 7 William Thomas was born to **Annette Wells** Elias and husband John. William is their third child, and he is adapting well to life with older sister Anna and older brother John Jr. Annette is currently working at a veterinary hospital in Pennsylvania.

Jeanne Ramage Rentzelas also welcomed a son, Evan Nikolas, on November 3. She and husband Ed live in Cherry Hill, NJ. **Brian Smith** and wife Sara welcomed son Brandon on October 16. Brian works as a child and adolescent psychiatrist and faculty member at Michigan State U. **Rosario Gonzalez** and husband **Luis Rodriguez '93** just had their first baby. Sofia Irene Rodriguez-Gonzalez was born on October 10. Rosario reports that Sofia's uncles are **Mauricio Rodriguez '93**, BA '95, and **Oscar Rodriguez '96**. **Lauren Blaeser** Miller welcomed daughter Logan Leigh Miller on September 17. She and husband Michael, whom Lauren married in September 2002, live in the Boston area, where she practices as a veterinary specialist.

In other baby news, **Kathryn Spadoni** Myers and husband Michael welcomed Owen Keller in June 2003. The family resides in Roanoke, VA. Also born in June to **Jason Whit-**

ney and wife Julie was Justin Max. Immediately following the baby's birth the family moved to Cherry Hill, NJ. Jason also reported in on **Eric Steinberger's** recent wedding to Jaime Murphy; classmates in attendance included **Dave Fleisch**, **Jeff Rothman**, **Wally Weinstein**, **Dina Peck**, and **Brian Landau**.

Now let's catch up on some babies who are already over 1 year old. **Eileen Sierk** Adams reports that she is a stay-at-home mom to daughter Elizabeth, born in November 2001, and new daughter Emily, born in April 2003. Eileen is active in her church and in La Leche League and lives in Fairport, NY, with husband Daniel, a volunteer firefighter. Also a stay-at-home mom is **Cathy Papalia-Boyle**, who is raising son Michael and daughter Laura. She and husband Ted live in Alpharetta, GA. Lastly, **Mark Lippmann** and wife Sharon currently live in Scarsdale, NY, returning to the area where they both grew up, after living and working in Tokyo for three years. The Lippmanns welcomed son Samuel David in December 2002.

From births, we now go on to the marriages! **Chrissy Emmons** reports on her marriage in September 2002 to **Kurt Eisenhard**. The couple live and work in Atlanta, GA. **Michelle Connolly** married Paul Campagna on Sept. 6, 2003 in Nashua, NH. One of the bridesmaids was classmate **Kaila Colbin**, who traveled all the way from Denver. The couple lives in the Boston area, where Michelle works as VP, property management for a real estate investment firm.

Kathleen Burdette married David Shields in September 2003, and reported on two other Class of 1994 weddings: **Amy Moskovitz** Lohana was married in July and **Elizabeth Brown** Somillea was married in August. Kathy also reports that she was recently elected to partnership at her law firm, Choate, Hall, and Stewart. **Jarrid Whitney** wrote in about his July 2003 nuptials to Shelley Arakawa in her hometown of Honolulu, HI. Lots of Cornellians made the trip to the islands, including **Gurmit Saluja '93**, **Stacey Merola**, PhD '01, **Gretchen Bookbinder** LaLonde, and groomsmen **Todd LaLonde**, **Young Hui Chang '93**, and **Mike Badagliacca '93**.

So what is everyone else doing? Practicing medicine, it seems! **Lila Nichols** O'Mahony is finishing medical school, then planning to take a year off before a pediatrics residency. Lila was married in Ireland in 2003. **Madhuri "Mani" Roy** recently finished a PhD in neurobiology from Stanford U., and is now completing a post-doctoral fellowship at a biotechnology company. Mani recently celebrated seven years of marriage to Kannan Ranganathan. **Evan Sorokin** writes that he has recently opened a private plastic surgery practice in the Cherry Hill area, where he resides with wife Michelle.

David Hirsch and wife Elena live in New York with daughter Kaitlin. David is completing an oral/maxillofacial residency at Bellevue Hospital. **Lily Wong** also writes to report she's a practicing ob/gyn at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Center in New York City. **Jacqueline Bender** Brecht, a pediatric urologist, and her husband Stephen, an orthopedic surgeon, will be leaving Cleveland for Anchorage, AK, this summer.

Jacqueline writes, "Our son Mitchell Alexander will miss his pediatrician, **Joanna Luty '93**, but looks forward to his backyard caribou!"

Finally, the lawyers! **Arielle Hecht Schiffman** is practicing at Kramer Levin Naffalis & Frankel LLP in New York; husband **Ethan** is also an attorney. They are enjoying raising son Lucas, who keeps them very busy! **Jorge Rey** writes that he left his previous law firm to become vice president/assistant general counsel at Radian Asset Assurance Inc. in Manhattan. He recently bought an apartment in Edgewater, NJ, and is looking forward to reunion!

And with that, we complete our report. There was a bunch of news sent in the fall that I couldn't get to. Look for it in the next column! ♦ **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jennifer.marchant@kraft.com; **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasyluk, dmp5@cornell.edu; and **Dika Lam**, DEL5@cornell.edu.

95 I was recently speaking with a good friend from Cornell whom I still see often, and in the course of our conversation, our 10th Reunion came up. He said, "Hey, wouldn't it be cool if Joe X (name has been changed to protect the innocent!) attended this time?" He then commented that maybe this should be the project for his group of friends over the next year: to get Mr. X to reunion.

This got me thinking. I'm sure that many of you have a Mr. or Ms. X that you'd love to see at reunion, but don't know how to contact. That's where our class resources come in. When you e-mail us with your news, let us know who you'd most like to see at our 10th Reunion in Ithaca, June 9-12, '05. We'll publish it in the column and also on our website and listserv, and hopefully some other classmate will be able to help make the connection. Other good ways to find "nomadic" classmates are through Cornell's "Find Alumni" site at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/services/find.html>. Even if you are unsuccessful with the online directory, you can use the letter forwarding service, which I once used to locate a friend with whom I'd lost touch shortly after 9/11.

And while you're doing that, please check our class website at <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu/membership.html> to make sure YOU are not a "nomadic classmate." Since you're reading this column, you probably received the magazine and, thus, are not on the list, but please check it anyway for people you know. If you see someone on there with whom you are still in contact, please have that person get in touch with us to update his or her information.

If we start early enough, perhaps we can rally these folks for reunion and set some attendance records in the process. And just to whet your appetite a little more, there are going to be many exciting things at our 10th, in addition to catching up with old friends. For those who haven't yet seen the new North Campus, it's an incredible sight. Even more amazing will be seeing the evolution of the West Campus Initiative. Since we'll most likely be staying on

West, we'll be right in the heart of everything. Check out <http://campuslife.cornell.edu/frames?url=ri.campuslife.cornell.edu?catID=338> for more info.

One final note to get you in the reunion mood: keep Thursday, June 10 open for our class's "International" 365-Days-to-Go Reunion Kickoff. We'll be hosting happy hours in major cities on the same day that Reunion 2004 kicks off at Cornell—to start counting down the days until ours!

In the meantime, our classmates are busy, as always, getting married, giving birth, and making amazing career strides. In November, **Dana Roth** (dcroth21@aol.com) wrote in, delighted to announce the birth of her and hubby Bryan's first daughter, Eliza Allyn, born 10 weeks early on Sept. 20, '03 (at Cornell Medical Center in NYC). "Eliza was born at 2 pounds, 10 ounces (and) arrived home on Oct. 21, '03, at 4 pounds 4 ounces," wrote Dana. "Today our miracle baby is over 5-1/2 lbs., and her due date isn't until Thanksgiving!"

More additions to the Cornell family include Hannah Marie, born Nov. 14, '02, to **Robert '93**, MEng '94, and **Emily Adams Wleklinski** (ewleklinski@zcs.k12.in.us) of Zionsville, IN; Brevin Lanckton, born May 8, 2003, to **Brian**, ME '96 (brianwilzbach@comcast.net) and Dichele **Wilzbach** of Naperville, IL; and Mollie McKee, born in April 2003 to nuclear engineer **Stephen McKee**, ME '96 (mckee3@charter.net) and his wife. The McKee family relocated in September to Silverdale, WA, for his new job at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. And **Jeff** and **Julie Allen Speiser** of New Jersey had their second child, Willow Eliana, on November 13.

On September 26, **Isabel Pipolo** married Anthony Ferrer in Prospect Park, Brooklyn. After the wedding, they spent two weeks exploring Venice, Florence, and the Tuscan countryside. Check it out at www.isabelandanthony.com. **Ellen Kwan** recently moved to the Boston area, where she started a new job as a family physician and bought a house. In northern Vermont, **Chris Hill** (cth95@hotmail.com) is "running an 800-cow dairy farm," and says that by the time this is published, he will likely be getting his master's through UVM and the Miner Inst. in Chazy, NY. He also wanted me to include his contact information for anyone who wanted to go skiing in Vermont.

Dana Yogel (dyogel@yahoo.com), one of our reunion chairs, is a senior project manager for "an infill-housing developer building luxury lofts and condominiums all over Southern California." She also writes that **Joanna Miller** was married in June and that **Ara Weiss** works as an analyst for Disney-Buena Vista Home Entertainment. And if you ever get out to the Bay Area, be sure to check out classmate **Greg Medow's** new venture, Jade Bar (www.jadebar.com), which was recently voted best bar by *San Francisco Magazine*. ♦ **Alison Torriilo** French, amt7@cornell.edu; and **Abra Benson**, amb8@cornell.edu. Class website: <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>.

96 By the time you read this column, you may have already turned 30 like me. Fortunately, I live in New York City and that means I get to extend my adolescence indefinitely—much to the dismay of my parents. I haven't accomplished everything I set out to do when I graduated from Cornell just yet. If "American Idol" had existed in 1996, I'm sure I would have experienced my 15 minutes of undeserved fame already. For now, I will have to live vicariously through some of my more industrious classmates, including globetrotting correspondent **Courtney Rubin**.

On a very brief stopover in NYC from London, she told me all about her *People* magazine interview with "Sex and the City" star Sarah Jessica Parker at the Paris Hilton (not to be confused with the omnipresent heiress and reality-TV star). Speaking of "Sex and the City," HBO writer-producer **Rebecca Schader** worked on spots for the award-winning series last year and has produced campaigns for Ellen DeGeneres and "The Wire." In addition to the aforementioned projects, Rebecca goes to movie junkies to conduct one-on-one interviews with actors like Jennifer Aniston, Susan Sarandon, Robin Williams, and Ray Romano. She also hangs out with **Elizabeth Rand** and **Christina Cellini**, MD '00, regularly. "Gail Rosenberg and I get together on a monthly basis. Elizabeth and I traveled to Utica, NY, in October 2003 for **Jack Frame's** wedding." Before that, they attended **Marc Levin '95's** bachelor party in New Orleans. **Zev Eigen**, JD '99, who works on the business side of the entertainment industry, reports that he left Littler Mendelson LLP in January 2003 to pursue a job with Fox Entertainment Group Inc. as their senior labor relations counsel.

A lot of our classmates have decided to pursue fields very different from their college majors, but some have never strayed from their original course. **Jacqueline Krueger** was passionate about biology when I knew her as a freshman and she still is today, as a lecturer in biological sciences at the U. of Illinois, Chicago. "I'm also quickly realizing that I'll probably need a PhD in science education, so I'm contemplating heading back to school." Another freshman year friend, **Ami Gadhia** (actually my Mary Donlon roommate), graduated from the U. of Connecticut School of Law in May 2003. "I am now the Esther Peterson Fellow at Consumers Union in Washington, DC. I hope this position is the beginning of a long and fruitful career in public interest law." Ami says that she is still in touch with **Sandra Fried**, **Albert Nguyen**, **Deborah Gill**, and many others.

Last year was very busy for **Allison Jeffer** Patterson. She received her license and was recognized as a New York State psychologist. She works at an elementary school on Long Island. Allison and her husband traveled to Las Vegas to celebrate her achievement, and to Thailand for their honeymoon. She says that she talks to **Jennifer Tishman** Willey, **Suzanne Epstein**, **Mari-ann Awad** Saleeb, and **Maggie Zakhary**. "All are doing great!" **Sidharta Oetama** just finished his MBA at MIT's Sloan School of Management,

Class of 2003. He and wife Carolina plan to move back to Australia soon. When **Julie Farrell** sent in her Class Notes back in June 2003, she was a year into her program at the UCLA School of Law.

Benjamin Kim '97 sent in a message about his brother, classmate **Simon Kim**, back in May 2003. "I am very proud of Simon, as he has taken on some enormous responsibilities of late, due to our family's unfortunate circumstances. Our father, only 58, is in the very advanced stages of Parkinson's. After a five and a half year stint in the US Army as an enlisted medic and an artillery officer, including two year-long tours in Korea, First Lieutenant Simon came back home to Northern Virginia in December 2001 to take care of family matters, including taking over our father's business. The struggles related to Parkinson's are indescribable, but he manages to adhere to his duties as the oldest child. We are truly grateful to have him and, again, I am very proud to have him as my brother."

This column would not be complete without a few birth announcements, and it's all girls this time. To begin with, **Carolyn Broodhead Schirm** had Heidi Anneliese on Dec. 27, '02. According to Carolyn, **Constance Wehe** Craig gave birth to Amanda in April. **David '94** and **Patricia Gaigals Bolduc** celebrated the arrival of their first child, Natalie Grace, on May 23, '03 in Waterville, OH. On a side note, Patricia says that she "graduated on June 13, '03 with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from The Ohio State U. College of Veterinary Medicine." **Evan** and **Vita Craine Cohen** welcomed Mia Isabelle into the world on May 13, '03; and **David**, MD '01, and **Lauren Kalter Hass** are the proud parents of Samantha Joy, who was born on Mar. 9, '03. Congratulations to everyone.

Please keep the news coming as usual. We look forward to helping you share your good news with the rest of the class. Don't forget to check out our class website: <http://classof96.alumni.cornell.edu>. ♦ **Allie Cahill**, AlexandraCahill@aol.com; **Courtney Rubin**, cbr1@cornell.edu; and **Sheryl Magzamen**, SLM1@cornell.edu.

97 What will future generations of Cornellians think about our campus? They will never get to experience the U-Halls or the line for the bathroom at Clubhouse, but maybe that's for the best. I am certain that there will be many more things for them to remember fondly or complain about that we can't even imagine. I do, however, know who the next generation of Cornellians will be—read on!

Jodi Goroff Green (yosefa@comcast.net) welcomed her son Zev Ronel Green on July 21, '03. Dominic Matthew Ross, son of **Anne-Marie Compton** (amco101@yahoo.com), entered the world on Aug. 3, '03 in Fairbanks, AK. **Grace Sundaram Chaddha** (gmchaddha@yahoo.com) and husband **Anil**, JD '95, MILR '96, welcomed their daughter Anjini Marie on June 18, '03. Grace writes that Anjini is adjusting fantastically to her mom's other job as full-time graduate student in the MBA program at the U. of Rochester's Simon

School of Business. Anil, besides being a dad, is working for GE as labor counsel for the Transportation and Aircraft divisions.

Another future Cornellian is Michael Basanese, born Sept. 18, '03 and first child of Edward and **Jennifer Janisch** Basanese. **Dave Gearing** (davidg@taconic.net) welcomed his daughter Christianna Marie on Nov. 29, '03. An update from our class website informed us of the birth of Morgan Emma Polk in January '03. Morgan is the daughter of **Lorraine Hoffmann-Polk** (lorraine_hazel@hotmail.com) and Woodruff Polk. Lorraine enjoyed her time as a full-time mom shortly after Morgan's birth, but is now working as a staff attorney for the Georgia Board of Workers-Compensation.

Rounding out our updates from the stork (or is it the cabbage patch?) is the announcement of the birth of Jackson Scott Wallace on April 29, '03. Jackson is the son of **Scott** and **Kathryn Boniti Wallace** (keb14@cornell.edu). Kathryn writes that a number of Cornellians have been to visit Jackson since his birth, including **James** and **Michelle McKee Cubbon**, **Zoran Filipovic '96**, **Kelly Patel '97**, **Cheryl Tourney**, **Laurie Rothenberg**, and **Keith Berger**. Congrats to all our new and proud parents!

News continues to filter in from across the country. **Allan Kaplan** (kaplan.a@ghc.org) sent news of his activities since graduation. While currently working on a family medicine residency in Seattle, he has also served as a Peace Corps biology teacher in Tanzania and completed medical school in Albany since leaving Ithaca. **Jerad Crave** (jjc20@cornell.edu) is living in San Francisco and enjoying teaching third grade at a private school. He is kept busy training for the Boston marathon and keeping up with his year-old Weimaraner puppy. He has started training for triathlons and finished fifth in his first one—way to go, Jerad! He's also kept up with **Vivian Kwok '96**, **Nat Yap '96**, and **Jonathan Trager**.

Not to be outdone in the athletic front, **Samara Friedman** (samarafriedman@hotmail.com) sent in news of her tryouts for the Olympic Skeleton Sliding team in Lake Placid.

newly listed **Arun Biswas** as a student at Yale's Tuck School of Management. Arun is a student at Yale's School of Management (informally known as "Yale SOM"), not Dartmouth's Tuck School. Sorry, Arun!

I've run out of space to talk about weddings and other exciting events. Tune in next month for continuing news from the Class of '97! Please make sure to pay your class dues so that I can write more next column—the number of duespayers determines how much space we have in the column. And keep sending in your updates! ♦ **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu; **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu. Class website: <http://classof97.alumni.cornell.edu>.

98 Featuring: the latest stars and blockbusters in the Class of '98! (Sorry, as we write this column, the Oscar nominations have been announced and we got into the movie mood!) Raise the curtains, please . . .

Pirates of the Caribbean. **Amy Safinski**, **Erica Volini**, and **Michele Diener** reunited in the Caribbean. They chartered a sailboat and brought in the New Year in Dominica, British Virgin Islands, and St. Kitts. In addition, Amy and **Ricky Stokes** completed a half-marathon and marathon, respectively, in Miami, FL, a few weeks later. Erica moved back to New York City and continues to consult for Deloitte and Touche. Michele remains in Los Angeles and continues to work for Toyota Motor Sales, USA Inc.

Mystic River. Living by the Mystic River are **Michelle Carney** and **Jennifer H.B. Yen**. Michelle moved from Raleigh-Durham, NC, to Boston. She is an early childhood teacher and program director. Jennifer is working as an attorney (representing a *pro bono* client on a USC sec. 1983 Constitutional claim) in Boston and made her modeling debut in the October 2003 issue of *Imagine News* for ClairePhoto. She notes that she has hung out recently with **Denise Oliveira** and **Kate Bromber '99**.

The Perfect Score. After graduation, many of our classmates continued up the ivory tower

‘Our son will miss his pediatrician, but looks forward to his backyard caribou!’

JACQUELINE BENDER BRECHT '94

For those of us that follow the summer Olympics more, skeleton is like luge, but headfirst—yikes! Luckily, Samara noted that her skills as an orthopedic surgeon were not needed during the tryouts. When not pursuing Olympic competition, she is completing her third year of residency at Long Island Jewish Hospital while her husband **Daniel Turinsky** is an associate at the law firm Sills Cummis. Samara has also taken up sculpting stone and is having a piece shown in a local exhibit.

One correction: Our last column erro-

and received higher degrees. Back in 2001, **Adam Rayman** graduated from Boston College Law School with honors, then became an associate at Keller and Heckman LLP in Washington, DC. After working there as a civil litigator for two years, he decided to accept an associate position with Windels Marx Lane and Mitten-dorf LLP's civil litigation group. On June 30, '03 **Anabel Haley** received her PhD in clinical health psychology, having completed her internship at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami this past year. She is now back in New York and

was going to begin working for New York Presbyterian as a school psychologist in mid-November. **Anne Sperling** is in her last year of her doctoral program at U. of Southern California. She is obtaining her PhD in neuroscience. **Pamela Becker** also recently completed her doctorate, in clinical psychology. **Julie Stein** Schiff graduated from the U. of Connecticut Medical School in 2002 and is currently in her second year of a pediatrics residency at Children's Hospital in Boston. Congratulations to all!

Back to School. **Julia Wells** recently went back to school on a part-time basis to earn an MBA at New York U. She is still also working full-time at Johnson & Johnson as a staff scientist. She works on skin care products for Clean & Clear brands. She recently vacationed in Venice and Paris in the fall of 2003. Julia has also been busy keeping in touch with other '98ers. She saw **Emily Mirsky** in Philadelphia in fall 2003, as well as **Courtney Stacks**, **Ellen White**, **Karen Lapidos**, **Angie Song**, **Jen Rosen**, and **Rick Grousset** at a July 4 party in Cape Cod in 2002. If that is not enough she also saw **Joe Mancuso** at school. Julia is definitely keeping busy!

Cat in the Hat. **Jennifer Woodard** writes that she is now shelter manager of The Humane Society of Harford County in Fallston, MD. *Eat, Drink, Man, Woman.* **Agnes C. Galvez**, RD, plugged that we should check the newsstands for *Muscle & Fitness*, where her article on "yellow foods" should be appearing. Agnes is a freelance writer for this publication. Also check out www.theflavoronline.com, where she is also a contributing writer. Hint: look under Featured Articles/Filipino American Nutrition.

Lost in Translation. **Olga Vaysman** has been named instructor of linguistics and cognitive science at Pomona College. Olga specializes in Slavic languages, especially obscure Uralic languages such as Nnganasan (Western Siberia in Tamy Peninsula), and Eastern and Western branches of the Mari languages indigenous to the Ural Mountains region. She has done field-

work in phonology in both regions and has published results from this fieldwork. *The Firm.* **Stephanie Grise** received her JD degree from Washington U. School of Law and her MBA from the Olin School of Business at Washington U. in 2003. Stephanie is a member of the business services department at a law firm, where she concentrates her practice in the area of public law and finance, with an emphasis on transportation development districts and municipal financing. She is a member of The Missouri Bar and Bar Assn. of Metropolitan St. Louis.

Father of the Bride. **Jessie Lefton** was married on Aug. 30, '03 to Amit Zilberstein in Los Angeles. **Sarah Lefton '95**, **Erik Mulet '97**, MFA '97, **Adina Saperstein**, and **Megan Heller** attended. Jessie moved last year from New York

City to L.A. and loves the sunshine! She is currently working for a Jewish Community Center as the director of strategic planning. *Parenthood.* **Victoria Kulli** and **Aaron Todd** are proud to announce the arrival of their son Logan Cable Todd on Nov. 21, '03. Victoria is on a leave of absence from work at Continental Express Airlines, where she works as a pilot, and Aaron is pursuing his MBA at Cornell's Johnson School. He will graduate in May.

The End. This column was made possible thanks to viewers like you. Please stay tuned for more in upcoming issues. To submit news, write to ♦ **Gregg Herman**, gdh5@cornell.edu; or **Erica Chan**, hc31@cornell.edu.

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It's time for the Ezra Awards, the newly-invented and absolutely (un)necessary alternative to the Oscars for every Cornellian (especially those who submit to the column). Although no official nomination, categorization, or award process will ensue from this inane process, it's the journey more than the destination that counts in this life we lead.

On the New England front, we Massachusettans are all enjoying an early, and hopefully not false, spring. **Stacy Giufre** is soaking up the surreal sunshine in Cambridge, down the street from me in Somerville and **Tricia Turley** in Allston. Tricia is well overdue congratulations, promoted to Associate Athletic Director and Senior Woman Administrator at Northeastern U. last November. Over in Winchester, MA, **Pamela Mole** married **Kyle HOLLASCH**, MEng '98, in October 2003. Pamela works as a research technician at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's Microarray Core Facility, while her husband is a sales engineer at Cisco. In response to what she's been up to, Pamela declares, "Getting married was a pretty big deal," and both newlyweds still actively daydream about their honeymoon in Hawaii.

In New Haven, CT, **Charles Keith** ponders the past while in pursuit of his PhD in history

Cornell Inst. for Public Affairs program in '99. Carol lives up the NYC nightlife with Lillian and good friend **Marcie Woodruff**. A few subway stops away in Forest Hills, **Matthew Dounel** excitedly reports that in early 2004 he received notification that "several of my publications have been accepted!" A recent graduate from the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia U., Matthew has made several leaps forward on the public health front, including coordinating a world-class screening program at the heart of the Big Apple.

"Upstate" in Williamson, NY, **Heather Hillman** is working as a small animal medicine and surgery intern at Veterinary Specialists of Rochester through July 2004. Heather graduated from Oklahoma State U. College of Veterinary Medicine in May 2003 with a DVM degree. Nearby in Binghamton, **Heather Bergida** is in the Dept. of Psychology in Binghamton U. Meanwhile, in Farmington, NY, **Jamie Block** made homage to our fair Ithaca to take **Taylan Sen '96's** hand in marriage at Sage Chapel. They have a son Cameron and still happily live in the Finger Lakes region. Heather volunteers as an EMT for Victor Farmington Ambulance and is an enrolled agent. She is working on her MBA at the Simon School of Business, U. of Rochester. Her Cornell circle includes **Virgilia Tegiachchi**, pursuing her master's while working for First Pioneer Farm Credit, and **Dennis Eckel**, who works with Heather at Farm Credit of WNY in Geneva.

MBA's aside, in Livingston, NJ, **Michael Daniels** has put his business experience with a Fortune 100 company to personal use by starting his own real estate holding company, MVD Investments LLC. With properties currently held in North Carolina and New Jersey, Michael is looking to expand to Pennsylvania and New York. With his full-time job taking him across the country to fab and fun destinations including Las Vegas, Chicago, and Tulsa, Michael still manages to find time to take on a small number of personal projects, including home improvement, earning his motorcycle license, and "waiting to marry... errr... meet Alicia Keys." Nothing too outlandish, he jokes. Jersey girl **Jill Clougherty** is happily married with children in Gillette. The lucky man? **Nils Weimann, PhD '99**, who walked down the aisle with Jill in September 2000. Son Julian was born in October 2001, and daughter Nadia in September 2003. Jill confesses, "I'm a stay-at-home mother now, the best job I've ever had (with the smallest bosses!)." She's taken numerous trips to Europe to see the in-laws and hike in the Black Forest. And while loving life as Super Mom, Jill leads hikes for mothers and babies. And she'd like you to know these are real hikes—no strollers. The perfect alternative to being a mall-mom. Pre-kid-dom, Jill had been working for the state doing water quality testing.

On the West Coast, California universities have taken Cornell grads by storm! **Claire "Libbey" Johnson** is living large in Oakland, a UC Berkeley graduate student at Boalt Law School pursuing a PhD in jurisprudence and social policy. Meanwhile, **Francisca Balada** is

'Getting married was a pretty big deal.'

PAMELA MOLE '99

at Yale U. Charles certainly hopes history repeats itself when it comes to traveling; he's been around his share of the world, including the Middle East, Southeast Asia, and Europe. When he finds himself back in the tri-state area for a stint, he spends his home games with good friends **Jen Blumin**, **Ken Cunningham '00**, and **Ariz Mehta**. Nearby in Warwick, RI, **Andrew Freeman** is doing his residency in internal medicine at Brown U., after graduating from the U. of Buffalo's School of Medicine in 2003.

In "the City" (as in the one, the only, NYC), **Carol Carty**, JD '02, spends her day-life working for Holland & Knight LLP, along with fellow alumna **Colleen Sorrell '98**. Carol finished Cornell Law School in 2002, alongside good friend **Lillian Tsu '98**, JD '02, and graduated from the

attending Berkeley's clinical psychology PhD program. Francisca lives in San Francisco, next door to Cornell classmates **Evan Yavarkovsky**, **Eric Chang**, **Babak Sanii**, ME '00, and **Jay LeBoeuf** '00. They hang out with fellow alumni **Frank Goldberg**, **Yuki Ohashi**, and **Irene Yu**. In Davis, CA, **Theresa Thomas** Holliday and her husband are both grad students at UC Davis and are happy to announce the birth of son James Roy "J.R." Holliday IV, born on Nov. 21, '02. J.R. is a happy, healthy 1-year-old and his parents enjoy him tremendously.

Sarah Phelps wins "best props" for her electrifying life out in paradise—Palm Springs and the Bahamas. Sarah first and foremost announced, "I am proud to be among the ranks of the single with no pets, no plants, no children, and no husband to think about!" You just go, girl! She finished a two-year stint teaching high school French at Palm Desert High School, where she was awarded "Teacher of the Year." Back in September, Sarah and pals **Lee Griffiths** and **Ben Farber** met up in Paso Robles to celebrate the marriage of **Peter Krimmel** and Jill Johnston. Then, earlier this year, Sarah starred as blonde bombshell Norma Cassidy in a local professional equity theater production of *Victor/Victoria*. (Julie Andrews, move over!) And what's next on her itinerary? Sarah left in February for Paradise Island in the Bahamas, where she works as a tour guide and French translator, and is in constant pursuit of the limelight at any stage or bar she can find.

We all deserve an Ezra! And that's the final word from the Academy of Cornell Columnists. We'll see y'all at Reunion, but in the meantime, keep letting us know about your awesome existences! ♦ **Melanie** "When do I get to give my long-winded acceptance speech?" **Arzt**, snoopy mel@yahoo.com; **Jen Sheldon**, jsheldon@law.uconn.edu; and **Jess Smith**, jessiniowa@hotmail.com.

00 Summer is nearly here! Didn't that seem like an extraordinarily long winter? Congratulations to all those who have completed their graduate school work, especially those finishing medical school! If you are beginning your residency this year, be sure to write to me and Sarah, and tell us where you matched. There are some of us still hitting the books, so let's see what those hard-working students are up to.

Jamie Bessich started her first year at Dartmouth Medical School, and told us that she is extremely excited about going back to school. Jamie also informed us that **Melissa Bersofsky** is now at Harvard pursuing her MA in higher education, and that **Jennifer Marchell** is working in Cincinnati at Procter & Gamble. Jamie has also heard from **Amy Goldbeck**, who is in Philadelphia at Temple Medical School. Down in sunny Florida, **Jordan Tomalty** is in dental school at U. of Florida.

It was also good hearing from **Alison Moed**, who is currently in her fourth year in the clinical psychology PhD program at the U. of Pittsburgh. Her fiancé Andrew Gilbert is a fellow in child and adolescent psychiatry at the U. of

Pittsburgh Medical Center. Also studying clinical psychology, **Catherine Ayers** is in a PhD program at George Mason U. **Carrie Harausz** is headed back to the Hill to attend Cornell's highly esteemed Veterinary college. She reports that **Elizabeth Harausz** returned from the Peace Corps in Africa to begin medical school at Tufts. Carrie has also kept in touch with **Julia Zanieski**, who is working in Chicago, and **Nyaa Sturman**, who graduated from Marquette Law School. On the West Coast, **Lucy Zhang** began an MBA program at Pepperdine U.

Now, students are not the only members of our class with exciting news. Many other classmates have entered the working world and are making a name for themselves. **Sean Twohig** has accepted a full-time position with Abacus Inc. in the Fredericksburg, VA, area. He has been assigned a long-term project as a graphic designer for the Virginia Dept. of Transportation. **Alissa Grad** is the director of business development at TAG Associates. She is the first person to hold this position in TAG's 20-year history. Alissa often speaks at alternative investment conferences, and is an "Angel" member of 100 Women in Hedge Funds. **Wayne Lee**, ME '01, just informed us that he has been living in Charleston, SC, and is in the US Navy. **Jennifer O'Neil** made a switch from Sony Music Entertainment in NYC to Sony in California.

Also relocating, **Lynn D'Silva** went from working in Puerto Rico and London for Merck & Co. to living in a suburb of Philly. She has run into **Patricia Capote**, ME '01, **Sulaiman Al-Shasheen** Al-Rubaie, **Matt Cinelli**, **Nicole Fucillo**, **Mandy DeRoche**, and **Dave Adler**. Lynn also mentioned that she toured Europe for a while, visiting London, Luxembourg, and France. **Josh Krupnick** also spent some time backpacking across Europe, then returned to complete his master's in systems engineering at the U. of Virginia. He is now an analyst for the US Army.

Finally, I would like to highlight some of our classmates who have simply written about the new and exciting events in their lives. (Bear in mind, you do not have to be in graduate school, in a fantastic job, or in a wedding to be making news. We want to hear about everything!) **Danny Tseng** writes that he is still enjoying the "City of Angels." He cannot get over the extensive diversity and all the city has to offer (natural beauty, nightlife, culture, ethnic cuisine, great weather, museums, farmers' markets, tourist attractions). Danny just got a motorcycle license and purchased a Yamaha Seca II. He says it's the best thing he could have done. Danny moved from Santa Monica to Culver City to be closer to his job at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott Hotel. He has visited Miami, FL, to spend time with his parents and sister **Linda Tseng** '02. Danny is also a "Big Brother" volunteer to an 11-year-old boy for the Asian Pacific Women's Center, a temporary shelter and provider of services for victims of domestic violence. He has heard from **Warren Lee**, ME '01, who is in the Navy's Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, FL, and has seen his best friend **Jason Hsiang** '02, MPA '03, in Miami, FL.

Michelle Perales started her own home building business and residential development company in San Antonio, TX. She was working for an affordable housing developer in Dallas, but decided to be her own boss instead! Lt. j.g. **David Sweeney** returned from a six-month deployment to the Persian Gulf on the USN destroyer *Carney*. The crew was assigned to interdict trade of contraband oil and goods in support of UN mandates. David has traveled through many waters, crossed the equator, and become a full-fledged shellback. Last but not least, **Jonathan Douglas** was rowing for the US National Rowing Team, and competed in the 2002 World Rowing Championships in Seville, Spain. He won a bronze medal in the USA Lightweight 8. Congratulations to all!

Remember: We love hearing from you and we love writing for you—so keep it coming! ♦ **Andrea M. Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu; and **Sarah Striffler**, sjs34@cornell.edu.

01 Believe it or not, in less than two years we will be heading back to the Big Red for our 5th Reunion. I hope many of you are looking forward to reconnecting with old friends, visiting the old sites on campus, and participating in the fun activities being planned by your classmates. Save the dates, June 8-11, 2006, and contact class of 2001_reunion@cornell.edu if you are interested in helping plan our first reunion event.

It is always great to hear from classmates and to report on the great things that people are up to. Lets kick things off in the legal profession. Hearty congratulations to those classmates who went straight to law school and are now graduating, including **David Baharvar**, who will soon receive his JD from Harvard Law School. Currently a second-year student at Harvard, **Lee Rudofsky**, MPA '02, spent last summer as an intern for White House Council staff and will spend this summer at Kirkland Ellis in Washington, DC. Joining the ranks of law students after two years as a paralegal at Venable, Baetjer & Howard, **Lauren Eade** is pursuing a degree at William and Mary Law School. Not far from the legal world, **Edan Lichtenstein** serves as a legislative correspondent to US Congressman John Lewis, the civil rights hero from Atlanta, GA. Edan is also taking classes toward a master's degree in computer science.

Joining Edan in the graduate school world are **Martine Combal** and **Andrea Hoberman**. Martine is attending the U. of Pennsylvania's Design School for a master's in city planning, while Andrea has recently moved to Los Angeles to attend UCLA's School of Public Health in pursuit of her MPH. Before moving out west, Andrea was working at the National Inst. of Mental Health in Bethesda, MD, and was living with **Debbie Lyons**, a Teach for America fellow in DC. **Carrie Richter**, MAT '02, joins Debbie in the education field as a seventh grade life science teacher at Hartnett Middle School in Blackstone, MA. **Evan Grant** is working at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center for the Northeast Amphibian Research Monitoring Initiative, while **Ryan Sarsfield** has been traveling in Cen-

tral and South America, working with Adult University (CAU) and doing field research on rattlesnakes in Sonora, Mexico.

In the corporate and consulting world, we've heard from **Peter Bowen**, who is completing his third year at Bain & Company in Boston. **Lyndsay Wegman** is an analyst in Bank of America's Securities Analyst Program, working on student loans, credit cards, and mortgage securitizations in Charlotte, NC. In New Orleans, **Robert DeJean III** has recently opened a new Quiznos Sub restaurant and is scheduled to open a couple more this year. We've also heard from **Jonathan Fursman**, one of our classmates proudly serving in the armed forces. Jonathan has been deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as Executive Officer, Bravo Company, 2-3 Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division-Stryker Brigade. We wish Jonathan and the rest of our classmates serving around the globe a safe journey and peaceful return.

Many of our classmates are pursuing medical careers, including **María Isabel Rosso**, who is completing her third year of medical school. After completing a Master of Science in Biochemistry at SUNY Upstate Medical Center, **Ester Cobb** is currently a first year at the U. of Oklahoma School of Medicine. Other med school rookies include **Victor Pascua**, New York Medical College, and **Nathan Connell**, U. of Miami School of Medicine. Nearing completion of their degree, **Adam Suslak** is a fourth year student at New Jersey Medical School, and **Jennifer Lee Young** is finishing her degree at SUNY Upstate Medical University and is interviewing for ob/gyn residencies.

And of course, what column would be complete without a best-wishes-to-the-newly-weds section? We are proud to announce the following marriages: Olympic athlete **Hannah Hardaway** recently married fellow Olympian Brian Currult and has taken a year off from competitive mogul skiing to finish letting her right knee heal. **Peter Bronski** and **Kelli Terry** were married at Trinity Lutheran Church in Ithaca on Nov. 8, '03. Their reception, held on the Cornell campus, was a reunion of sorts, attended by their families and dearest friends, many of whom are present Cornellians or Cornell alumni. Lastly, **James Konopack**, a graduate student in kinesiology at the U. of Illinois in Urbana, recently married Sheryl Lacina.

That's it for this column. Please continue to share the events going on in your life. We look forward to celebrating in June 2006 with all of you. E-mail your updates to classof2001@cornell.edu, and we hope you will visit our class website for upcoming events and classmate profiles (<http://classof01.alumni.cornell.edu>). Have a great summer! ♦ **Itai Dinour**, id22@cornell.edu; **Lauren Wallach**, LEW15@cornell.edu.

02 As we approach the two-year anniversary of our graduation, I bring you news of the Class of 2002 from staid academic halls, cooking classes "Down Under," banking boardrooms, and even our own sleepy Ithaca. First,

from those of us who couldn't get enough of life in academia: **Alicia Anderson** is a PhD student in American Studies at Yale U., **Erik Kim** is in an Engineering Physics PhD program at the U. of Michigan, and **Rachel Jacobs** is in her second year of law school at Columbia U. Another aspiring lawyer in New York, **Becky Sendrow** is in her second year at Cardozo. She recently became an aunt. **Lisa Adelman** writes that she is halfway through law school at Indiana U. in Bloomington. As Vice-Justice of Phi Alpha Delta, the law fraternity, she is organizing the first-ever fashion show at the law school to help fellow students know what to wear to professional events. Back in Ithaca, **Megan Schneck** is in Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine's Class of '06. **Cass Shields** recently completed a master's in marketing at Northwestern and will be moving to Sydney, Australia, where she will be continuing work on her culinary degree at Le Cordon Bleu. She is looking forward to an Australian summer and a chance to catch up with classmate **Sarah Campbell**, who has been living there since graduation.

From the working world, **John Kenny** writes from Atlantic City, NJ, that he is working as a civil engineer and eager to stay involved with Cornell through the alumni programs. Upstate in Saratoga Springs, **Celeste Richie** is still working for an environmental consulting firm and enjoying life in the Adirondacks. **Brent Caron** got married in July 2003 to Shannon Marie Mostert and was promoted to assistant store manager of the Latham Hannaford Store. He recently purchased a new home in Clifton Park, NY. **Christine Marchuska** is working as a fixed income bond liaison in Morgan Stanley's fixed income division in New York City with fellow Cornellians **Eric Gonzalez** and **Ryan Buckingham**, ME '03.

Scott Belsky, **Yonina Fishof**, **Debbie Grier**, **Becky Walker**, and **Annie Rosenberg** were part of the Cornell Jewish Alumni group at Little Shop of Plaster & Pottery in Manhattan for a wine and cheese party. Apparently, they braved a snowy January night and created masterpieces! Yonina is working in business intelligence at Deloitte & Touche and living on Manhattan's Upper West Side. Becky works in investment banking at Goldman Sachs in NYC. Up and down the eastern seaboard, **Heather Eichhorn** is working for Navigant Performance Group, an incentive travel, special events, and meeting planning company in Massachusetts, and **Colin Murchie** is keeping very busy in Washington, DC, working at the Solar Energy Industries Assn., performing comedy with Washington Improv Theater, and training as an EMT.

Making our way west, **Michael Pedreiro** writes from Longmont, CO, that he is excited about his recent promotion to assistant operations officer for Aurora Dairy Group and looking forward to an upcoming move to their corporate headquarters in High Springs, FL. In sunny California, **Jeff Walwyn** is working as a financial analyst at J. P. Morgan in San Francisco, **Tammy Miller** is working at a research laboratory design and planning firm in Auso Viejo, and **Annette Grew** is managing the

national accounts for Aramark in Burbank. She recently relocated from Boston, where she had been very successfully competing in triathlons in New England, and is enjoying the move to sunny Santa Monica.

Ruthie Levy, who was promoted to 1st Lieutenant at the beginning of December, will be going with her brigade to the National Training Center in California for a month, in order to prepare for future military operations. And lastly, the military travels of **Charles Phillips** and **Tom Sheldon** have brought them to the beautiful Hawaiian island of Oahu. Charles and Tom are stationed on the USS *Pasadena* and USS *Bremerton*, respectively, two nuclear-powered fast-attack submarines in Pearl Harbor. Their recreational activities include sailing their new boat in Kaneohe Bay and frequenting Tropics, a local establishment in downtown Kailua.

It's always great to hear that our classmates are keeping busy and finding great success in such an enormous variety of endeavors. I hope the late spring finds you all well. Keep the news coming! ♦ **Elizabeth Richards**, elizabethlaurerichards@yahoo.com; and **Carolyn Decker**, cmd35@cornell.edu.

03 As I write this column, Valentine's Day has just passed by, and after a nice long President's Day weekend, life is back to being busy. Spring is right around the corner and for many of us, it marks our first year away from school and being "in the real world." I was so pleased to see the high number of respondents who willingly shared their news through the Class News Form. I always look forward to hearing all your fresh news, so here we go!

Many Cornell faces are home-based in New York City. **Robert Profusek** writes that he has started working at Lazard Freres in their restructuring group. **Vanessa Graham** is living in the City and has a new Boston terrier puppy, Peanut. Vanessa affectionately writes, "She enjoys chasing squirrels and chewing bones." **Jay Sackett** is a hard-working New Yorker too, enjoying his time as a financial analyst for Mergers and Acquisitions, Business Development Group at Citigroup. Other New York residents include **Alyse Rosenberg** and **Jason Goldman**.

Away from city life, **Randi Dublin** is a research assistant in the Department of Child Psychiatry at the NY State Psychiatric Inst. She helps coordinate research studies to explore treatments for children and teens with anxiety and depression. Also working in the medical field and living in Maryland, **Kayte Conniff** is working as a patient care coordinator at the neuro-oncology branch of the National Cancer Inst., where she received a Cancer Research Training Award fellowship. Also a researcher, **Thomas Ricketts** is working for a small company in Lincoln, RI, called Spherics, developing bioadhesive drug delivery systems. **Mary Allison Goodman** writes from Folsom, CA, that she is a rotational engineer with Intel Corp. It isn't always easy being an engineer! **Kathleen Moon** writes from Glenmont, NY: "I've had five temp jobs since I left Cornell—nothing in engineering

yet!" Keep your head up, Kathleen.

Out in Secaucus, NJ, **Molly Kate McDowell** is working at MSNBC as a researcher and personal assistant for **Keith Olbermann '79** on his show, "Countdown with Keith Olbermann." There are a total of four Cornellians working on the show. **Rudzki Povich '89** is a senior producer, and **Maryam Ayromlou '89** is a booker. She writes, "I've also done some freelance writing, most recently dishing out breakup advice in the pages of *Seventeen* magazine. **Laura Wexler '02**, a fellow English major, turned up on the softball team I joined. Although we didn't previously know each other, I thought she looked familiar." Molly also saw fellow members of the Class of 2003 at the Cornell-Princeton hockey game: **Amanda Angel** (who is interning at the *Baltimore Sun*), **Alex Fineman** (who is a researcher at ESPN), and **Sam Paolini** (who is playing hockey for the Atlantic City Boardwalk Bullies). **Amie Luedke** writes that she is working at the architecture firm Sam Trimble Design in New Canaan, CT. She is glad to announce, "We were on the cover of *Architectural Digest's* January 2003 issue."

It hasn't been easy for everyone to find a dream job. **Jedd Narsavage** lives in Silver Spring, MD, and writes, "After graduating, I returned to Maryland and began working for TruGreen Land Care. It ain't the greatest job, but I'm happy to be employed!" For those who decided not to face the work force right off the bat, there's always more education. **David Fisher** is currently a student at Cornell Law School. Further from the Hill, **Huai-Chuan Wu** is studying pre-chiropractic studies at Hunter College in New York. Also in NYC, **Kristen Hauns** is staying busy at the Columbia School of Journalism, right next door to **Jacqueline Dorn**, who is a law school student at Fordham U. School of Law. **Josh Roth** is at law school in Boston and writes that he seems to have "more work and fewer social distractions (unfortunately)." He enjoyed returning to Ithaca for Homecoming and getting a chance to catch up with fellow Acacia brothers, particularly **Scott McQuade**, Tom Ricketts, and **Ilya Cherepakhin**. Traveling westward, **Michael Arredondo** enthusiastically writes that he is in his first year of medical school at the U. of Minnesota, Duluth. **Trevor Chlanda** is a grad student pursuing a horticulture science PhD at North Carolina State, Raleigh.

Giving back to society, **Ariel DeFazio** was working at the Cincinnati Nature Center until the end of this past year and is now looking forward to joining Americorps. In San Francisco, **Beth Altshuler** is starting a youth employment program through the City of San Francisco's Dept. of Public Works called SF-CRUE—San Francisco Communities Restoring Urban Environments. From our ROTC classmates, **Kamela Watson** is enjoying the sunny winter months down at strike fighter/fighter navigator training in Pensacola, FL, with the Air Force, while Navy submariners **Tom Struble** and **Adrian Korduba** wrap up their last days of Nuclear Power School in Charleston, SC. **Robbins Schrader** is currently at the Naval Air Station (NAS), Pensacola for flight school, but was recently medically

"downed" due to asthma. It's looking like he'll be changing out of the aviation designation and into something new.

I am still down in Norfolk, VA, as an officer on the USS *Ross*, a Navy destroyer. I laugh at the Norfolk locals when they talk about the winter. It's nothing compared to Ithaca, that's for sure! Thanks again to you all for your wonderful tidbits. I look forward to getting more. E-mail us anytime with your news—we love hearing from you. ♦ **Samantha Buckingham**, swb9@cornell.edu; or **Sudha Nandagopal**, sn58@cornell.edu.

04 Congratulations! We did it! As you look back on your four years at Cornell, I beg you to forget the papers, the prelims, and the finals. Think about meeting your friends at Terrace, long lunches at Trillium, and coffee at Libe. Remember running through your dorm to your best friend's room, screaming out the window the night before finals, and sliding down the slope on an Okenshield's tray. We are the last class to live on West as freshmen, to grab frosties at Wendy's in College-town, to go to Bibi's and Big & Little Joe's. Think about swimming in the gorges and about your many nights out. I know you are smiling now. Keep those smiles bright and stay connected. We have created some of our favorite memories here, and just because we are about to scatter around the globe does not mean we need to lose touch. E-mail me updates at vgm3@cornell.edu.

The other officers and I would like to thank President **Jeffrey Lehman '77**, the Trustees, **Kelly Maule '97**, **Margaret Gallo '81**, **Kathryn Buckley '01**, **Maya Gasuk**, and **Liz Kirk** for all of their help with our campaign. A special thanks to **John '74**, **MBA '76**, and **Elaine Mead Alexander '77**, our Senior Class Campaign Challengers, for their support and contribution to our scholarship. And thank you to the hundreds of seniors who acted as Campaign Chairs, who volunteered their time, and who contributed in the effort to create our class gift to Cornell, the Class of 2004 Scholarship.

I would like to close this column with a few verses from our Alumni Song, written in 1890 by **Louis Carl Ehle 1891**.

*I am thinking tonight of my old college town,
I am dreaming of days that are flown,
Of the joys and the strife of my old college
life—*

Ah, those days were the best I have known.

Then here is the toast we will drink:

A good rousing health to Cornell!

Let your glasses clink!

A good excuse, I think,

Is a toast to her we all love so well.

*I'm rejoicing tonight o'er her vict'ries again,
Though I helped not the triumph to gain;
I will shout with my might for Carnelian and
White,*

And her honor forever maintain.

Good luck and keep in touch! ♦ **Vanessa Matsis**, vgm3@cornell.edu.

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Alumni Deaths

'24 BLa—**Carl F. Wedell** of Nokomis, FL, April 1, 1974; active in alumni affairs.

'26 BA—**James Wotherspoon** of Plainfield, NJ, October 1, 1982.

'27 BA—**Mortimer J. Shapiro** of West Orange, NJ, September 23, 2003; retired businessman; active in community and religious affairs. Alpha Epsilon Pi.

'28-30 GR—**Louis G. Millward** of Calgary, Alberta, February 28, 1991.

'29 BA, MD '32—**John G. Connell** of Boca Raton, FL, September 11, 2003; physician. Lambda Chi Alpha.

'30 BA, PhD '35—**Albert C. Shuman** of West Lafayette, IN, August 23, 2003; biochemistry professor, Purdue U; founder, Shuman Chemical Laboratory.

'31 BA—**Edward J. Mintz** of Walnut Creek, CA, September 23, 2003; life insurance salesman, New York Life; active in community and alumni affairs.

'31 BS HE—**Terrace Morgan Pratt** (Mrs. Arthur J. '26, PhD '33) of Davis, CA, formerly of Ithaca, NY, July 8, 2003; active in community and religious affairs.

'32—**Ruth Gordon Brauner** (Mrs. Julius F. '31, LLB '32) of Stratford, CT, September 6, 2003. Alpha Phi.

'32—**Aaron W. Christensen** of Arlington, VA, September 19, 2003; retired asst. US surgeon general; worked in the Public Health Service; deputy chief, Indian health; farmer; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'32, BArch '33—**Charles V. Northrup** of North Palm Beach, FL, September 10, 2003; architect; active in community and alumni affairs. Kappa Delta Rho. Wife, Mary (Kelly) '38.

'32 BA, MD '36—**George E. Pittinos** of Inman, SC, September 9, 1999; physician.

'33 BA—**Nathaniel S. Apter** of Peoria, AZ, September 29, 2003; psychiatrist and neurologist, U. of Chicago Medical Ctr.; authority on snails; veteran; president, Class of '33; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Beta Sigma Rho.

'33 BME—**Roger S. Babcock** of Basking Ridge, NJ, May 14, 2003. Alpha Tau Omega.

'33 BA—**Ardeen Lambert Brehse** of Hamlin, NY, May 30, 2003.

'33 BA, MD '36—**Ralph S. Emerson** of Roslyn Heights, NY, September 26, 2003; surgeon; chief of surgery, North Shore University Hospital; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'33 MD—**Margaret Jones-Kanaar** of Pacific Palisades, CA, December 9, 2001; physician.

'33 BA—**Gerson Nonas** of New York City, June 28, 2003; physician. Sigma Alpha Mu.

'33 BS HE—**Helen Cotter Strombeck** (Mrs. Lloyd G., GR '33-34) of Owego, NY, September 28, 2003; taught clothing construction, Cornell Cooperative Extension; home economics teacher, Sherburne Central School; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs.

'34 BA—**Honey Jacobs Drezen** of Tamarac, FL, July 2, 2003.

'34 BA—**Lester Friedman** of West Palm Beach, FL, September 19, 2002; Beta Sigma Rho.

'34 BA—**John F. Kelley** of Spokane, WA, September 10, 2003; retired attorney, one of three Cornell brothers who practice law in Washington State; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Beta Theta Pi.

'34 BA, MD '37—**Henry B. Marshall** of Ft. Myers, FL, September 28, 2003; physician. Acacia.

'34 BA—**Constance Ely Moncrief** of Medford, NJ, December 15, 2002; retired teacher; active in community affairs.

'35 BS HE—**Bethel M. Caster** of Denton, TX, August 18, 2003; retired professor of home economics, Texas Woman's U.; listed in Who's Who of American Women; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'35, BCE '36—**Robert V. Celette** of Altamonte Springs, FL, July 5, 2003. Phi Gamma Delta.

'35 BA—**David L. Schreiber** of Essex, NY, March 11, 1997. Pi Lambda Phi.

'36 LLB—**James E. Mitchell** of Hubbard, OH, September 2, 2003; attorney; active in

alumni affairs.

'36 SP HE—**Ora Anderson Mongiore** of Mendocino, CA, July 12, 2003; writer; religious educator.

'36 BA—**Charlotte Putnam Reppert** (Mrs. Charles M. Jr. '34) of Stratford, CT, November 1, 1986; active in alumni affairs. Alpha Phi.

'36 BA—**Claude R. Snyder** of Elmira, NY, April 30, 2003. Alpha Sigma Phi.

'37 BS Ag—**Frank A. Carroll** of Morris, NY, August 16, 2003; retired farm labor representative, NY State Dept. of Labor; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'37-39 SP Ag—**Paul N. Craner** of Rome, NY, September 30, 2003; agricultural teacher, Westmoreland Central School; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'37—**John W. Devaney** of Naples, FL, formerly of Cincinnati, OH, September 27, 2003; retired neurosurgeon; professor, U. of Cincinnati College of Medicine; author; veteran. Alpha Tau Omega.

'37 BA—**Gertrude Kaplan Fitzpatrick** of Homer, NY, May 7, 2003; active in alumni affairs.

'37, BA '38—**Stephen S. Jones** of Santa Rosa, CA, September 16, 2003; worked in nuclear and solar energy and energy conservation; author; activist; active in civic and community affairs. Phi Delta Theta.

'37 BA—**Marvin M. Klein** of Mountain View, CA, May 17, 2003; owner, M.M. Klein Printing Services; active in alumni affairs.

'37 BA, LLB '39—**Alvin E. Moscovitz** of Naples, FL, June 1, 2003; attorney.

'37 DVM—**Herbert Racoff** of Columbia, SC, July 26, 2003; veterinarian; retired from Clemson Extension Service; veteran; active in the American Camellia Society.

'37, BS Ag '38—**Bernard N. Rolfe** of Tulsa, OK, August 2, 2003.

'37 BS ME—**H. Leslie Walker** of Ridgefield, CT, August 25, 2003. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

'38—**John R. Bacon** of Bethlehem, PA, December 10, 2002; civil engineer, Penn Dixie Cement; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Sigma Phi.

'38 MD—**Madeline Schier Burlingame** of Shelter Island Heights, NY, August 30, 2003; physician.

'39 BS HE—**Alice Pitcher Blatchley** (Mrs. Robert P. '40, MS '59) of Cortland, NY, September 26, 2003; home economics teacher; Cort-

landville town historian; active in community and religious affairs.

'39 BS HE—Eva Just Brown of Rochester Hills, MI, August 20, 2002.

'39 MA—Winifred Maloney Burke of Bath, NY, August 28, 2003; Husband, Edmund Burke '34, MEd '39.

'39 BEE—Stanley E. Clark of Ojai, CA, April 7, 2003.

'39 BS Ag, PhD '46—A. Alfred Foster of Norris, TN, October 28, 2002. Wife, Grace (Kuchler) '41.

'39 DVM—John M. Holmes of Cherry Valley, NY, September 7, 2003; veterinarian; asst. director, division of animal industry, NYS Dept. of Ag and Markets; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Alpha Psi.

'39 BA—Clara McDonald Jones of Granville, NY, September 29, 2003. Kappa Delta.

'39 BS Ag—William Kuchmy of Webster, NY, July 14, 2003; worked for Eastman Kodak; veteran.

'39 BS HE—Barbara Gay Ringholm of Middletown, NY, July 11, 2003; home economics teacher; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs.

'39 BCE—William H. Scott of Omaha, NE, September 14, 2003; civil engineer; land surveyor; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Pi Kappa Alpha.

'40 DVM—Anthony F. Favata of Rochester, NY, February 26, 2003; veterinarian.

'40 BS Ag—Col. Matthew J. Freda of Callicoon, NY, August 7, 2003; owner, Matthew J. Freda Real Estate; retired US Air Force; flew combat in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Alpha Gamma Rho.

'40 BS HE—Julia Swenningsen Judson of Fort Collins, CO, September 7, 2003; taught occupational therapy at Colorado State U.; active in community affairs. Husband, Lowell B. Judson, SP Ag '37-39.

'40 MS—Leighton F. Koehler of Sunnyvale, CA, October 7, 2001.

'40 M Ed—N. Francis Miller of Venice, FL, January 1, 1988.

'40 BS Ag—Donald R. Nesbitt of Orlando, FL, September 8, 2003; apple grower; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Alpha Zeta.

'40—Herbert E. Rubin of Palm Beach, FL, May 20, 2003.

'40-41 SP Ag—Harry S. Sallade of York, PA, July 30, 2003; retired florist; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Alpha Tau Omega.

'41 BS Ag, M Ed '47—Frank C. Merchant of Waterloo, MO, September 26, 2003; retired educator and coach, St. Louis Public Schools; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Alpha Zeta.

'41, BA '48—Col. Paul J. Slocum of Rome, NY, September 25, 2003; retired Air Force officer; recipient, Distinguished Flying Cross; realtor; active in community and professional affairs.

'41 BS Ag—Mildred K. Taylor of Placentia, CA, June 8, 2002.

'42 DVM—Arthur J. Jones of Dodge, NE, September 12, 2003; veterinarian. Alpha Psi.

'42 B Chem E—Richard H. Morgan of Issaquah, WA, August 1, 2003. Alpha Chi Rho.

'42 B Chem E—Robert A. Prisch of Rochester, NY, July 24, 2003; investor. Sigma Nu.

'42 DVM—Leo A. Wuori of Tybee Island, GA, formerly of Ithaca, NY, September 23, 2003; veterinarian; worked at the Cornell Feline Health Resource Center; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Alpha Psi.

'43 DVM—Harry F. Burghardt of Winter Springs, FL, May 6, 2003; veterinarian.

'43 DVM—Elmer N. Coye of Southern Pines, NC, June 12, 2003. Alpha Psi. Wife, Mary (Fusselbaugh) '44.

'43—Don B. Davidson of Rome, NY, July 27, 2002; active in alumni affairs. Wife, Norah (Patrick) '42.

'43—Geraldine Jenks Gaenger of College Station, TX, July 15, 2003; active in alumni affairs. Kappa Alpha Theta.

'43, BA '47—Hyman Gelman of Arlington, VA, January 12, 2003.

'43—James S. Larson Jr. of Albany, NY, February 14, 2001.

'43 BS Ag, MS Ag '47—Arthur E. Masters of Bakersfield, CA, August 12, 2003; president, King Lumber Co.; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'43 BA—Hilda Lozner Milton of Manhasset, NY, September 14, 2003; active in alumni affairs.

'43—George L. Morrow of Arlington Heights, IL, August 21, 2003; former president, Peoples Gas, Light & Coke Co., and Natural Gas Pipeline Co.; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Delta Chi.

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- '43 BA—**Charles E. Shaw** of Kenmore, WA, September 12, 2003. Sigma Nu.
- '43—**Robert E. Wetmore** of Hawley, PA, July 2, 1998; senior project manager, The Kling Lindquist Partnership. Theta Chi.
- '44, BA '46—**Benjamin D. Beyea** of Rockport, MA, September 15, 2003.
- '44, BA '43—**Rosanne Buckenmaier** Guinan of Greenport, NY, September 21, 2003; systems analyst for Nassau County; active in alumni affairs. Alpha Omicron Pi.
- '44 BEE—**Joseph S. Hollyday** of Bedford, MA, July 30, 1998; engineer.
- '44, BA '46—**Harry E. Kellogg** of Atherton, CA, October 28, 2002; vice president and treasurer, Leslie Salt Co.; active in community and professional affairs. Alpha Sigma Phi.
- '44 BS HE—**Marcia Colby Meister** (Mrs. Donald F. '42) of Greene, NY, July 18, 2002; active in alumni affairs.
- '44 B Chem E—**Wallace H. Toole** of Springfield Township, PA, May 20, 2003. Beta Pi.
- '44 BS HE—**Mary Kleberg Whittier** of Asheville, NC, May 15, 2003. Kappa Kappa Gamma.
- '45 BME—**Justus Von Lengerke** of Andover, NJ, May 12, 2003. Chi Psi.
- '45, BS Ag '47, PhD '51—**William A. Williams** of Davis, CA, May 21, 2003. Alpha Zeta. Wife, Madeline (Moore) '45.
- '46 PhD—**Georg Frostenson** of Stockholm, Sweden, January 1, 2002; agricultural economist, American Embassy, Stockholm; founder, Cornell Club of Sweden.
- '46—**Anita E. Monsees** of Syracuse, NY, July 20, 2003; public relations consultant; advertising copywriter; taught broadcast copywriting at the Newhouse School of Communications, Syracuse U.; former publicity director, Cornell University Press; classical music host, WHCU; contralto; writer; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.
- '46, BS HE '45—**Judith Gold Reiher** of Arlington Heights, IL, September 23, 2003; dietitian, Northwest Community Hospital; active in community and religious affairs.
- '46 JD—**D. Jay Wilson** of Ogden, UT, August 25, 2003; Weber County, UT, attorney; attorney, Ogden City School Board; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.
- '47 BS—**Betty Frye Post** of Sharon, MA, July 20, 2003.
- '47 BCE—**Richard L. Quasey** of Coraopolis, PA, September 4, 2003. Lambda Chi Alpha.
- '48 LLB—**James K. Baker** of Helena, AL, April 29, 2003; attorney.
- '48 BS Ag—**Col. Marco J. Caraccia** of Ft. Myers, FL, December 2, 2002; veteran.
- '48 MD—**Gerard L. Eastman** of Huntington, NY, July 22, 2003; physician, North Shore Medical Group; consultant on malpractice insurance; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.
- '48—**James R. Hall** of Port Orchard, WA, November 23, 2002.
- '48 MBA—**Harry A. Keller** of Farmington Hills, MI, September 22, 2003; CPA; controller of Speedway Oil and Aurora Oil; veteran; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs.
- '48 BS Nurs—**Patricia Stiglitz** Robertson of Edison, NJ, September 12, 2003; taught nursing at Muhlenberg Regional Hospital; veteran.
- '49—**Rohland M. Baldwin** of Lakeland, FL, April 1, 1979.
- '49 BS Hotel—**Kenneth P. Battles** of North Falmouth, MA, September 27, 2003; hotelier; co-owner, Sea Crest Oceanside Resort & Conference Ctr.; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.
- '49 MS HE—**Alice Kelly Iverson** of East Troy, WI, April 6, 2003; worked for Wisconsin Vocational and Adult Ed.
- '49-50 SP Ag—**Wilfred J. Klopff** of Tyrone, NY, September 23, 2003; self-employed truck driver; veteran; active in community affairs.
- '49 BCE—**E. Eugene Lewis** of Gold River, CA, August 14, 2003; civil engineer. Chi Phi.
- '49 BS Ag—**Lawrence F. Lewis** of Troupsburg, NY, December 26, 2001. Alpha Gamma Rho.
- '49-50 GR—**Ian W. MacDonald** of Cherrybrook, New South Wales, Australia, July 29, 2003.
- '49 BCE—**Carl C. Michaels** of Christiansburg, VA, February 25, 2003; civil engineer. Phi Sigma Kappa.
- '49—**Victor I. Seneca** of North Chili, NY, February 26, 2002; aeronautical engineer, Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab.
- '49 BS Ag, MS Ag '58—**Howard F. Smith** of Caledonia, NY, June 26, 2003.
- '50 BEE—**Edward H. Christian** of Brookfield, WI, November 23, 2002.
- '50 BME—**Robert J. Hannon** of Cherry Hill, NJ, August 1, 2003; engineer. Tau Kappa Epsilon.
- Wife, Mary (Potter) '50.
- '50—**John J. Hyland Jr.** of Alexandria, VA, July 28, 2003. Chi Phi.
- '50 B Chem E—**Reginald O. Jackson** of Cincinnati, OH, September 9, 2003; plant manager, Monsanto Plastics and Resins Co.; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.
- '50 BS Ag—**Rogert W. Walter** of North Port, FL, June 6, 2003; retired high school teacher.
- '50, BA '52—**Frank Wydo** of Uniontown, PA, February 1, 1979. Alpha Tau Omega.
- '51 PhD—**James W. Herron** of Valley Park, MO, August 20, 2003.
- '51 BA—**David B. Ludlum** of Delmar, NY, April 3, 2003. Wife, Carlene (Dyke) '52.
- '51 BS Ag—**Eugene J. O'Connell** of Ft. Myers, FL, July 5, 1992; worked for the Lee County (FL) Health Dept.
- '52 MS ILR—**Elbert E. Beamer** of Middleport, NY, September 1, 2003; materials engineer, Harrison Radiator; asst. football coach, Duke U.; active in community and religious affairs.
- '52 PhD—**Elton L. Clark** of Cape Porpoise, ME, March 4, 1991.
- '52, BA '56—**Lester Feistel** of Evergreen, CO, June 17, 2003; building inspector, city of Aurora, CO.
- '52—**James H. Hillyer** of Altamonte Springs, FL, December 3, 2001; civil engineer.
- '52 BA—**Richard S. Mann** of Houston, TX, August 11, 2003; obstetrician/gynecologist; chief of staff, Memorial Southeast Hospital; veteran; active in professional affairs. Delta Upsilon.
- '52 BA—**Barbara Odiorne Metzger** of East Aurora, NY, December 14, 2003. Kappa Kappa Gamma. Husband, Lee L. Metzger '49.
- '52 PhD—**Earl L. Steele** of Lexington, KY, July 27, 2003; retired professor and chair, electrical engineering dept., U. of Kentucky; expert on solid state electronics; also taught at Arizona State U., UC Irvine, and Southern California College; worked at General Electric, Motorola, Hughes Aircraft, and Rockwell Corp.; author; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.
- '52 BS Ag—**Alexi Zaharchuk** of Brockport, NY, and Ft. Pierce, FL, November 23, 2002; pomologist, entomologist; worked for CIBA-Geigy, Ag Chem Service Co. and other companies; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Wife, Jean (Stubbs) '52.
- '53 BS Hotel—**Henry C. Steele** of Welton, AZ,

January 24, 2003.

'53—**Charles S. Stodter** of Falls Church, VA, March 10, 1995.

'53 BS Ag—**Charles C. Wheeler** of Florida, NY, April 23, 2003; dairy farmer; veteran; active in religious affairs. Alpha Gamma Rho.

'54 BA—**Josef L. Altholz** of Minneapolis, MN, August 2, 2003; professor of history, U. of Minnesota; active in professional affairs.

'54 MS—**Roy A. Bailey** of Menlo Park, CA, July 13, 2003; geologist, U.S. Geological Survey.

'54 MS HE—**Mary C. Eble** of New Orleans, LA, May 12, 2003; former teacher and supervisor, Orleans Parish School Board.

'54 MS Ag—**Ryland L. Holmes** of Dunnsville, VA, April 22, 1994.

'54, BS Ag '53—**Colen C. Wyatt** of Woodland, CA, February 10, 2000.

'55—**James J. Hogan** of Bend, OR, January 8, 2002. Alpha Sigma Phi.

'56, B Chem E '57—**Wellington R. Burt Jr.** of Orlando, FL, March 28, 2003. Zeta Psi.

'56 BS HE—**June Hercek** Kildea of Charlottesville, VA, June 9, 2003; worked at the U. of Virginia. Husband, James T. Kildea '55.

'56 BS Nurs—**Janet Shaw** Muehl of San Jose, CA, July 18, 2003; retired school nurse; active in community and religious affairs.

'56 MA—Rev. **David M. Murphy** of Brighton, MA, August 25, 2001; Catholic priest, St. John's Seminary.

'57 BS Hotel—**Alan B. Hershon** of Branchville, NJ, August 13, 2003; retired Lt. Col., US Air Force; former director of security, NY State Workers Comp. Tau Epsilon Phi.

'57 BS Ag—**Ernest J. Schmalz** of Jackson, NJ, February 16, 2003. Wife, Ann (Friedman) '58.

'57 LLB—**Robert H. Walsh** of Portland, OR, November 4, 2000; attorney.

'59 PhD—**Mark W. Martin** of Logan, UT, February 4, 2002; retired geneticist, US Dept. of Agriculture.

'60 PhD—**William F. Nydegger** of Collegeville, PA, March 2, 1991; professor, Penn State U. Wife, Corinne (Nemetz), MA '70.

'61 MD—**James E. Hanchett** of Pittsburgh, PA, September 29, 2003; internist; nephrologist; director of nephrology, VA Hospital, Pittsburgh; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Wife, Jeanne (Pain), MD '61.

'62 BA—**Susan York Sheldon** of Missoula, MT, August 18, 2003; CPA; artist; musician; active in community and religious affairs.

'66 BS Ag—**Richard C. Bieder** of Port Republic, NJ, August 10, 2003.

'66 BS ILR—**John C. Van Amber** of Escondido, CA, January 11, 2003; logistics engineer, Northrop Corp.

'68 BA—**Fred E. Karch** of Rochester, NY, August 31, 2003; professor emeritus of medicine, U. of Rochester; internist; active in community and professional affairs.

'69 BA—**Lesley Spring** Sanders of New York City, August 27, 2003; president, Custom Communities Inc.; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs. Alpha Epsilon Phi. Husband, Steven S. Sanders, JD '71.

'69—**Tommy P. Thompson** of Las Vegas, NV, July 13, 2003; auditor, US Defense Dept.

'70 PhD—**Douglas S. Lacate** of Surrey, BC, Canada, November 5, 2001; worked for the Federal Lands Directorate; professor, U. of British Columbia; active in community affairs.

'70 MST—**John L. Miletich** of Malone, NY, July

7, 2003; earth science teacher, Malone High School; active in community affairs.

'71 BA—**Hubert H. Everist** of Castle Rock, CO, September 24, 1999. Kappa Alpha.

'73 JD—**David P. Gery** of Davis, CA, April 20, 2003; attorney.

'76 BS ILR—**Susan Zwiren** Schultz of Palm Harbor, FL, October 6, 2002; business analyst; active in religious affairs.

'79—**Curtis E. McMillan** of Rochester, NY, June 15, 2001. Alpha Phi Alpha.

'79 BS Nurs—**Lynne E. Sorensen** of Boston, MA, January 24, 2003; nurse.

'91, BA '92—**Kay H. Lillibridge** of San Francisco, CA, July 31, 2003; entertainment editor, Bay City News Service; co-founder, Cornell Japanimation Society.

'99 MHA—**Allison Coleman** Hendry of Flower Mound, TX, April 18, 2002; veteran; active in religious affairs. Husband, Gregory J. Hendry, MBA '99.

'06—**Scot A. Elwood** of New Albany, OH, September 18, 2003; human biology, health, and society major; wrestler.

Jennifer Loren Herskowitz '88

Jennifer Loren Herskowitz '88 passed away on Saturday, May 17, 2003, after a nine-month struggle with pancreatic cancer. For 36 years, she was the beloved, adored, and cherished daughter of Marion and Allen of New Rochelle, NY, and sister of Ilissa of Manhattan.

Jenn had a passion and tremendous devotion to Cornell that was fostered as a student and continued as an alum. While a student she was an active member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority, where she was voted outstanding pledge. After freshman year she became a Cornell Tradition recipient until graduation. Thereafter she was an active fund-raiser and event coordinator in NYC, where she hosted dinners for female undergrads and participated in the Cornell Tradition scavenger hunt. She was a board member of the Cornell Alumni Federation. Jenn was especially proud of her four-year appointment to the Cornell University Council, where she was a member of the Admissions and Financial Aid Committee.

At the time of her death, she was a Managing Director at Bear Stearns & Co., Inc. within their Distressed Debt Trading Group.

We all miss Jenn's big smile, positive attitude, fun loving nature, and compassion and caring for everyone. Given her involvement with the University, her many charitable endeavors, and her desire to help young people, Jenn's family requests donations be made to a memorial fund established in her memory as follows:

Make check payable to: Cornell University
The Cornell Tradition Program
Jennifer L. Herskowitz Fund
55 Brown Road, Ithaca, NY 14850
Attn: Jacqueline Wright

Make check payable to:
Trustees of Columbia University
Robert L. Fine Cancer Research Foundation
Jennifer L. Herskowitz Memorial Fund
650 West 168th Street, Room 20-05
New York, NY 10032





The Gamer

A CENTURY AGO, HUGHIE JENNINGS MADE
CORNELL BASEBALL MAJOR LEAGUE

HUGHIE JENNINGS TOOK A LOT of hits. When he arrived at Cornell in the winter of 1899 to coach varsity baseball, he already had a Hall of Fame career as a shortstop under his belt and a major-league record that still stands—in 1896, en route to a .401 season, he was struck by fifty-one pitches. He finished his playing days with 287 plunkings, also a record. After one skull-rattling blow in Philadelphia, he finished the game and fell unconscious for three days. But the hardest knock might have been one he got in Ithaca, when he dove into an empty swimming pool. The feat became campus legend when he not only survived but attended class the next day.

The tale of the indomitable Jennings, the most celebrated Cornellian in baseball, shows how much the sport and the school have changed in the century since Hughie left the Hill. A scrappy Irish kid from Scranton, Pennsylvania,

Jennings escaped the coal mines to play semi-pro ball, working his way up to the National League's Louisville and then Baltimore franchises. The powerhouse

Orioles were the most feared team of the deadball era, with six future Hall of Famers in the everyday lineup and a reputation for aggressive baserunning. Here Jennings and equally fiery teammate John



Jennings as an Oriole in 1894. "Hughie has a grin that echoes," umpire Tim Hurst once said.

McGraw perfected the formula for "inside baseball"—with its emphasis on bunting, stealing, and the hit-and-run—and also acquired an education: the pair attended

St. Bonaventure University during the off-season, trading tuition for coaching the school team.

Professional baseball was an unruly avocation in those days, and even a star needed an honest job to pay the winter bills. Cornell hired Jennings to coach before the pro season began—he left early every spring to take to the diamond for the Orioles, Phillies, and Brooklyn Superbas. According to an 1899 account in the *Alumni News*, the veteran shortstop brought big-league hustle to the varsity nine, noting that "Coach Jennings has been successful in instilling . . . the spirit that makes a snappy game." In 1901, he also enrolled in the law school, planning a legal career after his playing days ended. Jennings kept up this scholar-athlete act until the spring of 1904, when he left campus early to manage the Orioles, never finishing the degree. In 1905 he passed the Maryland bar and started a legal practice in Baltimore.

Jennings went on to greater fame, not as a barrister but as the longtime manager of the Detroit Tigers, where his "Eee-Yah!" cry and other coaching antics (in 1907, he was suspended for taunting opponents with a tin whistle) made him a fan favorite. Behind the clowning, Jennings was a canny motivator who led the Tigers to three straight pennants and kept the famously mean Ty Cobb under a modicum of control for fourteen years.

But a drinking problem, a losing team, and a difficult star took their toll on Jennings—all those cracks to the head probably didn't help—and he quit the Tigers in 1920, finishing his baseball years as an assistant coach on his friend McGraw's New York Giants. In 1925, a nervous breakdown chased him from the game for good, and he returned to Scranton to practice law. He died three years later of meningitis. Billy Evans 1905, a former Cornell player and later a major-league umpire, speculated in the *Alumni News* that Hughie's enthusiasm had done him in. "It is not reasonable to suppose that any human being could, day after day, start yelling in the first inning and continue it throughout the game over a season of six months," he said in 1928, "without paying the penalty." Jennings was elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1945.